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Lesson for April 2, 1983

THE IMPORTANCE OF DAILY PRAYER

Scripture reading: Luke 18:1-27.

Memory verse: Luke 18:7.

1. Is it the desire of the Lord that people everywhere call upon Him in prayer?
1 Timothy 2:8.
2. What is the promise for those who seek Him for the things they need? Matthew 7:8.
3. How does Christ Jesus illustrate the Heavenly Father's willingness to grant favors to those who ask? Luke 11:9-13.
4. Should the Lord's people seek for temporal or for spiritual help? Matthew 6:31-33.
5. From what source do all things come? James 1:17.
6. In order to receive spiritual blessings from above, what are we instructed to do? James 4:8.
7. Will long, loud and proclaiming prayers guarantee Heaven's notice? Matthew 6:7, 8.
Note. - It is "the fervent effectual prayer" that counts. James 5:16. Ye are to pray "in faith believing" and the believing part is most effective.
8. What is said about praying with understanding and what should always be mixed with our prayers? 1 Corinthians 14:15; Philippians 4:6.
9. In order for us to pray and receive forgiveness for our trespasses, what must we first do? Mark 11:24-26.
10. How did Daniel pray? What about Cornelius and the Apostles? Daniel 6:10; Acts 10:2-4; 12:12.

Lesson for April 9, 1983

ENVY AND JEALOUSY

Scripture reading: Proverbs 27.

Memory verse: Proverbs 27:2.

1. What did Solomon say in his proverbs about envy? Proverbs 27:4.
2. How cruel is jealousy? Song of Solomon 8:6.
3. What was the result of Cain's jealousy? 1 John 3:12.

4. Does a man have to slay someone in order to be a murderer? 1 John 3:15.
5. What were the Jews filled with when they saw the multitudes come to hear Paul? Acts 13:44-48.
6. What are some of the fruits of envy? James 3:16-18.
7. How did Job explain envy? Job 5:2.
8. "A sound heart is life of the flesh." What is envy? Proverbs 14:30.
9. Can a person have envy in his heart and still be saved? Galatians 5:21.
10. What did the Apostle Paul say we should put away? Ephesians 4:31.
11. How can this be done? Ephesians 4:32.
12. Note. - Envy and jealousy are sin and they come because of a lack of the Holy Spirit. If we are to overcome these sins, we must seek power and help from Heaven.

Lesson for April 16, 1983
A SECRET OF STRENGTH

Scripture reading: 2 John.

Memory verse: 1 John 2:28.

1. What great mystery that was hid for generations can now be ours to know? Colossians 1:26, 27.
2. What great part has Christ Jesus played in the Father's plan? Verse 16-20; 1 John 2:23, 24.
3. How can we detect those who are not in Christ? 2 John 7, 9; 1 John 4:3.
4. How can we be sure that we are Christ's? 2 John 9 (last part).
5. On the other hand, what does the anti-Christ do? 1 John 2:22.
6. What must we first do in order to know His doctrine? John 7:17; 1 John 2:27.
7. Whose will did Jesus obey? John 5:30.
8. How can we also be made perfect? Hebrews 13:20, 21.
9. When we abide in Him, what great power is given to us?
10. What will be the great reward of abiding in Him? 1 John 2:28.
11. How can we tell whether a spirit is of God? 1 John 4:2.
12. When we have the Son, what do we have? 1 John 5:10-13.
13. What must be our purpose in life? Matthew 5:13, 16.

Lesson for April 23, 1983

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS

Scripture reading: Titus 2.

Memory verse: 1 Peter 5:10.

1. Do we still need teachers to perfect the Saints? Ephesians 4:11, 12.
2. Should ministers be able to teach? 2 Timothy 1:11.
3. What is the qualification for a bishop or local Elder? Timothy 3:2.
4. What example of effective teaching do we find in Acts 18: 24-28?
5. What special qualities make a person an effective teacher? Timothy 2:24-26.
6. Who was the greatest teacher? Matthew 13:54.
7. Should a true teacher be able to interest and inspire his listeners? Luke 24:32; Matthew 7:29.
8. Paul spoke of certain ones. What did he say they were in need of? Hebrews 5:12. Does he imply that a growth is necessary?
9. How does one become skillful in the Word? Hebrews 5:13, 14.

Lesson for April 30, 1983

RACE EQUALITY IN SALVATION

Scripture reading: Romans 9:1-8.

Memory verse: Galatians 3:28.

1. Does our Heavenly Father have respect of persons? 1 Peter 1:17.
2. Are all of the children of Abraham going to be saved? Romans 9:7.
3. Through whom and how are the children of the kingdom called? Romans 9:7 (last part); Galatians 3:16.
4. How do we become heirs of the promise made to Abraham, and thereby receive eternal life? Galatians 3:29.
5. Will all of the descendants of Abraham through Jacob be saved, or will it just be a remnant? Romans 11:5; Isaiah 10:21, 22
6. As they are being gathered back to the promised land, Jerusalem, and the surrounding country, will they be sent pastors to teach them the truth? Jeremiah 3:14, 15; Ezekiel 33:6-8, 20.
7. What are we told about the hearts of these pastors? Jeremiah 3:15.
8. Will the pastors, the Lord sends to Israel when they are gathered back, be

successful in teaching them so that they will receive a new heart and a new spirit? Ezekiel 36:24-26.

Note. — It is well to remember that men, possessed with the Holy Spirit, went forth to the Gentile nations, carrying the gospel, and the hearts of millions have been changed from their blinded idolatry to serve and worship the Lord. They threw their idol gods away and a new heart was given them. It will be just the same with Israel today. It is the Bible, the Word of God, accompanied by His Holy Spirit through the called and consecrated servants, that open the eyes of the people, without respect of person, race or color.

9. In the day when the Lord cleanseth many of their hearts, and puts within them His Spirit, what is said about building the desolate cities and fencing them etc.? Ezekiel 36:33-35.

10. What effect will the future events pertaining to Israel also have in opening the eyes of the Gentiles all over the world? Ezekiel 38:14-16, 23.

Note. — This does not mean that the Gentile nations will be saved anymore than it does the Jews, just because they are made to realize there is a God who still ruleth the world. There is to be a message of warning to both, to all nations, a finished work of grace, before the climax comes.

11. Why were the Jews cut off, and when is blindness to pass from them? Romans 11:20-25.

Lesson for May 7, 1983

THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

Scripture reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.

Memory verse: John 7:16.

1. Are we warned against an evil power that will corrupt the truth? 2 Thessalonians 2:7, 8.
2. Who will be deceived by this power? Verses 9 and 10.

Note. --- Particular emphasis should be made here on the fact that it is necessary to possess "a love for the truth". It does not say this power will deceive all who do not possess the truth, but all of those who do not possess "a love for the truth". It is extremely dangerous to close our eyes against new thoughts which might not be what we have been taught. Let us be open

hearted, knowing that by the presence of the Holy Spirit we will not be deceived and led into error by investigation. Let us possess this “love for the truth”. Let us find the truth, for it is in the Word.

3. What is the office work of the Holy Spirit? John 16:13.
4. For what did Christ Jesus pray in Gethsemane? John 17:14.
5. What did the Saviour say about truth in His witness before Pilate? John 18:37.
6. Who are we told will know the true doctrine? John 7:16, 17.
7. How important is sound doctrine? 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.
8. Are ministers to use doctrine in their reproof of wrong doing? 2 Timothy 4:14.
9. How are we to stop the mouth of unruly and vain talkers? Titus 1:9-13.
10. To what class of people will the Heavenly Father teach doctrine? Isaiah 28:9, 10.
11. What effect does true doctrine have on the believer? Deuteronomy 32:2.
12. How are people sanctified (set apart) from the world? John 17:17.
13. What will be our great protector when the powers of darkness come to a fullness in these last days? Psalms 91:4; Ephesians 6:13, 14.

Lesson for May 14, 1983

ISAIAH, THE GOSPEL PROPHET

Scripture reading: Isaiah 55.

Memory verse: Isaiah 8:20.

Note. — Isaiah prophesied in the days of Uzziah, Jatham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, or about 758 to 698 B.C. His prophecies of Christ are most amazing. Given seven centuries before Christ, their accuracy of fulfillments an outstanding testimony to the divine inspiration of the Bible.

1. In what way did Isaiah foretell the birth of Christ? Isaiah 7:14.
2. In what other way did he prophesy of Christ? Isaiah 9:6, 7; 11:1-5.
3. Why didn't the people recognize Jesus as the Christ through a knowledge of these prophecies, and those of other prophets? Isaiah 6:9-12.

Note. Isaiah 53 is the outstanding prophecy of Christ. It briefly but beautifully sums up His mission as our Saviour, foretelling His rejection of men and His suffering in bearing our sins. A study of this one chapter should convince the most doubtful agnostic.

4. Discuss Isaiah 53: 10-12.
5. How was verse 8 fulfilled specifically?

Note. — According to Rabbinical tradition, Isaiah was slain at the age of 90 years, by the command of Manasseh. He was supposedly sawn asunder in the trunk of a tree. It is believed by some that Hebrews 11:37 refers to his death.

Lesson for May 21, 1983

DEVOTION AND CONSECRATION

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 1:1-25.

Memory verse: 1 Peter 2:23.

1. Does God except His people to sacrifice to His service in this age? Romans 12:1.
2. Did the Lord give a command to the Levites by Hezekiah? What was this command? 2 Chronicles 29:5-11.
3. What was their attitude toward this call to service? 2 Chronicles 29:15-19.
4. Did the Levites make any consecration to God? 2 Chronicles 29:30-32.
5. Were their prayers affected by this consecration? 2 Chronicles 30:27.
6. In what way are we to glorify our Heavenly Father? 1 Corinthians 6:20.
7. What did the Lord promise would enter and abide within us, after our bodies were cleansed and free from sin? 2 Corinthians 6:19.
8. What did Paul say of his body? Philippians 1:20.
9. What did this consecration of Christ Jesus lead Him to do? Philippians 2:5-8.
10. What must each one who belongs to Christ possess? Romans 8:9.
11. When we are fully consecrated, will we answer the call? Isaiah 6:8.
12. Was the life of Christ one of service? Matthew 20:27, 28; Luke 22:27.
13. How is sanctification and consecration perfected? Romans 15:16; John 17:17, 18.
14. Is it to be complete? 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

Lesson for May 28, 1983

DANIEL, THE SERVANT OF THE LIVING GOD

Scripture reading: Daniel 6:16-28.

Memory verse: Daniel 6:26.

1. How did it happen that Daniel was in Babylon? Daniel 1:1-6.
2. As we would expect, these young Hebrews were tried in many ways since the heathen religion of Babylon was so different from their faith in God. What was the first of these 1:5, 8-16. What was the result?
3. Daniels prophecies are noted because they outline the succession of world powers from his time to the coming of Christ. Daniel 2:44.
4. Chapters 3 and 6 reveal an outstanding quality in these four young Hebrews. Although chapter 6 occurred 65 years later than chapter 3, what one thing is peculiar to both chapters?
5. What was the result of Daniel's experience in the lion's den? Daniel 6:25-28.
6. Discuss Daniel 12:1-4.
7. Does verse 13 of chapter 12 refer to the resurrection?

Lesson for June 4, 1983

PERILOUS TIMES

Scripture reading: 2 Timothy 3.

Memory verse: 2 Timothy 3:14.

1. Describe the perilous times of which Paul spoke? 2 Timothy 3:1-7.
2. What does Paul mean in verse 7?
3. For what did Paul say the Holy Scriptures were given? Verses 16, 17.
4. What would some do in the later times? 1 Timothy 4:1.
5. How about their consciences? Verse 2.
6. What is said about the rich men of the last days? James 5:1-3.
7. Tell us why the rich should weep? Verse 4.
8. Besides living in pleasure on this earth, what have they done? Verse 6.
9. In these times of peril, what does Jesus say we should take heed to? Luke 21:34, 35. What did Paul say we should do? Hebrews 10:25.
10. What will be the reaction of the people of the world when the Son of man comes in His glory? Matthew 24:30,

Note. --- It is evident from all the signs about us that we are living in the last days. Perilous times are here and it behooves every one of us to lift up our heads for our redemption draweth nigh (Luke 21:23); Also, to be about our Father's business, as profitable servants. John 4:35, 36.

Lesson for June 11, 1983

ISRAEL'S PUNISHMENT AND RESTORATION

Scripture reading: Leviticus 26:1-31.

Memory verse: Luke 21:24.

1. What blessings and protection were promised to Israel if they obeyed the Lord? Leviticus 26:3-12.
2. If they failed to obey, what would be their punishment? Verses 14-17.
3. For what length of time would they be chastised? Verse 18.
4. What expression shows the severity of God's judgment on them? Verses 19, 21, 24, 28.

Note. - The multiple use of the expression "seven times" does not mean literally seven times. "Seven" in the Scriptures means completeness of their chastisement; thus this is used in an emphatic sense to express tire Completeness of their chastisement. The seven times (a day for a year — Ezekiel 4:5, 6) or 2,520 with the Babylon captivity under Nebuchadnezzar in 486 B.C., and ended with the evacuation of the Turks in General Allenby in World War 1, the year 1914.

5. During these years what was said of their land? Leviticus 26:31-35.
6. What would this severe punishment cause them to do? Verses 28, 29.
7. What other expressions are used to show the severity of their punishment? Jeremiah 31:27, 28.
8. During these years of captivity, how did they stand before God? Verses 35-37.
9. What is said of their identity among the nations during this time? Isaiah 61:9.
10. What is the real purpose of this affliction? Hosea 5:15.
11. Why should God not destroy them utterly during these years? Leviticus 26:44, 45.
12. What prophecy of David is now being fulfilled? Psalms 102:15, 16.

Lesson for June 18, 1983

FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS THE EARTH CREATED?

Scripture reading: Isaiah 45.

Memory verse: Isaiah 45:22.

1. What reason is given for creating the world? Isaiah 45:18.
2. Did God create the world for the wicked people, of whom we see so many? Proverbs 10:25-30.
3. Was there a plan for redemption even from the beginning of creation? Revelation 13:8.
Note. --- This shows that the plan of redemption was determined as soon as man had sinned, and that the sacrificial Lamb was also a type of Christ, the Lamb that the Father was going to send in His own Son to redeem the world according to His divine purpose.
4. What was the substitute sacrifice which endured until the Son came? Exodus 12:3, 5; Hebrews 10:11, 12.
5. What did the prophet Isaiah have revealed to him concerning a suffering one, taken as lamb to the slaughter? Isaiah 53:7-9.
6. Is the Lamb, our Messiah, set forth as a perfect propitiation for sin? Romans 3:24, 25; 1 John 2:2.
7. Is it necessary for us to believe that He came in the flesh and bore our sins in His own body? Hebrews 2:14, 15; 1 John 4:2-5.
8. Is it not through Christ Jesus, this Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, that God's purpose of creation, will be fulfilled? Isaiah 65:9; Psalms 2:7, 8.
9. Do we see all things in the world subject to the Son now and the purpose of creation fulfilled? Hebrews 2:8.
10. When will all things be subject unto Him and the purpose of our Heavenly Father in creating the world fulfilled? Ephesians 1:18-22; 1 Corinthians 15:22-28.
11. When will the glorious time come wherein the people of the earth will all be righteous and God's purpose fully realized? Isaiah 11:4-9; 65:17-19; 66:22, 23.

**Lesson for June 25, 1983
CHRISTIANS' DUTIES NOW,
IN THE TIME OF THE END**

Scripture reading: Ephesians 6.

Memory verse: 1 Peter 5:8.

1. What wretched conditions forecasted by the apostle Paul will be prevalent in the human family in this time of the end? 2 Timothy 3:1-7.
2. In this perilous time we are in, what must every Christian put on and why? Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Peter 5:8.
3. What is this armour of God? Ephesians 6:13-18.
4. What sound counsel must every Christian have and heed? Luke 21:34-36.
5. Through what medium does one have faith in God? Romans 10:17.
6. How will one achieve this condition, especially in this time of the end? Hebrews 10:25; 3:13, 14.
7. What is the reward of those who adhere to the above commandments? Malachi 3:16, 17.
8. What should be the daily duties of good shepherds and teachers in the Church? Isaiah 62:6, 7, 10; 58:1; Micah 3:8.
9. What should be the degree of our light to the world? Isaiah 60:1, Matthew 5:14-16.
10. What does the apostle Paul have to say in Romans 13:11-14?
11. What world-wide warning message must true Christians proclaim to the world prior to the second advent of Jesus? Revelation 14:9.
12. To what counsel must Christians not fail to pay heed? Mark 13:33-36.

UNDATED LESSON - FOR USE ANYTIME

WALKING AND ABOUNDING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Scripture reading: Colossians 3.

Memory verse: Colossians 3:23.

1. After being received into the Heavenly family, for what should we always seek? Colossians 3:1.
2. How should we consider the past and how should we plan the future? Verse 2, 3.
3. What are some of the things we must put off? Verses 5, 9.

4. What must we put on? Verses 10, 11.
Note. — Notice that the former things were all instruments of death because they proceed from an evil heart, and have to do with our word and actions. When we put on the new man, we begin to build a life for eternity.
5. How is the new man nourished? Verse 16.
6. What should especially characterize our words and actions which proceed from the heart? Verse 14.
7. On whom should we depend daily to guide our words and our deeds? Verse 17.
8. After having chosen the right path, and prepared ourselves fully to walk in it, should we just work half heartedly, or to please men? Verse 23.
9. What if our actions are unbecoming to our profession, or place among the remnant people? Romans 1:18.
10. Should all who believe possess sufficient power to live a holy life? Verses 16, 17.
11. If we seek Him and in faith believing, what will the Lord do for us? 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13.
12. What is sure to be our reward if we increase and abound in love, patience, obedience, as profitable servants? 1 Thessalonians 4:1, 16, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Note. — The people of the world are interested only in their own gain, but it is not so with the person who is living for eternity. That person, whether young or old, will be abounding in the work of the Lord, and his own work in his own profession will be decidedly. “The kingdom work” will come first and will be supported freely with a portion of his earnings, which represents a part of his life.