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

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**Lesson for October 1, 1983**  
**POWER OF HEAVEN OBTAINED BY PRAYER**

**Scripture reading: Matthew 6:1-19.**

**Memory verse: Luke 11:13.**

1. How does the Psalmist address the Heavenly Father? Psalms 65:2.
2. What is prayer? Psalms 142:1.
3. Where do we gain the greatest victories? Genesis 32:28; Hosea 12:4.
4. What instruction is given regarding prayer? Luke 21:36; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 4:2.
5. Why should we be diligent in prayer? 1 Peter 5:8.

**Note.** — The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray. The whispers of the enemy entice them to sin; it is all because they do not use the privilege given them in the divine appointment of prayer.

6. What example did Jesus give concerning prayer? Mark 1:35; Luke 22:44; Hebrews 5:7.

**Note.** --- Jesus, God's only begotten Son, found comfort in communion with the Heavenly Father. He knew the value and need of prayer. How much more we need this help. For without Him we can do nothing.

7. Was Jesus sure that the Heavenly Father always heard His prayer? John 11:41-42.
8. Must we have the same assurance? Matthew 2:7, 8; James 5:17, 18.
9. On what condition has the Lord promised to grant our petition? John 15:7; 1 John 3:22; 5:14, 15.
10. Why does it sometimes seem that the Lord His not heed to our prayers? Proverbs 28:9; James 1:6.
11. What wonderful encouragement is given unto those who pray when in trouble? Psalms 46:1, 2; 107:6.

**Note.** - Let us keep our needs, our joys, our sorrows, our cares before Him. We cannot weary the Lord. He who numbers the very hair of our head is not indifferent to the needs of His children.

12. Do our prayers really ascend to the Lord in Heaven? Revelation 8:3; 5:8.

Lesson for October 8, 1983

THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

Scripture reading: Matthew 15:1-20.

Memory verse: Matthew 15:9.

1. What should we recognize in studying the Scriptures? 2 Timothy 3:16.
2. Who are able to learn the doctrine? Isaiah 28:9; John 7:17.  
**Note.** — Two classes will understand: (a) Those weaned from the breast, who have passed the baby stage and become students of the Word: (b) They that do His will: These may not be .students, but are humbly led by the Holy Spirit.
3. What kinds of doctrine should we accept? Proverbs 4:1, 2.
4. Will sound doctrine effect our moral and spiritual life? Deuteronomy 32:2; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.
5. Against what doctrine did Jesus warn? Matthew 16:6, 12.
6. What kind of leaders were the Pharisees? Matthew 15:14.
7. What did Paul advise Timothy to do? What was the result? 2 Timothy 3:14, 15, 17.
8. How was he admonished to teach (preach)? 2 Timothy 4:2.
9. How would Titus or anyone else be able to convince the gainsayers? Titus 1:9; 3:6-8.  
**Note.** — Many believers do not adorn the doctrine because they teach one thing and practice another. We should practice what we preach.
10. What final admonition should we heed? Hebrews 13:9.

Lesson for October 15, 1983

WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CHASTENETH

Scripture reading: Hebrews 12:1-11.

Memory verse: Hebrews 12:7.

1. How does God deal with those He loves? Hebrews 12:5.
2. How will God regard us if we benefit by chastisements? Verses 6-8.
3. What is God's goal in correcting His people? Verse 11. **Note.** The chastisement of the Lord is like the fire that purifies gold, the flames of correction will burn out the dross in our lives if we will let Him do His work in us.

4. When chastised what must we do? Revelation 3:19.
5. What outstanding Bible character profited by chastisement? Jonah 1:1.
6. What work was he to do, and how did he respond? Jonah 1:2, 3.
7. How did God deal with this man? Jonah 1:17. What resulted? Jonah 3; 3, 5.
8. What similar experience did Saul have? Acts 9:1-4.
9. What was he driven to inquire? Verse 5, 6.

**Note.** — No doubt Saul, who was an honest man even before his conversion, could not understand at the moment why the hand of God was upon him. So today we may not know why trial come or great disappointments, yet by faith we know Christ is preparing us as jewels to shine in His Kingdom.

10. In Paul's closing days what could he say? 2 Timothy 4:6-8.
11. Where does tribulation lead the genuine Christian? Romans 5:3-5,
12. While living close to Jesus, what could Paul say? 2 Corinthians 7:4.

**Note.** — To be exceedingly joyful in tribulation was the testimony Paul could give. He came a long way in his Christian experience since he met Christ on the Damascus road, and he learned, through his persecution and hardships, valuable spiritual lessons which benefit the children of God even today.

### Lesson for October 22, 1983

#### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CONVERTED

**Scripture reading:** Colossians 3:1-17.

**Memory verse:** Acts 3:19.

1. How did Jesus speak of conversion? Matthew 18:3.
2. Why is conversion necessary? Romans 8:6, 7.
3. What two things play a prominent part in conversion? Acts 20:21.
4. When we meet these requirements, what does God promise? Acts 3:19.
5. What simile does Paul use in describing the putting off of sin? Romans 6:1-7.
6. What are we to do after repentance and conversion? Romans 6:4.

**Note.** — Paul had a wonderful experience of conversion. A complete change took place in his life when he was made to realize the error of his way. Instead of persecuting Christ and His followers as he had done aforesaid, he began himself to preach the Gospel message with exceeding vigor.

7. How does the Old Testament describe conversion? Ezekiel 18:30, 31.

8. What does the Old Testament say we should do in conversion? Isaiah 55:6, 7.
9. What does the New Testament say of this new life? 2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:1-10.
10. After we are baptized, what are we told to do? 2 Peter 3:18; 1 John 1:7.

**Note.** — Christianity is a day by day, step by step experience. Sometimes we can make great strides of advancement in spirituality, and other times we can only mark time; but remember, through it all, sunshine or rain, God is an ever present help. We will not go wrong if we just keep humble before Him, and keep on praying and hungering after righteousness.

### Lesson for October 29, 1983

#### THE LAMB OF GOD - MASTER AND LORD

**Scripture reading:** John 1:29-42.

**Memory verse:** John 13:13.

1. For what purpose was Christ Jesus sent into the world? Mark 10:45; John 1:29.
2. Who alone was qualified as a substitute for sinners? John 1:29.
3. What eternal truth did Jesus express? Matthew 27:4.
4. What did Jesus say of Himself? John 13:13.
5. What comes to everyone of us? John 1:9; Isaiah 45:22.
6. As followers of Jesus, what must we do? Matthew 28:19.
7. What will His followers teach? Verse 20.

**Note.** --- The Bible alone is to be our guide and rule in all that we teach. True Christians will not add anything to their belief which is not found to have been the teaching or practice of Jesus. Once this truth is established, our way becomes clear.

8. How will we walk if we fully believe in Jesus? 1 John 2:6.
9. How will our belief in Jesus be known? Romans 6:17; Ephesians 2:10; James 2:10-12.
10. What proof does James use to show that "faith" brings forth "works"? James 2:18, 20-23.

Lesson for November 5, 1983

## SETTING THE STAGE FOR ARMAGEDDON

Scripture reading: Joel 3.

Memory verse Joel 3:9.

1. Before the nations are brought to judgment at Jerusalem which tribe will be there? Joel 3:1; Zechariah 12:2.

**Note.** — The valley of Jehoshaphat lies between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. It is a very long and steep valley.

2. How long did Jesus say the Jews would be led into captivity? Luke 21:24.
3. What conditions did He say would prevail in the earth as Gentile times come to an end? Luke 21:26, 27.
4. What did the prophet Isaiah tell us concerning the ending of the Gentile rule over the world? Isaiah 34:1-3 (see margin).

**Note.** — Idumea (or Edom) refers to the Arab nations now surrounding little Israel, which are determined to destroy her.

5. What does the prophet Zechariah say about Jerusalem becoming a point of controversy among the nations? Zechariah 12:2, 3.
6. Will the Jews be at Jerusalem during this time? What is said about their strength in conquest? Verse 6.
7. Before the final showdown comes and the nations are gathered against Jerusalem for judgment, is there to be a spiritual work accomplished among the Jews? Verse 7.
8. How will this controversy over Zion finally end? Zechariah 14:1-3; Joel 3:16, 17.
9. What will happen to the people who are against Jerusalem? Zechariah 14:12.
10. What punishment will be inflicted upon the nations who will not acknowledge Christ Jesus as King? Verses 16, 17.

Lesson for November 12, 1983

## THE GENEALOGY AND CONCEPTION OF JESUS

Scripture reading: Matthew 1.

Memory verse: Matthew 1:23.

1. How is the beginning of Matthew designated? Whose son is Jesus said to be? Matthew 1:1.
2. What does Luke say about this? Luke 1:30-33.
3. Who was the last of Christ's genealogy to be mentioned? Matthew 1:16.
4. How many generations are there from Abraham to David; from David to the captivity in Babylon, and from thence to Christ? Verse 17.
5. What was the relationship between Joseph and Mary before the birth of Jesus? Verse 18.
6. What was the character of Joseph? What did he intend to do on this occasion? Verse 19.
7. How was he prevented from carrying out his design? Of what was he assured? Verse 20.
8. Who did the angel say Mary would bear? Verse 21.
9. With what was all this in accordance? Verse 22.
10. What did Isaiah prophesy about this? Verse 23; Isaiah
11. What has Paul to say of this fulfillment? 1 Timothy 3:16.
12. What was Joseph's attitude after this dream? Matthew 1:24.
13. What name was given the Christ Child? Verse 25.
14. How is the importance of this name emphasized? Acts 4:10-12; Philippians 2:9-11.

Lesson for November 19, 1983

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Scripture reading: Luke 2:1-20.

Memory verse: Luke 2:13, 14.

1. Under what circumstances did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? Luke 2:1-5.
2. While in Bethlehem, what took place? Verses 6, 7.

**Note.** — Although the city was crowded with incomers and there was even no room in the inn, it would have been easy for God to work a miracle and see to it

that His only Son, the King of Israel, be born in a house or even a palace. But, no, God chose a manger. This was to be the first exhibition of Christ's humility. A humility which God desires of us all as His children.

3. What is said of the shepherds at this time? Verse 8.
4. What experience did they have with the angels? How did this effect them? Verse 9.
5. What comforting message did the angels give them? Verses 10, 11.
6. What sign was given them of the child? Verse 12.
7. What other glorious news greeted the shepherds' ears? Verses 13, 14.
8. When the angels departed, what did the shepherds decide to do? Verse 15.
9. When they arrived whom did they see? Verse 16.
10. What did the shepherds do about the good news? Verse 17.
11. How did the hearers regard the report? Verse 18.
12. What was Mary's attitude to this event? Verse 19.
13. How did the shepherds manifest their joy for the Saviour? Verse 20.  
**Note.** - Mary pondered while the shepherds praised. To her it was too good to be true that she was the mother of her Saviour and King. Doubtless her joy must have been unutterable.
14. Who was king over Judea at the time the wise men came to Jerusalem? Matthew 2:1.
15. What two reasons did they give for coming? Verse 2.

**Lesson for November 26, 1983**

**THE WISE MEN'S VISIT:  
EARLY DAYS OF THE CHRIST CHILD**

**Scripture reading: Matthew 2.**

**Memory verse: Matthew 2:11.**

1. How did King Herod feel about another king being born in Judea? Matthew 2:3.
2. Whom did he call together? What did he demand of them? Verse 4.
3. What was their answer to his query? Verse 5.
4. To whose prophecy does this refer? Verse 6; Micah 5:2.

**Note.** ---The prophetic portion of the Bible should inspire faith in all other phases of the Bible. Here this prophecy was fulfilled with geographical



precision and proves that God dwells with flesh, and is capable of revealing the beginning and the end.

5. What did Herod next inquire of the wise men? Matthew 2:7.
6. Where did he send them? What false reason did he give them? Verse 8.
7. What reappeared after they left Herod's presence? Verses 9, 10.
8. On finding the child and mother, what did they do? Verse 11.  
**Note.** — Inspiration led these men to worship the Lord Jesus. The gifts presented were an indication that they knew he was a king, as only kings were recipients of such gifts in those days.
9. What did these wise men do after this? Why? Verse 12.
10. What message was sent to Joseph after this? Why was this necessary? Verse 13.
11. What prophecy was fulfilled in so doing? Verses 14, 15; Hosea 11:1.
12. How did the action of the wise men effect Herod? How did he manifest his wrath over this? Matthew 2:16.
13. What prophecy was fulfilled when this happened? Verses 17, 18.
14. Under what symbol was this occurrence shown to John? Revelation 12:1-5.
15. After Herod's death, what instruction did God give to Joseph regarding the Christ Child? Matthew 2:19-22.
16. What prophecy did this fulfill? Verse 23.

**Lesson for December 3, 1983**

### **THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS**

**Scripture reading: Luke 2:42-51.**

**Memory verse: Luke 2:29, 30.**

1. What necessary rite was to be performed on Jesus according to the law? What name was given Him then? Luke 2:21.
2. According to what law was he thus presented? Luke 2:22-24.
3. Who was the officiating priest at this time? What is said of his character? Verse 25.
4. What was revealed to him by the Spirit? Verse 26.
5. Through what influence did he come to the temple? What did he do? Verses 27, 28.

6. What utterance did he give? Verses 29-32, 34, 35.
7. Who else prophesied about Jesus? Verses 36-38.
8. After Christ was circumcised where was He taken? Verse 39.
9. What is said of the development of the Christ Child? Verse 40.
10. What was the custom of Mary and Joseph? Verse 41.
11. What took place on one occasion while they were at Jerusalem? Verses 42, 43.
12. On returning from the feast what took place? Verse 44.
13. Where was Jesus finally found? In what was he engaged? Verses 45, 46.
14. What account did Jesus give of Himself when questioned? Verses
15. What is said of His development? Verse 52.

### Lesson for December 10, 1983

#### THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

**Scripture reading: Matthew 3.**

**Memory verse: Matthew 3:15.**

1. Just before our Lord took up His ministry, who came on the scene? Matthew 3:1.
2. What was his message? Verse 2.  
**Note.** — John was six months ahead of Christ in age and ministry and is known as His forerunner. He prepared the people for Christ's reception.
3. By whom was his work prophesied? Verse 3; Isaiah 40:3.
4. How many people were attracted to him? What shows that they accepted his message? Verses 5, 6.
5. What class did John refuse to baptize? Verse 7.
6. On what grounds did he reject them? Verse 8.
7. What would be the experience of those who failed to bear fruit? Verse 10.
8. Who else came to John asking to be baptized? Matthew 3:13.
9. What objection did John raise? Verse 14.
10. How did Jesus emphasize the importance of this rite? Verse 15.
11. After Christ's baptism, what took place? Verse 16.
12. What approval was heard from heaven? Verse 17.

**Lesson for December 17, 1983**  
**THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS**

**Scripture reading: Matthew 4.**

**Memory verse: Matthew 4:23.**

1. By whom was Jesus led to be tempted? Matthew 4:1.
2. After fasting for forty days, what was His experience? Verse 2.
3. What was His first temptation? Verse 3.
4. By what means was Satan defeated? Verse 4.
5. What was the next temptation? Verses 5, 6.
6. By what means was Satan again defeated? Verse 7.
7. What promise was made to Jesus if He would worship Satan? Verse 9.
8. What was Christ's weapon in overcoming this temptation? Verse 10.
9. Failing to overcome Jesus, what did Satan do? What help did Jesus receive? Verse 11.
10. Having gained these victories, what did Jesus do? Luke 4:14.
11. Where was John at this time? Matthew 4:12.
12. Where did Jesus make His residence? Verse 13.
13. What prophecy was fulfilled? Verses 14-16.
14. What message did Jesus continue to preach? Verse 17.

**Lesson for December 24, 1983**  
**THE ADOPTION OF THE GENTILE NATIONS**  
**INTO THE COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL**

**Scripture reading: Romans 11; Ephesians 2.**

**Memory verse: Ephesians 2:12, 13.**

1. What great advantage had the Jews over other nations under heaven? Romans 3:1, 2; 9:4, 5; John 4:22.
2. What does the Bible say about the Gentile nations? Ephesians 2:12.
3. What infallible promise does God give them? Hosea 2:23; Isaiah 62:2.
4. In order for God to implement His promise to the Gentile nations, what wretched condition befell the Jewish nation? Romans 11:7-10.
5. How long was the above condition to prevail? Isaiah 6:11-13.

6. What mysterious results did the falling of the Jewish nation have on the Gentile nations? Romans 11:11, 25, 28, 30-32.
7. What has made it possible for the Gentile nations to be grafted into the commonwealth of Israel? Ephesians 2:11-14.
8. Are they now members of Abraham's family and fellow-heirs? Galatians 3:26-29; Ephesians 3:5, 6; Romans 10:12.
9. What severe warning is given to the grafted in heirs? Romans 11:20-22.
10. What are the Gentile believers dutifully bound to do? 1 Peter 2:5, 9, 10.
11. How unsearchable is this mysterious act of God? Romans 11:33-36.

### **Lesson for December 31, 1983**

#### **PREACHING THE GOSPEL**

**Scripture reading: 1 Thessalonians 1 and 2.**

**Memory verse 2 Corinthians 3:2.**

1. What special message must go out to the world before the second advent of Jesus Christ? Matthew 24:14.
2. Why was the Word of God written and how is it to be preached? 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 4:2.
3. What has Solomon to say on this subject? Ecclesiastes 11:1-4, 6.
4. What conditions must the preacher of the Gospel endure? 2 Timothy 2:3, 4; Hebrews 12:1.
5. What is awaiting those who enduringly and diligently sow the precious Gospel seed? Psalms 126:5, 6; Revelation 21:4.
6. Why was the Thessalonians church commended? 1 Thessalonians 1:5-8.
7. What condition will exalt a nation or church? Proverbs 14:34.
8. What two ways of preaching the Gospel did Paul mention? Philippians 1:15-17.
9. Which way is not advisable? Philippians 2:14, 15.
10. How important is a chaste conversation? 1 Peter 2:11-12; Matthew 12:26.
11. What is a good way of spreading the Gospel? 2 Corinthians 3:1-4.
12. What good example are we given as regards preaching the Gospel? Matthew 5:16.