

SABBATH STUDY, JANUARY 4, 2014

GOD AND HIS SON

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-14.

Golden Text: John 4:24.

NOTE: We as God's Children must realize that our God is a live Spiritual Being and not just something like a mere thought in man's mind.

1. What is recorded in Ephesians 1:4?
2. What else did God do? Genesis 1:1.
3. What does John 3:16 tell us about God's love for mankind?
4. Are there other gods that are able to do these things? Deuteronomy 6:4; James 2:19; 1 Kings 18:26-29, 36-39.
5. Was anyone with God when He created man? Genesis 1:26; John 1:1-5.
6. Are there other times when God speaks to another person with Him? Genesis 11:5-8.
7. What is one way Jesus exemplified His equality with God the father? Matthew 9:2-8.
8. Did Jesus - God's only Son - live at any other period in history? John 8:58; Matthew 12:36
9. What did Jesus say that He would send to comfort us? John 16:7-14. Have you received the Holy Spirit?

NOTE: We have learned that God is able to think, act and feel. He and His Son - Jesus - began the plan of Salvation before the foundation of the world. Jesus came with the power of His Father.

SABBATH STUDY, JANUARY 11, 2014

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S FIRST ADVENT

Scripture Reading: John 5:36-47.

Golden Text: John 5:39.

NOTE: After Christ was raised from the dead, He met two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We are told that before Jesus made Himself known to them, He talked: "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:27.

Let us compare the Old Testament Prophecies and see their fulfilment in the New Testament.

1. From whose family must Christ come? 2 Samuel 7:4, 5, 16; Matthew 1:1; Matthew 22:42.

2. What does Psalms 16:8-11 say about the coming of Christ? Acts 2:25-31.
3. Would the Messiah be betrayed when He came to earth? Psalms 41:9; John 13:18; Acts 1:16.
4. What was Jesus given to drink while on the cross? Psalms 69:21; Matthew 27:34.
5. Was Christ¹ conceived of a virgin? Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23-25.
6. What else was the Messiah to be? Isaiah 42:1-3, 6, 7; Matthew 12:17-21; Luke 2:32.
7. What are some of the things that Christ suffered? Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 26:67; Matthew 27:26.
8. What does Jeremiah record of the killing of children? Jeremiah 31:15. When was this fulfilled? Matthew 2:17, 18.

SABBATH STUDY, JANUARY 18, 2014

CHRIST HIS DIVINE PURPOSE AND MISSION

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-14.

Golden Text: Romans 8:11.

1. Under what does all creation groan and for what great change do the faithful wait? Romans 8:22, 23.
2. In speaking of the world what is said of the moral condition? Romans 3:15-18.
3. Are any worldly people profitable in the work the Lord left undone? Romans 3:12.
4. As a result of disobedience what came upon the world? Romans 5:12.
5. In what way has God always viewed the lost condition of man? Ezekiel 33:11.
6. For what purpose did the Son of man come into the world? Luke 19:10.
7. In behalf of lost humanity what exchange of riches did Jesus make? 2 Corinthians 8:9.
8. What was the divine motive prompting our Saviour to give his life for us? Romans 5:6-8.
9. How did Jesus become identified with humanity, and why? Hebrews 2:16, 17.
10. What great lesson of love should each one comprehend through the riches and poverty of Jesus? Ephesians 3:17, 19.
11. What is it that quickeneth to active service in the vineyard of the Master? John 6:63.
12. Before Jesus ascended to the Father in heaven what great responsibility did he lay upon his followers? Mark 16:15.

SABBATH STUDY, JANUARY 25, 2014

CHRIST AS OUR HIGH PRIEST

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2.

Golden Text: Hebrews 2:17.

NOTE: Christ is not only a Prophet but He is also our High Priest! The Old Testament priest acted as a go-between God and man. Our Lord Jesus Christ does this for us today. He is all we need!

1. Would Christ do the work of a priest? Psalms 110:4; Zechariah 6:13.

2. What does John call Jesus? John 1:29.

NOTE: By the term "Lamb of God" John also showed that the Old Testament sacrificial system was a type or illustration of the work Christ would do for us in a complete and final way by his death. That death was the act which the Old Testament sacrifices had foreshadowed.

3. What is Christ called in 1 Corinthians 5:7?

4. What is Christ called in Hebrews 3:1?

NOTE: The book of Hebrews gives more detail on the priestly work of Christ than any other biblical writing.

5. How long is Christ our High Priest? Hebrews 5:6; 6:20.

6. What does Hebrews 7:26-27 say about the High Priest work of Christ?

NOTE: We learn here that His high-priestly work is different in three ways from the Old Testament priests: [1] He is perfectly sinless. [2] He made a sacrifice that will never need to be repeated. [3] The sacrifice was He.

7. Is this confirmed elsewhere in the book of Hebrews? Hebrews 9:11-15.

8. What can we do after we have accepted Christ? Hebrews 10:19-22.

9. If we should sin what will Jesus do for us? 1 John 2:1, 2.

10. For whom did Christ say He would intercede and pray? John 17:20.

SABBATH STUDY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014

THE HUMILIATION OF JESUS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:11-50.

Golden Text: John 1:14.

NOTE: To humiliate is to reduce to a lower position in one's own eyes or other's eyes. Jesus was thus so after He left His father in heaven. Because of His family background, He also was not considered a first-class citizen. Let us take this lesson to heart because we may have to suffer humiliation in order to live for Jesus! The point is that Jesus had to suffer humiliation in order to become our Saviour!

1. Did Jesus have glory with His father? John 17:5.
2. What did Jesus do when He came into the world? Philippians 2:6-7; John 1:14.
3. What did Jesus' mother do when He was born? Luke 2:7.

NOTE: When He was born, there was not even a home to shelter him or a room in the public inn. He had to be placed in a manger.

4. What point is made about Jesus birth place? John 7:52.
5. What was the trade of Jesus? Mark 6:3.
6. How far did Jesus humble himself? Philippians 2:8.
7. In what way was Christ made a curse for us? Galatians 3:13.
8. What did Jesus experience? Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15.

NOTE: Consider what pain it must have been for Jesus to carry everyone's sin that was in the world.

9. Did many forsake Jesus? John 1:11; John 7:3-5; Matthew 26:56.

NOTE: Jesus was forsaken by the Jews, His own half-brothers - the natural children of Joseph and Mary, and His own disciples. Think it not strange if sometime we are not forsaken for standing up for Jesus!

10. What did Jesus cry while on the cross? Matthew 27:46.

SABBATH STUDY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014

THE EXALTATION OF JESUS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28.

Golden Text: Acts 2:36.

1. What did the Apostle Peter in his Pentecost sermon say of Jesus? Acts 2:25-31.
2. What did Jesus do after He was resurrected? Luke 24:36-43.

NOTE: Remember Jesus was not just a spirit after His resurrection. He also had a body.

3. What real proof do we have of the physical resurrection of Jesus? John 20:25-28.

4. Was Jesus seen again? Acts 1:3.
5. What finally happened to Jesus? Acts 1:9-11.
6. Is Jesus doing anything for us now? John 14:1-3.
7. What else does the Apostle Peter say of Jesus? Acts 2:32,33.
8. Over what is Christ the head? Ephesians 1:20-22.
9. Describe Christ coming back to rule the nations? Revelation 19:9-16.

NOTE: When Christ comes back again to rule the earth, Jew and Gentile alike will know that the one they humiliated and crucified is what He claimed to be: the Old Testament - prophesied Messiah, the only Saviour of men, King of kings and Lord of lords.

SABBATH STUDY, FEBRUARY 15, 2014

OUR GLORY AT THE FIRST RESURRECTION

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.

Golden Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

1. In the beginning, who created man? Genesis 2:7.
2. For what do we wait? Romans 8:23.

NOTE: The redemption of our bodies will be realized at the first resurrection. It is important to notice that those who wait have the "firstfruits of the Spirit" which is necessary for the redemption of the body.

3. How does 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 tie in the resurrection of Christ with our resurrection?
4. How does 1 Corinthians 15:52-58 explain a "great mystery"?

NOTE: The bodies of the Saints who have died - them which are asleep - will be raised from the dead when Christ appears.

5. What about those who are alive and remain on the earth at that time? 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14, 17.

NOTE: It is thought that the Apostle Paul wrote these words because there was a rumour that the resurrection had already passed. Paul tells them that nothing such as the first resurrection had taken place.

6. How will our bodies be fashioned in the resurrection? Philippians 3:20; 1 John 3:2.
7. What did Jesus do after His resurrection? John 20:26.

NOTE: After His resurrection, Christ's body could pass through closed doors.

SABBATH STUDY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

ADOPTION INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-17.

Golden Text: Romans 8:15.

1. Who can become the sons of God? John 1:12.
2. Are women also spoken of as being in God's family? 2 Corinthians 6:18.

NOTE: In most Bible verses men and women together are spoken of as "the sons of God." However, here we have a passage where God speaks of the women who come to Him through Christ as "His daughters."

3. Why did God send forth His Son? Galatians 4:4,5.
4. What does Ephesians 1:3-5; Hebrews 10:17-19 tell us?

NOTE: When we have taken Christ as our Saviour and become God the Father's children, we may come into His presence with all boldness. As a child of a king may come into the king's presence as his child, so we may come into the presence of Almighty God, the Creator. We may rightfully say to Him, "Thou art our Father," and He will say to us, "Ye are my children."

5. Does the world know us as the sons of God? 1 John 3:1.
6. Is our Father concerned that we have our material needs as His children? Matthew 6:32.
7. What may we call God after we become His children? Romans 8:15.

NOTE: "Abba" means "Father"

8. What else do we become when we become sons of God? Romans 8:17.
9. What does God put into the heart of His children? Galatians 4:6.

SABBATH STUDY, MARCH 1, 2014

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13.

Golden Text: Luke 11:13.

1. Was the Holy Spirit present during Old Testament Times? Genesis 6:3; Exodus 31:3; 35:31.
2. What is said of the relationship existing between God and his protecting care over Israel? Isaiah 63:7, 8, 9.

3. When they rebelled what is said of the effect of their conduct upon the Holy Spirit? Isaiah 63:10.
4. Was God simply leading His people outwardly, or did the Holy Spirit, at that time, dwell within His people? Isaiah 63:11. Within can also mean among
5. Is there any difference now and does not the Holy Spirit still lead the people of God? Romans 8:14. Led here means led.
6. For what special thing did David so earnestly plead? Psalms 51:11.
7. How long is the Holy Spirit to abide? John 14:16.
8. Will worldly people receive the Holy Spirit? John 14:17. .
9. Will the remnant people realize the presence of the Holy Spirit, and will it dwell within them? John 14:17.
10. How is the Holy Spirit acquired? Luke 11:11-13.
11. Will the Holy Spirit prompt our memories and make us keen to call to mind the things of God we have previously learned? John 14:26.
12. If we have the Holy Spirit will our mortal bodies be quickened? Romans 8:11. Will we be active in God's service? John 15:4.
13. What blessing in peace and joy is promised with this holy power? John 14:27.
14. Did the Holy Spirit comfort the apostles only in the early church, or is it for everyone? Acts 9:31; Acts 2:38, 39.
15. What work was accomplished by the Holy Spirit for the Gentiles at Rome? Romans 15:13.

SABBATH STUDY, MARCH 8, 2014

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3.

Golden Text: 2 Timothy 3:16.

1. How was the word of God given, and to whom? 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Psalms 102:18.
2. For what purpose was it written? Romans 15:4; Romans 4:23, 25
3. How long shall it endure? Will it ever pass away? Matthew 5:17, 18, Isaiah 40:8
4. To what is the Word of God compared to show its great power? Jeremiah 23:29.
5. Can the word of God be stolen one from another? Jeremiah 23:26-30.

6. Is the Lord against such prophets? Jeremiah 23:31, 32.
7. Can the word of God be falsely interpreted? 2 Corinthians 2:17; 4:2.
8. To what necessary element of life is the word of God likened? Isaiah 55:1; Revelation 22:17.
9. Is there any danger prevalent, that people may try to substitute something else, for this water? Jeremiah 2:13.
10. Could these cisterns be likened to man-made doctrines according to Jeremiah 23:25-27?
11. How are man-made doctrines compared to the true word of God? Jeremiah 23:28; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13.
12. Shall we, without investigating, accept man's writings in place of the word of God? 1 Thessalonians 5:21.
13. Is there any penalty attached to the adding to, or the taking from the word of God? Revelation 22:17, 18; Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:6.

SABBATH STUDY, MARCH 15, 2014

THE GOSPEL COMMISSION

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-16.

Golden Text: John 15:2.

1. What great commission did Christ give to the church? Mark 16:15.
2. What was the church to teach? Matthew 28:20.
3. What step is necessary on the part of those who believe the gospel? Mark 16:16.
4. What experience is necessary for the sinner in order to become a fit subject for baptism? Acts 3:19; Acts 2:38.
5. Where was Jesus baptized? Matthew 3:13.
6. When Jesus was baptized what did he do? Matthew 3:16.
7. What was necessary in order for Philip to baptize the Eunuch? Acts 8:38,39.
8. Should we be the most interested in the things of the earth or in the work of God, after we are baptized? Colossians 3:2,3.
9. How can we obtain the gifts of the Holy Spirit to make us like Jesus, interested in the Lord's work, and labouring for lost humanity? Matthew 7:7; Luke 11:1-13.
10. What should we work to obtain? Colossians 3:12-14.

11. What other condition should we desire and allow to come into our lives? Colossians 3:15-17.

12. What must our relationship be with Jesus? John 15:5 ..

SABBATH STUDY, MARCH 22, 2014

THE CERTAINTY OF PROPHECY

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1.

Golden Text: 2 Peter 1:21.

1. Of what did the Apostle Peter give assurance when he made known the power and coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? 2 Peter 1:16, 17.

2. What incident did he refer to in this case, and when was he with other apostles "eye witnesses of his majesty?" Matthew 17:1-9.

3. After he had seen this vision and thus been assured of the coming and power of the Lord, how did he esteem this evidence in comparison to the sure word of prophecy? 2 Peter 1:19-21.

4. From what period of time has the Lord been revealing the future through the medium of prophecy? Isaiah 46:9,10.

5. After Daniel had been shown the events to take place in the future, what did the angel Gabriel tell him? Daniel 12:4.

6. What question reveals Daniel's anxiety to know more about the vision? Daniel 12:8.

7. What was the answer of the angel to Daniel? Daniel 12:7,10.

8. What particular phase of the gospel did Jesus say must be carried to the entire world before the end of the age? Matthew 24:14.

9. What four kingdoms of this world did the Lord through Daniel reveal must play a part in the drama of time? Daniel 2:37-40.

10. What is to be the nature of the fifth kingdom concerning which Jesus said the gospel must go to the entire world? Daniel 2:44,47.

11. The end is to come when this gospel of the kingdom is proclaimed to the entire world, and as there is a particular message mentioned that also goes forth just prior to the return of the Lord, what is also a part of the message to the world at this time? Revelation 14:9.

12. Will there be some profitable and others unprofitable to God in giving the gospel message; and what will be the fate of each? Matthew 25:29, 30.

SABBATH STUDY, MARCH 29, 2014

THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 6.

Golden Text: 1 Timothy 6:7.

1. What is said about those who trust in riches? Proverbs 11:28.
2. What warning does God further give concerning those who have a desire to get rich? 1 Timothy 6:17.
3. What should we do with our means and what should our motive be in obtaining money? 1 Timothy 6:18,19.
4. How much can we carry out of the world when we leave? 1 Timothy 6:7.
5. By giving to the Lord's work in preaching the message, what will it do for us? Proverbs 3:8-10.
6. Does the Lord keep in mind those who do thus? Hebrews 6:10.
7. If a person has but little in this world is he excused from assisting in preaching the gospel? Deuteronomy 16:17; 2 Corinthians 8:12; 9:6, 7.
8. What do we provide for ourselves when we give freely for God's service? Luke 12:33.
9. If our earthly treasures have been transferred to heaven in giving to God's cause, where will our hearts be? Luke 12:34.
10. What kind of person does God require to hold responsible positions in His church? Exodus 18:21; 1 Timothy 3:2, 3.
11. How does God regard the covetous person whose desire is only to obtain wealth? Psalms 10:3.
12. What warning does the Saviour give against covetousness? Luke 12:15.
13. What does God call the one who lays up wealth and property here for his own ease? Luke 12:20.
14. What does Jesus say of those who lay up treasures for themselves as in this parable, and are not also rich toward God. Luke 12:21.