

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 2, 2010

"THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS"

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14.

Golden Text: Matthew 13:11.

NOTE: The things of God have always been a mystery unto the world. Many great men have failed to learn of the mysteries of God because they missed the Key to the knowledge of God. That Key is God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Does the Bible tell us of the "mystery of godliness?" 1 Timothy 3:16.

NOTE: Included in this verse are found the points of doctrine concerning the Son of God. Many say they believe on the Lord Jesus, however do not accept all that the Bible teaches about Him. Therefore Jesus remains a mystery unto them.

2. What has been the greatest event in human history to this date? 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:31; Matthew 1:21-23; John 1:14.

NOTE: If we deny the Biblical prophecies and the fulfillment of them we are "antichrist." 1 John 2:22.

3. Was Jesus "justified in the Spirit" as mentioned in 1 Timothy 3:16? Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:22.

4. Do the Holy Scriptures tell us that our Lord was "seen of angels?" Psalms 68:17; 103:20; Revelation 7:10-11; Acts 1:10-11.

5. Did our Lord Jesus "preach unto the Gentiles?" Acts 10:34; Romans 10:18; Matthew 15:21; Mark 3:8-9; Mark 7:24.

6. Were there people in the world who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ? Matthew 24:14; Colossians 1:5-6,23; Romans 10:18.

7. Do the Scriptures record the Son of God being "received up into glory?" Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-11.

NOTE: The resurrection of Jesus Christ is denied in many ways by the world. Some will say they believe that He was resurrected, but deny the prophecies stated by Jesus Himself concerning this event. If we deny Jesus' words we are "antichrist." 1 John 2:22.

Let us always look to the author and finisher of our faith in complete faith and fully accept what the Word of God reveals about Jesus Christ. In so doing we will have salvation and the Key to the many mysteries found in God's Word.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 9, 2010

MYSTERIES THAT TEST THE FAITH OF MAN

Scripture Reading: Amos 4.
Golden Text: Psalm 37:35.

1. How can we understand the prosperity of the wicked? Surely this is a mystery. Jeremiah 12:1-4; Job 12:6; Psalms 73:3,12.

NOTE: The wicked may be prospering now but when the Lord returns they have had their reward. Judges 16:20; Romans 1:22-24; Acts 7:41-43; Hebrews 2:2,3.

2. The wicked are abandoned by God and have nothing to look forward to. 1 Samuel 16:14-15; 28:6-7; 2 Chronicles 30:7-8; Psalms 81:12.

3. A great mystery is the becoming of a new creature in Christ. John 3:3-4,7; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 2:29; 3:9; 4:7.

4. This mystery is circumcision of the heart. 2 Corinthians 3:3-5; 1 Corinthians 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6,15. "The new creature" is the main reason for being born again of the water. Colossians 1:26-28.

5. Why is the providence of God such a great mystery? Psalms 31:19; 23:5; 34:20; Isaiah 51:16.

6. Why do we have suffering and sadness? This in itself is a mystery of the Child of God. Hebrews 12:11; 1 Corinthians 13:12; Hebrews 12:6. Every Child of God must learn to struggle with chastisement and suffering. Job 5:6-7. We are in the world and this brings on tribulation. John 16:33.

7. The mysteries concerning the tribulations of saints is that Christ will help bear the tribulations as we recognize them as ways to prove our worth in the Family of God. Revelation 1:9; 2:9; 7:14-17; 2:24.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 16, 2010

THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5.
Golden Text: Ephesians 3:9.

1. What was hid in the beginning concerning the Gentile people? Ephesians 3:6-9.

2. Why was the gospel hid from the Gentiles? Hosea 1:9; Romans 9:25-26; 1 Corinthians 12:2; Ephesians 4:17-19.

3. What advantage then was there for the Children of Israel? Romans 3:1-2; Romans 9:4-5.

4. What became the mystery to be revealed in our last days? Ephesians 3:3-7.

NOTE: The unpardonable sin is part of the Mysteries revealed. Matthew 12:31-32. Jesus begins to unfold the mysteries of the Kingdom of God in the 13th chapter of Matthew. Notice the dramatic change that has taken place after reading up to the end of the 12th chapter. Jesus worked hard with

His people. Matthew 7:28-29; 8:11-12; 9:12-13; 12:38-41. Israel kept denying Christ and His works. They said it was of the Devil. Matthew 12:24-27. Jesus was deliberately rejected. It is here that National Israel was rejected. Jesus, instead of plain preaching as we read in Matthew chapter 5 to 7 and up to chapters 13, from here on he uses parables, allegories, and metaphors. Those who are His Children will receive the revelation of the mysteries. But the nation Israel is now blinded. This blindness in part remains until this present day. Romans 11:7-8,10.

5. In what kind of a relationship is the Apostle Paul seen here in Ephesians 3:1-5? In this mystery he is seen in a fivefold relationship.

A. He is a prisoner, not of Rome but of Christ. Ephesians 3:1.

B. He is a steward of the mysteries of the Gospel. vv.2-6.

C. He is a minister of the gospel and teaches the unsearchable riches of Christ. vv. 7-8.

D. He is an intercessor for the Gentiles. vv. 14-18. He bows his knees in prayer for the Gentiles for he is the Apostle to the Gentiles.

E. He is a worshipper in spirit and in truth. vv. 20-21. In verse 5, Paul declares that this mystery was not known in other ages. It is now being proclaimed by all ministers of the Church of God. (Apostles and Prophets) v. 9.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 23, 2010

THE EXPOSITION OF THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3.

Golden Text: Ephesians 3:21.

1. How did Christ feel for the Church and what did He do for it? Ephesians 5:23-25; Acts 20:28.

2. What did the Father in heaven do with His Son? Ephesians 1:22; 3:5-9; Acts 7:37-39. If these verses are true then the Church of God must be something far beyond what the natural eye can see. Jesus saw something He loved more than life itself. Ephesians 2:13; 5:26-27.

3. What was the middle between Gentiles and Children of God? Ephesians 2:14-15; Hebrews 9:8-10, 25-28.

4. What wonderful experience do Gentiles now enter into? Hebrews 10:19-23.

5. What parable did Jesus tell the disciples concerning this Mystery? Luke 20:9-18. What does this parable prove? 1 John 3:1.

6. Since the Church is so closely identified with the Body of Christ, how can anyone be true to it and at the same time love part of the world? Galatians 6:14; Romans 6:1-3; 8:1-4.

NOTE: The church is therefore, made up only of those unto whom the world is crucified, and they unto it. So, to the death of Christ is that which separates them from the world. And when they sit down at the Lord's Supper they remember Luke 22:19 and John 6:51-55.

7. There is a church that is known by the entire world. What IS its name? Revelation 17:3,5. This is Satan's counterfeit church. There are more people looking for this mystery Babylon, all which will be destroyed with the brightness of Christ's coming. 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 17:13-14. (To Be Continued Next Sabbath.)

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 30, 2010

THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

Scripture Reading: Revelation 17.

Golden Text: Revelation 18:4.

1. What did John see that was quite a mystery to him? Revelation 17:7,3-4.
2. Who else knew of this mystery of iniquity? 2 Thessalonians 2:7.

NOTE: Babylon the great is a monstrous system. It is the mother of harlots with three branches: 1st - the religious forms of Babylon, 2nd - the political forms of Babylon, and 3rd the commercial forms of Babylon.

3. Name some of the religious forms of Babylon? It is a huge religious conglomerate inspired by Satan and kept alive by His evil angels. The religions of the world are all winds of the same Babylonian religion of Genesis 11:5-6,9. It has a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. Revelation 18:2; 17:5.
4. How does John describe this mystery? Revelation 17:8,10.
5. Babylon coming against Israel and then the Judah Kingdom had a profound effect on God's people. Nearly all the prophets of the Bible write about it. Israel's feet were taken to the seat of Satan where their hearts had already been. 2 Kings 17:6; 25:10-11,21.
6. What is the political form of Babylon? Revelation 13:1; 17:9,15-18.
7. What is the commercial form of Babylon? Revelation 18 lists 8 classes of merchandise. verses 12-13.
8. When this system of mysteries of iniquity is destroyed, who mourns for her? Revelation 18:11,17,9,22. What three classes will rejoice? Revelation 18:20,24.
9. Looking at the overall picture of this awful mystery, what should man pay attention to? Revelation 18:4; 14:9-10.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

THE MYSTERY OF THE BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-21.

Golden Text: John 3:8.

NOTE: Children of God follow the example of Jesus. He consecrates himself to God, even as Jesus and His disciples did. A man, who is consecrated to do the will of God, is begotten of God. 1 John 5:1; 1 Peter 1:3.

1. What is the difference between being born again and begotten? 1 John 5:18; 3:9; 1 Corinthians 4:15; 1 John 5:1.
2. What did Jesus say about those persons that were born of the Spirit? John 3:5; John 3:6; John 3:8; Galatians 4: 29

NOTE: Each of the verses in John have been separated to encourage you to view each separately and then consider as a whole. There are some who teach that you are not born of the spirit or in the case of John 3:5 baptized of the spirit until the second coming of Jesus. This does not support Ephesians 4:5.

3. When we are begotten of the Holy Spirit can we still sin? Galatians 2:11,13,17; 2 Peter 3:17; 1 John 5:17-18. Until Jesus had put on immortality He could have sinned. (He did NOT sin at any time). But we who are mortal are still capable of sin. (But we should keep ourselves from sinning).

4. The Apostle Paul calls this a "Mystery." 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.

When we put off corruption then we who have been begotten, become born of the Spirit. John 1:12-13; 1 Peter 1:23 1 John 4:7; 1 John 5:4,18.

5. How did the Apostle Paul state this to the Thessalonians? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.
6. How was Christ resurrected? Romans 8:10-11.
7. At the renewing of the spirit or the birth of the spirit what should be the change? Ephesians 4:22-30

LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

**THE MYSTERY OF THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE
(To help us overcome the Mystery of Iniquity)**

Scripture Reading: John 9.

Golden Text: John 9:39.

1. What was the first angel's message? Revelation 14:6-7.
2. What proof do we have that this message started with Christ? John 9:39.
3. With what did the judgment start? John 12:31-32.
4. Upon what did the hour of judgment commence? 1 Peter 4:17.

5. How did Paul emphasize the first angel's message? Acts 17:22-25.
6. How did an angel testify to this message? Revelation 19:10.
7. How did Peter stress this message? Acts 10:24-26.
8. In what part of the judgment are we? 1 Timothy 5:24.
9. What accusation was brought against Paul? Acts 18:12-13.
10. How do we show that we worship or love God? 1 John 5:2-3.

NOTE: The first angel's message is a pronouncement of the judgment hour of God, and a calling of people to the worship of the true God who made heaven and earth, and all things therein. Just because we have proved by this lesson that this message began and was given by Christ and His apostles is no reason for us to think that it has ended. We must realize that we are still under God's judgment, and that we are to call others to the worship of God. We must love and worship Him by keeping His commandments.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

THE MYSTERY OF THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

(To teach us that if we are not true to Bible Truths, God will also let us fall).

Scripture Reading: Revelation 17.

Golden Text: Thessalonians 2:7.

1. What was the second angel's message? Revelation 14:8.
2. How was Babylon fallen? Revelation 18:2.
3. How many nations escaped her fallen condition? Revelation 18:3.
4. What is she called in this fallen condition? Revelation 17:1-2.
5. Was this condition starting in Paul's day? 2 Thessalonians 2:7.
6. What is her name in this condition? Revelation 17:5.
7. With what is she drunken? Revelation 17:6.
8. What would the man of sin do, so that he would be revealed to the world? 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.
9. When will he actually be revealed and how? 2 Thessalonians 2:8-9.
10. What will be the end of Babylon and why? Revelation 18:5-6.

NOTE: The woman rider of Revelation 17 and the "mystery of iniquity" are the Babylonian

mysteries given a Christian garb by the Church of Rome. That is the reason she is called Babylon because her doctrines are the same. Babylon in the New Testament applies to Rome. So Rome or the church at Rome had fallen from the true gospel in the errors of the ancient Babylonian religion. Through her this religion has become the standard so-called Christian religion of the nations, and all nations have drunk of the wine of her fornication or false doctrines.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 27, 2010

MYSTERY OF THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Revelation 14.

Golden Text: Revelation 18:4.

1. What is the third angel's message? Revelation 14:9-11.
2. What is the wrath of God? Revelation 15:1.
3. How shall we escape this wrath? Revelation 14:12.
4. How is the call defined in Revelation 18:4?
5. Does God have a place of escape prepared? Revelation 15:2.
6. What is this called in Isaiah 26:20?
7. Of what shall we not be afraid? Psalms 91:5-7.
8. Will the righteous see the reward of the wicked? Why? Psalms 91:8-9.
9. How much evil will affect us there? Psalms 91:10.
10. With whom will the righteous be at Armageddon? Revelation 17:14

NOTE: The third angel's message is a distinct call for God's people to come out of Babylon. This means to come all the way out and not help her foster any of her so-called doctrines or holidays (holy days). Remember that if we have anything to do with these Babylonian customs we shall receive of her plagues for we are partakers of her sins. Each one of us should examine himself and see whether he is completely out of Babylon or not. Remember we all want to stand on the Sea of Glass and escape the plagues.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 6, 2010

THE MYSTERIES IN NATURE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139.

Golden Text: Psalm 139:14.

1. What are Children of God to seek first? Matthew 6:33-34.
 2. What do the unbelievers seek for? Matthew 6:31-32.
 3. Does God still create as He did when He formed the Garden in Eden? Matthew 6:26-30; Song of Solomon 2:11-13; Psalms 65:13; 69:34; 98:8; Isaiah 44:23.
 4. In one of the Mystery Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven what did Jesus declare? Mark 4:26-32; Matthew 13:13-17.
 5. How does the Old Testament preacher describe the mysteries of nature? Ecclesiastes 11:4-10; 12:9-10.
 6. What did the Lord prepare for Jonah to get him to Nineveh? Jonah 1:4,17. How long was Jonah in the fish before he prayed? Jonah 2:1,9,10; Matthew 12:38-41.
- NOTE: We could call the providence of God toward Jonah a miracle. But it was more than a miracle because each succeeding event had a purpose and meaningful happening toward fulfilling God's desires. God's ways and works are mysteries far beyond our comprehension sometime. Job 5:9; 11:7; Ecclesiastes 3:11; 8:17; Isaiah 40:28.*
7. We cannot fathom the mind of God, but whose mind can we absorb? 1 Corinthians 2:16; John 1:18; Colossians 1:15; Proverbs 25:2.
 8. There are many limitations on man that God simply smiles at, even though man thinks he is very wise. Job 3:23; 13:27; 19:8; Matthew 5:36; 6:27; James 4:14.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 13, 2010

THE MYSTERY OF BEING CAUGHT UP

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.

Golden Text: Colossians 3:2.

1. Of what does the Apostle Peter wish to remind you? 1 Peter 1:11-12,16; Philippians 3:20-21.
2. At the Lord's Supper, before the Lord presented His Bodily Emblems, what did He promise His disciples? John 14:1-3. Where did Jesus go? Luke 24:51; Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1.
3. What does the place Jesus is preparing look like? Revelation 4:1,3,6.
4. Who is seeking entrance into this clear as crystal building (a better city)? Hebrews 11:13-16,9,10. How inspiring, amid the trying scene of life 1 Corinthians 15:19, but courage survives and faith brightens in the new hope Colossians 1:5; 1 Corinthians 15:51.
5. What is another way of saying "our new hope"? 2 Peter 3:10; Matthew 16:27; Hosea 4:9; Hebrews 11:16.

6. What is still another way to say "our new hope"? Hebrews 6:18,19,16,17; Hebrews 10:34; Matthew 5:12. Our reward is to be caught up to the "Sea of Glass." Revelation 15:1-5.

7. In the lesson on the Birth of the Spirit, we learned our mortal body (tabernacle) will be dissolved - Philippians 3:20,21, we shall all be changed - 2 Corinthians 4:18, we look for the tabernacle of heaven to come with Jesus when He returns. 1 Corinthians 5:1-5.

8. Here is where 1 Peter 1:4 is fulfilled. Isaiah 4:5,6; Psalms 91:8,9. The angels will catch you up to the reward. Psalms 91:11,12; Matthew 24:31; 25:31-34; 13:39,40; Psalms 61:4.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 20, 2010

THE MYSTERY OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:2,3,9-27.

Golden Text: Galatians 4:26.

1. To what event are the Ten Virgins asked to come? Matthew 25:1, 5,6,10. Jesus spoke a number of parables of people being asked to come to His Son's wedding. Matthew 22:1-10.

2. What must those that are ready to go to the Wedding Supper of Jesus have on? Matthew 22:11-14.

3. Why is a certain garment so necessary? Revelation 19:9, now read vv. 7,8.

4. Who did Paul and John know who was "caught up" to the "Sea of Glass" the "New Jerusalem"? 1 Corinthians 12:3,4; Revelation 4:1,6; Revelation 10:6,7. John was again in the power of the Spirit to see the New Jerusalem. Revelation 21:10, v. 2.

5. Has there ever been such a beautiful sight to see as the Holy City's glorious mysteries? What are some of them? It is pure gold clear as crystal. Revelation 21:11,18,21; 4:6; 15:2. It will descend from heaven. Revelation 21:3,10; Revelation 14:15; 15:2. Each gate is one solid pearl. Revelation 21:21. The foundation is of most precious stones. Revelation 21:19. It has healing water and the Tree of Life. Revelation 22:1,2; Zechariah 14:8,9; Ezekiel 47:1,12.

6. Who are those that can enter this New Jerusalem? Revelation 22:14,15,18; Revelation 21:27; Isaiah 35:8. God is Father of all: Jesus is the bridegroom, The New Jerusalem is the bride and we are adopted Children of God. Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:5,6; 3:26; 2 Corinthians 6:18.

7. To what edifice and to whom do the Saints come? Hebrews 12:22-24.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 27, 2010

WE AS CHILDREN OF GOD

Scripture Reading: John 15.

Golden Text: John 15:5.

NOTE: We want to realize that our actions as Children of God depend on the life of Jesus Christ and His teachings.

1. Is it possible for the unregenerate man to live the Believer's life? 1 Corinthians 2:4.
2. Can the Believer's life be attained through resolutions to obey the divine laws? Romans 8:3-4.
3. What is our "Hope of Glory"? Colossians 1:27.
4. What empowers us as Children of God? Galatians 2:20.
5. What will one who has been truly converted do? Titus 3:5-8.
6. By whom can we as Children of God be capable of every good work? Hebrews 13:20-21.
7. What can the Child of God always say? Philippians 4:13.
8. What has the Child of God crucified in order to produce the fruit of the Spirit? Galatians 5:22-24.
9. Upon what two things does fruit bearing as a Child of God depend? John 15:4.
10. Where is the Child of God's life? Colossians 3:3.
11. What is the will of the Father in heaven? John 6:39-40.
12. Finally, what must the Children of God do? Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 15:58.