

Bible Lessons

for

THE CHURCH OF GOD

7th Day

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**FOR
JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER
TO BE USED WITH THE BIBLE**

**Workers are needed, for the harvest
is great, but laborers are few...**

Lesson for July 2, 1983

LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH CHRIST JESUS

Scripture reading: Matthew 25:14-30,

Memory verse: Matthew 25:30.

1. For what purpose are we all created and made new creatures? Ephesians 2:10.
2. What question does the Lord ask those who are not engaged in some way in His work? Matthew 20:6.
3. What does He command such to do? Verse 7.
4. What will be done to those who refuse to honor God by bringing forth fruit in His vineyard? John 15:2.
5. In what way does the Lord exhort those who see no work to be done? John 4:35,
6. What did the Lord say of the harvest and the labourers? Matthew 9:37.
7. What does the Lord say to those who are already engaged in the work of the Lord? Verse 38.
8. How much is saved if our work results in the turning of one sinner from the error of his way? James 5:20.
9. How valuable is one soul? Luke 9:25.
10. Is the salvation of one soul enough to cause the angels of Heaven to rejoice? Luke 15:10.
11. What does Paul say of the labourer? 1 Corinthians 3:9.
12. What assurance is given to all who are co-labourers with the Lord? 1 Corinthians 15:58.
13. What prayer should we make in order to succeed in this great work? Psalms 51:19-13.
14. Of whom are we to learn how to work with success? Matthew 11:29, 30.

Lesson for July 9, 1983

A GLORIOUS WORK AND REWARD

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 15:41-58.

Memory verse: 1 Corinthians 15:58.

1. What must we all expect to endure as the soldiers of Jesus Christ? 2 Timothy

- 2:3.
2. What does Jesus say we should be? Matthew 10:16.
 3. How should workers relate themselves to the things of this life? 2 Timothy 2:4.
 4. With what should the workers of Christ be clothed? Ephesians 6:10-18.
 5. What is the Lord's field into which each member of the church is a labourer? Matthew 13:38.
 6. What are we to use in our work? Mark 4:14.
 7. Where in this great field are we to do our work? Ecclesiastes 11:1, 2; Luke 14:21, 23.
 8. Do we not have the example of both Christ and the apostles in labouring from house to house? Luke 5:29-32; 7:36; 19:1-5; Acts 20:20.
 9. When are we to labour? Ecclesiastes 11:6.
 10. Have those who work only in pleasant weather a promise of a good harvest? Ecclesiastes 11:4.
 11. Why should we engage in a work without delay? John 9:4.
 12. How earnestly should we all labour? 2 Chronicles 31:20, 21.
 13. For whose sake should we all labour? Revelation 2:2, 3.
 14. Should each heart be full of tenderness and love for those for whom we labour? Psalms 126:6.

Lesson for July 16, 1983

WILL WE KNOW ONE ANOTHER THERE?

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58.

Memory verse: Romans 6:5.

1. How does Jesus say the great gift of eternal life will be given? John 14:6; 3:16.
2. Who does the Holy Spirit say is the light of men? John 1:4.
3. If we walk as He walked, what promise do we have? Philippians 3:21.
4. After Jesus was resurrected from the dead, did His immortal body in any way resemble the body He had before? Luke 24:13-16, 28-32, 36-43.
5. Was it because His body was changed that the disciples did not recognize Him at first? Luke 24:16, 30, 31.
6. What proof did He give them later on in the day that He was really the resurrected Lord? Luke 24:39.

7. When Thomas doubted the disciples who had already seen their resurrected Lord, what proof did he demand and how was it confirmed? John 20:24-28.
8. When Jesus appeared to His disciples the third time, did they recognize Him as the Lord? John 21:1; 12:14.
9. In what way will the faithful put on the spiritual body at the resurrection? 1 Corinthians 15:42-44.
10. In what way are the first and the second Adam contrasted in the change that accompanies the resurrection of the dead? 1 Corinthians 15:45-48.

Lesson for July 23 1983

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Scripture reading: Luke 1:5-17.

Memory verse: Luke 1:17.

1. How was the coming of John the Baptist foretold? Malachi 4:5, 6; Isaiah 40:3.
2. How do we know that these texts speak of John the Baptist? Luke 1:13, 17; Matthew 3:1-3; 11:11-14; 17:11-13.
3. What was John's message? Matthew 3:2-8; Mark 1:4; Acts 19:4.
4. Who were John's parents? How was he related to Jesus? Luke 1:5, 34-36.
Note. — Mary was of the tribe of Judah (Luke 1:32). And Elizabeth was of the tribe of Levi (Verse 5). Their relationship was through marriage between these tribes.
5. Did John baptize all who came to him? Matthew 3:7-10; Luke 3:7-14.
6. What was it John's blessed privileged to do? Matthew 3:13-15.
7. After Jesus began His ministry, what did John say to Him? John 3:27-36.
8. What marked the beginning of the end for John? Luke 3:19, 20; Mark 6:17, 18.
9. What took place while he was in prison that showed him his work was finished? Luke 7:17-23.
10. How was John's career ended, and why? Mark 6:17-28.

Lesson for July 30, 1983
PETER - FISHER OF MEN

Scripture reading: John 21:3-17.

Memory verse: Matthew 4:19.

1. Matthew 4:18-20 tells of the calling of Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. With what intriguing promise did Jesus call them? How did they respond?
2. Compare this account with John 1:35-42.
3. Discuss the occasion, the account of which Matthew 14:28 is a part. Does it reveal Peter's character?
4. Perhaps the most glorious part of Peter's association with Jesus is recorded in Luke 9:28-36. How did he regard it? Why did they keep it a secret? Matthew 17:9.
5. What was the most bitter experience in his association with Jesus? Matthew 26:69-75. What was the result of this experience in Peter's life?
6. What was Christ's charge to Peter? John 21:15-17.
7. Did Peter obey this command? Discuss Acts 2:14, 37-40; 5:12-16.
8. How does Peter's admonition in 2 Peter 3:11-14 conform to his own life? Is it sound advice?

Lesson for August 6, 1983
THE PROMISED SEED

Scripture reading: Romans 11:1-25.

Memory verse: Romans 11:27.

1. What proportion of Israel did the Lord say would be saved? Isaiah 10:21, 22; Romans 9:27.
2. What is said of their spiritual standing? Romans 10:2.
3. How long were they given to settle their acceptance with God as a nation? Daniel 9:24.
4. From what year were the seventy weeks to be numbered? Verse 25.
5. What would happen to the Messiah near the end of the seventy weeks? Verse 26 (last part).
6. How long would the Abrahamic covenant be confirmed? What would happen in the midst of the last prophetic week? Verse 27.

Note. --- This is 70 prophetic weeks, or 490 years. This rule of counting is

found in Numbers 14:34, where the Lord gives a day for a year. Counting from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem, which was 457 B.C., 490 years would extend to 33 A.D. Sacrifices were to cease in the midst of the 70th week, and this was the date of the Crucifixion.

7. After this probationary time is ended, what would be evident in their experience according to prophecy? Romans 11:8-12, 15.
8. As a result of their falling and breaking off, what has come to the Gentiles? Verses 17, 19, 20.
9. What promise is still held out to them? Verses 23, 24.
10. How long will this blindness remain on them? Verse 25.
11. Whom did Paul say would be saved? Romans 11:26.
12. What will save them? Verse 17-20.

Lesson for August 13, 1983
FINAL EVENTS AND
CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

Scripture reading: Luke 21:1-36.

Memory verse: Daniel 12:10.

1. How long was Jerusalem to be trodden down by the Gentiles with the Jews scattered all over the world? Luke 21:24.
2. At the end of this period, of what is known as Gentile times, what is said of the conditions all over the world? Luke 21:25.

Note. --- This prophecy was fulfilled to the very letter. Jerusalem was captured by the Romans 70 A.D., the temple destroyed, and the city became heaps of rubble and ruin. The Jews were scattered all over the world, and remained so until the last few years. Now they have their nation, Israel, and are returning by the hundreds of thousands.

3. What is said of this time in respect to men's hearts filled with fear? Luke 21:26.
4. What great event is next in order? Luke 21:27.
5. What simple comparison did our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ use? Luke 21:29-31.
6. Will the generation witnessing the returning of the Jews etc. pass away? Luke 21:29-32.

7. What warning characteristic of this time is given? Verse 34.
8. What shall we do in order to escape this pending destruction? Verse 36.
9. What solemn responsibility rests upon those who understand? Ezekiel 33:6, 7.
10. What about increase of knowledge and travel before the end? Daniel 12:4.
11. What work is assigned to the wise? Verse 3.
12. Will this special class of the wise understand the prophecy concerning the “time of the end”, and will many (both Jew and Gentile) be turned from sin unto righteousness? Verse 10.

Note. The angel Gabriel also informed the prophet Daniel that the people whose sins were forgiven and were white would be tried. We are now in that testing time of trial, when only the presence of the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer will assure the victory.

Lesson for August 20, 1983

THE TIME OF THE END AND DELIVERANCE

Scripture reading: Psalms 91.

Memory verse: Daniel 12:1.

1. Just before the dead are resurrected, what conditions will prevail on the earth? Daniel 12:1, 2; Revelation 11:18.
2. What city will be made burdensome to all nations; against which they will direct their armies during the time of trouble? Zechariah 12:2, 3; 14:1-3.
3. What is especially said about those who are wise in the knowledge of God during the time of the end? Daniel 12:3, 4, 10.
4. What is further said of God’s watchmen? Isaiah 52:8, 9.
5. What is said about the chariots or travel on the highways, when the message of God’s preparation is going forth? Nahum 2:3, 4.
6. What is said about the troubled condition of the hearts of men, and distress of nations, just before the end? Luke 21:24-27.
7. When the time of trouble is threatening throughout the world, what will the nations be doing to try to prevent disaster? Isaiah 8:9, 10.
8. What does the Lord say for His people not to do? Verse 12.
9. Who are we to look upon for help? Verse 13; Zephaniah 2:3.
10. What particular message will God’s people be deeply concerned about? Isaiah

- 8; 16.
11. By what great standard are people to be judged? Verse 20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12.
12. What will happen to the unprofitable servant at that time? Matthew 25:30; Luke 12:46.
13. What will be the condition throughout the earth as Gentile times end? Luke 21:26, 27, 34, 35.

Lesson for August 27, 1983

THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR LIFE

Scripture reading: Romans 8:1-17.

Memory verse: Romans 8:14.

1. In order to be free from condemnation, how must the people of God walk? Romans 8:1.
2. How can we judge rightly and know that we are walking after the Spirit? Verse 4.
3. What is the reward, both temporal and eternal, to those who are spiritually minded? Verse 6.
4. What should be the constant daily prayer of every one seeking a home in the Kingdom of God? Psalms 19:14.
5. When God's people are spiritually minded, what will their conversation be? Psalms 50:23.
6. Is it possible to please God when we are carnally minded? Romans 8:8.
7. What is it that necessarily must abide in each child of God so that he will not follow after the flesh? Verse 9.
8. If this spirit takes up its abode within us and remains, what work will finally be wrought? Verse 11.
9. How can we acquire the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:11-13.

Note. — Although the riches of earth, or the glory of kings may be acquired, yet time in her march will bring the possessor to naught. It is the Spirit of God with the treasures of Heaven that remain forever. Brother and Sister have you prayed earnestly and repeatedly for the Holy Spirit? It is promised to us for the asking (Luke 11:11-13).

10. What important Christian virtue does the Holy Spirit shed abroad in our hearts?
Romans 5:5.
11. In what way and by what power can we overcome the carnal nature? Romans
8:13, 14.
12. When led by the Spirit, where will we be storing our treasures? Matthew
6:19-21.

Lesson for September 3, 1983
A DEMONSTRATION OF HEAVENLY VIRTUE
AND POWER FOR HEALING SICK

Scripture reading: Matthew 9:20-38.

Memory verse Matthew 9:22.

1. Who was it that exercised great faith for healing? Matthew 9:20.
2. What experience did she have before this? Mark 5:25, 26.
3. Did she have a considerable amount of determination? Verses 27, 28.
4. When she touched the Lord Jesus, what was the result? Verse 29.
5. Why did He recognize this touch? What was His question? Verse 30.
6. How did the disciples regard this question? Verse 31.
7. How did the woman feel about it? Verse 33.
8. What comforting words were spoken to her by Christ Jesus? Verse 34;
Matthew 9:22.

Note. — This is a unique experience, in which one was healed without engaging the Master's attention; This is because of virtues that were in Him. As followers of Christ we are to possess this same Heavenly virtue — the Holy Spirit — to the extent that even when we are not aware of it, others around will be effected by the moving Spirit of God in us.

9. What miracles followed the healing of the issue of blood? Matthew 9:23-25.
10. What did the two blind men desire of the Lord? Verse 27.
11. How persistent were they in their desire to be healed? Verse 28 (first part).
12. What question did Jesus ask them? What was their reply? Verse 28 (last part).
13. In healing them, what did Jesus command? Verse 29, 30.
14. How did they regard this command? Verse 31.

Note. — The blessing of healing brought a joy to their hearts which nothing could suppress — not even the command of our Saviour.

15. Who was brought to Jesus for healing? Verse 32.
16. What happened when the devil was cast out? Verse 33.
17. What was the Pharisee's verdict about this? Verse 34.
18. How was Jesus continually engaged? Verse 35.
19. How did the spiritual condition of the people affect Jesus? Verses 36, 37.

Note. --- Oh, that God would find more men/women to use today for the healing of the sick and for the preaching of the Gospel! Men/women with the compassion of Christ. This will not be possible until there is a revival of God's love in the heart; the sequence is that power will follow in the soul. Power for compassion, power for sympathy; power to weep over the sick as Christ Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus.

Lesson for September 10, 1983 **HEALING, CASTING OUT DEVILS**

Scripture reading: Matthew 8.

Memory verse: Matthew 8:17.

1. Who was the first to be healed after Christ's sermon on the mount? Matthew 8:1-3.
2. Who next requested healing of Christ Jesus? Verses 5, 6.
3. What extraordinary faith did he exercise? Verses 7-9.
4. How did the Saviour regard this? What comment did He make? Verse 10-12.
5. How was his faith rewarded? Verse 13.
6. Of what, and by what means, was Peter's mother-in-law healed? Verses 14, 15.
7. What is said of the amount of healing done when the evening was come? Verse 16.
8. What prophecy did this fulfill? Verse 17; Isaiah 53:3-6.
9. Through what power were these healings accomplished? Isaiah 61:1; Acts 10:38.
10. What other incident followed? What was the disciples thought as to what would be their lot? What request did they make of Jesus? Discuss Matthew 8:22-27.

11. Who did Jesus meet next? Verse 28.
12. Did the devils know Christ? Verse 29.
13. What happened next? Verses 31, 32.
14. How did the city folk regard this? Verses 33, 34.

Lesson for 17, 1983
HEALING THE CRIPPLE;
THE CALL OF MATTHEW

Scripture reading: Matthew 9:1-12.

Memory verse: Matthew 9:12.

1. Where did Jesus go? Matthew 9:1.
2. Who was brought to Him for healing? Instead of healing him, what did Jesus say to him? Verse 2.
3. Under what circumstances was he brought to Jesus? Mark 2:1-5.
4. What did the scribes think of Jesus because He forgave this man's sins? Mark 2:6, 7; Matthew 9:3.
5. What did Jesus tell them about His authority to forgive sins? Matthew 9:4-6.
6. How did the multitude regard this healing? Matthew 9:7, 8; Mark 2:12.
7. Who did Jesus ask to become His follower? Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:14.
8. In whose house did Jesus sit down at meat? Who sat down along with Him? Mark 2:15; Matthew 9:10.
9. What criticism did the Pharisees offer because of this? Verse 11.
10. What did Jesus answer to this objection? Verse 12.
11. What sickness did Jesus refer to? Verse 13 (last part).
12. What question did one of John's disciples now ask Him? Verse 14.
13. What explanation did Jesus give him? Verse 15.
14. What illustration did He use in answering him? Verses 16, 17.
15. What request was put to Jesus at this time? Verse 18.
16. What did Jesus do? Verse 19, 24, 25.

Note. Christ is able and is always willing to help those who exercise faith in Him, whether they be sinners or saints. He is concerned about our sickness and trouble. Let us put our faith in Him.

Lesson for September 24, 1983

DON'T BE ASHAMED TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Scripture reading: Hebrews 11:23-40.

Memory verse: 1 Peter 4:16.

1. What portion of one's lot must one give up? Luke 12:33; 14:33.
2. What example did Jesus give to His followers? 2 Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:5-8.
3. After his conversion, how did Paul regard his earthly gains? Philippians 3:7, 8.
4. After he had forsaken his educational acquirements and his previous engagements, how was he earning his livelihood? Acts 18:1-3.
5. Was he ever ashamed at this ignominious conditions in which the "higher calling" placed him? Romans 1:16; Philippians 3:13, 14; 2 Corinthians 12:10.
6. How educated and wealthy was Moses? Acts 7:22.
7. When God chose him to be a leader, how did Moses regard his earthly acquirements? Hebrews 11:24-26.
8. In what miserable condition was John the Baptist predestined to be as a follower of Jesus Christ? Matthew 3:4.
9. During the apostolic era, how did the disciples of Jesus feel when they were shamefully maltreated? Acts 5:40, 41.
10. What is the apostle Peter's counsel to Christians? 1 Peter 4:12-16.
11. What was Paul's epistle to Timothy? 2 Timothy 1:8, 12.
12. What has the Psalmist to say on the matter? Psalms 25:3.
13. What actuated the apostle Paul in commending the hebrew believers? Hebrews 10:32-34.
14. Why were the above chronicles written? 1 Peter 2:21; 1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 15:4.