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

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Lesson for April 18, 1984
THE CANAANITISH WOMAN'S FAITH

Scripture reading: Matthew 15:21-39.

Memory verse: Matthew 15:28.

1. To what place did Jesus go? Matthew 15:21.
2. Who came to Him? With what request did she come? Verse 22.
3. How did Jesus treat her request? What was the attitude of His disciples? Verse 23.
4. What did Jesus say? Verse 24.
5. When the woman heard this, what did she do? Verse 25.
6. What other testing sentence now greeted her ears? Verse 26.
7. In what spirit did she take this? Verse 27.
8. What was the result of her faith? Verse 28.

Note. — Salvation is for all, but Jesus came to the Jews in keeping with the covenant (Daniel 9:24-27). The Jews were proud of the first place they occupied and did not integrate the knowledge of God to the Gentiles, but segregated them. Jesus used this term simply as a test to the woman: she humbled herself and in a logical way won the Saviour's favor and received healing for her daughter. It's a lesson of humility for us all.

9. Where did Jesus now go? Verse 29.
10. What blessing came to the multitude here? Verses 30, 31.

Note. — We note that Jesus did not heal some, but all who believed. How strange it is today that many are not healed. We look to ourselves for this lack, not to Christ.

Lesson for April 14, 1984
A GLORIOUS WORK AND REWARD

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 15:41-58,

Memory verse: 1 Corinthians 15:28.

1. What must we expect to endure as soldiers of Christ Jesus? Luke 21:16, 17.
2. With what should the workers of the Lord be clothed? Ephesians 6:10-18.
3. What is the Lord's field (in which each member of the church is a laborer)?

Matthew 13:38,

4. What are we to use in the work of the Lord? Mark 4:14,
5. Where in this great field are we to do this all important work of the Lord?
Ecclesiastes 11:1, 2; Luke 14:21, 23.
6. Do we not have the example of the Lord and the Apostles in laboring from house to house? Luke 5:29-32; 7:36; 19:1-5; Acts 20:20.
7. When are we to labor? Ecclesiastes 11:6.
8. Do those who work only in pleasant weather have promise of a good harvest?
Ecclesiastes 11:4.
9. Why should we engage in the work without delay? John 9:4.
10. Should each heart be full of tenderness and love for those for whom they labor? Psalm 126:5, 6.
11. What great promise is made to those who turn people to righteousness?
Daniel 12:3.
12. How can we as disciples of Christ prove our discipleship? John 15:8.

Lesson for April 21, 1984

JESUS CONDEMNS THE TRADITIONS OF MEN

Scripture reading: Matthew 15:1 -20.

Memory verse: Matthew 15:9.

1. After the feeding of the multitudes, who came to Jesus? Matthew 15:1.
2. What accusation did they lay against His disciples? Matthew 12:1, 2.
3. What counter charge did Jesus make against them? Verse 3
4. On what reason did Jesus base His charge? How did this affect their obligations to the commands of God? Verses 4-6.
5. By what term did Jesus denounce them? Matthew 15:7.
6. How did Isaiah describe this class? Verse 8.
7. What did Jesus say about this kind of worship? Verse 9.
8. Whose attention did He now invite? Verse 10.
9. What did Jesus say defiles a man? Verse 11.
10. Who did this offend? Verse 12.
11. To what were these Pharisees likened? What did He say would be their end?
Verse 14.

12. What desire did Peter express? Verse 15.
13. What did his question reveal? Verse 16,
14. How did Jesus explain? Verses 17, 18.
15. What defilement proceeds from a man's heart? Verses 19, 20.
16. Though the Pharisees have erred in this matter, what twofold cleansing is recommended by Paul? 2 Corinthians 7:1 (first part).
17. What should be the object of such cleansing? Verse 1 (last part).

Lesson for April 28, 1984

HEART SERVICE

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 6.

Memory verse: Deuteronomy 6:4, 5.

1. Does the Lord require heart service from His people? Deuteronomy 6:4, 5.
2. Do temporal blessings follow those who seek the Lord with their whole heart? Verse 3.
3. If we need His word, and seek first the kingdom of the Lord and His righteousness, will other blessings follow? Matthew 6:33.
4. If we seek Him with all of our hearts, what will abide in us? Isaiah 26:3.
5. What did Jesus say was the first commandment? Matthew 22:37, 38.
6. What things issue forth from the heart? Matthew 12:35.
7. Should we guard our lips and our tongues in order to have our conversation pleasing unto the Lord? Matthew 12:36, 37.
8. Did a certain lawyer who tempted Jesus, really know what the Lord requires of those who serve Him? Luke 10:27.
9. Does the Lord look upon appearances? 1 Samuel 16:7.
10. Is it necessary for those who serve the Lord to receive a new heart? Jeremiah 24:7.
11. What instruction did Jesus give about the heart? Matthew 5:8.
12. Who alone is able to direct our hearts? 2 Thessalonians 3:5.

Lesson for May 5, 1984

THE SUFFERING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Scripture reading: Isaiah 63:1-12.

Memory verse: 1Timothy 1:15.

1. Why did Jesus come into this world? 1Timothy 1:15.
2. What prompted our Heavenly Father to permit His own Son to die for sinful men? 1 John 4:9, 10; Romans 5:8.
3. Did Christ Jesus know beforehand that He would be hated and despised, and finally crucified? Luke 18:31-33.
4. Jesus knew all that would befall Him, and how He would suffer and be crucified. How willing was He to go through all of this agony, shame and suffering? Luke 22:41, 42; Matthew 16: 21-23; 26:37-39.
5. How great was the agony of His soul and what caused Him added grief? Luke 22:44, 47, 48.
6. What act of Peter caused the Saviour additional sufferings? Luke 22:59-61.
7. What reproachful things were done to Him at the high priest's house? Luke 22:63, 64.
8. What cruelty did Pilate inflict upon Him? John 19:1-3.
9. What shameful treatment did He receive from the Roman soldiers? Matthew 27:29, 30, 34, 41, 42.
10. What wonderful prayer did He utter for His tormentors while He hung on the cross? Luke 23:34.
11. Was it necessary for Christ to suffer thus? Hebrews 2:10.
12. In following the example of Christ's suffering, what challenge are we given? Romans 8:31, 32.

Lesson for May 12, 1984

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Scripture reading John 6:22-71.

Memory verse: John 6:54.

1. Where did Jesus go after feeding the five thousand? John 6:24, 25.
2. Why were the multitude seeking Him? John 6:26.
3. What did Jesus tell them about meat? From where did He say this meat would be obtained? John 6:27.
4. Does it appear that the multitude thought they had this bread from heaven?

How did Jesus reply? John 6:31-35.

5. How did the Jews respond to this statement? John 6:42.
6. How did Jesus reply to their murmurings? John 6:48, 50, 51, 53-58.
7. When Jesus introduced the Lord's Supper, what did He say the unleavened bread represented? Luke 22:19; Matthew 26:26. Compare with John 6:51, 53.
Note. — While Jesus and His disciples were eating the Passover, Jesus took bread, blessed it and said: Take, eat, this is my body. This unleavened bread represented His body. The eating of the Passover lamb now was forever in the past. The Passover had become history, Jesus was introducing the Lord's Supper.
8. After partaking of the unleavened bread, what did Jesus do? Luke 22:20; Matthew 26:27.
9. What did Jesus say that the drink which was in the cup, represented? Mark 14:24; Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20. Compare with John 6:53, 54.
10. What did the cup which Jesus gave to His disciples, contain? Mark 14:25; Matthew 26:29.
Note. - The gospels of Mark, Luke and John tell us that the cup which Jesus blessed, contained the fruit of the vine. This was the pure blood of the grapes, which represents the precious Blood of Jesus. Please see Deuteronomy 32:14 (last part).
11. Is it scriptural to refer to the Lord's Supper as communion? 1 Corinthians 10:16.
12. Was Judas present and did he partake of the Lord's Supper? Luke 22:21; John 13:18.
13. What must each soul do before partaking of the Lord's Supper? If we fail, what will be the sad consequences? 1 Corinthians 11:27-30.

Lesson for May 19, 1984

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Scripture reading: John 6:22-71.

Memory verse: John 6:51.

1. After Jesus fed the multitude of five thousand, what effort did they make to

pursue him? John 6:22-24.

2. On finding Him, what did they ask Him? Verse 25.
3. How did He express His disapproval of their attitude? Verses 26, 27.
4. On hearing this, what did they want to know? Verse 26.
5. What did they require of Him that they might believe? Verses 30, 31.
6. How did Jesus explain this? Verses 32, 33.
7. What did they now desire? Verse 34.

Note. - Their demand for a sign was consistent with the instructions given in Isaiah 7:11 and 8:18. Still, the Lord did not grant this, for His entire life's work was attested by signs (Acts 2:22), which were enough.

8. What bread did Jesus introduce to them? Verses 35, 36.
9. In what words did He impress this vital truth on them? Verse 40.
10. Why did they murmur at this saying? Verses 41, 42,

Note. - This is the "Gibraltar" of the Jewish experience. They could not see how He came from heaven, nor how they could believe on Him to be saved. That was a mystery which required a personal revelation.

11. What prophecy did Jesus cite to them? Verse 45: Isaiah 54:13.
12. Whom did He say was capable of seeing the Father? John 6:46.

Note. — This refers to the spiritual vision of those who believe in God. We see Him, in that He dwells in us through the Spirit.

13. What truth did Jesus express to them again? Verses 47- 51.
14. What reaction did he get? Verse 52.
15. How did Jesus re-emphasize this? Verses 53-55.

16. How is the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood interpreted? Verse 56; John 17:23; 1 John 3:24.

Note. — We eat of Jesus in the spiritual sense when we believe on Him as our Saviour. It is then that He is to us the "bread of life". He wants us to have abundant life, like they had in the days of the early Church. Head knowledge belief will not accomplish this.

17. How did His teaching affect some of His disciples? John 6:59, 60.
18. When Jesus knew this, what did He say? Verse 61-64.
19. What was the effect of this on some of His disciples? Verse 66.
20. What question did Jesus ask the twelve? Verse 67.

21. What was Peter's answer? Verse 68, 59.

Lesson for May 26, 1984

JOHN THE BAPTIST BEHEADED

Scripture reading: Matthew 14:1-21,

Memory verse: Matthew 14:5.

1. What conclusion did Herod draw when he heard of the fame of Jesus?
Matthew 14:1, 2.
2. Why was he apprehensive of John's resurrection? Verses 3, 4.
3. Why did he and Herodias not want to put him to death? Verse 5; Mark 6:19, 20.

Note. — When the Spirit of God takes hold of His messengers, they are fearless in rebuking sin, no matter what the consequences may be.

4. What did Herodias's daughter do on Herod's birthday celebration? Mark 6:21, 22; Matthew 14:6.
5. What solemn promise was made to her because of this? Matthew 14:7; Mark 6:23.
6. Upon whose instruction did she ask for John's head? Matthew 14:8; Mark 6:24.
7. How did this request effect the king? Matthew 14:9.
8. To whom did Herodias's daughter take John's head? Verses 10, 11.
9. Why was this tragedy allowed? John 3:28, 30.

Note. --- This prophecy of verse 30 was very comprehensive. John himself might have realized that it would be fulfilled in his death. If his work was not finished, no power on earth could have put an end to his activities.

10. When Jesus heard about John's death, what did He do? Matthew 14:13 (first part).

Lesson for June 2, 1984

SAUL'S DISOBEDIENCE AND REJECTION

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 15:1-23.

Memory verse: 1 Samuel 15:23.

1. What was Saul's first blunder after he was made King? 1 Samuel 13:5-9.

2. After the sacrifice was offered, who appeared? Verse 10.
3. What was Samuel's question to Saul? What was Saul's reply? Verses 11, 12.
4. What pronouncement did Samuel make? Verse 13.
5. What kind of man would succeed Saul as king? Verse 14.

Note. — This first “wrong step” influenced forever the future of Saul (although he was given time to prove himself and what his future developments would be). Just one willful disobedience is enough to seal our doom, for it sears our conscience and makes the next sinful act easier.

6. After some time, what command did Samuel give to Saul? 1 Samuel 15:1-3.
7. How much of this command did Saul obey? Verses 7-9.
8. What revelation came to Saul when they met? Verses 10, 11.
9. What was Saul's statement to Samuel when they met? Verses 12, 13.
10. What was it that revealed the falsehood in Saul's statement? What was his excuse? Verses 14, 15, 24.
11. To what are sin, rebellion and stubbornness compared? Verse 23.
12. Did Samuel visit Saul anymore after Saul deliberately sinned? Verses 34, 35.

Lesson for June 9, 1984

CHEERFUL AND LIBERAL SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 9:1-14.

Memory verse: Leviticus 27:30

1. What great gift did God make to the world? John 3:16.
2. What is the great commandment? Matthew 22:37.
3. How can we show our love toward God? 1 John 5:2;
4. In which way will giving effect us? Proverbs 11:24, 25.
5. What command did the Lord give us? Proverbs 3:9.
6. When this command is observed, will it effect our temporal possessions?
Proverbs 3:10.
7. How may those who have abundance here, lay hold on eternal life? 1 Timothy 6:17-19.
8. Does God watch our giving and hear our prayers? Acts 10:4.
9. What system of giving for the ministry is set forth in the Old Testament?
Numbers 18:21; Leviticus 27:30.

10. Is there a similar provision also spoken of in the New Testament? 1 Corinthians 9:12-14.
11. Was this same system in force at the time of Abraham? Genesis 14:18-20; 28:20-22.
12. How did Jesus speak of giving? Acts 20:35.

Note: — It has been proved beyond any question of doubt, that God is still blessing those who are putting their tithes and offerings into the storehouse. We must give a portion of our substance in the same manner as Jesus gave His life. Our tithes and offerings represent a part of our love; and if it is withheld, the Lord will withhold from us His blessings, both spiritual and temporal.

Lesson for June 16, 1984

DAVID ANOINTED KING

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 16.

Memory verse: 1 Samuel 16:13.

1. What question did the Lord ask Samuel when he mourned for Saul? 1 Samuel 16:1.

Note. — Every true servant in all ages has compassion. It is a wicked heart that rejoices over the one who falls away. Paul says: Those who are spiritual should restore the fallen. This Samuel would do if he could, but Saul's sin was willful and he was beyond restoration.

2. How did Samuel feel about anointing another? How was he advised to disarm Saul's suspicion? Verses 2, 3.
3. On coming to Bethlehem, how was he regarded? What did he do to Jesse's sons? Verses 4, 5.
4. What was his first impression of Eliab? Verses 6, 7.

Note. --- Man-made plans and guess work are sapping the vitality of the church today. The Almighty has an overall plan for man. He wants us to fit into His plan, not try to fit Him into ours.

5. How many of the sons of Jesse were made to pass before Samuel? Verses 10, 12.
6. Did the Spirit alight on the youngest son of Jesse after he was anointed, by

Samuel? Verse 13.

7. What is said of king Saul's spiritual condition from then on? Verse 14.
8. How did David behave before the people? 1 Samuel 18:14, 16.

Note. — In spite of all the hatred in Saul's heart and his purpose to kill David becoming stronger, David still continued his exploits. In the name of the Lord he killed Goliath and led his men against the Philistines, and remained a true servant to God and the king.

9. When Saul made his last attempt to kill David, what strange incident occurred?
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-12.
10. What sorrowful lamentation did David make over Saul and Jonathan? 2 Samuel 1:23-27.

Lesson for June 23, 1984

THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES

Scripture reading: Matthew 16:1-20.

Memory verse: Matthew 16:7.

1. Which two classes came to Jesus? What was their purpose in asking for a sign? Matthew 16:1.
2. What was the answer Jesus gave? What may we learn from the way He answered? Verses 2, 3.
3. In what words did Jesus expose the condition of their hearts? What was the only sign they could expect? Verse 4.

Note, — "Tempting" here means "proving". The signs and wonders He did, did not appeal to their carnal mind. They wanted something spectacular, something to exhibit the natural man. Jesus could not satisfy them in this, but pointed them to the sign of Jonah. Matthew 12:40.

4. What did the disciples discover at this time? Verse 5.
5. What warning did the Lord give them? Verse 6.
6. How did the disciples interpret this warning? Verse 7.
7. In upbraiding them for their lack of faith, of what did He remind them? Verses 8-11.
8. After Jesus spoke, what did the disciples then realize? Verse 12.
9. What potent question did Jesus ask His disciples at Philippi? Verse 13.

10. How many replies did He get? What were they? Verse 14.
11. What direct answer did He demand of them? Verse 15.
12. What affirmation did Peter give? Verse 16.
13. What shows how Jesus regarded this answer? Who was the author of this revelation? Verse 17.
14. On the basis of this confession, what did Jesus say to Peter? What guarantee did He give Him? Verse 18.
15. What was promised to Peter? How effective would be the use of these keys? Verse 18.

Lesson for June 30, 1984

FINAL EVENTS, AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Scripture reading: Luke 21:24-38.

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, known as the Gentile times, what is said of the conditions all over the world? Verse 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 becoming heaps and rubble.
3. What is said of this time in respect to men's hearts being filled with fear? Verse 26.
4. What great event is next in order? Verse 27.
5. What simple comparison did Jesus use? Verses 29-31.
6. Which warning characteristic of this time is given? Verse 34.
7. What must we do in order to escape this pending destruction? Verse 36.
8. What solemn responsibility rests upon those who understand? Ezekiel 33:6, 7.
9. What about increase of knowledge before the end? Daniel 12:4.
10. What work is assigned to the wise? Verse 3.
11. Will this special class of the wise understand the prophecy concerning the time of the end, and will many, both Jews 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 had been made white, would be tried. It is quite evident that we are now approaching that testing time of trial when only the presence of the powerful Holy Spirit, through prayer, will assure the victory.

12. In spite of all of these trials and testings, do we have the promise that the Lord will never leave us nor forsake us? Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5, 6.