it time then for the King to come and reign? Revelation 14:14-16.

8. What does Revelation 15:1 also tell us about these last plagues?

NOTE: The message identifying the beast, and giving this warning, is "meat in due season". It is this message that is due in the world at this special time.

Lesson for September 9, 2017.

THE HIGHER CREATION

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:14.

- 1. What creation of beings is there similar to man, and what is our condition compared to them? Psalms 8:3-5.
- 2. What was their purpose and office in creation? Psalms 34:7; Hebrews 1:13,14.
- 3. Does the Creator consider man of the same family as the angels? Ephesians 3:14,15; Revelation 22:8,9.
- 4. Does this family have the same name, and what is the name? 1 Corinthians 15:9; 1 Thessalonians 2:14.
- 5. What is said of the angels of heaven regarding the commandments? Psalms 103:20.
- 6. In what way are these heavenly messengers summoned to our assistance? Matthew 26:53.
 - 7. When Peter was bound with two

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- 7. What mind should be in us? Philippians 2:4,5.
- 8. What is the underlying principle that actuates a true missionary worker? 2 Corinthians 5:14,15.
- 9. Will any amount of labor, suffering or sacrifice profit us anything without this love? 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.
- 10. May we expect any better treatment from the world than our Saviour received? John 15:18-20.
- 11. Is suffering for Christ's sake a part of the Christian's earthly heritage? Philippians 1:29.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Psalms 122:6

13. What about giving to the needy, and giving to further the gospel? Luke 6:36-38.

Lesson for July 22, 2017.

ADMONITIONS FOR BELIEVERS

Scripture Reading: John 12. Memory Verse: John 12:35.

- 1. Did the disciples understand most of those things told them by the Saviour? John 12:24-31.
- 2. What must we watch for in these last days? 1 Peter 5:8.
- 3. Why did Paul say he was jealous over his followers? 2 Corinthians 11:1-3.
 - 4. What caused Ananias to sin? Acts 5:3.
- 5. Should we closely associate with the wicked? Proverbs 23:6, 7.
- 6. Why do we need God's help in our warfare against sin? 2 Corinthians 10:4,5.
- 7. Do we need help for another reason? Ephesians 6:12.
- 8. From whom can the gospel be hidden? 2 Corinthians 4:3,4.
- 9. Who are the seed cast by the wayside? Matthew 13:19.
- 10. What must all Believers pass through? Ephesians 2:2,3.
- 11. Why are we able to overcome the prince of this world? 1 John 4:4.
 - 12. Why are we told to confirm our love

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to the Saviour? 2 Corinthians 2:8-11.

- 13. What must the Believer constantly watch for? Psalms 19:13.14.
- 14. What must we do to have the Saviour come to us? Revelation 3:20.
 - 15. What is another step to take? James 4:6-8.
- 16. What was the first message preached by the Saviour? Matthew 4:17; Matthew 10:32.
- 17. Who cannot be a disciple? Luke 14:26,27,33.

Lesson for July 29, 2017.

WHOM SHALL WE OBEY

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:12-27.

Memory Verse: Acts 5:29.

- 1. What proposition was put to Israel at Mount Sinai? Exodus 19:3-6.
- 2. What would follow Israel if they obeyed these commandments? Deuteronomy 11:26, 27.
- 3. Despite these wonderful promises, how did Israel regard the covenant? Jeremiah 31:31,32.
- 4. What lesson may we learn from the attitude of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in time of a test? Daniel 3:8-26.

NOTE: Let us understand that there was no assurance of deliverance, but they were satisfied to die in obeying the Lord.

5. What is said concerning the

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Lesson for July 1, 2017.

THE TEN VIRGINS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13. Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13.

- 1. To what did the Saviour liken the Kingdom of Heaven? Matthew 25:1.
- 2. What characteristic did the ten virgins have in common? Matthew 25:1 (last part).
- 3. How did the foolish ones demonstrate their folly? Matthew 5:3.
- 4. How did the wise ones display their wisdom? Matthew 25:4.

NOTE: We note that all ten were virgins. This suggests purity of character. They represent the Church waiting for the Messiah. All ten virgins also had oil burning lamps.

- 5. Spiritually speaking, what does the lamp represent? Psalm 119:105.
- 6. Since the Word is the lamp, what does the oil symbolically represent? Revelation 3:18 (last part).
- 7. What anoints in this dispensation? Acts 10:38; 1 John 2:27.

NOTE: From this we see that the oil is the Spirit. These virgins were all anointed by the Spirit, but five did not have enough of the anointing. We read that the Apostles were filled (or anointed) and refilled with the Spirit and that is how the extra oil is maintained. Those who receive the Spirit and

Lesson for September 2, 2017.

CALLED FOR A SPECIAL WORK FOR A SPECIAL TIME

Scripture Reading: Revelation 16th chapter. Memory Verse: Revelation 16: 1.

- 1. Upon whom is the first one of the seven last plagues poured? Revelation 14: 9, 18: 4.
- 2. What two signs are given of this special time of preparation? Nahum 2: 3.
- 3. There have been three world wide messages sent forth since the beginning of the gospel age. What and when was the first message? Revelation 14: 6.

NOTE: This was the message sent forth in the days of the apostles, to a world of idolatrous people to destroy their idols and worship Him that made the heavens and the earth. It was also the hour of judgment upon the Jewish nation (Luke 21: 24), and upon the prince of this world.

- 4. What is said about the time of judgment that was a part of the first world wide message? 1 Peter 4:17; John 16: 7-11; 12: 31.
- 5. What was the nature of the second angel's message? Revelation 14: 8.
- 6. What is the nature of the Third Angel's Message, and against whom is it specially directed? Revelation 14:9,10.
- 7. What is the next event that follows this message? Is there still another to be given, or is

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Lesson for September 30, 2017.

THE OBJECT AND PURPOSE OF LIFE

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-20.

Memory Verse: John 15:8.

- 1. What actuated the Father to give His son— and did Jesus voluntarily give Himself? 1 John 4:10,16; John 10:10,11,15, 17.
- 2. Did Christ have to give up comforts and riches in order to carry out His work? 2 Corinthians 8:9; Luke 9:58.
- 3. Did the world appreciate Christ and His work, even though He made so great a sacrifice? John 1:11.
- 4. Can there be greater love manifest than that which Christ demonstrated for us? John 15:13; Romans 5:7, 8.
- 5. What reward encouraged our Lord to endure the cross? Hebrews 12:12; Isaiah 53:11,12.
- 6. To whom did Jesus commit His work? Mark 13:34.

NOTE: His disciples were his followers, and so it is today. We are to follow in His steps, and make full proof of our stewardship. By Divine Power we can be conquerors of ourselves, and overcome this world, leading consecrated lives that others will follow. We will find joy in giving of our means and our time in the same work for which He lived and died.

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9. How did Jesus turn the conversation to meet her spiritual needs? John 4:10-14.

NOTE: This is an excellent example for us to follow. On all occasions we should turn our conversation to the spiritual help and eternal needs of those whom we meet.

10. How did Jesus prove to this woman that He was different from the ordinary person? John 4:16-18.

NOTE: Although we are not able to tell people about their own lives as Christ was, we can tell them about conditions in the world. Conditions that miraculously fulfil the words of the ancient prophets.

- 11. What did Jesus say to this woman about salvation? How did He define acceptable worship? John 4:22-24.
- 12. What did the woman say about the Messiah? What announcement did Jesus make? John 4:25,26.
- 13. When Christ's disciple, who had gone for food, returned to the scene and offered Him food, what was His answer? John 4:31-34.
- 14. What did the woman do and what was the result of the Saviour's personal witnessing? Is this an example for us? John 4:25-30; 35-42.

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about this family? Isaiah 61:3.

- 5. Did the Father expect the blessing to spring forth and grow? Isaiah 61:11.
- 6. Was Israel always faithful to the trust given them? Jeremiah 2:21, 22.
- 7. Did He still call for His chosen seed to return to Him spiritually and repent? Jeremiah 4:1-4.
- 8. Did they repent and what was the outcome? Jeremiah 5:11-15; Ezekiel 22:19-22.

NOTE: This prophecy was tragically fulfilled after the first regathering of Israel, and the building of the second Temple. It was this destruction our Saviour also announced. The Roman general Titus in the year 70 A.D. besieged Jerusalem.

- 9. Did He still have a purpose in preserving the seed of Israel? Isaiah 49:8: 48:10-12.
- 10. What other promise shows that He is leading Israel, His chosen seed? Isaiah 59:20,21; and 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. What did Peter say? According to the Apostle Peter, how were Gentiles to be blessed through this righteous family? Acts 3:22-25.
- 13. When the nations come against Jerusalem, who will be dwelling here? Ezekiel 38:16.

obedience of the Lord Jesus in Hebrews 5:7-10?

- 6. Who else should we obey besides the Lord, and what is the promise of God for this obedience? Proverbs 23:22; Ephesians 6:1-3.
- 7. Who should we obey in the church? Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13.
- 8. How much honor are they entitled to, and should we believe every accusation? 1 Timothy 5:17-19.
- 9. Whom should we obey outside the church? Titus 3:1.
- 10. What should be our attitude towards the ruling power? 1 Timothy 2:1-3; 1 Peter 2:12-19.
- 11. What well known statement did Samuel make to King Saul regarding obedience? 1 Samuel 15:22.
- 12. Why was Saul rejected by God as king? Verse 23.
- 13. Does the word of the Lord teach that the disobedient will be punished even in this life? How is our reward determined? Romans 2:6-11.
- 14. What are we admonished to do in Hebrews 2:1-3?

Lesson for August 5, 2017.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Scripture Reading: Matthew, chapter 7. Memory Verse: Matthew 7:21.

1. What evil practice did the Saviour

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then do not continue to "walk in the Spirit" will be among the foolish virgins, for their lamps will go out.

- 8. What took place while the Bridegroom tarried? Matthew 25:5.
- 9. What was heard at midnight? Matthew 25:6.
 - 10. What did they arise to do? Matthew 25:7.
- 11. What did the foolish ones ask for? Matthew 25:8.
- 12. What answer and advice did they get? Matthew 25:9.

NOTE: It is not possible to borrow faith and spiritual strength from someone else. You must get it from it's source. This parable especially stresses the importance of being prepared at all times and the danger of being lax in our spiritual walk. (See Matthew 25:10-13.)

Lesson for July 8, 2017.

A MESSAGE TO THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36.

Memory Verse: Ezekiel 36:24.

- 1. To whom is this message especially sent? Ezekiel 36:1.
- 2. What did the enemies say about the mountains of Israel? Ezekiel 36: 2.
- 3. Is this message for our time following the period of desolation, or is it for a time in the

condemn? Matthew 7:1-3.

2. What should first be done before we attempt to correct others? Matthew 7:4,5; Matthew 5:23,24.

NOTE: It is one's own lack of the true spirit of forbearance and love that leads one to emphasize faults in others, and makes a mountain out of a mole hill. Censure and reproach never did reclaim a wayward soul, but many are driven further away by such. A tender spirit of gentle rebuke given personally and privately manifested by loving compassion for the erring one, is what wins a person back to the narrow path.

- 3. What is emphasized here regarding the two roads of life, and is it manifest today? Matthew 7:13,14.
- 4. Will there be false prophets and false teachers in the last days? Matthew 7:15; Matthew 24:24.
- 5. How are we to detect them? Isaiah 8:20; Matthew 7:16,17.
- 6. False preachers confess a belief in the Saviour, and may perform good works in His Name. Matthew 7:22.
- 7. What will be their fate in the day of judgment? Matthew 7:23.
- 8. What does Jesus say about those who will enter the kingdom? Matthew 7:21.
- 9. To what does He compare the people who hear and do the things He mentions? Matthew

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past? Ezekiel 36:3.

- 4. What is this message to the mountains of Israel? Ezekiel 36:4-7.
- 5. What are the promises to the mountains of Israel for this time, and the future? What people are to possess them? Ezekiel 36:8-10.
- 6. What is said about Israel's treatment at this time? Will it be the same as before or better? Ezekiel 36:11.
- 7. Will this land ever be desolate again? Ezekiel 36:12.
- 8. What is said about Israel profaning the land, and about their punishment for their sins? Ezekiel 36:17-20.
- 9. Did the Father have pity on Israel, and are the present blessings in regathering the Jews to Israel, because of their own righteousness? Ezekiel 36:22.32.
- 10. Will there be a remnant of these people set apart for a sacred use (sanctified), and how was this work to be commenced with them? Ezekiel 36:23,24; Romans 9:27,28.
- 11. What does the Father say about the ownership of the land where they are now being gathered? Does it belong to Israel? Ezekiel 36:24.
- 12. Will their hearts be changed from stony hearts to hearts of flesh before they are gathered or afterwards? Ezekiel 36:24-27.
- 13. What about blessings upon the land in making it fruitful, and will this have an effect

Lesson for August 26, 2017.

THE SAVIOUR, A PERSONAL WORKER

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-42. Memory Verse: John 4:22,23.

- 1. Who came to Jesus by night? John 3:1,2.
- 2. How did He point out the soul's need to this ruler, and what vital need did He emphasize? John 3:3-5.
- 3. Can the sinner work out his own salvation or does he need help? Jeremiah 13:23; Romans 8:6-7.
- 4. From what source can divine strength and help be obtained? Luke 11:9,10.
- 5. What illustration is used to show the willingness of the Father to give us help in time of need? Luke 11:11-13.
- 6. Where did the Lord stop on His way through Samaria? John 4:4-7

NOTE: When the Saviour was on His way to Galilee, about 100 miles north of Jerusalem, He stopped at Samaria in a beautiful valley running eastward to the Jordan River. Here He found Jacob's Well, where He being weary sat down to rest. He was likely faint and thirsty after the long journey.

- 7. How did the Saviour open conversation with the woman at the well? Verse 7.
- 8. How did the woman respond, and what seemed to be most on her heart? John 4:8,9.

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kingdom, paying tithe and offerings, as well as living in loving obedience, and separating himself from the world.

- 9. In following our Saviour's steps whose business will concern us the most? Luke 2:49.
- 10. Is there not something of far greater value than food for the body and raiment, and what must remain first and foremost in every heart? Luke 12:23-32.
- 11. What will always happen to the spiritual life of the unfruitful person who buries his talents, failing to bear fruit? Luke 13:6-9.
- 12. What always happens to the one who lays up in store for himself, burying his talent in the earth, and is not rich toward God? Luke 12:16-21.

Lesson for September 23, 2017.

THE ROYAL SEED THE LORD HAS BLESSED

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61. Memory Verse: Isaiah 61:9.

- 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; Genesis 26:4,5.
- 3. How far was the blessing to Abraham to reach, and were others also to be blessed through his seed? Genesis 12:2.
 - 4. What does the Creator say further

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nature? Romans 7:8,9.

NOTE: To be carnal means to be fleshly or in man's natural state.

- What excellent advice did Hezekiah give the people in his day? 2 Chronicles 30:8.
- What change takes place within us when we yield to the father? Romans 6:13,14.
- 4. Does this mean to continue in sin? Romans 6:15.
- Why is it so vitally important that we 5. be yielded to the Creator rather than to the powers of evil? Romans 6:16; Matthew 6:24.
- What will be the results of yielding to Him? Romans 6:11; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 9:14,15.
- What beautiful promise did the Saviour give to those who come unto Him? Matthew 11:28 and the last part of 29.

NOTE: If a person earnestly seeks righteousness then one must put on Christ's righteousness, then one opens the door and lets Christ come in. Read Revelation 3:20.

- If a person tries to depend on their own righteousness, what do they do? Romans 10:1-3; Isaiah 64:6.
- Do we need to fear that the burden will be too great? Matthew 11:29,30; 1 Peter 5:7.
- After having found the true way to righteousness will our life be profitable to Heaven in soul winning? John 15:1,2.

country? Matthew 25:14.

NOTE: Christ is still calling servants to labor for Him.

- What is said about the distribution of talents, or gifts for increasing the fold, and soul winning? Matthew 25:15.
- What did the servants do who had received the greatest number of talents? Matthew 25:16,17.
- What did the servant do who received the one talent? Matthew 25:18.
- 5. What happens after a long time? Matthew 25:19.
- What is the reward given to those who make proper use of the talents given, and increasing them for soul winning? Matthew 25: 20-23.
- What is the reward given to the servant who buries his talent in the earth, not having any increase in his life for the glory of God? Matthew 25:24-28.
- Instead of entering into the kingdom, what will be said to the unprofitable servant who buries his entire life in this old world? Matthew 25:29-30.

NOTE: This is what millions are doing today, living entirely for themselves, and buried deeply in all of the crumbling affairs of earth. They seek after money, property, and pleasure, worshipping the dollar only and what it can give to them. A true Israelite is not so. He is developing his talents and living his life for the increase of the

7:24,25.

- What comparison is made of those who merely hear? Matthew 7:26,27.
- 11. Will merely believing in the Son without obedience afford us anything? James 2:19,20; James 1:21,22.

Lesson for August 12, 2017.

THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:16-33. Memory Verse: Genesis 18:25.

spared? Genesis 18:23-32.

- In the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, what is said about the righteous being
- What is said about these cities being 2. examples of the future judgments? 2 Peter 2:6.
- Should we fear or question the judgment of our Heavenly Father? Psalms 96:10; 1 John 4:16-18.
- 4. Shall we fear what men may do to us, or rather choose to fall into the hands of a merciful Heavenly Father? 2 Samuel 24:13,14.

David from a boy up, did not live unto himself. The purpose of his life without fear of what the enemy could do, was to bless others. He had the evidence of the presence with him of that powerful intervening hand of deliverance. He slew the lion and the bear, (1 Samuel 17:34-36), and prevailed against the mighty giant of the

upon the people in remembering their sins, and evil doings? Ezekiel 36:30,31.

- In the day when they are being cleansed of their iniquities, through a reception of the Spirit, will they be building the waste places and old cities, and will the country resemble the garden of Eden? Ezekiel 36:33-36.
- What event does the apostle Paul 15. associate with the receiving of Israel again? Romans 11:15-21.

Lesson for July 15, 2017.

THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:17-40.

Memory Verse: Luke 6:19.

From what cities were the people 1. gathered together? Luke 6:17.

NOTE: They had come from a distance of about 50 miles or more, which was a great effort since in those days walking was the main way of travel.

- 2. What is said about all the sick in that great multitude? Luke 6:18,19.
- In what way did the Savior prepare Himself for this great gathering? Luke 6:12.
- After spending the night in prayer, with what was His body charged? Luke 6:19.
- Was the apostle Paul also possessed with this magnetic, healing virtue? Acts 19:11,12.

Philistines, (verses 48,49), — he feared not what men could do.

- 5. When the Father's presence is with us, will things always go smoothly? Hebrews 12:6, 1 Peter 1:7.
- 6. What about Job who lost his possessions, and all his children? Job 1:20-22.
- 7. When his body was sorely afflicted, did he lose faith and complain? Job 7:20,21.

NOTE: It is well to mark here the humble life of the Saviour, and behold His poverty; His agony in Gethsemane; His reproach in the face of scoffers; a crown of sharp thorns on His head; His trial and condemnation before wicked men as a criminal and His agony of the cross. Yet from all this He arose victorious, triumphant, and was exalted before the very Majesty of heaven, to be crowned as King of kings and Lord of lords.

- 8. Did Job understand the reason of these afflictions, or try to justify himself? Job 31:3-7, 24-27, & 29,30.
- 9. Who was it that came to Job with comforting words, and uttered prophecies later to be fulfilled? Job 32:5-10
- 10. What were some of the comforting words? Job 33:22-29.
- 11. In his subjection and humility, what did Job finally say? Job 40:3,4; 42:1-6. Please read 1 Peter 4:12,13, & 5:6,7.
 - 12. What is said about the man upon whom

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- 6. Keeping in mind that these wonderful miracles are written for us, what is commanded of us? 1 Corinthians 11:1.
- 7. In order for us to perform all of these things today, what becomes necessary? 1 Corinthians 1:5; 2 Corinthians 8:7.
- 8. We being enriched by Him in knowledge and speech, what will be the result? 2 Corinthians 8:7-14.

NOTE: It is Satan who misleads people in their conversation, and causes them to carry a reproach about someone. When you tell anything that is not true about a person, you are guilty of reproach (Psalms 15:1-3.) When enriched by the master, seeking for the Holy Spirit, and separating ourselves from evil talkers, we can then be partakers of the divine nature and be filled with heavenly virtue.

- 9. What attitude are we to have towards our enemies and those that hate us and curse us? Luke 6:27,28.
- 10. If someone literally strikes you or smites you with threats or lies about you, should you do the same back to them? Luke 6:29-31.
- 11. In what way will the true servant be different from the ungodly people of the world? Luke 6:32-34.
- 12. What promise is given to those who have the right thoughts and motives toward their enemies? Luke 6:35.

the Father brings chastisements? Psalm 94:2-15.

13. What command was given to the three men, --Job's would be comforters? Job 42:7-9.

NOTE: The three men who came as Job's friends had wrongly accused him during the period of his affliction. The wrath of God was kindled against them. It was not withdrawn until Job prayed for them.

- 14. After Job endured with patience, and had prayed for his friends, how was he blessed? Verses 10-16.
- 15. What is said about mercy and judgment in James 2:12,13?
- 16. The child Samuel was weaned, and his mother brought him before Eli the high priest. What prophetic words did she speak concerning the Judge of the earth? 1 Samuel 2:10.
- 17. Did King David also long for this time? Psalms 94:1-3; 96:10-13.
- 18. What is the conclusion of all that is expected of mankind and does the Great Judge know every secret thing? Ecc. 12:13,14.

Lesson for August 19, 2017.

REDEMPTION THROUGH YIELDING TO THE SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: Romans 6. Memory Verse: Romans 6:16.

1. Why is a change necessary in man's

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chains in prison, how was he set free? Acts 12:7-10.

- 8. Through whose prayer was he thus assisted? Verse 5.
- 9. How quickly is it possible for the Almighty to hear our prayers, and answer? Daniel 9:21

NOTE: The angels are summoned to our help when we pray. Prayer is that connecting link which gives us a holy charge of divine power we must have to live the overcoming life.

- 10. What important relationship exists between man, and the angels pertaining to an understanding of the Scriptures? Daniel 9:22.
- 11. In the agony of Gethsemane, how did the Heavenly Father supply divine assistance in this hour of crisis? Luke 22:43.
- 12. How are we to obtain divine assistance? Matthew 7:7,8.
- 13. Are the angels of heaven interested in human affairs? Luke 15:10.
- 14. In the great time of trouble who will be our protector? Psalms 91:9, 10, 11.

Lesson for September 16, 2017.

THE CALLING OF SERVANTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-46.

Memory Verse: Matthew 25:19.

1. To what is the kingdom of heaven compared and who is the one going into the far