

LESSON FOR SABBATH, OCTOBER 5, 2013

THE NATURE OF MAN - WHAT IS DEATH?

Scripture Reading: Job 14.

Golden Text: John 3:16.

1. What does the Psalmist call death? Psalms 13:3.
2. What does the Apostle Paul call the dead? 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16; 1 Corinthians 15:4, 15-19.
3. Where do the dead sleep? Matthew 27:52, 53.
4. When King David died did he ascend into heaven? Acts 2:34.

Even though David was "a man after God's own heart," he is still in the grave, here on earth. 2 Samuel 7:12; Acts 13:22, 36.

5. More than 25 times we can read the expression, "Slept with their fathers," concerning the sons of kings that died. We can give two samples concerning this saying. 1 Kings 11:43; 2 Chronicles 9:31.
6. At what two experiences did Jesus call death "a sleep?" John 11:11-14; Luke 8:52.
7. When will the dead hear the voice of the Son of God? John 5:24-26. This is the First Resurrection. Revelation 14:13; Hosea 13:14-16; Luke 14:14.
8. When will the wicked be resurrected? John 5:28, 29; Revelation 20:6; Daniel 12:2.
9. Who has the power over death? Hebrews 2:14, 15; John 8:44.
10. Who has the power to abolish death? Romans 6:23; 2 Timothy 1:10; Hebrews 9:26-28.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, OCTOBER 12, 2013

NATURE OF MAN - ARE THE DEAD CONSCIOUS?

Scripture Reading: Psalm 146.

Golden Text: Psalm 146:4.

1. How did God create Adam? Genesis 2:7; 1 Corinthians 15:45-50. Adam was made of the dust of the earth. He did not live until God put breath into his body. Job 33:4. When we die our breath leaves us. Psalms 146:4. Man's thoughts perish. Ecclesiastes 3:19-21.
2. If man's thoughts cease then what he has learned also will expire. Job 14:10, 12-14. There is no knowledge in man after death.
3. While one is asleep in death will they see the Lord or people on the earth? Psalms 6:5; 115:17; Isaiah 38:10-12.

4. What did the preacher say about the consciousness of the dead? Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6; Psalms 88:10-12. These verses tell us of the grave being the land of forgetfulness.
5. When Jesus returns during the "Reaping Phase," Matthew 13:40-43; Revelation 14:14-16. Did Job know about this performance of God? Job 19:23-27.
6. The gift of God is the ability to learn and labour. Ecclesiastes 3:12-14. Man realizes that he is just as an animal. Ecclesiastes 3:18-22.
7. If the dead have no consciousness, is not that better than to have problems and be alive? Ecclesiastes 1:2-4.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, OCTOBER 19, 2013

THE NATURE OF MAN -HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED?

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-28.

Golden Text: Romans 8:11.

1. With what kind of a body shall we be resurrected? 1 Corinthians 15:35; 13:12. The same individual will come from the grave that went into the grave. 1 Corinthians 15:36-38.
2. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus concerning the resurrection? John 3:5, 6. What is the birth from the water? Romans 6:4, 5; Colossians 2:12, 13.
3. What is the birth of the Spirit? John 3:7, 8; 1 Corinthians 15:44; Romans 8:11.
4. If Christ is our example was He born of the water? Mark 1:9-11. When was Jesus born of the Spirit? Mark 16:12. Jesus appeared to them IN ANOTHER FORM. He was now like the wind. John 3:8. He could vanish and appear. Luke 24:30, 31, 36, 37; Matthew 28:6, 7.
5. How was Jesus known to the brethren after His resurrection? John 20:19; John 21:12-14.
6. How did Mary Magdalene learn to know Jesus? John 20:14-16.
7. How did Thomas overcome his cognizable attitude toward Jesus? John 20:26-29. The disciples knew Jesus by His mannerisms, His orderly habits, by His physical form. So we will recognize our brethren after the birth of the Spirit. The only difference will be that our material body will become an energetic body. 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.
8. When the saints are born of the Spirit what will their bodies be like? Philippians 3:20, 21; Matthew 17:2.
9. What is the pledge made by the Lord concerning those that are in the graves? Hosea 13:14; John 5:28, 29.
10. What is the victory of the Children of God? 1 Corinthians 15:54-57.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, OCTOBER 26, 2013

THE NATURE OF MAN - THE RESURRECTIONS

Scripture Reading: Revelation 20.

Golden Text: Acts 17:32.

1. Who is called "The Resurrection" and when will it take place? John 11:23-27.
2. What is another way to describe the resurrection? Matthew 24:30, 31; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.
3. When Jesus was resurrected what did it mean to the saints? 1 Peter 1:3; 3:21.
4. What makes the resurrection such a joy and why must we study about it? Acts 1:22; Philippians 3:10, 11, 14. The study of the resurrections is part of the doctrines of Christ. Hebrews 6:1-3.
5. Are there people that do not believe in a resurrection? Acts 23:6, 8; Acts 24:15; Matthew 22:23; 2 Timothy 2:18.
6. Jesus told us of two resurrections, what are they? John 5:28, 29. By what other name is the resurrection of life called? Revelation 20:4-6; Luke 14:13, 14; Hebrews 11:35.
7. What happens to the wicked people that are resurrected for judgment? Revelation 20:14, 15. The second death and the Lake of Fire are identical terms. John 8:21, 24; Matthew 13:30, 40-43. There is triumph over death at the resurrection to life, or first resurrection. Jesus triumphs over death when this last enemy is destroyed. 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Revelation 2:11; 21:8.
8. How does Job teach us about the resurrection of the just? Job 14:12-15; 19:25-27.
9. What do we learn from the psalmist concerning the resurrection? Psalms 16:9, 10; 17:15; 49:15. Hell is the grave. Hell and death will be burned up after the final resurrection Revelation 20:14, 15.
10. Will there be a special resurrection for the Children of Israel? Ezekiel 37:12-14; Daniel 12:1-3; Hosea 13:14.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, NOVEMBER 2, 2013

THE NATURE OF MAN - THE GIFT OF GOD

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5.

Golden Text: 1 John 5:11.

1. What is the state of man? Job 4:17; Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:22.
2. In what condition did sin place the world? Romans 8:22; 1 John 3:15.
3. Can man free himself from the dominion of sin and mortality? Ezekiel 18:32; Revelation 22:17.

4. What is the gift of God to mortal man? 1 John 3:5-8; Matthew 19:16, 17; Luke 10:25-28.
5. Why must man go to the Father in Prayer to receive immortality? 1 Timothy 6:15, 16; John 5:25, 26.
6. How is immortality given to us by Jesus Christ? 1 John 5:11, 12. Eternal life comes from God and then God gives it to His Son, who in turn gives it to us. 2 Timothy 1:10.
7. What are we admonished to seek? Romans 2:6, 7. If we possessed eternal life or immortality, we would not need to seek for it.
8. How was John 3:16 fulfilled for us? Hebrews 2:14.
9. When and by what means will the effects of mortality be removed? 2 Peter 3:10.
10. How thoroughly will the effects of mortality be removed? Revelation 21:4; 22:3.
11. When will mortals receive immortality? 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

THE NATURE OF MAN - THE MILLENNIUM

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 65.

Golden Text: Isaiah 65:25.

The word "Millennium" does not appear in the Bible. But from the dictionary we learn that it means 1000 years.

1. What is the delight of the saints that were martyred? Revelation 20:4. The resurrection of the saints is at the reaping phase of Christ's second coming. Revelation 14:14-16; Matthew 13:39-43.
2. The saints then return with Christ at the battle of Armageddon (The Warring Phase) to live and reign with Christ for a millennium. Revelation 19:11, 14-16.
3. The saints that will be martyred at the time of Jacob's trouble (for Israel) are still in the first resurrection. Revelation 20:5, 6; Revelation 1:5,6.
4. What is going to happen to the Children of Israel during the millennium? Zephaniah 3:11-13; Zechariah 9:10; 14:16, 17, 20, 21.
5. What will happen to Satan at the beginning of the millennium? Revelation 20:1-3.
6. What else will the Children of Israel do during the millennium? Isaiah 66:19, 20, 21.
7. Israel did not keep and fulfil the covenant made by God with them. Exodus 34:32-34; Galatians 3:17, 19; Deuteronomy 29:1, 13-15; Hebrews 9:19, 20.
8. What happened to Israel for not keeping this covenant? Hebrews 8:9; Jeremiah 29:17-19.

9. What will be the new covenant with the people of Israel? Jeremiah 31:31-33; Hebrews 8:10-13. During the millennium Israel will be under a new covenant. Ezekiel 16:60-63.

10. What will be the duties of Israel during the millennium? Ezekiel 37:25-28: From Ezekiel chapter 40 to end, the Lord shows Israel in their own land ready to receive the new covenant. The sons of Zadok will be the priests during the millennium. Ezekiel 48:11, 12. They will keep the feast of Tabernacles. Zechariah 14:16. The twelve original apostles will judge them. Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:30. David will be their king. Jeremiah 30:7-9; Ezekiel 37:22-24.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, NOVEMBER 16, 2013

THE NATURE OF MAN - ETERNAL LIFE

Scripture Reading: John 5:30-47.

Golden Text: Matthew 25:46.

1. After Jesus reigns for a thousand years what will He do? 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:9-12.
2. What was the rich young ruler's question that he asked of Jesus? Matthew 19:16. This is a legitimate question and should be asked by everyone that is concerned about his eternity.
3. What was Jesus' answer to the rich young man? Matthew 19:17; 1 John 3:15.
4. Which of the commandments were mentioned by Jesus? Matthew 19:18, 19. This was the last 6 Commandments which deal with the duty of man to his neighbour.
5. What else did Jesus say would give this young man eternal life? Matthew 19:21-22; Luke 18:25, 29, 30.
6. Moses' incident with the brazen serpent was what kind of an illustration concerning Jesus? John 3:14-16.
7. What parts of the body of Jesus given to man is symbolic of receiving eternal life? John 6:27, 40, 47, 50, 53-56; John 4:14.
8. What did Paul write to the saints at Rome concerning eternal life? Romans 2:7; 5:21; 6:22, 23.
9. How did Paul write to his young friend Timothy concerning eternal life? 1 Timothy 1:16; 4:8; 6:12; 2 Timothy 1:10.
10. What is definite record that was given to man to prove that he can avail himself of eternal life? 1 John 5:11-13, 20.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, NOVEMBER 23, 2013

RELIGIOUS REFORMS AS RECORDED IN THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 23:1-20.

Golden Text: Psalm 51:12.

In this lesson we are presenting names of the men under whose leadership religious reforms occurred for the betterment of mankind. What are they?

1. Asa - 1 Kings 15:12.
2. Jehu - 2 Kings 10:27.
3. Jehoiada - 2 Kings 11:18.
4. Josiah - 2 Kings 23:4.
5. Jehoshaphat - 2 Chronicles 31: 1.
6. Manasseh - 2 Chronicles 33:15-20.
7. Ezra - Ezra 10:3.
8. Nehemiah - Nehemiah 13:19.
9. Samuel - 1 Samuel 7:1-6, 12-14.
10. Do we have a time of reformation for us today? Hebrews 9:10. Jesus Christ is our reformer. He changes us to do good things now and to come. Hebrews 9:11, 12, 14; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, NOVEMBER 30, 2013

THE CITIES OF REFUGE - CHRIST OUR REFUGE

Scripture Reading: Numbers 35: 11-34.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 19:13.

1. How many cities of refuge were selected from the land of Canaan? Deuteronomy 19:2; 4:41; Numbers 35:14, 15; Deuteronomy 19:9. The roads leading to these six cities had to be kept in continual repair.
2. Were these cities of refuge free to all the people? Numbers 35:15. The refuge was granted to anyone, even to strangers and travellers.
3. This ruling regarding these cities was a lesson that sin and crime could be forgiven. Deuteronomy 19:4-6; 4:42. If the leaders of the city find the person guilty what will happen to that person? Deuteronomy 15:11-13.
4. What is the unpardonable sin that would not let a person have refuge? Matthew 12:31, 32; Hebrews 6:4-6.

5. What illustration of the unpardonable sin do we find in Scripture? Hebrews 12:16, 17; Acts 5:3-5,9.
6. Before the fleeing person could enter into a city of refuge, what must he do? Joshua 20:1-6. Confession had to be made at the city gate, before entrance was allowed. The sinner must confess. 1 John 1:9.
7. Who is our refuge in time of trouble? Proverbs 18:10; Psalms 91:2, 3; 1 John 5:10-13; John 15:5-7. Today Jesus is our refuge and safety.
8. What happens to the person who separates himself from Jesus Christ? Ephesians 4:18, 24-26. He will be a recipient of the second death in the Lake of Fire. Numbers 35:25-29. We learn of two important events the judgment and the death of the High Priest. Jesus is our High Priest. Hebrews 2:17. Judgment decided the destiny of the sinner. The death of the High Priest restored freedom. Judgment decides our eternal destiny and Jesus' death will restore our place in the eternal inheritance. Micah 7:9; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11; 1 John 3:20; Luke 3:8.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, DECEMBER 7, 2013

WHY SHOULD WE KEEP THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19.

Golden Text: Matthew 19:17 (last clause).

1. What is the definition of sin? 1 John 3:4; 5:17.
2. Is there a difference in sin when breaking any of the Ten Commandments? James 2:10, 11; Matthew 5:19.
3. Did Jesus come to do away with the Law of God? Matthew 5:17, 18; Luke 16:17.
4. What did Jesus say was the way to eternal life? Matthew 19:17-19; Mark 10:17-19.
5. Are we to obey the teaching of Jesus and His testimonies? Revelation 12:17; John 12:47, 48.
6. What did the Apostle John say about keeping the Ten Commandments? 1 John 2:3, 4; 3:22-24; 5:2, 3. What did David say about keeping these Commandments? Psalms 12:6, 7; 103:7, 18. What was the introduction to the Psalms? 1:2.
7. How did Jesus say we are to show that we love Him? John 14:15, 21-24; 15:10-12.
8. What do we read about keeping the Ten Commandments in Ecclesiastes? 12:13.
9. What did James say about keeping the Ten Commandments? James 1:25.
10. How did the Apostle Paul word his thoughts concerning this subject? Romans 3:20; 7:7, 12; 1 Corinthians 15:34.
11. What was revealed to John by Jesus after His ascension into heaven? Revelation 14:12; 22:14.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, DECEMBER 14, 2013

"STRENGTH FOR HOLDING ON"

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-9; 2:1-3.

Golden Text: 1 Peter 1:5.

NOTE: In these closing days of this age it is imperative that all Children of God take heed and avail themselves of the Holy Spirit to their utmost capacity to remain in the will of God.

1. How can we remain strong in the Lord? Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:11, 18.
2. Let us read some reasons why we are to be on guard. Ephesians 6:12, 13; 2 Timothy 4:1, 2; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 Peter 5:6-8.
3. What Church in Revelation exercised the powers of the Holy Spirit to determine those who were deceivers? Revelation 2:1, 2.
4. How did Jesus admonish us to remain strong? Matthew 26:41; Mark 13:33; Luke 22:46; Ephesians 6:18.
5. What other "armour" must we put on? Ephesians 6:14 (first part) and Isaiah 11:5; Ephesians 6:14 (last part) and Isaiah 59:17; Ephesians 6:15 and Isaiah 52:7; Ephesians 6:16 and 1 John 5:4; Ephesians 6:17 and Romans 1:16.
6. How was the Apostle Paul comforted and strengthened when he experienced weakness? 2 Corinthians 12:9.
7. Let us consider these thoughts as we continue to keep holding on. Psalms 27:1; Philippians 4:13.

NOTE: Remember the parable of the ten virgins as spoken by Jesus in Matthew 25:1-13.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, DECEMBER 21, 2013

"GROWING IN GRACE"

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:17-32.

Golden Text: Hebrews 13:9.

NOTE: Upon our earnest desire to grow in Grace according to God's will we must do the following things daily.

1. Daily Prayer - 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1; 21:36; Jeremiah 33:3. The value of daily prayer cannot be measured.
2. Daily study of God's Word - Acts 20:32; Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 1:10; Jeremiah 15:16.

3. Daily confess Christ - Matthew 5:13-16; Isaiah 43:10 (first part); Matthew 10:32,33.

4. Daily seek others for Christ - John 15:16; John 14:12; Acts 5:42; 2 Corinthians 6:1.

5. Daily seek Godly companions - Psalms 1:1; Proverbs 13:20.

NOTE: A God-fearing friend is more of a good influence in our lives than we may realize. We can never go wrong by always seeking to be in the company of upright persons.

6. Let us conclude this lesson by reading admonition from the Apostle Peter. 2 Peter 1:4-10.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, DECEMBER 28, 2013

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2.

Golden Text: John 14:16, 17.

1. We must learn to desire the Holy Spirit. How strongly must we desire the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:8, 11-13. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mind that is devoted to God, develops, and is strengthened to comprehend the requirements of God.

2. After we desire the Holy Spirit what must we do? Zechariah 10:1. We must ask the Lord for the power of the Spirit. Hosea 6:3; Joel 2:23, 32; Acts 1:8. Rain as of old will be restored to Israel. We today also must receive the Spirit like a rain. There will be a mighty effusion in the Church of God. Acts 2:17-21.

3. What was a precious experience remembered by David? 2 Samuel 23:1-4.

4. What are the seven manifestations of the Holy Spirit? Isaiah 11:2, 3. These seven manifestations will create what for us today? Galatians 5:22-25.

5. In every endeavor the Child of God will succeed if he has the Holy Spirit. Exodus 28:3; 36:1-5; John 20:22, 23.

6. What opens the minds of believers so that they can comprehend the Word of God? Luke 24:44, 45.

7. If we should reject the Holy Spirit what would happen? Hebrews 6:4-6.

8. While Peter was explaining the Word of God to Cornelius what took place? Acts 10:44-47.

9. What searches the deepest recesses of the heart? Hebrews 4:12, 13, 16; John 6:63, 65, 66.

10. What incident happened to Paul as he travelled to Ephesus? Acts 19:1-7.