

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 5, 2013

GOD EXHORTS HIS PEOPLE TO LIVE GODLY

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2.

Golden Text: 2 Timothy 2:21.

Embraced within this lesson is how to keep God's Ten Commandments.

1. God exhorts us to live holy lives. Leviticus 19:2. Because He is holy we too must be holy.
2. God exhorts us to honour our parents. Leviticus 19:3; Ephesians 6:1-3.
3. God exhorts us to refrain from idolatry. Leviticus 19:4. This is because God is our Father. Ephesians 5:5.
4. God exhorts us to be honest with everyone. Leviticus 19:11.
Refrain from theft. 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10.
Refrain from all deceptions. Revelation 2:2.
Refrain from untruthfulness. Acts 5:4, 5.
5. God exhorts us not to profane the name of God. Leviticus 19:12.
Refrain from profanity because of the sacredness of God. 1 Timothy 1:8,9.
6. God exhorts us to minister sound justice. Leviticus 19:15.
Refrain from unrighteous justice. Isaiah 59:4.
Refrain to judge without respect of person. James 2:2-5.
7. God exhorts us to love our neighbours. Leviticus 19:18.
We should practice this exhortation. Luke 10:27-29.
8. God exhorts us in respecting the aged people. Leviticus 19:32.
Refrain from neglecting the aged. Proverbs 23:22; 1 Timothy 5:1.
9. God exhorts us in how we should treat strangers. Leviticus 19:33, 34.
Refrain from bothering (vexing) the stranger. Leviticus 25:35; Matthew 25:35.
10. God exhorts us to be honest in business and trading. Leviticus 19:35, 36.
Honesty is the best policy. Proverbs 22:29; 2 Peter 3:14.

NOTE: This lesson is summed up by the last verse of Leviticus 19:37. God bless you as you study this very important chapter.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 12, 2013

THE CALLING OF THE CHILD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-20.

Golden Text: 2 Timothy 1:9.

1. We are CALLED out of Darkness. 1 Peter 2:9. Our experiences when we come into the marvellous light. 1 Thessalonians 5:4, 5; Ephesians 5:11-14.
2. We are CALLED to worship. 1 John 3:1, 2. We were at one time outside of the Family of God. John 1:12; Philippians 2:15.
3. We are CALLED to fellowship. 1 Corinthians 1:9. We are to fellowship with the Father in Heaven, the Son Jesus, and the believers in Christ. I John 1:3, 7; Acts 2:42.
4. We are CALLED to liberty. Galatians 5:13. Freed men in Christ are not in bondage. Romans 6:17, 18; 8:21; 2 Corinthians 3:17.
5. We are CALLED to peace. Colossians 3:15. This is the natural condition for a Believer. Ephesians 2:14, 15; Romans 5:1.
6. We are CALLED unto the wedding of the Lamb. Revelation 19:9.
7. We are looking forward to be at the wedding of Christ and the New Jerusalem. Revelation 21:2, 9-11.
8. We are CALLED to have blessings. 1 Peter 3:9. Blessings are ours. Do we possess our possessions? Ephesians 1:3; Romans 15:29.
9. We are CALLED, and chosen and faithful. Revelation 17:14. We must be faithful even to the death. Revelation 2:10.
10. We are CALLED by a worthy name. James 2:7.
11. We are CALLED to glory. 1 Peter 5:10. We anticipate the prospect which is before us. 1 Thessalonians 2:12; John 17:24.
12. We are CALLED and preserved in Jesus Christ. Jude 1.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 19, 2013

THE WALK OF A CHILD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-17.

Golden Text: Romans 8:4.

As Children of God we must walk with God. This is what saved Noah and his family. Genesis 6:9. Just as God saved Noah, He also saved Enoch from the wicked people around him. He was taken to another place. Genesis 5:22, 24; Jude 14, 15.

1. We WALK by faith. 2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 11:6, 13-18.
2. We WALK in good works. Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 2:12.
3. We WALK worthy of our vocation. Ephesians 4:1, 17-20.
4. We WALK worthy of Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1.

5. We WALK in wisdom and watch the time. Colossians 4:5; Mark 4:11; 1 Peter 3:15.

6. We WALK in the light. 1 John 1:7; Ephesians 5:8.

7. We WALK in love. Ephesians 5:2; 1 Timothy 1:5; Romans 12:9, 10.

8. We WALK in the Commandments of God. 2 John 6.

9. We WALK not with unclean things. 2 Corinthians 6:16-18.

10. We WALK by what we have learned. Philippians 3:15-18.

NOTE: When the kingdom is established what will Israel and other nations say? Micah 4:2-5; Jeremiah 42:3.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JANUARY 26, 2013

SOUND THINGS

Scripture Reading: Titus 2.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 33:4, 5.

NOTE: Several extended passages develop in some detail the meaning of soundness and work in the Believer.

1. A SOUND HEART - Psalms 119:80; Proverbs 14:30.

2. A SOUND MIND - 2 Timothy 1:7.

3. A SOUND SPEECH - Titus 2:8.

4. A SOUND DOCTRINE - Titus 2:1; 1 Timothy 1:10, 11.

5. A SOUND BELIEVER - Titus 2:2.

6. A SOUND WISDOM - Proverbs 3:21.

7. A TRUMPET SHALL SOUND - 1 Corinthians 15:52; Matthew 24:31; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Jeremiah 6:17.

8. A SOUND WORK - 2 Timothy 1:13.

9. SOUND IN THE FAITH - Titus 1:13.

10. A SOUND OF RAIN - 1 Kings 18:41. And Lo, the waters are sweet.

NOTE: This SOUND is not something that is learned by faith only. Soundness comes by having lived that way. The soundness has to be tasted and absorbed, which implies a deep inward experience.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 2, 2013

OUR COMPASSIONATE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Psalm 86.

Golden Text: Psalm 111:4.

1. From whom did Jesus learn to be COMPASSIONATE? Jeremiah 12:15; Exodus 3:6, 7; Deuteronomy 30:3; 2 Chronicles 36:15.
2. It was out of COMPASSION for the sinful world that Jesus came to the earth. Isaiah 49:8, 13-15; Colossians 1:20-23.
3. It was out of COMPASSION for the ignorant that He spoke as never man spoke before. John 7:46; Luke 4:22; Hebrews 5:2.
4. It was out of COMPASSION for the sorrowful that He wept. John 1:35, 36; Luke 7:12-14.
5. It was out of COMPASSION for the wayward who were rebuked. Mark 5:17-20.
6. It was out of COMPASSION for the sick that He healed the sick and broken bodies. Mark 1:40-42; 9:21-24; Matthew 14:14.
7. He had great COMPASSION for the multitudes that were hungry. Matthew 15:32, 38; Mark 6:34, 43, 44.
8. Jesus had COMPASSION on those that were blind. Matthew 20:32-34; Mark 10:48-51.
9. Jesus was asked to have COMPASSION on a demonized child. Mark 9:22-25.
10. Jesus taught COMPASSION through teaching. Luke 15:19, 20; 10:33-34.

NOTE: It' is out of COMPASSION that Jesus gave His life for you and me. Such great compassion is not found anywhere else. Learn to have compassion.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 9, 2013

STRONG THINGS IN THE SCRIPTURE

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 4.

Golden Text: 1 Corinthians 16:13.

Through faith you become STRONG in the Lord. Hebrews 11:33-35.

1. Abraham was STRONG in faith, because he believed what the Lord said. Romans 4:20.
2. Jesus in the extremity of His need poured out His soul in prayer in STRONG crying and tears. Hebrews 5:7.

3. The STRONG meat of God's Word is not for babes, but for those who are fully grown in grace and truth. Hebrews 5:12-14.
4. STRONG consolation is found by those who rest in God's faithful Word. Hebrews 6:18.
5. Those who are weak in themselves find they are STRONG in God's grace. 2 Corinthians 12:10.
6. Those who are STRONG in the Lord have the ability to put on the whole armour of God. Ephesians 6:10.
7. To be made STRONG through the ability of the Lord is to find ourselves capable in His power. Acts 3:16; 2 Timothy 2:1, 2.
8. The second angel of Revelation 18:1, 2 cried with a STRONG voice. This is one of the last warning cries for Children of God to heed. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Matthew 25:6.
9. When judgment comes upon the earth, STRONG is the Lord who does the judging. Revelation 18:1, 2.
10. The Lord of Jacob made Joseph STRONG as a stone in Israel. Genesis 49:22, 23. We His Children should also be made STRONG. 1 Corinthians 16:13.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 16, 2013

THINGS THAT MAKE FOR A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2.

Golden Text: Philippians 2:15.

There must be a realization of:

1. The need of depending upon Jesus. Philippians 4:13. We must recognize Jesus as the head of the Church. John 15:5; Ephesians 5:25, 26.
2. The weakness and failure of self. Isaiah 40:29, 30. David illustrates in Psalms 37:35, ended in verse 36. 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10; Ephesians 6:10.
3. The value of the Word of God to guide. Psalms 119:104, 105. Without the Word of God we are like the traveller with no guide. Acts 17:11; 1 Timothy 3:14-17.
4. The early Church lived the life of prayer. Acts 12:5; Psalms 37:5; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Peter 5:7.

There is great worth in the life of prayer. Acts 4:23, 33.

5. The necessity of Godly service. Mark 16:15, 20. We must put the "go" into life and do our best. 2 Corinthians 6:1; 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:13-15.
6. The benefit of a life of peace. Job 22:21. Peace is needed for efficient service. Romans 15:13; 14:19.
7. The advantage of watchfulness. Revelation 16:15. Watch the daily life. Ezekiel 33:1-8.

8. The reward for watching for His return. Matthew 24:42-46. He that is watchful to the end shall be saved. Mark 13:33-37; 1 John 3:1-3.

9. The need to know the Law of God is supreme. James 2:8-12. Jesus said that if we loved Him we would keep His Commandments. John 14:15, 21; Mark 7:9-13; Hosea 4:6; Amos 2:4.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8.

Golden Text: 1 Corinthians 15:8.

How Can We Abound?

1. In making Jesus Christ known as Lord. Acts 2:36, 37.

This is what the early Church of God did. Acts 8:4, 5, 36, 37; Romans 10:9, 10, 11.

2. In preaching and teaching the Word of God. Acts 8:4.

This zeal was seen every place they went. Mark 16:20; 1 Corinthians 9:16; 2 Timothy 4:1,2.

3. In a life of intercessory prayer. Acts 6:4.

They were of one accord in prayer. Colossians 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; James 5:16.

4. In our gathering for worship. Hebrews 10:25.

Assembling together on the proper day. Luke 4:16-18; Acts 2:42; 17:1-3; Psalms 122:1, 9.

5. In giving what is necessary to the work of God. Malachi 3:8-10.

The Corinthian Church solved the problem. 1 Corinthians 9:11; 2 Corinthians 8:7-9; 9:6-9.

6. In our missionary zeal to go first to the house of Israel and to the whole earth. Acts 1:8.

The early Church set for us a grand example. Mark 16:15, 20; Acts 16:4, 5, 9, 10; 26:17-19; Romans 15:9-12; Colossians 1:23.

7. In a living, consecrated saint's life. Titus 2:11-15.

That men may see faith put into action. Romans 15:13, 14; 1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13; Philippians 1:9-11.

8. In receiving the wisdom and knowledge of God. Ephesians 1:8, 9.

Having received wisdom and knowledge we are saved from the tempter. Proverbs 2:1-6.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 2, 2013

TO HAVE SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL ABUNDANCE

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-24.

Golden Text: Exodus 34:6.

The good things with which a person is blessed become the abundance of his life. Luke 12:15.

1. God promised that if a person is obedient to Him he would be abundantly blessed. Deuteronomy 30:9-11.
2. ABUNDANT JOYS - Psalms 36:8.
3. ABUNDANT LIFE - John 10:10.
4. ABUNDANT GRACE - 2 Corinthians 9:8.
5. ABUNDANT POWER - Ephesians 3:20.
6. ABUNDANT SUPPLIES - Philippians 4:19.
7. ABUNDANT ENTRANCE - 2 Peter 1:11.
8. ABUNDANCE IN CROPS - Leviticus 26:5; Psalms 132:15; Proverbs 3:10.
9. ABUNDANCE IN LABOR - Deuteronomy 30:9; Isaiah 30:23; Ezekiel 36:30; Amos 9:13.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 9, 2013

THE SECRET OF FELLOWSHIP AND THE RESULTS

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2.

Golden Text: 1 John 2:23.

There are seven secrets of fellowship found in 1 John 2.

1. Abiding in Him. 1 John 2:6.

The result will be fruitful lives. John 15:4; Psalms 91:1, 2.

2. Walking as He walked. 1 John 2:6.

The result will be following Christ. Matthew 11:29, 30; Amos 3:3.

3. Loving one another. 1 John 2:9-11.

The result will be obedience. John 13:34, 35; Philippians 2:12-15.

4. Knowing Christ and His Father. 1 John 2:13.

The result - drawn to Him and pleasing Him. Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5; Philippians 3:10.

5. The Word of God abiding in us. 1 John 2:14.

The result will be overcoming; victory. Ephesians 6:10, 17; John 17:6.

6. Separation from the world. 1 John 2:15, 16.

The result will be power. 1 John 2:14; Romans 12:2.

7. Doing the will of God. 1 John 2:17.

The result will be unbroken joy Ephesians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 15:57, 58; Acts 8:6, 7.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 16, 2013

EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1.

Golden Text: 1 Peter 1:4.

1. The promise of blessing to those who read the Word. Revelation 1:3.
Strength and understanding are ours. Psalms 119:9, 104, 105; 1 Peter 2:2.
2. The promise of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:22-27.
Christ being made known as the only way. John 1:29, 45; Acts 4:12.
3. The promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:37-39.
At Pentecost He came to abide in each Believer. Luke 24:49; John 16:7, 13; Romans 8:11-16.
4. The promise of being kept by the power of God. 1 Peter 1:5.
Does anyone fear that he is not able to keep this promise? John 10:27-29; Psalms 91:1, 2; 2 Timothy 1:12.
5. The promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 1:1.
This was the hope of the Church of God since it was purchased by the blood of Christ. John 10:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:19; Colossians 3:3,4.
6. The promise of the return of the Lord Jesus. John 14:3.
This teaching was ever before the Church. Hebrews 9:28; 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 10; 1 Thessalonians 2:19.
7. The promise was obtained through faith. Hebrews 11:33.
Let no man deceive you. If you work the work of righteousness the promises are yours. I John 3:7; Romans 3:21, 22.
8. Who was blest because he had the promises? Hebrews 7:6.
The promises were made to Abraham and his seed. Galatians 3:16, 17, 21.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 23, 2013

ABILITY TO LABOUR AT CRAFTS AND AGRONOMY

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 9.

Golden Text: Philippians 4:13.

1. How were the Children of Israel able to create and furbish the Holy of Holies, the tabernacle, and the walls of it? Exodus 31:1, 3-5; Exodus 26:36; 1 Peter 4:11. Probably all Scriptural labour can be classified as follows: Self-employed, such as Shepherd, 1 Samuel 17:34-36; Farmer, 1 Kings 19:19; Craftsmen, Proverbs 22:29; Mark 6:3; Genesis 6:14-16; Labourers and Slaves, Titus 2:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:12, 13; Proverbs 14:22.

2. The Father in Heaven laboured at the creation. Genesis 1:1-3; 2:3. He still continues to labour. Psalms 104:24; Isaiah 28:29.

3. Man was given by God work to perform in His creation. Genesis 2:15; Genesis 1:26. Sin did not make labour necessary, but it did make it less rewarding and subject to problems and frustration. Genesis 3:19. God made no difference between man or woman when it came to work.

4. What was the occupation of the Apostle Paul? Acts 18:1-3.

5. What were Jubal, Tubalcain, Hiram, and Chenaniah noted for? Genesis 4:21, 22; 1 Kings 7:14; 1 Chronicles 15:22.

6. Who is still like a great potter and overseer of the work force? Romans 9:21; 1 Corinthians 1:20; Proverbs 3:5; Jeremiah 18:3.

7. Our understanding is still dependent on the Lord. Proverbs 3:5; Daniel 1:17; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11.

NOTE: Manual labour is honoured among the Scriptures. Human labour has a dignity all its own. Proverbs 10:16. Labour is always blessed when properly performed. Exodus 34:21; Psalms 127:1. Idleness was the real curse. Ecclesiastes 10:18.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MARCH 30, 2013

"UNTO YOU"

Scripture Reading: John 5:1-25.

Golden Text: Acts 2:39.

Important and personal sentences are full of pertinent blessing. "Unto you" is one of them.

1. VALUE - [1 Peter 2:7] Who can value the value of Christ?

Believers have value of all values in possessing the Lord Jesus, and this will make the Believer also valuable.

2. VISION - [Matthew 13:11] The initiated are instructed in the revelation of the Word by the inner illumination of Christ.

3. LIFE - [John 5:24, 25] Eternal life is positive blessing of the Gospel, and those who are identified with the living Christ receive the life He is and are made alive.

4. POWER - [Acts 2:39] The power of the Spirit has been procured by the propitiation of the Saviour.

5. KNOWLEDGE - [Colossians 3:10] To be personally acquainted with Christ is the sum of all knowledge.

6. GRACE AND PEACE - [2 Peter 1:2] Grace here means strength and peace is quietness. It means power to supply and peace to calm.

7. HEALING - [Malachi 4:2] To fear Him with holy obedience and humble grace is to find the healing of His love and the warmth of His power.