11. Has the Lord promised to rebuke the devourer for our sake if we are faithful tithe payers?

Malachi 3:11.

Lesson for September 9, 2023 THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:57-75. Memory Verse: Exodus 20:16

- 1. Whose testimony was accepted at the trial of Jesus when He was condemned before the high priest? Matthew 26:59-60.
- 2. What lie did they tell? Matthew 26:61.

Note. Jesus had said "Destroy this temple" and in three days I will raise it up again; But the people being carnal, understood not that Jesus was speaking about His Body and not about a building made by man. John 2:19.

- 3. In what strong words did the great apostle Paul admonish the converts at Ephesus? Ephesians 4:24, 25.
- 4. Will the forgers of lies go unpunished? Proverbs 19:5; 6:16-19.
- 5. Dare we as brethren think evil of one another? Zechariah 7:9, 10, 13.

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- would grant us power to resist the devil, then and only then will he flee from us. James 4:7.
- 5. What can we do that will help us from certain temptations? Psa. 1:2; Prov. 4:14.
- 6. With what words of warning did Paul give to the Church in his ministry to the Corinthians? 2 Cor. 2:11.
- 7. How only may we overcome the devil? 1 John 5:4, 5.
- 8. What wonderful reward awaits all who overcome the devil? Rev. 3:21, 21:7.

Note. Without Christ Jesus we can do nothing. But thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory. For greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.



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

- 7. On the other hand, what particularly deplorable traits are mentioned? 1 Tim. 5:13.
- 8. How precious is a good wife? Pro. 31:10.
- 9. What honour does a good wife bring to her husband? Pro. 12:4; 31:12.
- 10. How should such a wife be esteemed? Pro. 31:
- 11. What is the reward of a good wife? Pro. 31:28, 30, 31.
- 12. Will a good wife have joy in time to come (In old age)? Pro. 31:25.

Lesson for July 29, 2023 A SACRED ORDINANCE

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:18-25. Memory Verse: Matthew 19:5.

1. After the good Lord had created man and provided him with perfect surroundings, what did He feel was needed to complete his happiness? Genesis 2:18, and Verses 21-23.

Note: God instituted the first marriage, Thus the institution has for its originator the Creator of the universe. It was one of the first gifts of God to man, and it is one of the two institutions that after the fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gate

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of Paradise. When the Divine Principles are recognized and obeyed in this relationship, marriage is a blessing; it guards the purity and the happiness of the human race; provides for man's social needs; and elevates the physical, the intellectual, and the moral nature.

- 2. For what purpose besides companionship was the first union ordained? Genesis 1:28.
- 3. Was the ordinance of marriage carried into the New Testament era? Matthew 19:4, 5; Ephesians 5:31

Note: The family tie is the closest, most sacred, and the most tender tie on earth. It was designed to be a blessing to mankind. It is a blessing indeed wherever the marriage covenant is entered into intelligently, in the fear of God, and with due consideration for its responsibilities.

- 4. What wedding did Jesus grace with His presence? John 2:1, 2.
- 5. In what honor, therefore, should the marriage estate be held? Hebrews 13:4.
- 6. Why are many marriages unhappy? 2 Corinthians 6:14, 15.
- 7. What marriages did God prohibit among the Israelites? Deuteronomy 7:3, 4.
- 8. What proper care did Abraham show in seeking a wife for his son? Genesis 24:2-4.

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Lesson for July 1, 2023 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.

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- 5. What did two of the greatest Kings of Israel say about unjust gain; and borrowing without returning? Psalms 37:21; Proverbs 28.8.
- What did the prophet Jeremiah say about unjust dealings against one's neighbour? Jeremiah 22:13.
- 7. What portion of our increase belongs to God? Leviticus 27:30-32.
- 8. Stealing from man is a very serious offence, and the jails and houses of correction are full of people who have committed this grave sin. How about stealing from the Lord our God? Will the good Lord leave such a one unpunished? Malachi 3:9.
- 9. What sin are people guilty of when they fail to give the Holy portion of their increase unto the Lord? Malachi 3:8.

Note. Whenever a person who has stolen money or goods is found out, they are punished for their evil deed. Those who steal the Holy tithes from the Lord, shall also be punished. The Scriptures tell us about a certain class of people who gather money and put it into bags which have holes, let us not be numbered among these.

10. Does the Lord our God bless those who are faithful in paying the Holy tithes? Malachi 3:10.

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- 8. What does the Apostle John tell us concerning the commandment of love? 1 John 4:7-11.
- 9. In order to obey this great command of love, what must we do? Luke 6:31-38.
- 10. Some people say they love God, and yet they cannot seem to say enough evil about their neighbors and friends. Do these people really love God? 1 John 4:20.
- 11. What proves to the world that we are genuine Christian people? 1 John 3:14-19; John 13:35.

Lesson for September 30, 2023 RESISTING SATAN

Scripture reading: James chapter 4. Memory verse: James 4:7.

- 1. How did Satan disrupt the peace and tranquility of the Garden of Eden? Gen. 3:1-6.
- 2. What happened to Achan when he succumbed to the temptation of Satan? Joshua 7:20, 21, 25.
- 3. What did Satan use to turn Solomon's heart from the Lord? 1 Kings 11:1-4.
- 4. Was the Lord Jesus exempt from the temptations of Satan? Matt. 4:1-3.

Note. In the foregoing scriptures we see that the devil is no respecter of persons, he tempts everyone. Our daily prayer should be that God

declare unto you the whole counsel of God". Act 20:27.

Lesson for September 2, 2023 THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture Reading: Joshua 7. Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:28.

- 1. Why did Achan steal the Babylonish garment and the gold and silver? Joshua 7:21.
- How did Joshua warn the people; and did Achan know that he had sinned? Joshua 6:17-19.
- 3. Does this prove that Achan's heart was not right with God? Matthew 15:19.

Note. When Achan saw the gold and silver he coveted them; and took them for himself. The gold and the silver were consecrated, and were to be used in the work of the Lord. When Achan took that which was rightfully the Lord's, he brought a curse upon himself and upon all that belonged to him.

4. How exacting must we be in all of our dealings? Leviticus 19:35-37; 1 Thessalonians 4:4-8.

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Lesson for September 23, 2023 THE GOLDEN RULE

Scripture reading: Luke 6:17-38. Memory verse: Matthew 7:12.

- 1. What did God, through Moses, give to His people to obey? Deuteronomy 4:40 (first part).
- 2. Were these commandments given just to show God's authority over man, or would man be benefited by keeping them? Deuteronomy 4:40 (last part).
- 3. If all men had obeyed the commandments of God, would there be war today? Isaiah 48:17, 18.
- 4. Some people pick out certain commandments and say that they are greater than others. What question was Jesus once asked concerning this? Matthew 22:36.
- 5. What answer did Jesus give the lawyer? Did He say that any certain commandments were greater? Matthew 22:37-40.
- 6. Jesus said that He gave us a new commandment. Is it any different from the other ten? John 13:34; John 15:12.
- 7. What then is the very foundation and the fulfilling of the whole Ten Commandment law? Galatians 5:14.

- 9. What high standard does the Scripture set for the relationship between husband and wife? Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:4.
- 10. How exclusively devoted should a husband and wife be to each other? Proverbs 5:15-18.
- 11. What commandments were designed particularly to safeguard family life? Exodus 20:14, 17.
- 12. By what only may the marriage relationship be dissolved? Romans 7:1, 2.

Lesson for August 5, 2023 TEACHING THE CHILDREN

Scripture reading: Ephesians 6:1-10. Memory verse: Proverbs 22:6.

1. In what manner are children to be taught? Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6.

Note. — One large church organization has made the statement that if they can have a child until he reaches the age of seven, they will have him for the rest of his life.

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- 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 July 8, 2023 PROMISES FOR OBEDIENT CHILDREN

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:1-18. Memory Verse: Exodus 20:12.

- 1. What is the first commandment with promise? Ephesians 6:2.
- 2. What promise is connected with this commandment? Exodus 20:12.
- 3. Is the Lord pleased with children who obey their parents? Colossians 3:20.

- 2. What will be the results if a child's development is left to himself? Proverbs 22:15, first part.
- 3. Should a child be taught to live a covetous, selfish life or to store treasures in heaven, by giving work to the gospel? Ecc. 12:1; Matthew 6:19-21.
- 4. Should a parent use precaution in the manner in which he punishes his child? Col. 3:21; Eph. 6:4, First part.
- 5. But should he neglect punishment when needed? Prov. 13:24, 23:13,
- 6. What is especially important; to one's children? Deut. 4:9, 11:13, 19,
- 7. Are conditions such now, as to necessitate even more diligence? 2 Tim. 3:1-3; 1 Peter 5:8.
- 8. May others assist the younger women in teaching their children? Titus 2:3, 4.
- 9. What other duty of parents toward children is very needful? 1 Tim 5:8.
- What encouraging condition can we look for through the working of the Holy Spirit? Mal. 4:4, 5, 6.

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- 4. How long are children bound by the commandment to honor their parents? Proverbs 23:22
- 5. What did the Apostle Paul say would be one of the prominent sins of the last days? 2 Timothy 3:1. 2.
- 6. What promise is made to children who hearken to the Lord? Psalms 34:11.
- 7. What is the fear of the Lord? Psalms 111:10.
- 8. How is a wise child, though poor, regarded by the Lord? Ecclesiastes 4:13.
- 9. What tender words did Jesus speak in behalf of children? Matthew 19:14.
- 10. What did He do to the children to show that He loved them? Mark 10:16.
- 11. How may all receive the Lord's blessings today? Matthew 21:22.
- 12. What command is given to those who are young? 1Timothy 4:12.
- 13. What wonderful promises has God given to all who will serve Him? Revelation 21:4 & 22:3-7.

9. When a man and women have entered into a marriage agreement, who witnesses this covenant? Mai. 2:14-16.

Note. Many who are ignorant of God's Holy Law are divorcing and remarrying, which of course is very unfortunate for the ones involved. We thank the good Master that He winks at the sins which have been committed ignorantly; but he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes.

- 10. May a man who has been involved in any way in these unfortunate circumstances be a preacher or hold an office in the Church of God? 1 Tim. 3:2. Titus 1:5, 6.
- 11. Whom will the Lord our God judge? Heb. 13.4 (Last part).
- 12. What class of people will not inherit life eternal? 1 Cor. 6:9, 10.

Note. Divorce and remarriage is one of the gross sins which is mounting by leaps and bounds, just as Jesus said that it would at the time of the end. Although the law of the land allows it, yet it is sin in the sight of Almighty God. All sinners shall be cast into the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. We need to be careful and teach the truth, not only on this vital subject, but as Paul said, "I have not shunned to

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- 8. What are the godly people commanded to flee, and what are some of the sorrows caused by coveting? 1 Tim. 6:10, 11.
- 9. From whence do evil thoughts, covetousness, and lust proceed? St. Mark 7:21-23.
- 10. What must we do in order to overcome the lust of the flesh? Col. 3:5, 6.
- 11. What did Jesus say about covetousness? St. Luke 12:15.
- 12. Will the covetous inherit the kingdom along with the righteous? 1 Cor. 6:9, 10; Eph. 5:5.
- 13. Must we expect a covetous condition to be in existence in the last days? 2 Tim. 3:2; 2 Pet. 2:13, 14.
- 14. What should all of God's people be desirous of? 1 Cor. 12:31: 14:39.

Note. — We are warned again and again to flee the terrible sin of covetousness. We know that this is one of the sins of the age in which we are living; Therefore we need to pray as David prayed; "Search me, Oh God, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Lesson for August 26, 2023 THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture Reading: St. Matthew 19:1-18. Memory Verse: Exodus 20:14.

- 1. What reply did Jesus give when a man asked Him how he might gain eternal life? St. Matt. 19:16, 17.
- 2. Did Jesus make it plain to him that He was referring to the Holy Ten Commandments which were written by the finger of Elohim upon two tables of stone? Matt, 19:18.19.
- 3. Which one of the Holy Ten Commandments were the Pharisees inquiring about? Matt. 19:3.
- 4. What was Jesus' reply? Matt. 19:4-6.
- 5. When a man or woman divorces and remarries; what sin are they committing? Mark 10:11.12; Luke 16:18.
- 6. What instruction did the wise man, Solomon, give concerning this gross sin? Prov. 6:32.
- 7. How long is a marriage to continue, and when may either party remarry? 1 Cor. 7:10, 11, 39; Rom. 7:2.
- 8. If anyone who knows the truth concerning divorce and remarriage goes and commits this gross sin; what are they to be referred to as? Rom. 7:1-3.

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Lesson for September 16, 2023 THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture Reading: Rom. 7:1-25. Memory Verse: Exodus 20:17.

- 1. How does the Apostle John define sin? 1 John 3:4.
- 2. Did Jesus come into the world to destroy the law? Matt. 5:17; Isa. 42:21.
- 3. How long does Jesus say that this law will continue? Matt. 5:18.
- 4. Often people refer to the Ten Commandment law as being carnal; but how does the Word of the Lord refer to the Holy Commandments? Rom. 7:12-14.
- 5. Did Paul find it burdensome to keep the Holy Law of God? How does David express the same thought? Rom. 7:22; Psa. 1:1-2; 119:35, 92 and 174.
- 6. What does the tenth Commandment specifically forbid? Ex. 20:17; Rom. 7:7; Deut 5:21.
- 7. With what other sins is the sin of covetousness listed? Rom. 13:9; 1 Cor. 5:11.

Lesson for August 12, 2023 AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Scripture reading: 1 Cor. 12:12-26, Memory verse: Romans 14:19.

- 1. What was the object of Paul using the human body to illustrate the church? 1 Cor. 12:25
- 2. How do we become members of this body and who is eligible? 1 Cor. 12:13, 14.
- 3. Can you give other reference to verify your deductions?
- 4. What effect can one member have on the body or on the church? Why? 1 Cor. 12:26, 27
- 5. The Holy Bible has much to say about offending. Does it have anything to say about offense? Ps. 119:165
- 6. Examine the context of our memory verse and see what led Paul to say what he did in Romans 14:19
- 7. Why should we be very careful not to offend our brother? Prov. 18:19; 1 Cor. 8:11-13
- 8. Who is our brother, sister, or mother? Matt. 12:48-50

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Lesson for July 15, 2023 A CHRISTIAN HUSBAND

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5. Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:28.

- 1. What position does the husband occupy in the family? Ephesians 5:23.
- 2. Why is this position of responsibility his? 1 Corinthians 11:8,9.
- 3. What beautiful illustration of leadership preludes any abuse of this prerogative? Ephesians 5:24.
- 4. To whom will the godly husband himself be subject? 1 Corinthians 11:3.
- 5. How should husbands relate themselves to their wives? Colossians 3:19.
- 6. What should be the degree of their affection? Ephesians 5:33.
- 7. How will the love which a husband showers upon his wife return to him? Ephesians 5:28, 29.
- 8. What still nobler example of love is set before the husband? Ephesians 5:25.
- 9. What is one beautiful example of love between husband and wife which the Scriptures provide? Genesis 24:67.
- 10. In addition to bestowing upon his wife his love, what honour should the husband give her? 1 Peter 3:7.

Lesson for August 19, 2023 THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3. Memory Verse: Revelation 13:10.

- 1. Will those who love God, keep His holy Commandments? 1 John 5:2-5.
- 2. Is the devil angry with those who keep the holy Ten Commandments of God? Revelation 12:17.
- 3. What does the Lord our God forbid in the sixth Commandment? Exodus 20:13.
- 4. When a poor sinner came to Jesus to inquire how he might gain eternal life, what did Jesus emphasize? Matthew 19:16-19.
- 5. In what way is the sin of being angry likened unto killing? Matthew 5:21-22.
- 6. What kind of people are given to anger? Ephesians 4:26, 27; Ecclesiastes 7:9.
- 7. Do we actually have to take a life in order to be guilty of murder? 1 John 3:15.
- 8. What wonderful words of admonition did Jesus speak when Peter attempted to protect Him with a sword? Matthew 26:51, 52.
- 9. From what source did Jesus say He would seek protection? Matthew 26:53.
- 10. When the enemy had surrounded Elisha, from what source was he protected? Can we claim

- the same protection if our hearts are right? 2 Kings 6:15-17; John 15:7.
- 11. Are we justified in exercising self-defense, or must we as Christians rely wholly upon Heaven for protection? Matthew 5:38-45.
- 12. For what reason was the first murder committed? 1 John 3:12.
- 13. What other sins are listed along with murder? Romans 1:29-31.
- 14. What will be the ultimate end of all murderers? Revelation 21:8.

Note. The correct definition of the word murder means to take away life, therefore **we need to** give this question very serious thought. Very often the taking of life is legalized, but we must always bear in mind that God is the giver of life, and therefore we should leave the taking of life in His hands, and His hands alone. Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:6; Romans 12:19.

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- 11. With what consideration should a husband treat his wife? 1 Corinthians 7:3.
- 12. What responsibility has the husband to his household? 1 Timothy 5:8.
- 13. How light does love make the hardest burdens? Genesis 29:20.
- 14. What blessings does the Lord promise to the godly husband? Psalms 128:3.

Lesson for July 22, 2023

A CHRISTIAN WIFE

Scripture Reading: Titus 2:1-15.

Scripture Reading: Titus 2:1-15. Memory Verse: Titus 2:4.

- 1. What companionship did God provide for Adam? Gen. 2:18, 24.
- 2. What affection does the Christian wife have for her husband? Titus 2:4.
- 3. What mutual consideration should there be between the husband and the wife? 1 Cor. 7:3.
- 4. Since the husband is the head of the household what respect should the wives have for their husbands? Eph. 5:22, 24; Col. 3:18.
- 5. What other wifely virtues does the Bible command? 1 Tim. 3:11; Titus 2:5.
- 6. What does the wisdom of a wise woman do? Pro. 14:1; Pro. 31:27.

6. What class of people will use their mouth to destroy their fellow man? Proverbs 11:9, 12, 13.

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- 7. How does God warn against raising a false report? Exodus 23:1.
- 8. Must we expect false accusers to be on the increase in these days in which we live; and will those who are good be despised? 2 Timothy 3:1-5.
- 9. Who is the father of all false witnessing and lies? John 8:44.
- 10. Will there be a people in the last days who will be deluded and believe and trust in lies? 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12.
- 11. What happened to a man and his wife when they had agreed to lie to Peter? Acts 5:1-10.
- 12. Why did a young prophet lose his life? 1 Kings 13:18, 19, 24-26.
- 13. In what class are the liars? Revelation 22:15.

Note. When we as Christians hear a report about anyone or anything, we should be very sure that it is correct before we believe it or repeat it to the detriment of somebody, lest we become guilty of believing and loving a lie. It is important for us to seek the truth in all things. We should always keep our minds open for the truth and on guard against deception.