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

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Lesson for July 7, 1984
SOUND DOCTRINE A NECESSITY

Scripture reading: 2 Timothy 3:1-17.

Memory verse: 2 Timothy 3:15.

1. By what were the Holy Scriptures given? For what purpose were they given? 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.
2. What kind of doctrine must we refuse? Ephesians 4:14; 1 Timothy 4:1-7.
3. In this age of deception, what must we do? 1 Thessalonians 5:21.
4. With what must we test all faith and beliefs? Isaiah 8:20.
5. Will people always be governed by the Holy Bible? 2 Timothy 4:3-5.
6. Will there be false teachers among God's people in the last days who, seemingly, will teach the Scriptures but at the same time deny the Lord who brought them? 2 Peter 2:1-3.
7. If we refuse the truth of God's Holy Word, what results will follow? 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.
8. To what are those who teach false doctrine likened? 2 Peter 2:17-19.
9. By what criterion should our teaching be established? 1 Timothy 6:3-5.
10. What double assurance and promise do we have? John 8:32.
11. If we do not abide in the doctrines which Jesus taught, where do we stand? 2 John 9.
12. How does Titus say we might be able to convince or silence the gainsayers when they teach commandments of men Jewish fables? Titus 1:9-14.

Lesson for July 14, 1984
A CHOSEN SEED

Scripture reading: Isaiah 60.

Memory verse: Isaiah 60:21.

1. What promise was given to Mother Eve? Genesis 3:15.
2. What promise was made to the seed of Abraham, and why? Genesis 22:17, 18; 26:4, 5.
3. How far was the blessing of Abraham to reach? Were others also to be blessed through his seed? Genesis 12:2 (last part).
4. What does God say further about this family? Isaiah 61:3.

5. Did the Heavenly Father expect the blessing to spring forth and grow? Isaiah 61:11.
6. Was Israel always faithful to the trust given it? Jeremiah 2:21, 22.
7. Did God still call His chosen seed to return to Him, spiritually, and repent? Jeremiah 4:1-4.
8. Did they repent? What was the outcome? Jeremiah 5:11-15; Ezekiel 22:19-22.
Note. — This prophecy was fulfilled after the first regathering of Israel, and the building of the second Temple. It was this destruction our Saviour announced. The Roman general, Titus, in the year 70 A.D., besieged Jerusalem; according to history.
9. Did God still have a purpose in preserving the seed of Israel? Isaiah 49:8; 48:10-13,
10. What other promise shows that He is leading Israel, His chosen seed? Isaiah 59:20, 21; Jeremiah 31:35, 37.
11. Did the Lord promise to regather Israel to the land of promise the second time? Isaiah 11:11-13.
12. According to the apostle Paul, how were the Gentiles to be blessed through this righteous family? Acts 3:22-25.
13. When the nations come against Jerusalem in the future, who will be dwelling in the Promised Land? Will it be the literal seed of Israel, or Gentiles? Ezekiel 38:16.

Lesson for July 21, 1984

SALVATION

Scripture reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-26.

Memory verse: 2 Timothy 2:15.

1. Is the sinner limited to only one means of escape from sin and its penalty? Acts 4:12.
2. How can Christ Jesus be man's salvation from sin? Philippians 2:6-9.
3. What marvelous offer does the Father make to every human being? Romans 3:24; 5:16.

Note. -- Man cannot buy salvation, neither can he earn it, for it is heaven's free gift. By spending time before the throne of heaven with heart and mind fixed on

holy things above, earnestly desiring them, and seeking and asking for them, they are sure to be acquired. Luke 11:11-13.

4. How can we acquire the necessary faith to believe in these things and to seek them? Romans 10:17.
5. As we sincerely read and study the written Word, that came to us through inspiration of the holy prophets, what will take place? Isaiah 30:21; Romans 10:8.
6. What is the next step? Acts 3:19; 2 Corinthians 7:10.
7. To whom must we confess our sins? Psalms 32:5; 1 John 1:9.
8. How may we know that a person once in sin, has repented converted to the new and living way? Matthew 3:8; Romans 8:13.
9. Will we have peace of mind, and will our conscience be free from guilt, after the proper steps are taken? Romans 8:1.
10. Will the person who is born again be living for himself only, or for others? Will he become a profitable servant to the Master, by helping to send forth the message of salvation? John 15:1, 2; Matthew 25:29, 30.

Lesson for July 28, 1984

BLESSINGS AND CURSINGS

Scripture reading: James 3:1-18.

Memory verse: James 3:10.

1. Should we always be ready to bless even those who do us harm? Romans 12:14.
2. What does the Bible say about those who do not err in words? James 3:1, 2; Psalms 50:23.
3. Can we humans tame the tongue? James 3:8.
4. Can anyone tame the tongue? Colossians 4:6.
5. Should blessings and cursings proceed from the same mouth? James 3:9-12.
6. Should we rejoice over the calamity of the wicked? Proverbs 24:17.
7. What should we do when others revile us? Matthew 5:44, 45.

Note. — Truly it is very difficult for humans to be good unto those who hate us and to those who spread all kinds of falsehoods trying to turn others against us, It is still harder to love them. We cannot do it in our own power. It is

contrary to of man. He must acquire a change of heart from above. Only with help from the Holy Spirit, by the grace of with good. Romans 12:21.

8. Did Jesus commend or rebuke the disciples for wanting to bring judgment on some who opposed them? Luke 9 51-56
9. What is said about envy and strife? Does such a spirit come from above? James 3; 14-16.
Note. — Strife, or even a little argument, over some point to the Bible, will drive the Spirit away, and bring to all present coolness and morbid feelings of unhappiness. It is good to reason together in a loving spirit of investigation. Seek to give to others the knowledge that you have, but in a kind and loving way, so they will accept it.
10. On whom do the blessings of heaven rest? James 3:18.
11. What very important commandment is given concerning our speech, and knowledge? 1 Corinthians 1:5.
12. If everyone in the church would have their utterances so enriched, what would be the result? Verse 7.

Lesson for August 4, 1984

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture reading: Ephesians 6:1-24.

Memory verse: Exodus 20:12.

1. Must children be obedient in order to be pleasing to the Lord? Colossians 3:20; 1 Timothy 5:4.
2. Are children to continue to hearken to their parents even when they are well up in years? Proverbs 23:22.
3. Was Jesus an example in obeying his mother and Joseph? Are we to follow this example? Luke 2:51; 1 Corinthians 11:1.
4. What wonderful blessing will God shower upon those who - honor and obey their parents? Ephesians 6:1-3.
5. What awful curse has God pronounced upon disobedient children? Exodus 21:17; Proverbs 30:17; Matthew 15:5, 6.
6. What will one of the prominent sins of the last days be? 2 Timothy 3:2.
7. How are children to regard the aged? Leviticus 19:32.

8. What did Abraham teach his children? Genesis 18:18, 19.
9. If we wish to lay claim to the promise, as heirs of Abraham, what must we do? John 8:39.
10. How diligently should parents teach their children? Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4.
11. What good fruits will proper child training produce? Proverbs 29:17, 15.
12. Is there danger in delaying correction too long? Proverbs 19:18; 13:24.

Note. — Every Christian family should have a family altar, it is the parents' duty to see that every child of the family is present. As soon as a child is old enough to read and to pray it should be given a definite part in the family worship.

Lesson for August 11, 1984

IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Scripture reading: Matthew 7:7-20.

Memory verse: Philippians 4:6.

1. What is the promise to those who ask and seek for things they need? Matthew 7:8.
2. How does the Lord illustrate the willingness of heaven to grant favors to those who ask? Matthew 7:11.
3. Why is it necessary to ask our Heavenly Father for all these things? James 1:17.
4. How should we pray? 1 Corinthians 14:15.
5. What must necessarily accompany one's petition in order to please our Heavenly Father? Hebrews 11:6.
6. How strong must this faith be? Mark 11:24.
7. What should one do when healed of an affliction? James 5:13, 14-16.
8. Is it profitable and necessary, at certain times, to hide away all alone to pray? Matthew 6:6,
9. Did the apostolic believers have gatherings for prayer? Acts 12:12.
10. How often did the apostles exhort the church to pray? Ephesians 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
11. Why is prayer so very important? John 15:7.
12. When we find ourselves in the presence of those who oppose or ridicule

prayer, even if we should be forbidden to we give up our customary devotions?

Daniel 6:10.

Note. - Prayer is a way to communicate with heaven and to draw to our Heavenly Father. A minister once said: "I have no fear for the boy or girl, man or woman, who earnestly prays three times a day."

Lesson for August 11, 1984

PROPHECIES OF DANIEL

Scripture reading: Daniel 9.

Memory verse: Daniel 9:22

1. After the Temple of Solomon was destroyed, Israel was taken captive into Babylon, but how long were they to remain there? Jeremiah 25: 10, 11.
2. After they were gathered back from this dispersion, what was to happen to Babylon? Verse 12, 13.

Note. — It is a known fact, according to the scriptures as well as history, that the Jews were regathered to Jerusalem and another Temple was erected where Solomon's Temple stood.

3. As Daniel was praying for the restoration of Israel, who visited him? Daniel 9:20, 21.
4. For what purpose did Gabriel visit Daniel? Verse 22, 23.
5. What was the length of time then given to the people of Israel to make an atonement for sins and to make reconciliation for iniquity? Verse 24.
6. In regard to the punishment of Israel, what period of time did one day represent? Ezekiel 4:5, 6.

Note. — As there was appointed unto Israel each day for a year, during these periods of punishment, it is logical and scriptural to apply the same rule to the periods of punishment that were to follow. Therefore this 70 week period would be 7 times 70 or 490 years, as there are seven days in a week.

7. Gabriel gave Daniel the assurance that a commandment was to go forth to rebuild Jerusalem sometime. After it went forth how long was it to be until the Messiah? Daniel 9:25 (first part).
8. Was Jerusalem to be rebuilt during a time of peace or trouble? Verse 25 (last part).

9. What was to happen to the Messiah after the sixty two weeks plus this first seven weeks, making 69 weeks? Verse 26 (first part).
10. Who was to follow' after the Messiah? What was he to do? Verse 26 (last part).
Note. — This was Titus the commander of the Roman armies that besieged Jerusalem the year 70 A.D., totally destroying the city and the 2nd Temple.
11. What was to happen in the middle of this last and 70th week? Verse 27 (first part).
Note. — This was the cutting off, or the crucifixion of the Messiah, which event brought to an official end the purpose and the need of the law of pardon by the blood of the “Sacrificial Lamb”, and brought on a new dispensation of Grace.
12. What was to happen after the crucifixion in connection with the abomination of desolation? Verse 27 (last part). How long was the desolation to last?

Lesson for August 25, 1984

PROPHECIES CONCERNING JERUSALEM

Scripture reading: Ezra 7:8-28.

Memory verse: Ezra 7:27.

1. When the angel Gabriel visited Daniel in Babylon what was his chief purpose and message? Daniel 9:24 (and the first part of verse 25).
2. What other very important event concerning the Messiah did the angel Gabriel make known? Verse 26 (first part).
3. Did the commandment go forth to rebuild the house of God? Ezra 7:13.
4. Where do we find a copy of the king’s letter concerning this matter? Verse 11.
5. Was there any appropriation of silver and gold given to Ezra, the high priest of the Jews? Verses 15, 16.
6. Were the Jews allowed to buy, and take with them to Jerusalem, many provisions? Verses 17, 18.
7. Were they also permitted to take vessels along with them for the house of God? Verse 19.
8. Were there any vessels of importance carried away from the first House of God, which was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon? 2 Chronicles 36:18; Daniel 5:1-5.
9. What decree did Artaxerxes make concerning providing money for this great

work? Ezra 7-21.

Note. — While it is true that other decrees had been made concerning the rebuilding of the Temple and also that Jews had before this began retiming to Jerusalem, they were, more or less, poverty stricken, and powerless to really rebuild the city and the Temple without money. Artaxerxes's decree, therefore, marks the real time for the starting of this prophecy of the 70 weeks or 490 years, as outlined in the previous lesson.

10. According to the date at the top of your Bible, what year did this decree of Artaxerxes's go forth? (Many Bibles have these marginal dates and all give the date of 457 B.C.).
11. How long after this decree was reconciliation made for iniquity? Daniel 9:24; Matthew 26:6-13.

Note. — From the date at the top of the page in your Bible you will see that the crucifixion date is given as 33 A.D. Adding to this number of years B.C. 457 (Ezra 7) when the commandment went forth and money was appropriated for the rebuilding of the Temple, it makes exactly 490 days or 70 weeks. There are some minor details relative to the last week, in which the crucifixion took place, which we will not attempt to solve here. The main outline of the prophecy was wonderfully fulfilled — The Messiah came, He was cut off, reconciliation was made for sin, the Holy One, the Messiah, was anointed, the prince that followed after (Titus the Roman) destroyed the city, and desolations came upon the Holy Land. The announcements made by Gabriel to Daniel have come to pass exactly, and now we are in the days of the second restoration of Israel to their Promised Land, which gives us the setting for the prophesied coming of the Messiah as King.

Lesson for September 1, 1984

THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING

Scripture reading: Luke 21:24-36.

Memory verse: Luke 21:36.

1. Is it possible for man to know the exact time of the second coming of Christ?
Matthew 24:36.
2. Will the people of the world have any warning of this great event? Luke 21:25.

3. What will be the condition of the world just before the Lord's return? Luke 21:25, 26.
4. When these signs began to pass what will be seen by men, and how will the people of God react? Luke 21: 27, 28.
5. What is said about the condition of Jerusalem during the period when the gospel is going out to all nations? Verse 24.
6. What will it signify when Jerusalem ceases to be trodden down by the Gentiles? Verse 24.
7. What other conditions today (besides the Jews returning to the Promised Land) show us that the end is very near? Verse 25.
8. How does the apostle John speak of the world situation just before the end? Revelation 11:18.
9. What signs are to be observed in the force of nature? Matthew 24:7.
Note. — In America alone a major crime is committed every twenty seconds. Never before were there such perilous times. Scientists are now frightened and are prophesying destruction by atomic warfare.
10. What about conditions in the religious and social world just before His return? 2 Timothy 3:1-5.
11. What did the angel tell Daniel about our advanced age of knowledge? Daniel 12:4.
12. What about conditions in the industrial world at the end of the age? James 5:1-8.
13. What will the wise be doing at this time? What will be their reward? Daniel 12:3.

Lesson for September 8, 1984

JUDGEMENT

Scripture reading: 2 Peter 3:1-18.

Memory verse: 2 Peter 3:18.

1. Is there a set time for judgment? Acts 17:31.
2. What two cities are set forth as an example of judgment? 2 Peter 2:6.
3. Will the final judgment mean complete destruction for the wicked? Malachi 4:1-3.

4. What about the wicked dead? John 5:28, 29.
5. What will be the fate of all sinners? Revelation 20:15; 21:8.
6. Is it of profit to us to know about the pending judgment? 2 Peter 3:17.
7. What special position will the twelve apostles occupy during this judgment period? Matthew 19:28.
8. Will others, besides the twelve apostles, occupy positions of authority and judgment? Revelation 20:4-6; 2:26, 27.
9. Who will be king? How long will He reign? 1 Corinthians 15:22-26.
10. What must we do to be counted as one of His sheep and escape eternal fire? Matthew 25:31-41.

Lesson for September 15, 1984
PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE FUTURE
OF JERUSALEM

Scripture reading: Isaiah 62.

Memory verse: Isaiah 62:6, 7.

1. Is there to be a preparation work at Jerusalem before the Lord returns in glory? Isaiah 62:10.
2. What will be a special message to the remnant people, "The daughter of Zion", at this time? Verse 11.
3. What is especially said of the people who take a prominent part in this preparatory work? Verse 12.
4. What does the Bible say about the voice which is to be lifted up at Jerusalem and Israel before the return of the Lord? Isaiah 52:8-10.
5. What did the prophet Micah say would take place at Jerusalem in the last days? Micah 4:1, 2.

Note. — The phrase "The last days" never refers to the period of time after the return of the Lord, but always to the period before. Hence, each of these prophets is telling of conditions to precede the return of our Saviour.

6. What did the Psalmist David say about Zion? Psalms 2:6-9; 110:2, 3.
7. King David's throne was in Jerusalem. From where will Christ, our coming King, rule the world? Isaiah 9:7; Micah 4:7.
8. What is said about the sun and the moon when Jerusalem becomes the capital

of the world? Isaiah 24:23.

9. What is further said about Jerusalem? Isaiah 33:20-22.

10. How long will our Lord reign at Jerusalem? What will His work be? 1 Corinthians 15:22-26.

Lesson for September 1984

FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

Scripture reading: Romans 4.

Memory verse: Hebrews 11:6.

1. What did Jesus say concerning faith? Mark 9:23.
2. What did Paul say about the Israelites who died in the wilderness? Hebrews 3:16, 17.
3. Why could they not enter into the Promised Land? Hebrews 3:19.
4. In what manner did the Israelites express their unbelief? Ezekiel 20:15, 16.
5. In light of their experience, how are we admonished? Hebrews 4:1, 2.
6. What always follows true faith? James 2:18.
7. Why were we given examples in the Bible of men failing? Why should we consider them very carefully? 1 Corinthians 10:11.
8. What did God especially command Saul to do? 1 Samuel 15:1-3.
9. Was king Saul obedient? 1 Samuel 15:7-9.
10. How did Saul greet Samuel? What was their conversation? 1 Samuel 15:13-21.
11. How did Samuel sum this up? 1 Samuel 15:22, 23.
12. What was the cause of Saul's death? 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14.
13. Does Paul exhort Christians to take heed to the Word of the Lord? Hebrews 2:1-3.
14. What did Paul say about the wrath of the Lord abiding upon the disobedient? Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6.

Lesson for 29, 1984

PAUL'S FINAL MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

Scripture reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8.

Memory verse: 1 Timothy 5:7.

1. Before whom did Paul give his final charge? At what time did he say the living and the dead would be judged? 2 Timothy 4:1.
2. What did he admonish the brethren to preach? Was doctrine to be taught? Verse 2.
3. What did he say would be the attitude of the people towards sound doctrine? Verse 3.
4. How did he say the people in the last days would (in general) regard truth. To what will they turn? Verse 4.
5. How did he instruct Timothy? Verse 5.
6. Was Paul reconciled to his fate and ready to lay down his life for the wonderful truth which he so sincerely taught? Verse 6.
7. Was he thoroughly satisfied with the battle of his life which he had so incessantly fought, and did he know for sure that he had won the victory? Verse 7.
8. What was Paul's great comfort and hope? To what did he look? Verse 8.
9. Who was it that stood by Paul and gave him strength to fight the battle of life? Verse 17.
10. Was Paul more | concerned about deliverance from afflictions or from evil work? Verse 18.
11. In Paul's last admonition to Titus, what did he say about denying ungodliness and worldly lust? Titus 2:12.
12. To what should we constantly look with joy and anticipation? Titus 2:13.