

LESSON FOR SABBATH, APRIL 6, 2013

SEVEN CERTAINTIES THAT ENCOURAGE THE BELIEVER

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 26:1-26.

Golden Text: Romans 12:2.

1. What do the following scriptures tell us about God? 1 Kings 8:56; 2 Peter 1:4; Deuteronomy 1:11; 15:6.
2. What is our faith built on? Isaiah 28:16; 1 Corinthians 3:10-13.
3. What do the following scripture tell us we are working toward? Matthew 10:42; 1 Corinthians 3:14; Luke 6:35; Revelation 22:12.
4. Can we believe that there is complete acceptance for those that love Jesus? John 6:37, 45; Hebrews 4:14-16.
5. from the following scriptures how would you define God's love? Romans 8:35, 38, 39; 1 John 4:7-10.
6. What are we told about IMMORTALITY? John 6:50; John 8:51; John 11:26.
7. What do we get from the following scriptures? John 14:1-3; Hebrews 6:19; 12:22-24, 28.

NOTE: The Sure Word of, God makes us strong, and bold, and courageous. Romans 4:19-21; Isaiah 40:26.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, APRIL 13, 2013

SEVEN THINGS THAT ARE UNCERTAIN

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:16-34.

Golden Text: Luke 12:20.

1. Can we trust in beauty? Psalms 39:11; Esther 1:11, 12, 19, 20.
2. Who are we to trust in? Psalms 146:3; "Promise" is the Old Testament word for "Faith." It is to lean on. Psalms 56:3. It is to roll on and to stay upon. Job 35:14; Psalms 22:8.
3. What did Jesus say about riches? Matthew 19:23-26; Proverbs 23:5.
4. What do the scriptures tell us of the future?: Proverbs 27:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:7,8; Revelation 1:7; Matthew 24:39-42.
5. Are we to be weary with friendships? John 16:32; Job 16:20; Micah 7:5,6.
6. What is life? James 4:14; Isaiah 40:6-8.

7. What is earthly glory? 1 Peter 1:24; Psalms 102:25, 26; 49:17; Isaiah 24:4.

NOTE: Everything worldly is uncertain. Only things that God created and said are certain. Anything that is made by man is uncertain. James 4:4; Titus 2:12; Colossians 3:2.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, APRIL 20, 2013

THE SOBERING CERTAINTIES

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 36-43.

Golden Text: Matthew 13:40.

Again we find seven sobering certainties that face the sinner that will not repent. It means to be "hostile" and suggests an active course in opposition to all that God says is right.

1. Can we hide our sins from God? Numbers 32:23; Joshua 7:16-20.
2. What is the plight of the wicked? Deuteronomy 32:32; Romans 3:11-13; 1 John 4:1.
3. What are we told of earthly possessions? 1 Timothy 6:7; Psalms 49:17-19; Ecclesiastes 5:15,16.
4. Is the mortality of the flesh certain? Ecclesiastes 8:8; Job 14:2-5; Psalms 79:11; Hebrews 9:27.

NOTE: Death is a consequence of Sin. Romans 5:12-14. Jesus said in John 5:28-29 all that are to be in their graves will come forth.

5. What can we be certain of at judgement? Ecclesiastes 12:14; 11:9; Acts 17:30, 31; 2 Corinthians 5:10.
6. Will God separate the righteous from the unrighteous? Matthew 25:31-33; Matthew 13:24-30.
7. Will the wicked remain before the Lord? 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Philippians 3:19; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 22:11-13.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, APRIL 27, 2013

THE RETURN OF CO-OPERATING

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 4.

Golden Text: 1 Chronicles 12:38.

To be successful in any venture co-operation is essential. Co-operation has proven a good thing, and this incident was told by the Lord. Genesis 11:6-8.

1. Are we provided for in our weakness? Exodus 17:12. 2 Corinthians 13:4; Hebrews 11:34
2. What are we promised when we keep God's law? Joshua 1:8

3. What are we to do for the weak? 1 Samuel 14:6,7; Acts 20:35; 1 Thessalonians 5:14
4. How is the spirit of man inspired? Job 32:8; Titus 3:16.
5. Are we to encourage those around us? Deuteronomy 1:38; 3:28.
6. What does the Bible tell us about helping? Acts 26:22; 16:9; Philippians 4:3; Hebrews 4:16
7. Does the Bible example to us about praying together? Matthew 18:19; Acts 12:11, 12; 1:13, 14
8. What has Jesus the Christ done for us and how must we stand? Mark 2:3; Philippians 1:27; 1 Peter 3:7-9.
9. What does the Bible tell us about love? Revelation 2:4; 3 John 1:1; 2 John 1:5, 6; 1 John 4:21; Revelation 3:19; 1 Peter 3:8; Ephesians 3:19; John 17:26; 15:12, 13

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MAY 4, 2013

REJOICING AT CHRIST'S RETURN

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.

Golden Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:13.

The Church of God at Thessalonica was the Apostle Paul's hope and crown of rejoicing.

1. Who hindered the Apostle Paul from returning to his joy (Thessalonica)? 1 Thessalonians 2:18; Acts 17:9, 10.
2. Though Satan had succeeded in keeping Paul from returning to Thessalonica he could not prevent the Apostle's hope of seeing them in the kingdom which would come down into the air. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Philippians 3:20, 21.
3. We observe that throughout the Scriptures the return of Christ is the signal for rewards. Luke 14:13, 14; 1 Corinthians 15:22, 23.
4. The Apostle Paul teaches that when judgment of Christ is set up it will be a time of rewards. 2 Corinthians 5:10, 11.
5. "AT THAT DAY!" what will Paul receive? 2 Timothy 4:8; Philippians 1:6, 10; Philippians 2:14-16.
6. We need to remember that there is a decided difference between salvation and rewards. We are saved by grace. Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-10; Acts 16:31.
7. The Scriptures teach us that each one individually must receive an account for deeds done? 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:12; Colossians 3:17-25.
8. We need to remember that the Church of God members may be saved for eternity and have no works to be rewarded for. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15; Revelation 22:12; 20:12, 13.

NOTE: The work of each workman will be made clear as to its worth. The fire will declare its substance and true character. 1 Corinthians 3:12, 13 Compare this with 2 Timothy 4:1-6.

9. Rejoicing is the true mark of the servants of God. Habakkuk 3:17, 18; Acts 5:41; 1 Peter 4:12, 13.

NOTE: There will be "exceeding joy" when all of the redeemed are present on the Sea of Glass. Revelation 15:2, 3. In this same "Great joy" the Apostle Paul will share likewise. Jude 24, 25. The thought is overwhelming

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MAY 11, 2013

RELIGIOUS REFORMS RECORDED

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 23:1-20.

Golden Text: Psalm 51:12.

In this lesson we are presenting personalities under whose leadership reforms occurred for the betterment of mankind.

1. ASA - 1 Kings 15:12.
2. JEHU - 2 Kings 10:27.
3. JEHOIADA - 2 Kings 11:17, 18.
4. JOSIAH - 2 Kings 23:4.
5. JEHOSHAPHAT - 2 Chronicles 31:1.
6. MANASSEH - 2 Chronicles 33:15; 34:33.
7. EZRA - Ezra 10:2, 3.
8. NEHEMIAH - Nehemiah 13:19.
9. SAMUEL - 1 Samuel 7:1-6, 12-14.
10. JESUS - Hebrews 9:9, 10.
11. Jesus is our Reformer. He is showing us "the Good Things to come." Hebrews 9:11, 12; 10:1.
12. Through Jesus was brought the effective exercise of the will of God by which things before determined by Him are brought to pass. Ephesians 1:8, 9, 3, 11, 12.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MAY 18, 2013

THE TOUCH OF JESUS

Scripture Reading; Matthew 9:1-26.

Golden Text: Luke 6:19.

Contact with Jesus brought about astounding and unexpected feelings.

1. What was known about Jesus in the area of Gennesaret? Matthew 14:34-36. The touch of Jesus was a remarkable experience. Mark 3:10.

2. The following texts are secured touches of the Saviour. Health and comfort came to those whom He touched. Luke 6:19; Matthew 14:26; Mark 5:27,28.

3. THE QUIETING TOUCH. Matthew 8:15

THE ILLUMINATING TOUCH. Matthew 9:29,30

THE REASSURING TOUCH. Matthew 17:17; 20:34

THE LIBERATING TOUCH. Mark 7:33-35

THE TOUCH UPON CHILDREN. Mark 10:13-16

THE CLEANSING TOUCH. Matthew 8:3

THE HEALING TOUCH. Luke 22:51

NOTE: Too many people today do not want the touch of Jesus. They want to touch what they are forbidden to touch. Genesis 3:3.

4. What are we told not to touch? Isaiah 52:11; 2 Corinthians 6:17.

5. What other warning comes to us? We are to add nothing (touch) for in Christ Jesus we are complete. Colossians 2:9, 10; 20-23.

6. If we observe the laws that were abolished in Christ, Are we not touching the things Christ told us not to go along with? Colossians 2:14-17; Mark 15:37-39; John 19:30; Romans 10:4; Galatians 3:13

LESSON FOR SABBATH, MAY 25, 2013

**A SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST
As found in the Book of Revelation.**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:1-3, 9-19.

Golden Text: Revelation 22:3.

The word "servant" is used many times in the Book of Revelation. It is also used to mean slave, and is rendered "bondman" and "bond" in 6:15; 13:16 and 19:18.

1. REVELATION - "shew unto His servants 1:1; 22:6. God reveals to His servants what He does not make known to the world. Daniel 12:4, 9-12.

2. POSSESSION - "His servant John" 1:1, 9. We are the Lord's by creation, calling, purchase, and possession.

3. OPPOSITION - "Seduce My Servants" 2:20; Proverbs 6:24-26.

4. PRESERVATION - "Sealed the servants of our God" 7:3.

Things are sealed for security and secrecy, so the Lord hides and preserves us. 2 Timothy 4:18; Proverbs 2:8; Psalms 31:23; 37:28.

5. COMPLETION - "As He hath declared to His servants" 10:7. God will fill to the full all He has declared shall be.

6. COMPENSATION - "Shouldest give reward unto Thy servants" 11:18. The Lord has eyes to see, a heart to appreciate any service done to Him, and a reward is in His hands for those who served.

7. RECOGNITION - "Moses the servant of God" 15:3. The Lord knows each of His servants by name. Job 2:3.

8. RETRIBUTION - "Avenged the blood of His servants" Revelation 19:2. The saints do not need to vindicate themselves. The Lord does it. Daniel 3:28, 29.

9. ASCRIPTION - "Praise our God, all ye His servants" 19:5. Worship is the outgoing of the heart in praise, gratitude, and adoration to the Lord. Revelation 14:7; 1 Chronicles 16:29; Deuteronomy 26:10.

10. CONSECRATION - "His servants shall serve Him" 22:3. "Serve Him." To serve HIM means loyalty, affection, thoughtfulness, and interestedness. Revelation 22:9; Isaiah 2:3; Zechariah 8:20-23.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JUNE 1, 2013

BARNABAS - - (PAUL'S COMPANION)

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:16-30.

Golden Text: Acts 11:24.

1. What are the natural features of Barnabas? Acts 4:36,37. "Son of consolation" means a person of exhortation and kindness. Barnabas becomes one of the twelve Apostles. Acts 14:14.

2. It took a man like Barnabas to introduce Saul (Paul) the persecutor, of the church at Jerusalem. Acts 9:26-29.

3. What did the residents of Lyconia call Barnabas? Acts 14:11,12.

4. To what place was Barnabas sent to begin his ministry? Acts 11:22-24.

5. While Barnabas ministered at Antioch whom did he bring to the Church? Acts 11:25,26. .

6. With all this goodness and spiritual endowment what lamentable incident happened to Barnabas?

Acts 12:25; 13:13; 15:36-37.

NOTE: Had Paul been too resentful against Mark? Had Barnabas been too eager and easy? It is good to know that both were reconciled afterwards. Colossians 4:10; Mark later wrote his venerable Gospel and was a useful vessel for the Church. 2 Timothy 4:11.

7. There is no perfect person; Jesus only is the perfect one. We can see that Barnabas with all his faith and allegiance π could lack firmness in the breaking away from the laws of Moses. Galatians 2:13.

8. What was the dissimulation that took place in the Antioch church? Galatians 2:12-14. This took place before the Council held in Jerusalem. Acts 15:9, 25, 28, 35.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JUNE 8, 2013

A LESSON FROM THE LIFE OF DANIEL

Scripture Reading: Daniel 1.

Golden Text: Daniel 6:16.

Daniel was descended from Judah's king Hezekiah. Compare 2 Kings 20:17, 18 with Isaiah 29:6, 7. As we study his character we cannot but be impressed with his refinement, his reserve and the high pointed way of life.

1. Daniel was a man of purpose. Daniel 1:8. He had a conviction that this thing was wrong; he would not defile his body. How easy to drift with the crowd, without resistance. Daniel 1:16,17.

2. Daniel was a man of prayer. Daniel 6:10. Circumstances and surroundings made no difference. Many pray when popular and when unpopular do not pray. Prayer was a fixed part of his life. Revelation 5:8; 8:3; Psalms 65:2.

3. Daniel was a man of faith. Hebrews 11:32,33. The outstanding men of the Bible were men of faith. Luke 18:8; Romans 10:17; 14:23.

4. Daniel was a man of excellent Spirit. Daniel 6:3. Exceptional, extraordinary, worthy, choice... Excelling he passed all the other, and this did not just happen. Daniel 6:4; Proverbs 3:1-6; Titus 2:11-14.

5. Daniel was a man of testimony. Daniel 6:4, 5. It was found in the life that he lived. A man with the above outstanding characteristics would be a man of testimony. Philippians 2:15; 1 Peter 4:12-16; Philippians 3:13,14.

6. Daniel was a man of humility. Daniel 10:17; 2:30, 31. Proverbs 29:23. One of Daniel's greatest form of character was his humility. Isaiah 57:15; Matthew 18:4.

NOTE: The close intimacy that Daniel had with God and the King made Daniel the courtier, man of business, reconciling politics with religion, magnanimity with humility, authority with affability, conversation with retirement.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JUNE 15, 2013

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 13.

Golden Text: Hebrews 1:2.

In the world there are different ideas concerning the spirit of prophecy. What does the Bible tell us about this Spirit?

1. How did the Father in heaven converse with mankind before the time of Jesus? Hebrews 1:1; Ezekiel 3:17.

NOTE: In these last days it is important to know the will of God and look for the appearing of Jesus Christ. We are to teach all things that Jesus said. Matthew 28:20.

2. In these last days, since the ascension, who are we to listen to? Hebrews 1:2; Deuteronomy 4:29, 30.

3. The spirit of prophecy is endowed in one person at a time. The Lord led Israel by the hand of Moses - Isaiah 63:11, 12. Moses was a type of Christ - Deuteronomy 18:15,18,19. There was no other prophet like Moses - Deuteronomy 34:10-12. Moses offered his life for the people - Exodus 32:32,33; Hosea 12:13.

NOTE: Moses was indeed the individual who had the spirit of prophecy. Other great prophets are: Samuel - 1 Samuel 3:20; Elijah - 1 Kings 17:1. We do not have room for the many other prophets.

4. Who is mentioned as the greatest of all prophets in the New Testament? Luke 7:24-30.

5. Whom does the Bible tell us is the "Spirit of Prophecy?" Revelation 12:17; Revelation 19:10; Ephesians 4:10. By being the "Spirit of Prophecy" Jesus filled ALL THINGS.

6. What did John signify as he began to write the Book of Revelation? Revelation 1:1-3. John recorded the testimony of Jesus.

7. The Spirit of Prophecy - Jesus Christ brings unity of the faith. There are many good men that preach some of the things of the Word of God. They do not preach the "Spirit of Prophecy" for they do not accept Jesus as the last prophet. God said, "Hear ye Him." Matthew 17:5. He is the leading prophet for these last days and He counsels the Children of God and brings about unity.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JUNE 22, 2013

"WAR IN THE BIBLE"

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 20:1-20.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 20:4.

NOTE: There are two kinds of war mentioned in the Bible. We learn of the "Holy War" and the "Apocalyptic War." In this lesson we will learn of the Holy War during the ancient times of Israel.

1. Today, many think of God only as a God of love and peace. Can He be a God of war? Exodus 17:16; Deuteronomy 9:3; 20:4; Judges 6:16; Revelation 19:11-16.
2. Who was Israel to consult before engaging in any military operations? Judges 6:11, 12, 16; 7:7; 1 Samuel 30:7,8; 2 Samuel 5:19; 1 Kings 22:3-5.
3. What was the result if the Lord was not asked? 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14.
4. Who chose the "commanding officer?" 1 Samuel 16:12, 13; Numbers 27:18, 19.

NOTE: The Commanding Officer was given a special "Gift" of the Holy Spirit of God. By virtue of this Holy Gift he held his command. If for any reason the Spirit was withdrawn from him, his authority to lead went with it. 1 Samuel 16:14.

5. When God's army was at one with the Lord and He fights for them, how many soldiers will the army lose? Judges 7:7, 16, 22; 8:4, 8, 10, 11, 28.
6. Who was a good example of a faithful soldier? 2 Samuel 11:3,8-13. Uriah lost his life for his faithfulness.
7. Did God use large numbers of soldiers against His enemies? Judges 7:7; 15:14,15; 1 Samuel 17:39,40,45-50. These men went according to the Lord's instructions, and the Lord brought down the enemy. No man by himself is capable of such feats.

NOTE: Israel gradually sank into greater transgressions until the Lord no longer fought for her as in early times. After the 70-year captivity Israel could not wage a war. Only certain small revolts against the dominant Gentile power took place. In our next lesson we will study about the Apocalyptic War foretold from ages past.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JUNE 29, 2013

"JESUS AND WAR"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12; Revelation 19:11-16.

Golden Text: James 4:1.

NOTE: If the example of the Lord Jesus was universally accepted carnal warfare would be impossible. Matthew 5:44.

1. Where did Jesus say is the source of all wars and fighting's? Mark 7:21; James 4:1. Satan has been after the heart of man since the beginning with Adam and Eve. Genesis 3:4,5.
2. What Sword are Children of God to use today? Ephesians 6:17. Only in this manner are we able to be the victor against the adversary. Jude 9; Matthew 16:23; Luke 4:8.
3. How did the Apostle Paul describe the Saint's warfare during this age? Romans 7:23.

4. Is there a time when the Saints will partake in a war? Revelation 19:13, 14; Jude 14,15; Matthew 3:7.

5. Who will be the Commander in Chief? Revelation 19:11, 16; 17:14; Zechariah 14:1-4.

6. What is one of the words used to describe a Saint today? 2 Timothy 2:3,4; Philippians 2:5; Philemon 2.

7. What word describes the Saint's protection? Ephesians 6:11-18.

NOTE: Today the Child of God is engaged in warfare against the desires and lusts of a carnal mind. We are called into this conflict that we may prove ourselves (by God's grace) to be chosen into Jesus' army - when our calling and election are made sure. Matthew 22:14.

8. What is the outcome of this Apocalyptic War (Armageddon)? Revelation 19:19-21.

9. Which army are you going to be in at this time, Jesus' Army or the world's army of Satan?