## Lesson for June 7, 2025 THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF

Scripture reading: Acts 14:11-23. Memory verse: Exodus 20:5.

- 1. Is the Lord our God a jealous God? Ex. 20:3-5.
- 2. What did the Lord God forbid his people to make unto themselves Ex. 20:23; Lev. 26:1; Deut. 4:15-18, 23-24.
- 3. When Israel disobeyed this commandment shortly after leaving Egypt how many of them did God consume in one day? Exodus 32:28, 19-21.
- 4. What did the Lord our God command His people they were to inherit the Land promised unto their fathers? Numbers 33:51-52.
- 5. Was Israel obedient in this? Ezekiel 23:12-16.
- 6. At the time of the prophet Ezekiel did the children of Israel worship images and idols? Was this an abomination in the sight of the Lord? Ezekiel 8:5, 10.
- 7. On what will the Lord show His displeasure when He comes? Isa. 2:12, 16.
- 8. What was John told when he bowed himself down to worship an angel? Rev. 19:10, 22:8-9.
- 9. Whom did Jesus say that we should worship? John 4:23-24.

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- 7. What is the difference between the way the wicked people and the Lord view the covetous man? Psalms 10:3.
- 8. What was one of the special requirements demanded in those rich men Moses was ordered to choose for rulers in Israel? Exodus 18:21; 1 Timothy 3:2,3.
- 9. What is said about covetousness, as one of the signs of the last days? II Timothy 3:1,2.
- 10. When gold, silver, property, bonds and general riches are heaped together and held, what will it do for the person in these last days? James 5:3
- 11. What are the ministers and leaders commanded to do in order to clear themselves, and discharge their duty relative to such conditions? 1 Timothy 6:17-19.
- 12. In what way did the Savior speak of covetousness? Luke 12:15.

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

- 7. What was to happen to Jerusalem after he was cut off, and was the land also to become desolate? Verse 26,
  - Note. If the first coming of the Messiah is yet future, then Jerusalem is to be destroyed again and also the Holy Land will become desolated. The fact that both of these events have happened and took place exactly as the prophet declared, is certain proof that our Saviour was the promised Messiah. The Roman general Titus destroyed the city, and there has been a long period of desolation also in the past.
- 8. He was to be numbered with the transgressors, and buried with the rich. Was this fulfilled also in His death? Mark 15:27, 28; Matt. 27:57-60.
- 9. What is still another prophecy in His crucifixion? Matt. 27:34-36; compare with Psalms 22:17, 18. **Note**. There were over 250 texts of scripture of the Old Testament fulfilled in the events of the birth, life, death and resurrection of the Messiah.

### Lesson for April 26, 2025 THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Scripture Reading: St. Luke 21:7-27. Memory Verse: 1 Thess. 4:16.

1. Is there any evidence in the Holy Scriptures that Jesus will return to the earth again? Acts 1:9-11.

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- 2. On one occasion what question did the disciples ask Jesus? St. Matthew 24:3.
- 3. How did Jesus answer this question? St. Matthew 24:6, 7, 24, 29. 30.
- 4. What does the Apostle Paul say about Christ's second coming? 1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Thess. 1:7-10.
- 5. How old is the doctrine of Christ's second coming? Jude 14, 15.
- 6. What will be the manner of Christ's second coming? St. Matthew 24:25-27, 1 Thess. 4:16.
- 7. Will the people of the world see Him when He comes? Rev. 1:7.
- 8. What will be the reaction of those who are not ready for Christ's coming? St. Matthew 24:30; Rev. 6:15-17.
- 9. Who will accompany Christ when He returns to the earth? St. Matthew 25:31.
- 10. Is it possible for anyone to know the day or the hour of Christ second coming? St. Matthew 24:36.

Note. — In times past, a number of self-styled prophets have attempted to pin-point the exact time of the return of Jesus. All have miserably failed, thus bringing shame upon themselves and the people who have been deceived by them. Jesus plainly said that of the day and the hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of Heaven, but the Father only. Let us be content to leave the things which have not been revealed in the Father's hands.

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## Lesson for April 5, 2025 THE SUFFERING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Scripture reading: Isaiah 53:1-12. Memory verse: 1 Timothy 1:15.

- 1. Why did Jesus come into this world? 1 Timothy 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.

- **Note**. The fact that some are called Elders indicates that they are not new in the faith and are preferably men with experience.
- 2. To what are the members likened? 1 Peter 5:2-4.
- 3. What special instruction is given to the younger ones? 1 Peter 5:5
- 4. If they stumble, will the flock lack any blessings? 1 Peter 5:6, 7
- 5. What is our best protection against an attack from the enemy? 1 Peter 5:8
- Should ye consider that our afflictions are worse than those of other people? 1 Peter 5:9; 1 Peter 4:12.
- 7. Should an Elder be treated with due respect? 1 Tim. 5:17
- 8. What is a good rule for an Elder to follow, especially in these last days? II Tim. 3:13, 14, 16, 17
- What was the charge that Paul gave Timothy? II Tim. 4:1-5
- 10. Must the Elders be ready to minister to the sick at all times? James 5:14, 15.
- 11. Whom should they take as their example of patience? James 5:10, 11, 17, 18.

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### Lesson for June 28, 2025 THE DANGER OF COVETOUSNESS

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-32. Memory Verse: Luke 12:15.

NOTE: The definition for "Covetousness" is: "inordinately desirous, or excessively eager to obtain and possess"—Webster.

- 1. What showed this principle to be strong in this rich man who already had more than he could take care of? Luke 12:18,19.
- 2. What does the Lord call such men as this, and what did He say to him? Luke 12:20.
- 3. What conclusion does the Savior draw from this parable? Luke 12:21.
- 4. What does the apostle Paul call covetousness? Colossians 3:5.
  - **Note**: One of the Ten Commandments forbids covetousness, and we are commanded here to "mortify" or to destroy the sin of covetousness, which is classed together with such sins as those which people generally abhor.
- 5. What are we told comes upon the people who practice the sins enumerated in this text? Colossians 3:6.
- 6. What did covetousness lead Judas to do? Mark 14:10,11.

- throughout the Bible and also found in the beautiful 102nd Psalm? Verse 16.
- 9. What very special condition is prophesied for His people just prior to His second coming? Isaiah 52:8.

Note: The authenticity of God's Word and even the very existence of God is vindicated through Israel. It is as in the very beginning when His Word was heard and with His Word beautiful things were created - even so, He has spoken concerning Israel today. Through the past and in this present time and all the way through the future His Word will continue to unfold - true to every precept. In these momentous and difficult times, we receive comfort because we know that His Word is true and that He is in control.

10. In the future, when the nations come against Jerusalem, who will be dwelling in the Promised Land? Will it be the literal seed of Israel, or Gentiles? Ezekiel 38:16.

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#### Lesson for May 31, 2025 SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 5. Memory verse: 1 Peter 5:8

1. Who among us are appointed to feed the flock and strengthen them? 1 Peter 5:1-3

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- 5. What is the sign given between God and His people concerning sanctification—(set apart)? Ezekiel 20:12. 20; Exodus 31:13, 14.
- 6. What did the Saviour say in regard to the Sabbath? Was it just for the Jews, or for all men? Mark 2:27.
- 7. Did the Saviour have respect for the Sabbath day? Matthew 24:20; Luke 4:14-21.
  - **Note**.-Jerusalem was destroyed 70 A.D., and He did not want their flight to be on that day.
- 8. Did the holy women keep the Sabbath day after the Saviour was put in the grave? Luke 23:55, 56
- 9. Did Paul keep the Sabbath day, and did he say it still remained? Acts 13:42-44, 16:13-15, 18:1-4; Hebrews 4:8-11. 10. Were people put to death for working on the Sabbath? Numbers 15:32-36. Note.-The Sabbath is still sacred and binding today just as it always was, and it is an act of disobedience to desecrate it. Six days are given to us for our work, but the Sabbath belongs to the Lord. and is not our property. We have no right to covet it, or to steal it and use it for our own labor, pleasure or business.

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- 11. What word of admonition did Jesus give regarding His return? St, Matthew 24:42.
- 12. Since Christ tells us to watch, has He not given us something to watch? St. Luke 21:31-36; 2 Timothy 3:1-5;

Lesson for May 3, 2025 A SECRET OF STRENGTH

Scripture Reading: 2 John. Memory Verse: I John 2:28.

- 1. What great mystery that was hid for generations can now be ours to know? Colossians 1:26.27.
- 2. What great part has Christ played in the Father's plan? Colossians 1:16-22; 1 John 2:23, 24.
- 3. How can we detect those who are not in Christ? 2 John 7-12; I John 4:3.
- 4. How can we be sure that we are Christ's? 2 John 9 (last part).
- 5. On the other hand, what does the anti-Christ do? I John 2:22.
- 6. What must we first do in order to know His doctrine? John 7:17.
- 7. Whose will did Jesus seek to do? John 5:30.
- 8. How can we also be made perfect? Hebrews 13:20, 21.
- 9. When we abide in Him, what great power is given to us? 1 John 3:6; 4:4-8.

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- 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.

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#### Lesson for April 12, 2025 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? John 6:25.
- 3. How did He express His disapproval of their attitude? John 6:26,27.
- On hearing this, what did they want to know? John 6:28.
- 5. What did they require of Him that they might believe? John 6:30,31.
- 6. How did Jesus explain this? John 6:32,33.
- 7. What did they now desire? John 6:34.

- 10. What will be the great reward of abiding In Him? 1 John 2:28.
- 11. How can we tell whether a spirit is of God? 1 John 4:2.

**Note**: Multitudes of people confess that the Messiah came to the earth in the flesh, but few understand the very important reality of His dwelling in our flesh. In order to be saved, we must have Him within us. It is in our flesh that the world sees Christ.

12. When we have the Son, what do we have? 1 John 5:11-13.

**Note:** "He that hath the Son hath life" — (to have Him in our very being. Then we "let this mind be in us which is in Christ" As long as we do this, we will not sin as no evil comes from Him.

- 13. In this condition, what will our purpose be for living? John 15:8.
- 14. What important place do we occupy here? Matthew 5:13-16.

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### Lesson for May 10, 2025 THE COMFORTER – THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture reading: John 14. Memory verse: John 14: 18.

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**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? John 6:35,36.
- 9. In what words did He impress this vital truth on them? John 6:40.
- 10. Why did they murmur at this saying? John 6:41.42.

**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? John 6:45; Isaiah 54:13.

**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.

- 12. What truth did Jesus express to them again? John 6:47-51.
- 13. What reaction did He get? John 6:52.
- 14. How did Jesus re-emphasize this? John 6:53-55.
- 15. How is the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood interpreted? John 6:56; John 17:23; 1 John 3:24.

**Note**: There is a simple lesson here, needful for all of us to learn, concerning the time of Israel's dispersal. As Andrew Dugger (our beloved father and Elder) would say, "The Jews are a living witness of God's wrath on the children of disobedience." Please see Romans 11:21.

- 4. In touching God's love, mercy and restoration power, what does the Word of God further tell us about the Abrahamic family? Isaiah 61:3,4; 49:12-16; 48:9-12; Jeremiah 31:7-12; 31:35-37; Ezekiel 36:8-11.
- 5. Did God still have a purpose in preserving the seed of Israel? Isaiah 2:2; 49:6-11; 59:19-21; 60:1-3; 62:1-7; Micah 4:1,2; Luke 1:31-33.
- 6. How are the Gentiles to be blessed through this chosen family? Acts 3:22-25; Ephesians 2:12-14; Galatians 3:29; John 4:22; 18:37; Matthew 2:2; Luke 2:14; Isaiah 9:6,7; Revelation 5:9,10.
- 7. Note: More prophetic promises (only a few among many) foretelling a better time for Israel, are found in Zechariah 8:1-8; Ezekiel 36:25. Heaven decreed that Jerusalem would again be favored. We are first hand witnesses of this reality. Many more ancient prophecies are in fulfillment today. God is still leading Israel and every promise will be completed. He is working out His purpose through Israel.
- 8. What is a most sure and outstanding sign of our Saviour's imminent return that is mentioned

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- 10. In what way will heaven look upon us if we fail to serve God with all our hearts and lay aside His Holy Commandments in order to keep the tradition of men? Mark 7:7-9.
- 11. Shall we be held guiltless if we in any way take the name of the Lord in vain? Exodus 20:7.

**Note**. We are assured in the Holy Writ of God that we shall not be held guiltless if we use the name of the Lord in vain, such as in swearing, or in taking an oath, or if we refuse to keep the Commandments of God, and follow the traditions of men instead.

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### Lesson for June 21, 2025 REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4. Memory Verses: Jeremiah 17:21, 22.

- 1. Can we tell what day is the Sabbath? Matthew 28:1.
- 2. Did Moses know what day was the Sabbath before it was given on Mt. Sinai? Exodus 16:21-25.
- 3. How long was the Sabbath to be kept? Exodus 31:16, 17. Note. Perpetual means unending: no end to it.
- 4. Will the Sabbath day be kept in the Millennial reign of the Saviour? Isaiah 66:23.

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19. How did the spiritual condition of the people effect Jesus? Matthew 9:36,37.

Note: Oh, that God would find more men/ women to use today for the healing of the sick and for the preaching of the Gospel! Men/ women with the compassion of Christ. This will not be possible until there is a revival of God's love in the heart; the sequence is that power will follow in the soul. Power for compassion, power for sympathy; power to weep over the sick and unbelieving as Christ Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus.

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#### Lesson for May 24, 2025 A CHOSEN SEED

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60. Memory Verse: Isaiah 60:21.

- 1. What promise was made to the seed of Abraham, and why? Genesis 22:17; 26:5.
- 2. How far was the blessing of Abraham to reach? Were others also to be blessed through his seed? Genesis 12:2,3; 22:18; 26:4.
- 3. Was Israel always faithful to the trust given them? Jeremiah 2:21,22; Leviticus 26:33; Nehemiah 13:17,18; Ezekiel 6:8; 22:4,14,15.

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### Lesson for June 14, 2025 THOU SHALT NOT TAKE HIS NAME IN VAIN

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:1-20. Memory Verse: Exodus 20:7.

- 1. What did Jesus say about taking an oath? Matthew 5:33-37.
- 2. What did James instruct us to do when we are asked to take an oath? James 5:12.
- 3. If any one swore falsely during the Levitical age, how was he punished? Leviticus 6:2-6.
  - **Note**. We see that taking an oath was not forbidden by the law of Moses. However Jesus came to magnify the law (Isaiah 42:21) and this forbids taking an oath.
- 4. How serious an offence is it to take the name of the Lord our God in vain? Leviticus 24:11-14.
- 5. What did Paul have to say about vain words? Ephesians 5:4,6; 4:29; Colossians 3:8.
- 6. What has the Lord promised us if we order our conversation aright? Psalms 50:23.
- 7. Are we able to order our conversation right without a change of heart? Matthew 12:34,35.
- 8. Shall we be judged b y what we say? Matthew 12:36,37.
- 9. What did James say about the tongue? James 3:6-10.

- 1. What did Jesus say the Comforter was? John 14: 26
- 2. If the Comforter is the Holy Spirit, when did he come? Acts 1: 8; 2: 1-4, 17.
- 3. How long was this comforting Spirit to abide? John 14: 16.
- 4. Who did Paul say this Spirit was 2 Cor. 3: 17.
- 5. By what Spirit did Paul say we are changed from glory to glory? Verse 18.
- 6. How great is this Spirit that changes our lives? 1 John 4: 4.
- 7. How can a sinner receive this gift of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2: 38-39.
- 8. Could it be possible for the comforting Spirit to come if the Saviour had not returned to His Father? John 16: 7.
- 9. What did he say this comforting Spirit of truth would do when it came? Verse 13.
- 10. How did Paul say we are all baptized into one body? 1 cor. 12: 13.
- 11. If we are all made to drink into one Spirit, what will flow out from us? John 7: 38-39.
- 12. What did Paul call this Spirit when he wrote to the Romans? Rom. 8:9-10. What did he say was the hope of glory? Col. 1: 27.
- 13. How willing is the Father to give the Holy Spirit? Luke 11: 11-13.

**Note**: Paul calls the Holy Spirit a mystery, and said it hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his

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**Note**: We eat of Jesus in the spiritual sense, when we believe on Him as our Savior. 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.

- 16. How did this teaching affect some of His disciples? John 6:59,60.
- 17. When Jesus knew this, what did He say? John 6:61-64?
- 18. What was the effect of this on some of His disciples? John 6:66.
- 19. What question did Jesus ask some of the Twelve? John 6:67.
- 20. What was Peter's answer? John 6;68,69.

### Lesson for April 19, 2025 PROOF THAT CHRIST IS THE MESSIAH

Scripture reading: 1 Cor. 15:1-9; John 5:38-47. Memory verse: John 5:46.

**Note**. Besides great miraculous power in healing the sick and raising the dead, the Saviour fulfilled all of the scriptures concerning the coming Messiah.

1. What scripture is referred to in John 5:39? Note. The Old Testament; the New Testament was not saints. So let us study this mystery carefully, and prayerfully, which is Christ in you the hope of glory. Col. 1: 27, last part.

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# Lesson for May 17, 2025 A DEMONSTRATION OF HEAVENLY VIRTUE AND POWER FOR HEALING

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:20-38. Memory Verse: Matthew 9:22.

- Who was it that exercised great faith for healing? Matthew 9:20.
- 2. What experience did she have before this? Mark 5:25,26.
- 3. Did she have a considerable amount of determination? Mark 5:27,28.
- 4. When she touched the Lord Jesus, what was the result? Mark 5:29.
- 5. Why did He recognize this touch? What was His question? Mark 5:30.
- 6. How did the disciples regard this question? Mark 5:31.
- 7. How did the woman feel about it? Mark 5:33.
- 8. What comforting words were spoken to her by Christ Jesus? Mark 5:34; Matthew 9:22.

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- yet written. Therefore the doubt is expressed, in finding eternal life there, when they leave out the Son of God, and do not believe in Him, of whom these scriptures speak.
- 2. Did Paul declare that our Saviour came according to the Old Testament? 1 Cor. 15:3, 4.
- 3. Was the Messiah for whom the Jews look today, to come as a mighty ruler, or was He to come as a child? Isaiah 9:6, 7, 11:1, 7:14, 16.
  - Note. The sign was that a virgin would conceive and bring forth this child, and also that the land would be deprived of both kings before he was old enough to know good and evil. Herod died (Matt.. 2:14.15), and Archelaus reigned in his place, and he was also deposed before the child was 6 years of age, according to all historical accounts. Thus these signs prove Him to be the promised Messiah.
- 4. Where was He to be born? Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:1-5.
- 5. Then how long was the Messiah to give up the Jews? Micah 5:3.
  - **Note**. It says: "Until she which travaileth hath brought forth," and the Jewish nation went into a long travail of pain, persecution and suffering, but now she has brought forth a nation.
- 6. Was the Messiah to be cut off and slain, or was He to restore the Kingdom of Israel? Isaiah 53:8, 9; Daniel 9:26, first part.

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Note: This is a unique experience, in which one was healed without engaging the Master's attention. This is because of the virtue that was in Him. As followers of Christ we are to possess this same Heavenly virtue - the Holy Spirit - to the extent that even when we are not aware of it, others around will be effected by the moving Spirit of God in us.

- 9. What miracles followed the healing of the issue of blood? Matthew 9:23-25.
- 10. What did the two blind men desire of the Lord? Matthew 9:27.
- 11. How persistent were they in their desire to be healed? Matthew 9:28 (first part).
- 12. What question did Jesus ask them? What was their reply? Matthew 9:28 (last part).
- 13. In healing them, what did Jesus command? Matthew 9:29,30.
- 14. How did they regard this command? Matthew 9:31.

**Note**: The blessing of healing brought a joy to their hearts which nothing could suppress.

- 15. Who was brought to Jesus for healing? Matthew 9:32.
- 16. What happened when the devil was cast out? Matthew 9:33.
- 17. What was the Pharisees' verdict about this? Matthew 9:34.
- 18. How was Jesus continually engaged? Matthew 9:35.

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- 10. Who were the angels asked to worship? Heb. 1:6.
  - **Note**. We must worship the Father and the Son, but we are forbidden to worship or pray to angels or any of the host of heaven.
- 11. What are we particularly warned to flee from by the great apostle Paul? 1 Cor. 10:14.

  Note. Again and again we are warned in the New Testament as well as in the Old against idolatry. The dictionary has this to say: Idolater, an adorer of images, one who is inordinately fond of some person or thing. Image, a visible representation of something, a statue, picture, idol, etc. Too bad that there are so many people who worship images (pictures) of Jesus, and Mary His mother or angels, or even saints or someone who has died. Surely this is idolatry and is forbidden.
- 12. What did Paul and Barnabas do when people gathered together to worship them? Acts 14:11-18.
- 13. Where will all the idolaters have their part? Rev. 21:8.

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