



# **34 BASIC BIBLE STUDY GUIDES**



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## Lesson 1 – Becoming a Christian

### 1. How does God feel toward you?

**2 Peter 3:9** “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is \_\_\_\_\_ to us-ward, not willing that \_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_, but that all should come to \_\_\_\_\_.”

**1 Timothy 2:3-5** “For this is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have \_\_\_\_\_ men to be \_\_\_\_\_, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For *there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*”

**NOTE:** It is God’s will that everyone should be saved. God’s character is not one of force, but one of love and kindness. He is so gentle that He allows us to make the decision to follow Him.

### 2. What should you acknowledge to God?

**Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ above all \_\_\_\_\_, and desperately \_\_\_\_\_: who can know it?”

**Romans 3:23** “For \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_, and come short of the glory of God;”

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_; but the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

**NOTE:** When we look at what sin costs, it will break our heart. Why will it break our heart? Because it was your sins and it was my sins that put Jesus on that cross. He didn’t have to die for us. He could have left us all to perish and to start all over again, but because of His great love, He willingly humbled Himself to the point of dying the most cruel death that has ever been devised, the death of the cross. He was stripped naked, beaten mercilessly, and had to go through torture. Why did he do this? It was because of the joy that was set before Him. What joy was that? To see you in heaven - dear friend! Why don’t you accept this sacrifice that was made on your behalf?

### 3. What must you do in order to possess salvation in Jesus Christ?

**Ephesians 2:8-9** “For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God:* Not of \_\_\_\_\_, lest any man should \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Romans 3:24-27** “Being justified \_\_\_\_\_ by his \_\_\_\_\_ through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, *I say*, at this time \_\_\_\_\_: that he might be \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of him which believeth in Jesus. Where *is* boasting then? It is \_\_\_\_\_. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** This, is the most sublime truth in the universe, that God can be just, while He justifies the sinner. Salvation is a free gift. No amount of money can procure it! No amount of penance can secure it, and no amount of works can earn it. It is a gift freely bestowed on



all who believe in Jesus Christ as the propitiation for sin. Boasting is excluded. It is bankrupt. Christ and only Christ is the sinners plea. He pleads perfectly in the sinners behalf for He is the only perfect one who has ever lived on this planet. If you and I ever walk the golden streets it will not be because of how “good we were,” but it will be because of how good He is. What a precious gift He has given to us – His righteousness – His perfect life – His perfection of character – freely bestowed on all who believe!

#### 4. How should you respond to sin in your life?

**Romans 2:4** “Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God leadeth thee to \_\_\_\_\_?”

**Acts 3:19** “\_\_\_\_\_ ye therefore, and be converted, that your \_\_\_\_\_ may be blotted \_\_\_\_\_, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;”

**Acts 5:31** “Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel, and \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.”

**1 John 1:9** “If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive us *our* sins, and to \_\_\_\_\_ us from all \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The word “repent” means to be sorrowful for sin. So sorrowful, in fact that you willingly, of your own volition, turn away from it. In other words, you are so sorry for you sins that you are literally disgusted with them and you give them up. This repentance is a gift from God. We cannot earn it, or force it from our lips. Even this comes from the Father of lights. (**James 1:17**) It comes as a gift when we contemplate how good God really is. How He has provided so many things for us. Even when we were His enemies, He loved us.

#### 5. What are you to believe by faith?

**Ephesians 1:4-7** “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his \_\_\_\_\_;”

**1 John 5:11-13** “And this is the record, that God hath \_\_\_\_\_ to us \_\_\_\_\_, and this life is in his \_\_\_\_\_. He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

**NOTE:** You are to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And if you study it out, it is very easy to believe. Why? Because of the incredible, voluminous evidence regarding His life, death and His resurrection that was predicted hundreds of years beforehand. It is also worthy of note, that we are accepted not because of how “holy” we are, but because of His holiness. We are accepted in the beloved – Jesus Christ.



**6. Once you accept Jesus Christ, what miraculous events will begin to take place in your life?**

**John 1:12** “But as many as \_\_\_\_\_ him, to them gave he \_\_\_\_\_ to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:”

**2 Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he* is a \_\_\_\_ creature: old things are passed away; behold, \_\_\_\_ things are become \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Once you become a Christian, Jesus doesn’t leave you to walk on your own. He is there every step of the way empowering you and giving you the strength to war against your own selfish desires. He also changes your desires! The things you once loved, you now hate and the things you were uncomfortable doing now becomes a joy! What a wonderful Savior!

**7. What happens if you fall as you begin your new walk with the Lord?**

**Proverbs 24:16** “For a just *man* falleth \_\_\_\_\_ times, and \_\_\_\_\_ again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.”

**1 John 2:1** “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And \_\_\_\_ any man sin, we have an \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”

**NOTE:** When a baby first begins to walk it does not begin by running. It is the same in the life of a Christian. Victory is always available, but if we do fall, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. The devil wants to discourage us to the point that we say: “The Christian life doesn’t work for me, I give up.” This is one of his most effective weapons in his arsenal. Sometimes we may even feel too sinful to pray. But it is at that time that we should pray even more fervently. Then it is that we need to simply bask in the presence of the one who loves us so much that He died for us. As you let your mind comprehend how He feels toward you, sinning will become so dreadful that your nature will begin to be more and more like the nature of Jesus Christ.

**IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

To accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and your Saviour?

Yes or No



## Lesson 2 – How to Have Faith

### 1. What is a prerequisite for pleasing the Lord?

**Hebrews 11:6** “But \_\_\_\_\_ it is \_\_\_\_\_ to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

**NOTE:** If it is impossible to please God without faith, then faith must be very important.

### 2. How much faith has God dealt to human beings?

**Romans 12:3** “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The Bible teaches that everyone has been given a measure of faith. We need to improve on the measure of faith that God has given and learn how we should exercise it.

### 3. How do we obtain more faith?

**Romans 10:17** “So then \_\_\_\_\_ by hearing, and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** As we spend time in God’s Word, our faith will increase in proportion to the time we spend in His Word.

### 4. What happens when we exercise the faith that we have?

**Mark 11:22-24** “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have \_\_\_\_\_ in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this \_\_\_\_\_, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.”

**NOTE:** When we exercise the faith that we have, we will find, if it is the will of God, that mountains of difficulty will be removed.

### 5. What is faith based on?

**Hebrews 11:1** “Now \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen.”

**NOTE:** The faith mentioned in the Bible is not a blind faith, but a faith based upon evidence. God does not expect His children to have faith if they do not have sufficient evidence to base it on.



## 6. When are we benefited by God's Word?

**Hebrews 4:2** "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached \_\_\_\_\_, not being \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ in them that heard it."

**NOTE:** The Word of God can be read in such a way that it doesn't bring any spiritual benefit. It must be mixed with faith. It also must be applied to the life of the reader.

## 7. What will true faith lead us to do?

**1 John 5:14** "And this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that we have in \_\_\_\_\_, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:"

**NOTE:** True faith breeds confidence in what God can do. The opposite is also true. If a person does not have faith, he does not have confidence in what God can do. Therefore, the Christian must continue to spend time in God's Word, and talking to Him in prayer.

## 8. How can we see faith?

**Luke 5:20** "And when he \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee."

**NOTE:** Faith is seen in action. When one is actively seeking to please the Lord, by following the Word of God, there is faith.

## 9. What part does faith play in our salvation?

**Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by grace are ye saved through \_\_\_\_\_; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

**NOTE:** It is by faith that we believe in the free gift of salvation.

## 10. What should a Christian live by?

**Galatians 2:20** "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

**NOTE:** We are to live by faith. We are to live as if we are in the very presence of God, for we are actually living in His presence.

## 11. How do we inherit the promises of God?

**Hebrews 6:12** "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the promises."

**NOTE:** Once again we see just how important faith is. It is through faith and patience that the promises of God are embraced.



## 12. What must accompany faith in order for the faith to be genuine?

**James 2:17** “Even so \_\_\_\_\_, if it hath not \_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** It is not enough for someone to say that they have faith. That faith must be seen by his works. If a person has genuine faith, works will naturally follow.

## 13. How is it that we overcome the allurements of this present world?

**1 John 5:4** “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Our faith is absolutely vital in overcoming this world. In fact, it is impossible without faith. From this study it has been very evident how important faith is. Faith penetrates every crevice of our experience with Jesus.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To seek to grow in faith by feeding on God's Word?

Yes or No





## Lesson 3 – The Veracity of the Bible

### 1. Who wrote the Bible?

**2 Peter 1:21** “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but \_\_\_\_\_ of God spake *as they were* moved by the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The Word of God was inspired by the Holy Spirit and penned by holy men of God. Its authenticity is vindicated by countless prophecies that have been fulfilled, and the effect it has had on changing the lives of men and women throughout the ages.

### 2. How much of the Bible is inspired by God?

**2 Timothy 3:16** “\_\_\_\_\_ scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

**NOTE:** The Bible is not a buffet. You cannot pick what you like, and discard that which you disagree with. The Bible is a supernatural book, and it leads the searcher of its pages to deep, profound insights, as we ask God to open our understanding as we study it.

### 3. Do you mean to tell me that even the Biblical creation account is true?

**Psalm 119:160** “Thy word is true *from* the \_\_\_\_\_: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.”

**NOTE:** The Bible makes bold claims about its accuracy. It is the only book that explains the dilemma facing the whole of humanity in the origin of sin, the solution to the sin problem, and the future freedom from its existence. It is a unique book on the horizon of classical literature.

### 4. How can we be sure that the Bible hasn't been tampered with and altered?

**Psalm 12:6-7** “The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ them from this generation for ever.”

**NOTE:** God has protected and preserved His Word for centuries. When the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947, the content of those scrolls contained the majority of the Old Testament, and when the book of Isaiah was compared to the same book of Isaiah in the Dead Sea Scrolls they were virtually identical. God has preserved His Word for the succeeding generations because of His great love for humanity.

### 5. How long will the Word of God last?

**Matthew 24:35** “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my \_\_\_\_\_ pass away.”

**NOTE:** The world will pass away, but the Word of God will not pass away. In an age where we cannot trust anything, we can wholly trust in the Word of God.



## 6. What is the primary reason that God gave us His Word?

**Romans 15:4** “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** God’s Word is all about giving us the hope that we need in a hopeless age. One of the special attributes linked to the Bible is the fact that it does not gloss over the individuals that make up its pages. Biblical Heroes such as David, Paul and Peter, are portrayed not for the good things only that they did, but also their mistakes, so that we can emulate what they did right, and avoid their shortcomings.

## 7. How does the Bible especially make its reader wise?

**2 Timothy 3:15** “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee \_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_ through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

**NOTE:** The wisdom that the Bible offers to anyone who will read its pages is the wisdom regarding salvation. The most wonderful news ever given is contained in the Bible. The wonderful news concerning the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and how we can share in His victory.

## 8. Who is the main attraction in the Bible?

**John 5:39** “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The Bible is not only a historical book and a collection of facts, it is much more than that. The Bible is about a person, and His name is Jesus Christ. Christ is the center of its pages, and every verse, when studied with prayer and contrition of heart, will lead the searcher to Jesus Christ.

## 9. How must I study the Bible?

**2 Timothy 2:15** “\_\_\_\_ to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, \_\_\_\_ the word of truth.”

**NOTE:** There is a wrong way and a right way to study the Bible. To rightly divide the Word is to look at the whole subject matter first before making any rash conclusions. We are to compare spiritual things with spiritual (See [1 Corinthians 2:13](#)). We are to take line upon line, and precept upon precept (See [Isaiah 28:9-10](#)). In others words, we are to look at the whole weight of evidence about a subject before making an interpretation. This will save the reader from beliefs that are unbiblical in nature. The Bible tells us that in the last days people will be holding to doctrines of devils (See [1 Timothy 4:1](#)). This is why it is of the utmost importance that we learn how to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

## 10. Before one opens the Bible to study it, what must that person do first?



**John 16:13** “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into \_\_\_\_: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

**NOTE:** Before a person opens the Bible to read it, prayer must of necessity precede and accompany it. We need the same Spirit that inspired the holy men of old to give us wisdom and understanding as we read what is contained therein. Without a connection to God, Bible study is a fruitless endeavor.

### 11. In what way did Jesus describe the Word of God?

**John 17:17** “Sanctify them through thy \_\_\_\_: thy \_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The word ‘sanctify’ means to set apart, to make distinct and holy. Holiness is not derived, Biblically speaking, by living in a remote land and abstaining from social contact. But holiness is the result of coming into contact with the Word of God, believing what is written and obeying what God has asked us to do.

### 12. What must our attitude be as we discover new truths in the Word of God?

**John 7:17** “If any man will do his \_\_\_\_, he shall \_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.”

**NOTE:** All that God is looking for from us is a willing heart and an open mind. If a person is willing to follow God in all that reveals, then the whole heavenly treasure is open to that person.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To follow God wherever His truth may lead you?

Yes or No



## Lesson 4 – The Origin of Evil

### 1. What is God like?

**1 John 4:8** “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Everything that God has done, is doing, or will do in the future, is based on the principle of love. This love is far more than the cultural love we often think of. This love is based on sacrifice and the willingness to forgive.

### 2. If God is such a loving being, then why does He allow bad things to happen to good people?

**Matthew 13:24-28** “Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed \_\_\_\_ seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow \_\_\_\_ seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

He said unto them, An \_\_\_\_\_ hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?”

**NOTE:** Here Jesus tells a parable about a man that sows good seed in his field. But as the servants of the householder take a closer look at this field, they not only notice the fruit which came from the good seed, but they noticed the tares also. Then they ask the question, “Why does the field have tares, if you sowed the good seed?” And his reply is, “An enemy has done this.” God does not take responsibility for the bad things that happen to good people in this world, but He does place the blame on the appropriate party, the enemy, the devil.

### 3. Where did the devil come from? Did God create the devil?

**Ezekiel 28:12-17** “Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Thou hast been in \_\_\_\_ the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou *wast* \_\_\_\_\_ in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, \_\_\_\_ iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was \_\_\_\_\_ because of thy \_\_\_\_\_, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy \_\_\_\_\_: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.”



**NOTE:** God created a perfect, sinless angel named Lucifer and invested him with a very precious and dangerous gift. That gift was the freedom of choice. In fact, God has given all of His created beings this gift.

Why didn't God make Lucifer without the gift of choice? It is quite simple, really. Imagine if you have a son or daughter, and you had special scientific expertise to somehow manipulate their DNA so that they would always love you and always tell you how much they loved you all the time. Question: Would that be love? Of course not! Love, true love, can only come from the heart where there is freedom of choice. If love is forced or programmed, it isn't love at all.

The reason why God gave angels and human beings this choice is so they can choose to love Him. To love through choice rather than programming is true love.

How did Lucifer come to make the fatal mistake of sinning against God? The sad reality is that this beautiful angel became so enraptured by his own looks and intellect that he began to foster the idea that he knew better and thought that he was even wiser than God Himself. And as the last act of the drama unfolds he will be destroyed by God because of his unwillingness to change his murderous and rebellious ways.

#### 4. What was and is Lucifer's longing desire?

**Isaiah 14:12-14** "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, \_ will ascend into heaven, \_ will exalt my throne \_ the stars of God: \_ will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: \_ will ascend above the heights of the clouds; \_ will be like the most High.*"

**NOTE:** Lucifer, since his initial downfall, has always wanted to usurp the authority that belongs only to God. His desire is to rob the worship that is due to God and apply to himself that which should solely belong to God. He wants to have power over the Most High. Today Satan (Lucifer) is robbing God of the worship He deserves in a very unsuspecting, underhanded way. We will be looking at this subject in depth in the very near future.

#### 5. What happened to Lucifer once his rebellion became open and unchanging?

**Revelation 12:7-9** "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the \_\_\_\_\_; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their \_\_\_\_\_ found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast \_\_\_\_\_, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which \_\_\_\_\_ the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

**NOTE:** When the rebellion of Lucifer reached a fever pitch, there was war in heaven. The Bible doesn't speak on what type of war it was, but the war was over the issue of worship. This same war that was fought in heaven is being fought right now on this planet. Lucifer and his angels were cast out of heaven because of their rebellion and their desire to rob God of the worship that is due only to Him.



Why is God the one we should worship? It's because He is our Creator and Sustainer of life. He loves us and only asks us to follow Him for our own good and happiness.

How deceptive is Lucifer? He deceived one third of the angels of heaven. (See [Revelation 1:20; 12:4](#)) These angels were holy and without sin, and yet he persuaded them to his side. Do you think that he will succeed in deceiving the majority of humanity? The Bible describes him in this way: "that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan which deceives the whole world." This is why it is imperative we follow carefully what Jesus teaches us through his Word.

## 6. What did Jesus say in regards to the fall of Lucifer?

**Luke 10:18** "And he said unto them, I beheld \_\_\_\_\_ as lightning \_\_\_\_ from heaven."

**NOTE:** The Bible tells us that the armies of heaven cast out the devil. It all took place because Lucifer chose to rebel. Jesus says He saw Satan fall from heaven. It was his choice that ultimately led to his expulsion from the precincts of glory.

## 7. Why does Satan hate humanity with such fury?

**Genesis 1:27-31** "So God created man in his \_\_\_\_\_, in the image of \_\_\_\_\_ created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

**NOTE:** Man was unique in the scope of the creation of God. Man was created in the image of God. This was a brand new order in the universe and infuriated Lucifer causing him to hate humanity so much today.

## 8. On what points did Satan deceive Adam and Eve?

**Genesis 3:1-7** "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, \_\_\_\_\_:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to



the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”

NOTE: Satan clouded the mind of Eve with doubts regarding the trustworthiness of God and His word. He made her feel as if God was holding something back from her, that her happiness would be complete if she would only comply to his devilish promptings. Today, the same strategy is working with the masses of this world. Satan still seeks to insinuate doubts about the motives and character of God. But we can learn from the mistake of Eve in the garden, to demand a “Thus saith the Lord,” for every belief and practice.

## 9. How does sin affect our relationship with God?

**Isaiah 59:1-2** “Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

But your \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ between you and your God, and your \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ his face from you, that he will not hear.”

NOTE: Sin separates us from God. It makes the things of God repulsive and creates a dislike in the heart for spiritual things. It creates an unwholesome fear of God that leads the sinner to run away from Him instead of running towards God and asking for favor and forgiveness. (See [Genesis 3:8-9](#))

## 10. What is the ultimate result of disobedience?

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

NOTE: Sin leads to death. Accepting the gift of God, salvation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, is eternal life.

## 11. What happened to the human race as a result of Adam's sin?

**Jeremiah 17:9** “The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ above all *things* , and \_\_\_\_\_ wicked: who can know it?”

**Romans 5:12** “Wherefore, as by \_\_\_\_\_ entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

**Romans 6:16** “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_, or of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_?”

NOTE: At the fall of our first parents, selfishness took the place of love and hence, all succeeding generations have been perverted. The nature of man has changed for the worse, but the good news is that Jesus can give us a new nature when we accept Him by faith that will, once again, be triumphant in the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. (See [2 Peter 1:4](#), [Jude 1:24](#))





## 12. What did the life of Jesus prove?

**Hebrews 2:14-17** “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he \_\_\_\_\_ took part of the \_\_\_\_\_; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on *him the nature of angels*; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham.

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* \_\_\_\_\_, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.”

NOTE: The life of Jesus proved that man can overcome the temptations of Satan and be victorious. Jesus is our example and as we follow His manner of life, keeping the eye of faith riveted on Him we can be more than conquerors through Him that loved us. (See [Romans 8:37- 39](#))

## 13. Why is Jesus referred to as the second Adam?

**Romans 5:17-19** “For if by one man's offence death reigned by \_\_\_\_\_; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness shall reign in life by \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus Christ.)

Therefore as by the offence of \_\_\_\_\_ *judgment came* upon all men to \_\_\_\_\_; even so by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. For as by \_\_\_\_\_ man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of \_\_\_\_\_ shall many be made \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: Jesus overcame where Adam failed. He is our perfect substitute and surety. Consider it, if you will, as a divine transaction. Naturally, we are born selfish and bent toward evil and sin. Without Jesus we are children of wrath. When we accept Jesus Christ as our substitute, sinful as our past may have been, because of the perfect life of Jesus we are covered by His life, and his death was the final payment in this transaction. You see, the wages of sin is death. This is why Jesus had to die in our place! It was the only way that the penalty of sin could be paid and the life of the sinner be spared. What an act of unselfish love Jesus displayed on the cross!

## 14. What do we have to do to earn our salvation?

**Romans 3:24-25** “Being justified \_\_\_\_\_ by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are \_\_\_\_\_, through the forbearance of God;”

NOTE: Although it is free to us, it cost Jesus everything. We are justified freely by His grace. We can do nothing, and let me reiterate -- nothing, to earn our salvation. Jesus has already paid the price for us. All we do is reach out the hand of faith by confessing our sins to Him, and to accept this Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. This is something that separates the Christian faith from all other religions. We need not appease an angry god by





meaningless rituals. We accept freely what has been done for us by a loving God who is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

### 15. Does Jesus involve Himself in our day-to-day life if we allow Him?

**Isaiah 41:13** “For I the LORD thy God will \_\_\_\_\_ thy right hand, saying unto thee, \_\_\_\_\_; I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee.”

**NOTE:** The God of the Bible is not some aloof, arbitrary God who stands back and watches some type of twisted ecological experiment. The God of the Bible is a God who is intimately interested in your trials, heartaches, joys and sorrows. He is always ready to help you in all the experiences of life. His caring cannot be sufficiently expressed by mere words. To know Him, to experience Him, to live for Him, is to love Him.

### 16. What will ultimately happen to Satan?

**Ezekiel 28:17-18** “Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall \_\_\_\_\_ thee, and I will bring thee to \_\_\_\_\_ upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.”

**NOTE:** Satan will one day be destroyed once His government reaches fruition. We will see in future studies the issues surrounding his final demise.

### 17. What will happen after the destruction of Satan?

**Revelation 21:1-5** “And I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ heaven and a \_\_\_\_\_ earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, \_\_\_\_\_ from God out of \_\_\_\_\_, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is \_\_\_\_\_, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be their God*. And \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ away \_\_\_\_\_ from their eyes; and there shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_, neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, neither shall there be any more \_\_\_\_\_: for the former things are \_\_\_\_\_. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, \_\_\_\_\_: for these words are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Imagine the scene. The very place where rebellion has flourished for thousands of years will become the dwelling place of God and the capital of the universe. And God will wipe away all tears from the eyes of the redeemed. There will be no more death, sorrow or crying. Then the redeemed will watch God make all things new, better than they were in their original edenic luster.



## 18. Will the problem of sin ever come back again?

**Nahum 1:9** “What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end:  
\_\_\_\_\_ shall not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ time.”

**NOTE:** Once the cancer of sin is eradicated, along with the originator of sin, there is no need to worry for what the future holds. Sin will no longer be a part of humanity's experience. We can all live in perfect freedom without the oppressive shadow of death and sin.

### **IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

To prepare yourself to live for eternity without the fear of death and sin?

Yes or No



## Lesson 5 – A Prophesied Life

### 1. How can an intelligent person living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century believe in Jesus?

**ANSWER:** There are many who propagate the Christian Faith and base their beliefs on blind tradition. Others are on the lunatic fringe, who scream and yell while preaching sermons, and turn many people off by their ranting. Is there credible evidence out there that is sufficient to sustain the faith of the modern day seeker? The fact is that the Bible accurately predicted the life of Jesus Christ hundreds of years in advance. In this study we will only look at a few of the compelling prophecies that testify of the uniqueness of Jesus Christ on the landscape of history. The facts speak for themselves.

### 2. Where was Jesus born?

**PROPHECY: Micah 5:2** “But thou, \_\_\_\_\_ Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.”

**FULFILLMENT: Luke 2:1-7** “And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called \_\_\_\_\_; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”

### 3. What miraculous occurrence took place surrounding the birth of Jesus?

**PROPHECY: Isaiah 7:14** “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

**FULFILLMENT: Matthew 1:23** “Behold a \_\_\_\_\_, shall be with child, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ forth a son, and they shall call his name \_\_\_\_\_, which being interpreted is, \_\_\_\_\_.”

### 4. Of which lineage did Jesus belong?

**PROPHECY: Genesis 49:8-10** “\_\_\_\_\_, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; thy father' children shall bow down before thee.

\_\_\_\_\_ *is* a lion' whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

The \_\_\_\_\_ shall not depart from \_\_\_\_\_, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be* .”



**FULFILLMENT: Luke 1:30-32** “And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the \_\_\_\_\_ of his father \_\_\_\_\_:”

**5. What word does the Bible use to describe that Jesus would come out of the tribe of Judah?**

**PROPHECY: Numbers 24:17** “I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a \_\_\_\_\_ out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.”

**FULFILLMENT: Matthew 2:1-2** “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his \_\_\_\_\_ in the east, and are come to worship him.”

**6. How was the ministry of Jesus predicted and how was it fulfilled?**

**PROPHECY: Isaiah 61:1-3** “The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to \_\_\_\_\_ good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to \_\_\_\_\_ up the brokenhearted, to \_\_\_\_\_ liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.”

**FULFILLMENT: Luke 4:16-21** “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the \_\_\_\_\_ where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to \_\_\_\_\_ the brokenhearted, to \_\_\_\_\_ deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at \_\_\_\_\_ them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture \_\_\_\_\_ in your ears.”

**7. How did the Bible predict the betrayal of Jesus?**

**PROPHECY: Psalm 55:12-13** “For *it was* \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it* : \_\_\_\_\_ *was it* he that \_\_\_\_\_ me *that* did magnify *himself*



against me; then I would have hid myself from him:  
But *it was* thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine \_\_\_\_\_.”

**FULFILLMENT:** [Matthew 26:47-50](#) “And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

And Jesus said unto him, \_\_\_\_\_, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.”

## 8. What did the Bible predict in regards to what Jesus was betrayed for?

**PROPHECY:** [Zechariah 11:12-13](#) “And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.”

**FULFILLMENT:** [Matthew 27:3-9](#) “Then Judas, which had betrayeth him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to the chief priests and elders,

Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.

And he cast down the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

And the chief priests took the \_\_\_\_\_ pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Then was \_\_\_\_\_ that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;”

## 9. How did the Bible predict the attitude of Jesus when He was being led to His death?

**PROPHECY:** [Isaiah 53:4-7](#) “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.”



**FULFILLMENT:** [John 1:29](#) “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the \_\_\_\_ of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

**FULFILLMENT:** [Acts 8:32-35](#) “The \_\_\_\_ of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a \_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so \_\_\_\_ he not his \_\_\_\_:

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the \_\_\_\_ scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.”

#### 10. How did the Bible predict the manner of the death of Jesus?

**PROPHECY:** [Psalm 22:16](#) “For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they \_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_.”

**FULFILLMENT:** [Luke 23:33](#) “And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they \_\_\_\_ him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.”

**NOTE:** This prophecy is very significant because when David wrote this Psalm death by crucifixion was unheard of. Crucifixion originated with the Roman Empire, and at this time of the writing of this Psalm stoning was the usual manner of capital punishment.

#### 11. What did the Bible predict surrounding the events that immediately followed the death of Jesus on the cross?

**PROPHECY:** [Psalm 22:18](#) “They \_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_ among them, and cast \_\_\_\_ upon my \_\_\_\_.”

**FULFILLMENT:** [Matthew 27:35](#) “And they crucified him, and \_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_, casting \_\_\_\_: that it might be \_\_\_\_ which was spoken by the prophet, They \_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_ among them, and upon my \_\_\_\_ did they cast \_\_\_\_.”

#### 12. What did the Bible predict Jesus would say as he died on the cross?

**PROPHECY:** [Psalm 22:1](#) “My God, my God, why hast thou \_\_\_\_ me? \_\_\_\_ art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?”

**FULFILLMENT:** [Matthew 27:46](#) “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou \_\_\_\_ me?”

**NOTE:** Here Jesus was experiencing the full-undiluted wrath of God against sin. Jesus became sin so that you and I can exchange places with Him and experience the peace that only comes with His forgiveness and appropriating the righteousness of Jesus to ourselves by faith. (See [2 Corinthians 5:21](#), [1 John 1:9](#))



### 13. What was significant about the way that Jesus died on the cross?

**PROPHECY:** **Psalm 34:20** “He keepeth all his \_\_\_\_\_: not \_\_\_\_\_ of them is \_\_\_\_\_.”

**FULFILLMENT:** **John 19:36** “For these things were done, that the scripture should be \_\_\_\_\_, A \_\_\_\_\_ of him shall not be \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Another remarkable prophecy regarding Jesus! Here the Jews pressured Pilate to break the legs of those who hung on the cross to hasten their death because a high Sabbath was approaching, and they did not want the bodies to be displayed on the cross during the Sabbath hours. (See **John 19:31**) As the soldiers arrived at the place of execution they first broke the legs of the two thieves that surrounded Jesus, but when they looked at Jesus they saw that He had already died. Therefore there was no need of them to break His legs. This whole scenario was predicted hundreds of years in advance.

### 14. Where did the Bible predict that Jesus would be buried?

**PROPHECY:** **Isaiah 53:9** “And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.”

**FULFILLMENT:** **Matthew 27:57-60** “When the even was come, there came a \_\_\_\_\_ man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his \_\_\_\_\_, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.”

**NOTE:** It is amazing that Jesus never owned a home, and never wrote a book. Yet His life testified of such a majesty and nobility of character that it moved a rich man to give up his own new tomb. Jesus was different.

### 15. How long would Jesus be imprisoned by the cold, dark, shadows of death?

**PROPHECY:** **Psalm 16:10** “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell(grave: original language); neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see \_\_\_\_\_.”

**FULFILLMENT:** **Matthew 28:2-7** “And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

\_\_\_\_\_ : for he is \_\_\_\_\_, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.”

**NOTE:** The four most powerful words in the English language: “He is not here.” This sets apart Jesus from every other prophet, teacher or philosopher. They are all still entombed.



But, the tomb of Jesus is empty! Jesus is the only one who has ever conquered death. He is the only one who has been victorious over its vice-like grip on humanity. Therefore, Jesus is worthy of our worship and allegiance. He has created us, He has redeemed us, and He destroyed the power of sin and death that has kept the human family in bondage. He is the only one that is worthy of our worship. An intelligent appreciation of what He has done for us should cause us to say with the angel: “... Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.” (Revelation 5:12)

**16. In the light of these facts of history, what should be the Christian’s basis for an intelligent faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?**

**2 Peter 1:19** “We have also a \_\_\_\_\_ word of \_\_\_\_\_; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:”

**NOTE:** When feelings of doubt threaten to overwhelm us, when we get discouraged as we press on up the pilgrim pathway, when we know and experience the one behind the prophecies, Jesus Christ, then will our faith will be strengthened and confirmed.

**IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

To take God at His word concerning the life of Jesus Christ?

Yes or No





## Lesson 6 – God With Us

### 1. What does the word Emmanuel mean?

**Matthew 1:23** “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, \_\_\_\_\_. ”

**NOTE:** This is the verse that we derive the title of this lesson. Emmanuel means, “God With Us.”

### 2. Who is the Word? And what is the Word called?

**John 1:1, 14** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_.  
And the \_\_\_\_\_ was made \_\_\_\_\_, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

**NOTE:** The Word was God, and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This is a reference to the deity of Jesus Christ.

### 3. What did Jesus claim about His identity?

**John 8:58** “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, \_\_\_\_\_. ”

**NOTE:** This was a revolutionary statement that Jesus made at this time, and it is still revolutionary today. When Jesus said, “Before Abraham was, I AM,” this made the religious leaders of the day furious.

The religious leaders of the Jewish Nation at this time prided themselves on their lineage. Because they were of the same blood line as their forefather, Abraham, they felt they were entitled to all the blessings promised to Abraham.

What Jesus said not only was a declaration of His identity as God, but it also opened before them the fallacy of trusting to family heritage for Salvation. The reception of the gift of Salvation is not a family affair, it is a matter of choice for each individual that makes up the family.

### 4. What other time in the Bible was the phrase “I AM” used in reference to God?

**Exodus 3:14** “And \_\_\_\_\_ said unto Moses, \_\_\_\_\_: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, \_\_\_\_\_ hath sent me unto you.”

**NOTE:** There can be no mistake, I AM THAT I AM refers to God alone. So Jesus was saying quite clearly to the Jewish mind that He was God.



## 5. Who is the only one who forgives sins?

**Luke 5:20-24** “And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy \_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ thee. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive \_\_\_\_, but God \_\_\_\_\_? But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.”

**NOTE:** Again we see that the Jewish leaders took issue with Jesus because He said that He could forgive sins, and they pointed out that this was blasphemy. It is blasphemy if a man claims the power and prerogative to forgive sins. The difference is that Jesus was not a mere man. He was and is God, and God is the only one who can forgive sins.

## 6. What did Thomas, the doubting disciple, confess to Jesus?

**John 20:28** “And Thomas answered and said unto him, My \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** He couldn't have made this declaration any clearer. Here Thomas, battling his perpetual doubts, touches the wounds of Jesus after the resurrection and becomes an ardent believer. Later he died a Martyr's death.

## 7. What does God, the Father, call Jesus?

**Hebrews 1:5-9** “For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my \_\_\_\_, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O \_\_\_\_, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”

**NOTE:** The Father calls His Son, God. Jesus was not just another teacher, Jesus was God in the flesh.

## 8. How long has Jesus been in existence?

**Isaiah 9:6** “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The \_\_\_\_\_ Father, The Prince of Peace.”

**Micah 5:2** “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from \_\_\_\_\_.”



**NOTE:** Jesus was not created in eternity past. Jesus has always existed. Jesus is God. If He were not God, then He could not have been a Savior to mankind. He was the only one who could pay the price for sin, because He was without sin. He also was our Creator!

### 9. What priceless commodity does only Jesus possess?

**1 Timothy 6:15-16** “Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who \_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.”

**NOTE:** Jesus is the sole possessor of immortality. Therefore He is the only one that can bestow that gift.

### 10. What does Jesus have the keys to?

**Revelation 1:18** “I am he that \_\_\_\_\_, and was \_\_\_\_\_; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Jesus holds the keys to the grave and death. He is the only one that mastered death making Him the rightful owner of these keys. (The word “hell” in this verse in the original Greek language is akin to the “grave.”)

### 11. What was Jesus willing to give up in order to become our Saviour?

**Philippians 2:5-12** “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with \_\_\_\_: But made himself of \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of \_\_\_\_: And being found in fashion as a \_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

**NOTE:** Jesus gave up everything so that you and I might be saved. He who is fully God, decided, because of His great love for us, to leave the adoration of angels for the animals about Him in the stall. He exchanged the crown of glory for the crown of thorns. He did this all for you and me, dear friend.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To begin to have a personal relationship with Jesus by spending time talking to Him in prayer, and spending time reading His word?

Yes or No



## Lesson 7 – The Good News

### 1. What is at the foundation of the character of God?

**1 John 4:8-9** “He that \_\_\_\_\_ not knoweth not God; for God is \_\_\_\_\_. In this was \_\_\_\_\_ the love of God toward us, because that God \_\_\_\_\_ his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”

**NOTE:** The very fact that God sent his Son is a clear manifestation of His great love for the human family.

### 2. Why is God so concerned about the human family?

**Genesis 1:27-31** “So God created man in \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

**NOTE:** God made man according to His own image. The human family has the capacity to procreate, hence the hatred that Satan has for human beings. Satan is not able to create anything, he simply perverts that which was created originally for good.

### 3. Practically speaking, what effect does sin have on humanity?

**Genesis 3:8** “And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife \_\_\_\_\_ from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.”

**Isaiah 59:2** “But your iniquities have \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and your God, and your sins have \_\_\_\_\_ his face from you, that he will not hear.”

**Romans 8:37-39** “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**NOTE:** Sin separates us from God, and when we choose to sin, we are separating ourselves from Him. However, nothing we ever do can separate us from the love of God. So, even if a person has denounced God, and everything that is involved with the worship of Him, God still loves that person the same way just as if he has never sinned.



#### 4. If sin goes untreated what will be the experience of the sinner?

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

NOTE: Sin results in eternal death, a complete separation from God.

#### 5. How big of a problem is sin?

**Romans 3:23** “For \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

NOTE: The sin problem is terminal in nature and is something that no one can claim exemption from. Every person has sinned and come short of the glory of God. From the drunk on the street to the rich aristocrat in his mansion, every single socio-economic parameter suffers under the weight of sin. Because of sin everyone is under the penalty of death.

#### 6. What does Jesus bring to the sinner?

**Romans 5:18-19** “Therefore as by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ judgment came upon \_\_\_\_\_ men to \_\_\_\_\_; even so by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the free gift came upon \_\_\_\_\_ men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ shall many be made \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: Adam brought death into this world because of his disobedience to God. You and I had nothing to do with the choice that he made. Some would dare to argue and say, “It was Adam and Eve’s fault, and therefore I can do what I want!” The fact that Adam sinned and we had nothing to do with that, does not legitimize sin in the least. Jesus came, and we had nothing to do with that either. He paid the penalty for sin. So, although Adam brought death into this world, Jesus came and brought life. Every person can choose Jesus today and have eternal life.

#### 7. What did Jesus experience for us?

**Galatians 3:13** “Christ hath redeemed us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law, being made a \_\_\_\_\_ for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:”

NOTE: Jesus bore the curse in our behalf. He proved this by wearing the crown of thorns which was the curse of sin. This was an amazing transfer: The Crown of Glory for The Cursed Crown of Thorns!

**Hebrews 2:8-9** “Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels \_\_\_\_\_ the suffering of \_\_\_\_\_, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should \_\_\_\_\_ for every man.”

NOTE: Jesus tasted death for us.



**2 Corinthians 5:21** “For he hath made him to be \_\_\_\_\_ for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in him.”

**NOTE:** Jesus Christ became sin for us, paid its penalty completely and fully, so we would not have to.

## 8. How do I accept Jesus as my personal Saviour?

**REPENTANCE: Acts 3:19** “\_\_\_\_\_ ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”

**Acts 2:37-38** “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, \_\_\_\_\_, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

**Romans 2:4** “Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to \_\_\_\_\_?”

**NOTE:** Repentance simply means to turn around. It is a change of mind. It is a genuine, heartfelt, sorrow for sin and comes as a gift of God as we see His matchless goodness towards us.

**CONFESSION: 1 John 1:9** “If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

**NOTE:** Once a sinner is broken because of his or her sins, the next logical step is to confess those sins to God. Some get hung up on this point and say, “I cannot remember all the sins that I have done.” If you cannot remember the sins you have committed, ask God to reveal them to you, and He will bring them to mind and then you can confess them freely to Him. And the promise is, “If you confess He will forgive and cleanse you from all unrighteousness.”

**RECEIVING: Romans 8:1** “There is therefore now no \_\_\_\_\_ to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

**NOTE:** When we receive Jesus by faith for what He has done for us, we are no longer condemned in the sight of God because He took that condemnation for us.

**INVITATION: Revelation 3:20** “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and \_\_\_\_\_ the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

**NOTE:** When we accept Jesus by faith as our Savior, the experience does not end there. It is only the beginning. We invite Him to guide and lead us into all truth. When He leads us to that truth, we lovingly obey what He asks us to do because we love Him. See [John 14:15](#)



### 9. You don't know my past; I am not good enough to be saved!

**ANSWER:** None of us are good enough. That is precisely the reason He came to die, to save sinners like us who are not good enough to be saved. That is why Paul writes in the book of Ephesians...

**Ephesians 2:8** “For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”

**NOTE:** Grace is favor that is undeserved. If we had to work to earn it, then it would fail to be grace but works. We cannot earn this precious gift of eternal life.

### 10. What do we become, once we receive Him as Saviour?

**John 1:12** “But as many as \_\_\_\_\_ him, to them gave he power to become the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, even to them that believe on his name:”

**NOTE:** As we receive Him we are adopted into the heavenly family, no longer children of wrath, but children of God!

### 11. What is one of the great gifts we receive by accepting Him?

**1 John 5:11-13** “And this is the record, that God hath given to us \_\_\_\_\_, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ that ye have \_\_\_\_\_, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

**John 3:16** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that \_\_\_\_\_ believeth in him should not \_\_\_\_\_, but have everlasting \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** This is the good news! We need not wait for eternity to start to possess this gift of eternal life, but we can experience it today! We can KNOW that we have eternal life. We can have the assurance of salvation, if we meet the conditions of the above-mentioned criteria. This gift no amount of money can purchase and it is yours for the asking and receiving.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To receive Jesus as your own personal Lord and Saviour?

Yes or No





## Lesson 8 – Confession and Forgiveness

### 1. How does God feel about forgiving our sins?

**Micah 7:18-19** “Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he \_\_\_\_\_ in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt \_\_\_\_\_ into the depths of the sea.”

**Psalm 86:5** “For thou, Lord, art good, and \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive; and \_\_\_\_\_ in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.”

**John 6:37** “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that \_\_\_\_\_ I will in no wise cast out.”

**NOTE:** God is not some vengeful being that withholds forgiveness. The teaching that God is looking down from above with an evil eye and on the edge of his seat to annihilate sinners is a teaching that finds its origin in the mind of Satan. However, God is on the edge of his seat, desiring to forgive the repentant sinner. Jesus is the friend of sinners; He never refused anyone who sought Him.

### 2. In Heaven, will God remember our sins?

**Hebrews 8:12** “For I will be \_\_\_\_\_ to their unrighteousness, and their \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_ will I remember \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Isaiah 43:25** “I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not \_\_\_\_\_ thy sins.”

**NOTE:** When we see Jesus one day face to face, we can look into His eyes knowing that He does not remember our sins. It is an amazing theme of contemplation and meditation: God, who is omniscient, and yet He will forget our sins. He is omnisciently forgetful.

### 3. When will God ultimately remove the record of sin?

**Acts 3:19** “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be \_\_\_\_\_, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;”

**NOTE:** One day the record of sin will be completely blotted out. This took place once a year in the setting of the earthly sanctuary in Old Testament times. The earthly sanctuary stood as a type for Jesus Christ, but it also typified the Heavenly Sanctuary. During the Day of Atonement, which happened on a yearly basis, the repentant sinner would have his record of sin removed from the sanctuary. This will also take place in the sanctuary in heaven one day. We will delve into this matter further in a future study.

### 4. What do we have to do in order to obtain the forgiveness of God?

**1 John 1:9** “\_\_\_\_\_ we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins, and to cleanse us from \_\_\_\_\_ unrighteousness.”

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**NOTE:** It is a wonderful thing to realize that we, as sinners, do not have to perform wearisome pilgrimages, or perform painful penances in order to secure the forgiveness of God. All we need to do is confess our sins to God, and we have the word of God as our assurance that He will forgive and He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**5. What word picture does God use to describe our sinful condition?**

**Isaiah 44:22** “I have \_\_\_\_\_ out, as a \_\_\_\_\_, and, as a \_\_\_\_\_, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.”

**NOTE:** God describes our sins as a thick cloud and this is a very accurate picture of our sins. Sometimes when we think of our sinful condition it is difficult to find hope beyond the clouds. God can easily dispel the thick clouds of our sins when we confess them to His listening ear.

**6. What does forgiveness bring with it?**

**Psalm 32:1** “\_\_\_\_\_ is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Another word for blessedness is happiness. Today people are looking for happiness in many different places. But true forgiveness brings true happiness.

**7. What are the conditions for the forgiveness of sin?**

**Isaiah 55:7** “Let the wicked \_\_\_\_\_ his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him \_\_\_\_\_ unto the LORD, and he will have \_\_\_\_\_ upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** There are several steps in forgiveness. The first step is being willing to forsake the life of sin. It is not enough just to say, “Forgive me, Lord”, and then continue living the life of sin. When a person is truly converted they receive what the Bible calls a “new heart.” This means that the life a converted person lives is different than his old way of living. Can a converted person ever make a mistake? Of course! It is like a baby learning to walk. There will be setbacks from time to time, but the person will be willing to confess their sin and keep growing in their Christian life.

**8. Can God forgive those who are stubborn and rebellious?**

**Nehemiah 9:17** “And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* a God \_\_\_\_\_ to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Ecclesiastes 8:11** “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed \_\_\_\_\_, therefore the heart of the sons of men is \_\_\_\_\_ in them to do evil.”

**NOTE:** It is so wonderful to realize that our God is kind and compassionate. Even when His people rebel against Him, God does not forsake them. He bears long with sinners, and shows His great love by not executing justice immediately. He realizes our frame, that we are only dust. But, on the flip side we should exercise great caution in presuming upon the



forgiveness of God. When we presume upon His mercy we are playing right into the strategy of Satan. Because when we continue in known sin the heart becomes harder and the voice of the Holy Spirit becomes fainter and fainter. The best time to confess and forsake our sins is the moment in which God convicts us on those sins.

## 9. Why is God so willing to forgive?

**Colossians 1:14** “In whom we have redemption through his \_\_\_\_\_, *even* the forgiveness of sins:”

**NOTE:** Forgiveness is rooted in the very character of God. God is forgiving not because He feels like forgiving, but because forgiveness is inherent in His very nature.

## 10. Is the forgiveness that God offers partial in nature?

**Psalms 103:3** “Who forgives \_\_\_\_\_ iniquities...”

**Luke 7:47** “Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are \_\_\_\_\_, are \_\_\_\_\_;”

**NOTE:** With God forgiveness is not partial, but it is full and complete. The devil often will try to drive us to be discouraged and depressed, but we can have the assurance that even though our sins, which are many, are forgiven.

## 11. How do people that have been forgiven treat others?

**Ephesians 4:32** “And be ye \_\_\_\_\_ one to another, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

**NOTE:** What does a Christian do when someone offends him/her? A Christian does not try to take revenge, or hold grudges. If a person is truly forgiven, they will forgive. If they don't forgive, their salvation experience with Jesus is in serious jeopardy. Why does a Christian forgive? A Christian is one who has Jesus living within and will “walk even as He walked”. (1 John 2:6) Jesus forgives sinners, and as Christians we also should be willing to forgive others who hurt us.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To ask Jesus to give you full and complete forgiveness and to ask Him for the willingness to forgive others.

Yes or No



## Lesson 9 – Resisting Temptation

### 1. Who is the originator of all temptations?

**John 8:44** “Ye are of *your* father the \_\_\_\_, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

NOTE: Satan is the originator of all temptation.

### 2. What will God never allow?

**1 Corinthians 10:13** “There hath \_\_ temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted \_\_\_\_ that ye are \_\_\_\_; but will with the temptation also make a way to \_\_ \_\_\_\_, that ye may be able to \_\_\_\_ it.”

NOTE: God will never allow Satan to tempt us above what we are able to overcome. In other words, every temptation that we face is an opportunity to stand for God. It is an opportunity to cast your vote for the government of God rather than the government of Satan.

### 3. Can Jesus relate with me?

**Hebrews 4:15-16** “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our \_\_\_\_; but was in \_\_ points tempted \_\_ as *we are*, yet without sin. Let us \_\_\_\_ come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

NOTE: Jesus was tempted as we are tempted and so He can relate to every one of us. In fact, Jesus was tempted much greater than we could even think about being tempted. He was totally dependent on the Father because He never used His own divine power in order to overcome. His temptations by definition were far greater than ours could ever be because of His divine nature.

### 4. Is it possible to be victorious over temptation?

**1 John 5:4** “For whatsoever is born of God \_\_\_\_\_ the world: and this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.”

**1 Corinthians 1:27-30** “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath \_\_\_\_\_ the weak things of the world to confound the things which are \_\_\_\_; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:”

NOTE: Yes! That is exactly what God wants for all of us.



## 5. What must the Christian do in order to conquer the power of temptation?

**James 4:7-8** “\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves therefore to God. \_\_\_\_\_ the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.”

**Philippians 4:8** “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* of \_\_\_\_\_; if *there be* any \_\_\_\_\_, and if *there be* any \_\_\_\_\_, think on \_\_\_\_\_.”

**1 Corinthians 15:57** “But thanks *be* to God, which \_\_\_\_\_ us the victory \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Ephesians 6:10-17** “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the \_\_\_\_\_ armour of God, that ye may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ against the wiles of the \_\_\_\_\_. For we wrestle not against \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but against \_\_\_\_\_, against \_\_\_\_\_, against the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world, against \_\_\_\_\_ in high places. Wherefore take unto you the \_\_\_\_\_ armour of God, that ye may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ in the evil day, and having done all, to \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ therefore, having your loins girt about with \_\_\_\_\_, and having on the breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_; And your feet shod with the preparation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; Above all, taking the shield of \_\_\_\_\_, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of \_\_\_\_\_, and the sword of the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God:”

**NOTE:** Many times we think that victory will just happen to us. We must submit to God and then we are given power to resist temptation. Although victory is a gift, we do have a part to play to retain this gift. The greatest battle is not with armies and arsenals aiming their artillery at human bodies; it is with principalities and powers pointing their panoply at human minds.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To make it a point to submit to God even when temptations come?

Yes or No





## Lesson 10 – The King’s Dream

### 1. What astounding claim does God make about Himself?

**Isaiah 46:9-10** “Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* \_\_\_\_\_; I *am* God, and *there is* \_\_\_\_\_ like me,  
Declaring the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and from ancient times *the things* that are \_\_\_\_\_, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:”

**NOTE:** One of the most powerful arguments for an intellectual faith in the God of the Bible is to consider the reality of prophecy. This study will be devoted to see how God sees the things that are “not yet done.”

### 2. How does Daniel Chapter 2 begin?

**Daniel 2:1** “And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar \_\_\_\_\_, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.”

**NOTE:** Here we have a picture of this great king of Babylon, having dreams his second year which is 603 BC . In fact these dreams were so troubling to him that he could not sleep after that.

### 3. Who did the king inquire of to help him understand his dream?

**Daniel 2:2** “Then the king commanded to call the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.”

**NOTE:** This process of calling upon the sorcerers, astrologers, soothsayers etc. was what ancient kings did when confronted with something they did not understand. But, this process did not die with these ancient kings. Even in our modern times these different classes of people are called upon by the most powerful people in the world for direction and guidance. A practice the Bible condemns as an abomination.

### 4. What was the punishment that Nebuchadnezzar issued to the Chaldeans?

**Daniel 2:5** “The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be \_\_\_\_\_, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.”

**NOTE:** Ancient kings wielded incredible authoritative power. If you did not meet the king’s expectations your life would be cut short.

### 5. How did the Chaldeans respond to such a hasty ultimatum?

**Daniel 2:10** “The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a \_\_\_\_\_ that can shew the king’ matter: \_\_\_\_\_ *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.”



**NOTE:** The Chaldeans were those in Babylon who received the highest education, at the highest levels. And here they appeal to Nebuchadnezzar's rationality that no man can tell him the dream. In this case they were almost correct. No human being in his finiteness can know the future. One may guess and have a percentage of correctness, but only God knows the future and reveals the future to the prophets to share with the rest of humanity.

**6. How did the king respond to the inability of his inner circle to tell him the dream?**

**Daniel 2:12** "For this cause the king was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ all the wise *men* of Babylon."

**NOTE:** A death decree was issued against all those who were deemed wise, which would have included those who were taken captive from Jerusalem. See Daniel 1:1-3

**7. What did Daniel do in light of the hasty decree?**

**Daniel 2:17-18** "Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing \_\_\_\_\_ to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, \_\_\_\_\_:  
That they would desire \_\_\_\_\_ of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon."

**NOTE:** Through the experience of Daniel and his friends we can learn three valuable lessons: There is power in prayer, and even more so praying with other believers. We are to see in every emergency a call to prayer. We should always live our lives so close to God, that we can be confident to boldly approach Him. See [Hebrews 4:15-16](#)

**8. Who is the only one ultimately in control of earthly events?**

**Daniel 2:21** "And he \_\_\_\_\_ the times and the seasons: he \_\_\_\_\_ kings, and \_\_\_\_\_ up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:"

**NOTE:** God is in control. Although, to our own understanding the world looks out of control, nothing takes God by surprise. Therefore we can trust Him with every facet of our lives.

**9. What did Nebuchadnezzar ask Daniel?**

**Daniel 2:26** "The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, \_\_\_\_\_ to make known unto me the \_\_\_\_\_ which I have seen, and the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof?"

**NOTE:** After Daniel was brought before the King Nebuchadnezzar, he inquired of Daniel if he knew what the dream was and its interpretation.

**10. Who alone is able to interpret this dream?**

**Daniel 2:27-28** "Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;



But there is a \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the \_\_\_\_\_. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;"

NOTE: There was only one that can interpret this dream correctly, and that one was God. Daniel was wise and humble enough to declare that God is the one who reveals secrets, and deserved all the praise and the glory, not man. It is also worthy of our attention that the meaning of this dream was not only for the Babylonian culture, but it was also reserved for the generation in which we live.

### 11. What was it that Nebuchadnezzar the King dreamed?

**Daniel 2:31-36** "Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a \_\_\_\_\_. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible. This image' head *was* of fine \_\_\_\_\_, his breast and his arms of \_\_\_\_\_, his belly and his thighs of \_\_\_\_\_, His legs of \_\_\_\_\_, his feet part of \_\_\_\_\_ and part of \_\_\_\_\_. Thou sawest till that a \_\_\_\_\_ was cut out \_\_\_\_\_, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and brake them to pieces. Then was the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the \_\_\_\_\_ that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king."

NOTE: A very interesting dream. An image comprised of many different precious metals.

### 12. What does the head of gold represent?

**Daniel 2:37-38** "Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. \_\_\_\_\_."

NOTE: The head of gold represents the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar, which was Babylon. In fact, Babylon was known as the Golden Empire because of its power, riches, and grandeur. So gold was a fitting symbol depicting this mighty empire. (Babylon lasted from 605 BC to 539 BC)

### 13. What does the silver chest and arms represent?

**Daniel 2:39** "And after thee shall arise another \_\_\_\_\_ to thee..."

NOTE: This is a shocking statement! Another kingdom would take the place of Babylon in its worldwide dominance, but it would be weaker, or inferior to Babylon. History bears witness that Nebuchadnezzar was a king that was filled with pride about the might of his nation. I am sure when he heard that his nation would fall, it filled him with anger and astonishment. Which kingdom would this be?





**Daniel 5:25-28** “And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: [Daniel, Chapter 5](#), is the historical account of the fall of Babylon. Since Babylon thought it was invincible, and that no nation could trouble it, the people of Babylon were given over to the party life.

One night during a huge, lewd, drunken feast, God wrote a message to the King and his people on the wall of the palace that the party was over. In fact, the saying, “The handwriting is on the wall,” finds its origin in the pages of [Daniel, Chapter 5](#). The message, in summary, was that the Kingdom of Babylon was finished and given over to the Medes and Persians.

That very night the armies of Medo-Persia marched right into the city surprising the people and conquering Babylon.

When we look at [Daniel Chapter 2](#) once again, it becomes apparent why the arms and chest of silver is a symbol of Medo-Persia. The Medo-Persian empire by its very name tells us that it was a two nation coalition. This is why God described it with two arms, telling us of its very nature. The fact that the chest and arms were of silver is significant because of the silver currency that was used by Medo-Persia. So we see that Medo-Persia truly was an inferior kingdom taking Babylon, a stronger empire. (Medo-Persia lasted from 539 BC to 331 BC)

#### 14. What was the Medo-Persian leader responsible for leading the attack of Babylon?

**Isaiah 45:1** “Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to \_\_\_\_\_, whose right hand I have holden, to \_\_\_\_\_ before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be \_\_\_\_\_;”

NOTE: This is a remarkable prophecy! Approximately, 150 years before the birth of Cyrus his name is mentioned in the book of Isaiah and what he would do in overthrowing the most powerful empire on the planet at that time.

#### 15. What does the brass midsection represent?

**Daniel 2:39** “And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another \_\_\_\_\_ of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.”

NOTE: From this verse, we don’t know which nation conquered Medo-Persia, but if we turn to [Daniel Chapter 8](#), we will see who this kingdom is.

**Daniel 8:20-21** “The ram which thou sawest having *two* horns *are* the kings of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

And the rough goat is the king of \_\_\_\_\_: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.”



**NOTE:** In [Daniel Chapter 8](#), a ferocious battle is described. The combatants are the ram and the he-goat. (You can read about in [Daniel 8:1-7](#)) At the end of this battle the he-goat is victorious and walks upon the body of the ram. The ram is described as Medo-Persia, and the he-goat is the nation of Greece. Therefore, Greece is the brass midsection of the image in [Daniel Chapter 2](#), because it is the nation that overthrew the Medo-Persian empire.

Does history confirm this prediction? Yes, indeed. The Grecian empire skyrocketed to power in a very short time, spearheaded by what many consider to be the single greatest military strategist of all time, Alexander the Great.

Another interesting nugget of history is, that the weaponry that was used by Greece was bronze. Hence the brass midsection of [Daniel Chapter 2](#). God is interested in the minute details of predicting the future, He is also interested in the minute details of your life. (See [Matthew 10:30](#))

## 16. What do the Iron legs represent?

**Daniel 2:40** “And the fourth kingdom shall be \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_: forasmuch as \_\_\_\_\_ breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things* : and as \_\_\_\_\_ that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.”

**NOTE:** The kingdom that followed in the footsteps of Greece, a kingdom that borrowed much of Grecian culture, was none other than the Iron Monarchy of Rome.

Rome was known for the cruelty in which she treated those who opposed her, both within and without. Criminals were executed in a very cruel way; they were executed by what they called “crucifixion”. Rome was the empire that was in control when Jesus was crucified. He was crucified by Roman soldiers and a seal from a Roman King adorned his tomb. Rome was also the empire that taxed the whole then known world in the times of Jesus (See [Luke 2:1](#)).

Iron was a fitting symbol of this great empire because of its use in armor and weaponry for the soldiers of Rome, in the same manner that bronze was used for the armor and weaponry of Greece. (Rome ruled from 168 BC to 476 AD) Notice these fascinating statements from the pages of history:

“On June 22, 168 B.C. at the Battle of Pydna, Perseus, king of Macedonia, was completely crushed by the armies of Rome, and on this day, “perished the empire of Alexander the Great which had subdued and Hellenized the East, one hundred and forty-four years after his death.” Theodor Mommsen, History of Rome, bk. 3, ch. 10

The famous historian, Edward Gibbon, says, “The images of gold, or silver, or brass, that might serve to represent the nations and their kings were successively broken by the IRON MONARCHY OF ROME.” The History and Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, Vol. 3, p. 634

In the second century, Hippolytus wrote of Rome: “Rejoice blessed Daniel! Thou hast not been in error... ALREADY THE IRON RULES.” Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 5, p. 210



## 17. What does the iron and clay in the feet and toes represent?

**Daniel 2:41-43** “And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

And as the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly \_\_\_\_\_, and partly \_\_\_\_\_.

And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall \_\_\_\_\_ themselves with the seed of men: but they \_\_\_\_\_ one to another, even as iron is not \_\_\_\_\_ with clay.”

**NOTE:** The iron is still present even in the toes of this image, which means that Rome will continue to be prominent even when it appears that it has gone off the scene as a powerful empire.

For many years, and even now in our present time there has been a tremendous push for the unity of all nations, and when an objective study of history has been done one will find that Rome was not conquered by one empire, but that it was divided into ten parts. This is the precise reason why the toes are significant. There are ten toes, and Rome was divided into ten parts. Those ten parts were actually ten tribes, and those tribes are what modern Europe today is based on.

There has been tremendous clamoring to bring Europe to the point of oneness or unity. This has been attempted by numerous personalities throughout the history of that continent. But, the word of God says that they will mingle themselves with the seed of men, but they will not cleave one to another. What does this mean? For centuries European leaders intermarried for the sole purpose of unifying Europe, but God said categorically that they will not cleave together. Below is a list of those ten tribes, and what the remnants of those tribes were later called:

### TRIBE

Alemanni; Burgundians; Franks; Lombards; Anglo-Saxon; Suevi; Visigoths; Heruli; Vandals; Ostrogoths.

### NATIONALITY

Germans; Swiss; French; Italians; English; Portuguese; Spanish; Extinct; Extinct; Extinct.

## 18. Who will set up the final kingdom?

**Daniel 2:44** “And in the days of these kings shall the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ set up a kingdom, which shall never be \_\_\_\_\_: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume \_\_\_\_\_ kingdoms, and it shall stand \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The message that is being trumpeted in this world is that there will one day be a unity of all nations and peace will reign on this earth. But the Bible says that God will bring an end to all these kingdoms and set up His Kingdom which will be eternal in nature, with no more death, pain, or crying. This Kingdom will begin when Jesus comes the second time with power and great glory, in the clouds of heaven. (See [Matthew 24:30](#), [Revelation 1:7](#); [John 14:1-3](#))



## 19. How reliable is this prophecy?

**Daniel 2:45** “Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** This prophecy is rock solid. It is certain. It is sure. History bears witness to its accuracy. This prophecy shows that we can trust God’s Word and lean on it wholeheartedly. If we give our lives unreservedly to Jesus Christ we can be a part of the next great kingdom to come. The next climatic event to happen in the sequence of the image, is the coming of Jesus.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

Seeing that He is in control would you like to invite Him to come into your life, and grant you His peace?

Yes or No



## Lesson 11 – Daniel's Dream

### 1. In Daniel chapter seven, who is it that is having prophetic dreams?

**Daniel 7:1** “In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon \_\_\_\_\_ had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.”

**NOTE:** In Daniel chapter two, it was King Nebuchadnezzar who had dreams during his second year in 603 BC, and now, in chapter seven, it is Daniel who is having dreams in 553 BC.

### 2. What did Daniel see in his dream?

**Daniel 7:2-3** “Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four \_\_\_\_\_ of the heaven strove upon the great \_\_\_\_\_. And four great \_\_\_\_\_ came up from the sea, \_\_\_\_\_ one from another.”

**NOTE:** Here Daniel sees four beasts arise from the sea amidst winds. So, using the Bible to interpret its own symbolic language what we see is, SEAS/WATERS = Multitudes of People ([Revelation 17:15](#)), WINDS = War/Strife ([Jeremiah 49:36-37](#)), BEASTS = Kingdom ([Daniel 7:17](#)). So these two verses seen through the lenses of correct prophetic interpretation are understood like this: there were wars amongst the multitudes, and out of those wars emerged four kingdoms.

### 3. How is the first beast in Daniel seven described, and what do the symbols mean?

**Daniel 7:4** “The first *was* like a \_\_\_\_\_, and had eagle' \_\_\_\_\_: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ was given to it.”

**NOTE:** As we saw earlier, the first kingdom mentioned in Daniel chapter two was Babylon, which lasted from 605 BC to 539 BC. This kingdom stands on its feet as a man, and a man's heart is given to it. This signifies the philosophy of this kingdom. It exalts the human more than the divine. It is a man-centered philosophy. This will become more important as we go along in our studies.

### 4. How do we know for sure that this lion represents Babylon?

**Jeremiah 4:7** “The \_\_\_\_\_ is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.”

**NOTE:** Contextually speaking the only kingdom that this could be referring to is Babylon, and the findings of archeologists tell us that the winged lion was the animal that represented that nation when it reigned on the earth.



## 5. What is the second beast in Daniel chapter seven and what does it stand for?

**Daniel 7:5** “And behold another beast, a second, like to a \_\_\_\_\_, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* \_\_\_\_\_ in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.”

**NOTE:** The second kingdom to emerge was the kingdom of Medo-Persia. Medo-Persia surprised Babylon and overtook it in 539 BC, and it continued until it was overthrown by the Greek Empire in 331 BC (as we see in Daniel chapter two). Additionally, we also see three ribs in the mouth of this beast. What does that symbolize? As Medo-Persia rose to prominence it devoured three more kingdoms, Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt. Also, it is of interest to note that the reason this bear was higher on one side than the other, was the imbalance of power with the two nation coalition, the Persian side was the more dominant.

## 6. What is the third beast in Daniel chapter seven and what does it stand for?

**Daniel 7:6** “After this I beheld, and lo another, like a \_\_\_\_\_, which had upon the back of it \_\_\_\_\_ of a fowl; the beast had also \_\_\_\_\_; and dominion was given to it.”

**NOTE:** According to the Bible and secular history, the next kingdom to rise was the Greek Kingdom, which overthrew Medo-Persia in 331 BC and lasted until 168 BC when the Roman Empire began its dominance. This is symbolized with a four winged, four headed leopard. The Greek kingdom rose to prominence very quickly and this is denoted by the leopard with four wings. It took Alexander the Great approximately ten years to rule, and he was also very young when he died.

Upon his death, his kingdom was divided amongst his four top generals, hence the four heads on the leopard. **Cassander:** He took control of Macedonia and parts of Greece, **Ptolemy:** He became the ruler of Egypt and founded the Ptolemaic Kingdom, **Seleucus:** He was granted control over a vast region that included much of the former Persian Empire, particularly Babylon and parts of Asia Minor and **Lysimachus:** He took control of Thrace and parts of Asia Minor.

## 7. What about the fourth beast, what kingdom does it represent?

**Daniel 7:7** “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great \_\_\_\_\_ teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was \_\_\_\_\_ from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.”

**NOTE:** This, of course, represents the Roman Empire, which began its dominance in 168 BC after the Battle of Pydna and lasted until 476 AD, when the Western Roman Empire collapsed due to barbarian invasions. Note the iron teeth, which corresponds with the iron legs of Daniel chapter two, and the ten horns also correspond with the ten toes in Daniel chapter two. So, this is the Roman Empire, and the dividing of the Roman Empire, which is known today as modern Europe. Rome was divided into ten kingdoms, enumerated as

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follows: the Huns, the Ostrogoths, the Visigoths, the Franks, the Vandals, the Suevi, the Burgundians, the Heruli, the Anglo-Saxons, and the Lombards. These divisions have since been referred to as the ten kingdoms of the Roman Empire (A.D. 351-483)

## 8. Would there be another kingdom that would rise after the ten?

**Daniel 7:24** “And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and \_\_\_\_\_ them; and he shall be \_\_\_\_\_ from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.”

**NOTE:** So, after the division of Rome into the ten kingdoms, another would arise after the ten, and would be different than the first horns.

## 9. What type of nails did the fourth beast have and why?

**Daniel 7:19** “Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of iron*, and his nails *of* \_\_\_\_\_; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;”

**NOTE:** The nails of the fourth beast (Rome) were made of brass or bronze. As we have already discovered bronze was the metal that stood for the Greek empire. And Rome was built on the philosophy of the Greeks.

## 10. How much of the earth would the fourth beast (Rome) conquer?

**Daniel 7:23** “Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the \_\_\_\_\_ earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.”

**NOTE:** Rome as it was before its division did not take over the whole earth. Many Asian countries were not under its subjection at that time. But, remember that Rome was divided into ten parts, and would last until the ancient of days should come. So the prophecy, could be filled in that wider context.

## 11. What did Daniel see after the fourth beast?

**Daniel 7:8** “I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up \_\_\_\_\_ them another \_\_\_\_\_, before whom there were \_\_\_\_\_ of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_, and a mouth speaking \_\_\_\_\_ things.”

**NOTE:** The next kingdom that Daniel sees is one that “rises from littleness” into one that is mighty. In the Bible, as we have seen before, a horn represents a kingdom. So, here we see a little horn rise among the ten horns. In other words, its geographic location must be located somewhere on the European continent. Also, the text tells us that there were three horns (of the ten) that were plucked up by the roots in order for this horn to arise into prominence. This little horn would also possess the attributes of the eyes of man, these attributes remind us of the lion with eagles wings (Babylon) that had the heart of man. So, this kingdom has great similarity to Babylon in its philosophy in being man centered.





## 12. Where and when does this little horn arise?

**Daniel 7:24** “And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise \_\_\_\_\_ them; and he shall be \_\_\_\_\_ from the first, and he shall subdue \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** This little horn kingdom arises out of the remnants of the Roman Empire, not the Greek Empire. This is very important to note because many say, that this little horn, was Antiochus Epiphanes IV who was a Greek king. But, this is not congruous with what the Bible says. This little horn rose from out of the fourth beast, therefore its roots must be Roman. And in some way, this power was different that the ten horns which preceded it. As we have already said, It also subdues, or plucked up three kings, in order to come up. The first to be removed were the Heruli in 493 A.D., the next horn that was removed was the Vandals in 534 A.D. The Ostrogoths were the last of the three horns that were plucked up and exterminated.

## 13. What is happening in heaven after the little horn is described?

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14** “I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ were opened.

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.”

**NOTE:** The next thing we see after the little horn in Daniel chapter seven is the judgment taking place in heaven. So, the order is: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, the dividing of Rome into ten parts, Little Horn, and Judgment.

## 14. According to the Bible what must happen first before Jesus can come?

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** “Let no man deceive you by any means: for \_\_\_\_\_ *shall not come*, except there come a falling away \_\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

**NOTE:** Before Jesus can come, there must be an apostasy, a falling away from the truth, and the man of sin (antichrist) must also be revealed. This is something that much of modern day Christianity has missed. Many Christians today teach, that the second coming takes place first, then the antichrist is revealed. But, the Bible teaches quite clearly the opposite. The man of sin will be revealed, and then Jesus will come.

## 15. Was the spirit of antichrist at work in the days of John?





**1 John 4:3** “And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that \_\_\_\_\_, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and \_\_\_\_\_ is it in the world.”

**NOTE:** Even in the days of John the spirit of antichrist was at work. In others words, the same ideas that would become the foundation of an entire system were beginning even at that time.

## 16. What was the empire that had to be taken away before the man of sin could rise?

**2 Thessalonians 2:5-7** “Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know what \_\_\_\_\_ that he might be \_\_\_\_\_ in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_, until he be \_\_\_\_\_ out of the way.” (BBE Translation: “There is one who is keeping back the evil till he is taken out of the way.”)

**NOTE:** There was something in the way of the man of sin. After it, (whatever it was) was removed then antichrist would rise. Consider the following historical statements, regarding this issue...

“Here we have a point on which Paul affirms existence of knowledge in the Christian Church. The early church knew, he says, what the hindrance was. The early church tells us what it did know upon the subject, and no one in these days can be in a position to contradict its testimony as to what Paul had said by word of mouth only, told the Thessalonians. It is a point on which ancient tradition alone can have authority. Modern speculation is positively impertinent on such a subject.” (H. Grattan Guinness, *Romanism and the Reformation*, P. 105 1887

“...he who hinders must now be taken out of the way. What obstacle is there but the Roman State; The falling away of which, by being scattered into ten kingdoms, shall introduce antichrist...” (Tertullian, “On the Resurrection” Chapters 24, 25 *Christian Apologist* in North Africa 200 AD)

“Only there is one who restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way, that is when the Roman Empire is taken away, then he [Antichrist] shall come.” (John Chrysostom, *Homily on 2 Thessalonians 2*, Number 4. Bishop of Constantinople (390 AD)

“We have the consenting testimony of the early fathers, from Irenaeus, the disciple of St. John, down to Chrysostom and Jerome, to the effect that it was understood to be the imperial power ruling and residing at Rome.” (Edward B. Elliot, *Commentary on the Apocalypse*, volume 3, p. 92 (1862))

## 17. What are some of the attributes of the little horn?

Arose out of the fourth beast ([Daniel 7:7-8](#)) [Roman Roots]  
Arose among the ten horns ([Daniel 7:8](#)) [European Power]  
Arose After the ten horns ([Daniel 7:24](#)) [Must Arise after 476 AD]  
Different from the first ten horns ([Daniel 7:24](#))  
More stout than the others ([Daniel 7:20](#)) [Would become stronger than the other kingdoms]  
Uprooted three kingdoms ([Daniel 7:20](#)) [Would destroy three kingdoms]  
Eyes like a man and speaks great words against the Most High ([Daniel 7:8, 25](#)) [A man would sit in the leadership of this power, and it would speak against God]  
Wear out the saints ([Daniel 7:25](#)) [A Persecuting Power]  
Will change times and laws ([Daniel 7:25](#)) [Will think to change God's times and laws]  
Rule for times, time, and half a time ([Daniel 7:25](#)) [1260 Days]  
Shall devour the whole earth ([Daniel 7:23](#)) [Would Control the World]  
Exists till the end ([Daniel 7:22](#))  
Dominion taken away at the end of time ([Daniel 7:26](#))

NOTE: Unfortunately, there is only one institution in which all the above mentioned criteria can coincide, and that institution is Papal Rome. Although, there are many dear God fearing individuals that are part of Roman Catholicism (See [Acts 17:30](#)), and many of those are sincerely living according to the truth that they have known, and there will be millions of millions of Roman Catholics in heaven, the Bible and history are abundantly clear that the system of Roman Catholicism is fallen, and it is not a system that is built upon Bible truth.

Are there any historical statements that back up this assertion?

“Out of the ruins of the Roman Empire there gradually arose a new order of states whose central point was the Papal See. Therefore, inevitably, resulted a position, not only new, but very different from the former.” The Church and Churches p. 42, 43

“When the Roman Empire had disintegrated and its place had been taken by a number of rude, barbarous kingdoms, the Roman Catholic Church not only became independent of the state in religious affairs but dominated secular affairs as well.” The Papacy and World Affairs p. 1

“If a man consider the origin of this great ecclesiastical dominion, he will easily perceive that the papacy is none other than the ghost of the deceased Roman Empire, sitting crowned on the grave thereof.” Leviathan p. 457

## 18. How is Papal Rome (Little Horn) different from the first ten horns?

NOTE: Not only is the Roman Catholic Church religious, but it is also political. It is different because it is a religio-political kingdom. It combined church and state.

## 19. According to Roman Catholicism, how far does their dominion go?

“We define that the Holy Apostolic See and the Roman Pontiff holds the primacy over the whole world.” The Most Holy Councils vol. 13 col. 1167

“The vicar of the incarnate Son of God, anointed high priest, and supreme temporal ruler [the pope], sat in his tribunal, impartially to judge between nation and nation, between

people and prince, between sovereign and subject.” Henry Cardinal Manning “The Temporal Power of the Vicar of Jesus Christ,” (1862) p. 46.

## 20. What is blasphemy, and does Papal Rome speak blasphemy?

**John 10:30-33** “*I and my Father are one.*

**Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.**

**Jesus answered them, *Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?***

**The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for \_\_\_\_\_; and because that thou, being a \_\_\_\_\_, makest thyself \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Luke 5:20-21** “**And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, *Man, thy sins are \_\_\_\_\_.***

**And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh \_\_\_\_\_? Who can \_\_\_\_\_, but God \_\_\_\_\_?”**

**NOTE:** The biblical definition of blasphemy is double sided. A man who claims to be God is committing blasphemy, Jesus of course could make that claim because He is God (See [Matthew 1:21-23](#)) The second side of blasphemy is when a man claims the power to forgive sins, again Jesus could forgive sins because He is God, but a mere man does not have the power, nor the right to forgive the sins of the sinner. Please note these statements from the Roman Catholic Church...

“This judicial authority will even include the power to pardon sin.” Catholic Encyclopedia vol. 12 article “Pope” p. 265

“Seek where you will through heaven and earth, and you will find one created being who can forgive the sinner, who can free him from the chains of hell. That extraordinary being is the priest, the Roman Catholic priest.” The Catholic Priest, p. 78

“Thou art a priest forever says the ordaining bishop...He is no longer a man, a sinful child of Adam, but an “Alter Christus,” another Christ...forever a priest of the most high, with power over the Almighty.” “The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh.” The Catholic National, July, 1895

“God Himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of his priests, and either not to pardon, or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution...The sentence of the priest precedes, and God prescribes to it.” Dignities and Duties of the Priest, vol. 12 p, 27.

Cardinal Bellarmine says, “All names which in the scriptures are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names are applied to the Pope.” “On the Authority of Councils,” Volume 2, p. 266

“Given in Rome from our palace, the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 1817, the XIV Jurisdiction of the most holy Pontiff and Father in Christ, and our Lord our God the Pope, Leo XII...” Rome as it is, p. 180

“We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.” The Great Encyclical Letters of Pope Leo XIII, Encyclical Letter, June 20, 1894

“We define that the Holy Apostolic See and the Roman Pontiff holds the primacy over the whole world.” “The Most Holy Councils” Volume 13, Column 1167

Thomas Aquinas wrote: “Secular power is subject to the spiritual power as the body is subject to the soul, and therefore it is not a usurpation of authority if the spiritual prelate interfere in temporal things concerning those matters in which the secular power is subject to him...”(Thomas Aquinas, Quaestiones Quodlibetales 11.19)

The council of Trent declared: “All temporal power is his; the dominion, jurisdiction, and government of the whole earth is his by divine right. All rulers of the earth are his subjects and must submit to him.”

## 21. Did Papal Rome wear out, or persecute the saints?

“The Catholic Church is a respecter of conscience and of liberty...Nevertheless, when confronted by heresy, ... she has recourse to force, to corporal punishment, to torture...She lit in Italy...the funeral piles of the inquisition.” Catholic Professor Baudrillart “The Catholic Church, Renaissance and Protestantism” p. 182, 183

## 22. What would the little horn power think or intend to do?

**Daniel 7:25** “And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

**NOTE:** Does Papal Rome claim to have such power to change the times and the laws of God?

Consider the following historical evidence:

“The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.” Decretal De Translat, Episcop. Cap.

“The Pope can modify divine law.” Prompta Bibliotheca, papa, article 2

“The church...after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath, or seventh day of the week, to the first, made the third commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept holy as the Lord’s Day.” Catholic Encyclopedia Volume 4, pg. 153

“QUESTION: Which is the Sabbath Day?

ANSWER: Saturday is the Sabbath Day.

QUESTION: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Sabbath?

ANSWER: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the council of Laodicea (A.D. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sabbath.” – *The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, page 50, by Peter Geiermann

## 23. How long would the little horn (Papal Rome) reign?



**Daniel 7:25** “And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and the dividing of time.”

**NOTE:** In the bible a “time” is equal to one literal year. (See [Daniel 4:16](#)) The Hebrew year consisted of 360 days. Therefore:

a time = year (360 days) ,

times = two years (720 days),

and half a time is = to half a year (180 days).

In the prophetic context as we have already seen, time is also symbolic. (See [Numbers 14:34](#), [Ezekiel 4:6](#), [Psalm 77:5](#)) So, if you add up the days in this verse you come to 1260 prophetic days, or 1260 literal years. Are these 1260 years significant as we look back into the annals of history? Let’s find out...

“With the conquest of Rome by Belisarius...commences the history of the Middle Ages.” Greece Under the Romans, p. 295.

“Vigilius...ascended the Papal chair (538 A.D.) Under the military protection of Belisarius.” History of the Christian Church Volume 3, p. 327

**NOTE:** So we see from the pages of history that Papal rule began in 538 A.D. What took place 1260 years later?

“Berthier entered Rome on the tenth of February, 1798, and proclaimed a republic...Half of Europe thought that Napoleon’s veto would be, and that with the Pope the Papacy was dead.” The Modern Papacy, Rev. Joseph Rickaby p.1

**NOTE:** So the Bible once again proves to be precisely accurate! In 538 A.D. Papal rule commences and exactly on time in 1798 A.D. the papal power suffered a deadly wound.

## 24. Was this deadly wound in 1798 predicted in Bible Prophecy?

**Revelation 13:3** “And I saw one of his heads as it were \_\_\_\_\_; and his \_\_\_\_\_: and all the world wondered after the beast.”

**NOTE:** This same power that received a deadly wound in 1798 will rise again, and the entire world will wonder after it, and be subject to it.

## 25. What kind of power would the Papal system possess?

**Revelation 13:7** “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over \_\_\_\_\_ kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”

**NOTE:** According to the Bible all nations will be subject to the Papacy. Consider the following statement from the Papacy:



“It is our duty, therefore, to strain every muscle in working for the time when all war will be completely outlawed by international consent. This goal undoubtedly requires the establishment of a universal public authority acknowledged as such by all and endowed with the power to safeguard on behalf of all, security, regard for justice, and respect for rights.” Second Vatican Council Document (Gaudium et Spes)

Pope Paul VI wrote in a section entitled: “Toward an Effective World Authority” “This international collaboration on a worldwide scale requires institutions that will prepare, coordinate, and direct it until finally there is established an order of justice which is universally recognized...Who does not see the necessity of thus establishing progressively a world authority capable of acting effectively in the judicial and political sectors.” Paul VI Populorum Progressio (1967) pg. 78

## 26. What did George W. Bush say about Pope John Paul II?

“The best way to honor Pope John Paul II truly one of the great men, is to take his teaching seriously; is to listen to his words and put his words and teaching into action here in America. This is a challenge we must accept.” [www.catholic.net](http://www.catholic.net)

## 27. What did the Protestant Reformers believe regarding the Antichrist?

“Many of the great Christians of Reformation and post-Reformation times shared this view of prophetic truth and identified antichrist with the Roman Papacy. Among adherents to this interpretation were the Waldenses, the Hussites, Wycliff, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Melancton, the Baptist theologian John Gill, the martyrs – Cranmer, Tyndale, Latimer and Ridley.” The Blessed Hope pg. 33

“I know that the Pope is Antichrist, and his seat is that of Satan Himself.” Martin Luther  
“The Papacy is a general chase, by command of the Roman Pontiff, for the purpose of running down and destroying souls.” Martin Luther

“We call the Roman Pontiff Antichrist.” John Calvin

“He is in an emphatic sense, the Man of Sin, as he increases all manner of sin above measure.” John Wesley

John Knox declared that the Pope should be recognized as “the very antichrist.”

## 28. According to God’s Word, what will ultimately happen to this Papal Power?

**Daniel 7:26-27** “But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ it unto the end.

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the most High, whose kingdom is an \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”

**IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**



I realize that word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword, and I choose to Stand not on the traditions and rules of men, but by the authority of God's Word.

Yes or No





## Lesson 12 – How Jesus Will Come Again

### 1. How should a Christian feel toward the second coming?

**Titus 2:13** “Looking for that \_\_\_\_\_ hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”

**NOTE:** A Christian should look forward to that great day with hope. Were there promises made concerning the first coming of Jesus?

**Isaiah 7:14** “Therefore the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ shall give you a sign; Behold, a \_\_\_\_\_ shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

### 2. Were the Old Testament promises regarding the first coming of Jesus fulfilled?

**Matthew 1:23** “Behold, a \_\_\_\_\_ shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, \_\_\_\_\_ with us.”

**NOTE:** This is just one example of hundreds of prophecies regarding the first coming of Jesus. Do you think that the prophecies regarding His second coming are trustworthy as well?

### 3. For what primary reason did Jesus come the first time?

**Isaiah 53:5** “But he *was* wounded for \_\_\_\_\_, *he was* bruised for \_\_\_\_\_: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Jesus came the first time to pay the price for sin. He is coming the second time to end sin, and to take His people home.

### 4. What promise did Jesus make in regards to his coming?

**John 14:1-3** “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.  
And if I go and prepare a place for you, \_\_\_\_\_, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

**NOTE:** We can rest assured that the second coming is not a bedtime story, nor is it an allegory of some sort. Jesus has promised that He will come again to take His children where He now is.

### 5. What warning message will be proclaimed before the second coming of Jesus?

**Revelation 18:1-4** “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.





For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, \_\_\_\_\_, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

NOTE: This is God’s last call to people to come out of Babylon. That is, false systems of Worship which teach false doctrines.

## 6. How will Jesus come again for the second time?

**Acts 1:11** “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into the heaven? This same Jesus who is taken up from you into Heaven, will come \_\_\_\_\_ way you have seen Him going into Heaven.”

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

**Revelation 1:7** “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”

**Matthew 24:27, 30** “For as lightning comes out of the east and shines even to the west, so also will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of man... and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of man coming in the clouds of the heaven with power and great glory.”

**Matthew 24:31** “He shall send His angels with a \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”

NOTE: When Jesus comes there will be nothing secret about it. We must read the verses carefully. When Jesus comes, every eye will see Him. He will not touch the ground. He will send His angels to gather the elect. The voice of God raises the righteous dead in Christ, and they’re all gathered together with the righteous living to meet the Lord in the air. What does it mean that He comes with the clouds?

**Psalm 104:3** “Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:”

**Psalm 68:17** “The \_\_\_\_\_ of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands of \_\_\_\_\_: the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place* .”

NOTE: The clouds represent innumerable host of angels that will accompany Jesus as He comes back as King of Kings. ([Hebrews 12:22](#), [Revelation 5:11](#))



## 7. Why is it important to understand how Jesus will come?

**Matthew 24:23-26** “Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall \_\_\_\_\_. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.”

**2 Corinthians 11:14** “And no marvel; for \_\_\_\_\_ himself is transformed into an angel of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** This issue is of vital importance because the deception will look so good, so holy, and so perfect, that even those who are the very chosen of God, could be led astray if it were possible.

## 8. What does Jesus promise at the end of the book of Revelation?

**Revelation 22:20** “He which testifieth these things saith, \_\_\_\_\_ I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

**NOTE:** This is more true now than when it was penned by John on the Isle of Patmos. Jesus is coming very soon!

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

I understand that the Second Coming of Jesus is not a secret event. I understand that it will be visible, audible, and climactic. I want to meet Jesus in the air when He comes again.

Yes or No



## Lesson 13 – The Signs of the Second Coming of Christ

### 1. What are some of the most notable signs of the second coming of Jesus?

**Matthew 24:3-5** “And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man \_\_\_\_\_ you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Matthew 24:7** “For \_\_\_\_\_ shall rise against nation, and kingdom against \_\_\_\_\_: and there shall be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, in divers places.”

**Matthew 24:23-27** “Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it \_\_\_\_\_.

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Behold, I have told you before.

Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; \_\_\_\_\_:

behold, he is in the secret chambers; \_\_\_\_\_.

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

**Luke 21:25-26** “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth \_\_\_\_\_, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Men's hearts failing them for \_\_\_\_\_, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”

**James 5:3** “Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped \_\_\_\_\_ for the last days.”

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be \_\_\_\_\_ of their own \_\_\_\_\_, covetous, boasters, proud,

blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

**Isaiah 51:6** “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.”

**Daniel 12:4** “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the \_\_\_\_\_: many shall run \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_.”



**Nahum 2:4** “The chariots shall \_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_, they shall \_\_\_\_ one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like \_\_\_\_, they shall run like the \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** There are many signs of the second coming, but the one that is all encompassing is the issue of deception. In order for a deception to be successful there must be in the deception elements of truth. The second coming of Jesus will be counterfeited by a coalition of fallen angels perpetrating miracles that will look very holy, beautiful and righteous, but contrary to the Word of God.

## 2. When will the righteous be given their immortality?

**1 Corinthians 15:52-53** “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the \_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The gift of immortality is given at the resurrection of the righteous.

## 3. What prominent group of people will hide themselves during the second coming?

**Revelation 6:14-17** “And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the \_\_\_\_ of the earth, and the \_\_\_\_ men, and the \_\_\_\_ men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”

**NOTE:** It is interesting that the most esteemed people in the eyes of the world will flee to escape His coming.

## 4. What will the second coming be like for most people on this planet?

**Zephaniah 1:14-15** “The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the \_\_\_\_ shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of \_\_\_\_, a day of \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_, a day of \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,”

**Jeremiah 4:23-28** “I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form, and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light.

I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the \_\_\_\_ thereof were \_\_\_\_ at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger .

For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.



For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken *it* , I have purposed *it* , and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.”

**Jeremiah 25:33** “And the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.”

**Psalm 110:5-6** “The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through \_\_\_\_\_ in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
he shall wound the heads over many countries.”

## 5. What will the second coming be like for the follower of God?

**Isaiah 25:9** “And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have \_\_\_\_\_ for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have \_\_\_\_\_ for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

**NOTE:** The followers of God in the last days, will have truly waited for Jesus to come. They will not be deluded by the miraculous workings of Satan. Their faith will be steadfast, not based upon outward surrounding or emotions, but upon a solid, “Thus saith the Lord.”

## 6. As we see the signs of the second coming becoming more and more marked, what should we as believers do?

**Luke 21:28** “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look \_\_\_\_, and lift \_\_\_\_ your heads; for your \_\_\_\_\_ .”

**NOTE:** When we see all that is bad with our world, it can be a bit overwhelming at times. But, we need to follow the counsel of Jesus, and be encouraged by the signs rather than discouraged. Jesus is coming soon!

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To watch for the signs of the second coming and be ready when He returns?

Yes or No



## Lesson 14 – The Judgment Hour Message

### 1. What is a significant part of the last message to be given to the world?

**Revelation 14:6-7** “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

**NOTE:** As the last message is proclaimed throughout the world, one of the pillars of the message is that the hour of His judgment is come. When does this judgment take place?

### 2. What does Jesus determine before He comes again?

**Revelation 22:12** “And, behold, I come quickly; and my \_\_\_\_\_ is with \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ every man according as his work shall be.”

**NOTE:** This phase of the judgment takes place in heaven before He comes. When Jesus comes He knows what choice was made by each one, whether to be lost or saved. His rewards are with Him.

### 3. When Jesus was preaching during His earthly ministry when did He say the judgment would take place?

**Matthew 12:36** “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they \_\_\_\_\_ account thereof in the day of judgment.”

**NOTE:** From this verse it is apparent that the judgment was future from the time of Jesus.

### 4. What did Paul tell Felix about the judgment?

**Acts 24:25** “And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.”

**NOTE:** Paul also recognized, in his time, that the judgment would take place in the future.

### 5. Did any Bible writers see a judgment taking place in heaven?

**Daniel 7:9-10** “I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was \_\_\_\_\_, and the books were \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Here we have a judgment scene in heaven itself. The angelic host are present with all the majesty that heaven can ascribe, The judgment is set and the books are opened. Here we have a judgment taking place in heaven.



## 6. How much will God bring into judgment?

**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole *duty* of man. For God shall bring \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_, with every \_\_\_\_\_, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.”

**NOTE:** Men may hide things from their fellow men, but to God “all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him whom we have to do.” (**Hebrews 4:13**) If we can’t hide from God, then why do we try it? It doesn’t make sense does it? Since He knows all things, we should be very open and honest with Him. This also brings great freedom to those who seek God and tell Him all of their burdens, sorrows and joys.

## 7. Can we bring someone with us before the judgment seat of Christ?

**2 Corinthians 5:10** “For we must \_\_\_\_\_ appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that \_\_\_\_\_ may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.”

**Romans 14:12** “So then \_\_\_\_\_ of us shall give account of himself to God.”

**NOTE:** We are to appear before God individually. In other words, there is no one else ultimately responsible for how we chose to live.

## 8. Does God show His care and concern for me individually in regards to how the judgment is carried out?

**Psalms 87:6** “The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, *that this man* was \_\_\_\_\_. Selah.”

**NOTE:** God does not arbitrarily judge us, but He takes into consideration all of the little nuances of our environment and upbringing. So, while human beings may many times judge each other wrongfully, God never does this. He takes into account all of the varying parameters of our lives so that the judgment is fair and just.

## 9. What is our only hope in the judgment?

**Romans 8:1** “*There is* therefore now \_\_\_\_\_ to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

**NOTE:** The hope in the judgment is not a what, but a who. Jesus is our only hope in the judgment. Why is this? If a person lived a life free from sin, that person would still be unrighteous in the eyes of God, because that person sinned before they lived a “perfect life”. Only the righteous life of Jesus Christ can satisfy the broken law of God. We can do nothing to make ourselves holy and righteous. God is the one who declares us righteous because of the death, resurrection and intercession of Jesus Christ. Our part is to allow Him to, “work in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” (**Philippians 2:13**)

## 10. Is anyone out of reach of the saving grace of God?



**Hebrews 7:25** “Wherefore \_\_\_\_ also to save them to the \_\_\_\_\_ that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

**NOTE:** The only person that cannot be saved is the person who doesn't come to Him and confess their sinfulness before Him. God can save to the uttermost. In the Holy Bible we see that murderers, idolaters, harlots, occult practitioners, and even the sacrifice of children to heathen deities, all sins can be forgiven if the sinner, from a contrite heart, confesses their sins before God.

Dear friend, you may feel as if your sins are like an avalanche that is suffocating you. If you but call upon the Lord, He will lead out in a divine rescue mission, and His success rate is 100%! He wants to set you free. The only thing standing in His way is you.

Won't you surrender yourself to Him today?

### **IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

To submit your life into the care of Jesus, so that He will keep you in the judgment hour?

Yes or No





## Lesson 15 – The Law of God

### 1. How long does the Bible say that God's Law is in effect?

**Psalm 111:7-8** “The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure. They stand fast \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, *and are* done in truth and uprightness.”

**NOTE:** The law of God is not a document that has changed or can change. It is a permanent transcript of the character of God. When we look into the law of God we are looking into the mind of God, and the mind of God can never be abolished so why should His law ever be abolished? It is truly a nonsensical notion.

### 2. What is the function of the law of God?

**Romans 3:20** “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be \_\_\_\_\_ in his sight: for by the law *is* the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The law of God cannot save the sinner. Neither can a person be justified, (accounted as righteous) by keeping the law. What is the purpose of it, then? The purpose of the law of God is to show us what sin is. And once we see what sin is, the law points out to us the Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. So, without a proper understanding of what the law is, mankind is robbed from seeing the necessity of a Savior from sin, and sadly, this has happened in a widespread manner throughout Christianity today. The time has come for the world to know that the law of God is still very relevant today as a means of showing us what sin is.

### 3. What else does God's Law do for us?

**Psalm 19:7** “The law of the LORD *is* perfect, \_\_\_\_\_ the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.”

**NOTE:** Although, the law itself cannot save us, it leads us into having a personal relationship with Jesus. Unless we see ourselves as we truly are we will never have the desire to be one with God.

### 4. Are there any personal benefits from obeying God's Law?

**Psalm 19:11** “Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* \_\_\_\_\_ reward.”

**NOTE:** There are great rewards in keeping God's Law. Some of these rewards will be realized in the hereafter. But most of the rewards can be realized now.

### 5. I thought that the Bible teaches that New Testament Christians are under grace and there isn't any need to keep that old law. Isn't this so?

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**Romans 6:14-15** “For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but \_\_\_\_\_. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Some believe that God’s law is no longer important. Since we are under grace then the law can be broken constantly without measure. But is this a Biblical precedent? No! In fact Paul says, “God Forbid!” The reason why God has given us grace is not to continue to persist in a sinful lifestyle. Grace is given to us, to empower us to live a life victorious over sin.

Consider: If a police officer pulls over someone who is speeding. When the violator is questioned, the officer decides to have mercy, or extend grace to the offender. Now, if you are the offender what would you do? You are under grace now! How would you respond to that grace? Would you start your engine and press the accelerator down quickly, and take off and drive faster that you drove before? Of course not! Grace leads us and “teaches us to live Godly lives in this present world.” (Titus 2:11-12)

## 6. How does the Bible define sin?

**1 John 3:4** “Whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ sin \_\_\_\_\_ also the law: \_\_\_\_ transgression of the law.”

**NOTE:** The Biblical definition of sin is breaking the law of God. Are you beginning to see the satanic strategy in teaching people today that the law of God is no longer important? If people are led to believe that the law of God is irrelevant to us today, what then are the people being taught to do? They are being taught to sin! Friends, we need to be assured that anything we believe as Christians today must be supported by a plain, “Thus saith the Lord!”

## 7. When a person decides to keep God’s Law, what is that person saying to Jesus?

**John 14:15** “If ye \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments.”

**NOTE:** If a person decides to keep God’s Law that person is saying to Jesus, “I love you.” There are some people today who are very boastful about their supposed love toward Jesus. They may wear crosses around their necks; have tattoos of crosses and bumper stickers on their car about how they love Jesus. But the true way you show Jesus you love Him is not by wearing a cross. It is by obeying Jesus because you love Him.

## 8. If a person claims to love Jesus, but does not want to obey Him, what does the Bible call that person?

**1 John 2:4-5** “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a \_\_\_\_\_, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.”

**NOTE:** The Bible has very strong words for those who say that they know Him, yet do not keep His Commandments. I don’t want God to call me that, do you?

## 9. What does God do with His law during our day?



**Hebrews 8:10** “For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ into their \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them in their \_\_\_\_\_: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:”

**NOTE:** God is willing not to leave us on this one. He takes the very law that He spoke from Mt. Sinai, and He writes that same law in our hearts and minds to will and to do according to His good pleasure. The commands that He gives are always given with the power behind them to actually follow what He has said for us to do.

#### 10. Why does God want us to obey Him in the first place?

**Deuteronomy 5:29** “O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my \_\_\_\_\_, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!”

**NOTE:** God does not call us to obey Him to satisfy some tyrannical pleasure. God longs for us to obey Him not because it is good for Him, but because it is good for us.

#### 11. What should a Christian’s attitude be toward obeying God?

**Psalms 40:8** “I \_\_\_\_\_ to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** A Christian should not say, “What is the least I can do to gain heaven.” But, a true Christian should say, “What is the most I can do to gain heaven.” This attitude conveys a true conversion experience. And the cry of the true believer is, “I delight to do your will, Oh God, your law is within my heart.”

#### 12. What will be the custom of God’s People in the last days?

**Revelation 14:12** “Here is the patience of the \_\_\_\_\_: here *are* they that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

**NOTE:** God’s People in the last days will be keeping the commandments of God. IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

**IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

To show your love for Jesus by obeying His Commandments?

Yes or No



## Lesson 16 – Biblical Principles for Discovering Truth

### 1. How should a person approach the Bible?

**Matthew 11:25** “At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** When we approach the Bible we should be open for what it has to say. God isn't necessarily looking for intellectual might, but rather a willingness to follow truth.

### 2. What will God do, when we search for truth with our whole heart?

**John 8:32** “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_.”

**Jeremiah 29:13** “And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with \_\_\_\_ your heart.”

**NOTE:** The promise is, that when we seek for God with all of our heart we will find Him. And once we find Him, His truth will set us free.

### 3. What should we pray for when we search for truth?

**John 16:13** “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will \_\_\_\_ you into all \_\_\_\_: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

**Luke 11:13** “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that \_\_\_\_ him?”

**NOTE:** When we study the Bible it is imperative that we ask for the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit's guidance we are merely reading a book. When we ask for the Holy Spirit to be our teacher, God speaks to our heart and mind as we read what the Word of God says.

### 4. How should one study the Bible?

**Isaiah 28:9-10** “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts. For \_\_\_\_ *must be* upon \_\_\_\_, precept upon precept; line upon line, \_\_\_\_ upon \_\_\_\_; here a \_\_\_\_, *and* there a \_\_\_\_:”

**1 Corinthians 2:13** “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom \_\_\_\_, but which the Holy Ghost \_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_ spiritual things with spiritual.”

**NOTE:** Sound doctrine is never built on one verse of scripture. As we compare the verses of the Bible together we will see brilliant, facets of light emanating from the mind of God.



## 5. What is truth?

**John 17:17** “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy \_\_\_\_\_ is truth.”

**NOTE:** There are many today who question moral absolutes. Some say that there is no such thing. But, Jesus speaks in very plain language: “The Word of God is Truth!” So, we are not to base “truth” on what we feel, how our emotions are from day-to-day. We are to base truth on what it is, God’s Word.

## 6. What is a genuine truth seeker willing to do?

**John 7:17** “If any man will \_\_\_\_\_, he shall know of the \_\_\_\_\_, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.”

**NOTE:** If a person is willing and open to know what is truth, that person will be led by the Holy Spirit to know what is truth.

## 7. What should we be willing to do with our own ideas, as we approach the Word?

**Proverbs 14:12** “There is a way which seemeth right unto a \_\_\_\_\_, but the end thereof are the ways of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**John 17:17** “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy \_\_\_\_\_ is truth.”

**NOTE:** We should approach the Bible with the spirit of a learner. We should not study the Bible in order to prove what we already believe, but we should approach it humbly and meekly to learn what it says and to be willing to change when we are confronted with what it has to say to us.

## 8. How should we react to those who counsel us, contrary to God’s Word?

**Proverbs 19:27** “\_\_\_\_\_, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to \_\_\_\_\_ from the words of knowledge.”

**NOTE:** We should cease to listen to them. There are many Pastors today, it is sad to say, that are leading their entire congregations away from the plain teachings of the Bible. They think that they are teaching liberty in not keeping the commandments of God. It is actually a slavish doctrine they are peddling. Let us all make sure that whoever is counseling us is doing so from the Word.

## 9. Who is the truth?

**John 14:6** “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, \_\_\_\_\_, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

**NOTE:** Jesus said, “I am the truth.” When we follow the truth we are obeying Jesus Christ. When we disobey the truth, we are disobeying Jesus Christ. The choice is ours.

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To be an open minded student of the Bible, by allowing the Bible to be your guide, and not family traditions or misguided religious leaders, to be one with Christ by implicit obedience to His Word.

Yes or No



## Lesson 17 – The Inconvenient Truth

### 1. Why is God worthy of our Worship?

**Revelation 4:11** “Thou art \_\_\_\_\_, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: \_\_\_\_\_ thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

**Revelation 5:9** “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art \_\_\_\_\_ to take the \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof: \_\_\_\_\_ thou wast \_\_\_\_\_, and hast \_\_\_\_\_ us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;”

**NOTE:** God tells us the exact reasons why we should worship Him. He created us and also redeemed us. These are the precise reasons why our worship should not be devoted to other things or other people. Because God is the only one who created us and is the only one who redeemed us.

### 2. What is at the center of the last warning that is to be given to the world?

**Revelation 14:6-7** “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and \_\_\_\_\_ him that \_\_\_\_\_ heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

**NOTE:** The last warning message that is to be given is a message that has many components. The central message of this warning is to worship God because He is the Creator. In other words, it is a message to call people back to true worship and away from false worship. Therefore, it should not be a great surprise to us if the majority of the world has bought into a system that seeks to legitimize false worship as true worship.

### 3. When did God institute worship, and how was He to be worshipped?

**Genesis 2:1-3** “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the \_\_\_\_\_ God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the \_\_\_\_\_ from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the \_\_\_\_\_, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”

**NOTE:** When a group of people want to memorialize someone or something a common thing they do is to erect an exhibit of some sort. This could take the form of a monument or a statue. But, God did not erect a statue or some other physical, tangible entity, but rather He set aside a whole 24 hour period of time to remind us of our lofty origin and who our Creator is. Did you know that if the Sabbath was kept correctly by human beings since the beginning of time that there would be no atheists today? You see, the Sabbath day is all about God’s creative act in the beginning and His overwhelming willingness to create something new in our hearts in the present.



#### 4. What noble origin does the human race have?

**Genesis 1:26** “And God said, Let us make man in \_\_\_\_\_, after \_\_\_\_\_: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ created he them.  
And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

**NOTE:** We are not descendants of primates, nor the result of an ancient cosmic accident. We have royal blood coursing through our veins because we are sons and daughters of the King! We were made in the very image of God with the insatiable desire to be creative and even procreative. This is something that the devil and his fallen angels can not do, and of this they are extremely envious. This is one reason why they hate the human race so much.

#### 5. Who was the Sabbath made for?

**Mark 2:27-28** “And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for \_\_\_\_\_, and not \_\_\_\_\_ for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.”

**NOTE:** The Sabbath was not created exclusively for the Jew, but for man. God had the whole human race in mind when He created the Sabbath day. It is a day of delight. It is a day of ceasing from our own secular pursuits, a day of resting in the presence of God. It is a day of contemplation as we think about His loveliness of Character and a day of going for walks in nature and enjoying the things which He has made. It is the best day of the week, a holiday every single week!

#### 6. What is God’s sign to His people?

**Exodus 31:13** “Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a \_\_\_\_\_ between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

**Ezekiel 20:12** “Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a \_\_\_\_\_ between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that \_\_\_\_\_ them.”

**NOTE:** People everywhere are seeking some sign from God. And here it is – the Sabbath. It is God’s sign to His people that He is in the process of sanctifying them. It is refreshing to know that we, by our own sheer willpower, cannot make ourselves holy. It is God who is in the business of making us holy. Not us. In the same way that God set apart the Sabbath in the beginning as holy, He, in like manner, wants to separate believers for Himself. But it goes deeper than just this. In the original language of these verses the definition for the word for ‘sign’ is ‘a distinguishing mark’. I find that very interesting. So, we can safely deduct that God’s mark is the Sabbath. There is another mark mentioned in Revelation called, “The mark of the beast”. We will be studying this mark in the near future.





## 7. Which day did Jesus keep holy?

**Luke 4:16** “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his \_\_\_\_\_ was, he went into the synagogue on the \_\_\_\_\_, and stood up for to read.”

**NOTE:** The day that Jesus kept holy was the Sabbath. This was not something Jesus did occasionally, but this was His custom.

## 8. What startling prophecy did Jesus make concerning the Sabbath?

**Matthew 24:20** “But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the \_\_\_\_\_ day:”

**NOTE:** Here Jesus is warning His disciples about the impending doom of Jerusalem 39 years in the future. Within the warning He says, “Pray that your flight be not in the winter, nor on the Sabbath day.” Why would Jesus warn not to flee on the Sabbath Day if the Sabbath Day was to be abolished after He died on the cross? He wouldn’t. In other words, the Sabbath Day was never abolished because He warned them to pray that they would not have to flee on that day. So, if someone tells you that the Sabbath was abolished after the cross, he doesn’t know what Jesus taught on this subject.

## 9. Which day did Paul keep holy?

**Acts 18:1-4** “After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue \_\_\_\_\_, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.”

**NOTE:** Every Sabbath Paul persuaded the Jews and Greeks. In other words, Jews and Gentiles.

## 10. Is there anywhere else in the Bible where God says that Gentiles kept the Sabbath?

**Acts 13:42-44** “And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the \_\_\_\_\_ besought that these words might be preached to them the \_\_\_\_\_. Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.”

**NOTE:** This is after the cross, and we see the Gentiles, once again, are keeping the Sabbath. If, indeed, there is a new Sabbath after the cross, this would have been the perfect opportunity for Paul and Barnabas to say, “You don’t have to worry about the Old Jewish Sabbath, you can keep the New Sabbath—the first day of the week, because Jesus rose on that day!” But neither Paul nor Barnabas said such thing. Why? Because God will not change His law. The Sabbath of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the Sabbath of Jesus, Paul and the rest of the disciples. **Hebrews 13:8**, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”



## 11. What day is the Lord's Day?

**Revelation 1:10** "I was in the Spirit on the \_\_\_\_\_, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,"

**Matthew 12:8** "For the Son of man is Lord even of the \_\_\_\_\_ day."

**Mark 2:27-28** "And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Luke 6:5** "And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the \_\_\_\_\_."

NOTE: The Sabbath of the Creator God in Genesis is the Lord's Day of Revelation. Therefore the Lord's Day is the Sabbath Day.

## 12. How can we be sure which day is the Sabbath?

**Luke 23:54-56** "And that day was the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulcher, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the \_\_\_\_\_ day according to the commandment."

**Luke 24:1** "Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them."

NOTE: This passage makes it very clear on which day the Sabbath is. The Preparation Day is what many people today celebrate as Good Friday. The day that follows Friday is Saturday. That is the day the women from Galilee kept holy according to the commandment. The day that follows the Sabbath is Sunday and that is the day Jesus came forth from the tomb a conqueror. So let's look at this again:

FRIDAY = Jesus died

SATURDAY = Jesus rested in the tomb

SUNDAY = Jesus was resurrected So, the Sabbath is Saturday. There is no way around this one.

## 13. Which day will the redeemed be keeping in heaven?

**Isaiah 66:22-23** "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one \_\_\_\_\_ to another, shall \_\_\_\_\_ come to \_\_\_\_\_ before me, saith the LORD."

NOTE: Here is a question to consider – Would it make sense if all the patriarchs in the Old Testament, Jesus, all the disciples and the redeemed in heaven will be keeping the Sabbath and we, now on earth would be keeping another day? Today, it is widely taught that we should not keep the seventh day. This is flawed reasoning. In heaven we will be keeping it. God does not change! From the beginning of the creation of the earth, through the ceaseless ages we will be keeping the Sabbath of the Lord, the Seventh-day, Saturday.



**IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

Since God does not change, and His day of worship does not change, would you like to begin tasting the blessedness of spending the Sabbath with God, even if it may appear to be inconvenient?

Yes or No



## Lesson 18 – Keeping the Sabbath Holy

### 1. What does God promise to those who keep the Sabbath?

**Isaiah 56:2** “\_\_\_\_\_ is the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.”

**NOTE:** There is a special blessing pronounced on those who keep the Sabbath holy.

### 2. Why does God want us to obey Him in the first place?

**Deuteronomy 28:1-2** “And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ all his \_\_\_\_\_ which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.”

**NOTE:** God wants to bless us and that is the precise reason why He wants us to obey Him.

### 3. Which commandment is the longest of the ten commandments?

**Exodus 20:8-11** “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is* , and rested the \_\_\_\_\_ : wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

**NOTE:** It is a fascinating fact that the only commandment that begins with the word “remember” is the one that most of the preachers today are telling people to forget about. It is also the longest of the ten commandments. Obviously, this commandment is not to be forgotten.

### 4. What should God’s People do on the Sabbath day?

**Leviticus 23:3** “Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of rest, an holy \_\_\_\_\_ ; ye shall do no work *therein* : it *is* the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.”

**NOTE:** The Sabbath is a holy convocation. The word “convocation” means gathering. It is a day in which God’s People are to come together to worship Him. This is an important part of keeping the Sabbath holy.

### 5. What did Jesus and Paul do each Sabbath?

**Luke 4:16** “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his \_\_\_\_\_ was, he went into the synagogue on the \_\_\_\_\_ day, and stood up for to read.”



**Acts 18:4** “And he reasoned in the synagogue \_\_\_\_\_, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.”

**NOTE:** Both Jesus and Paul kept the Sabbath. They attended the church (synagogue) on the Sabbath. And we would do well to follow their example.

## 6. When does the Sabbath day begin?

**Leviticus 23:32** “It *shall be* unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from \_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath.”

**Mark 1:32** “And at \_\_\_\_, when the \_\_\_\_ did \_\_\_\_, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.”

**NOTE:** A day in the Bible does not begin at twelve midnight. It begins at sunset and it ends the sunset after that. So, the Sabbath is kept from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset.

## 7. What type of work is forbidden on the Sabbath?

**Exodus 20:8-10** “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do \_\_\_\_\_, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy \_\_\_\_\_, nor thy \_\_\_\_\_, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:”

**NOTE:** On the Sabbath day secular work is prohibited. Paying someone for services on the Sabbath is also forbidden by the Scriptures. There are however some exceptions to this rule. Consider Physicians for a moment, there services are needed on the Sabbath hours. So those who work in the health field are permitted to work for the benefit of those who want service from them.

## 8. What is the Sabbath all about?

**Isaiah 58:13-14** “If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a \_\_\_\_\_, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words: Then shalt thou \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it* .”

**NOTE:** The Sabbath is all about delighting yourself in the Lord. In other words, find joy in the things of God, and the promise is if you will do this God will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth.

## 9. Are buying and selling permissible on the Sabbath day?

**Nehemiah 13:15-22** “In those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine presses on the \_\_\_\_\_, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the \_\_\_\_\_ day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of

Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the \_\_\_\_\_ unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What \_\_\_\_\_ is this that ye do, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the \_\_\_\_\_, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the \_\_\_\_\_: and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, *that* there should no burden be brought in on \_\_\_\_\_ the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the \_\_\_\_\_. And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the \_\_\_\_\_ day. Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.”

**NOTE:** The Bible declares that buying and selling on the Sabbath day is an evil thing, and it is profaning the Sabbath. Just think of which day is usually the one in which most people buy and sell. Usually it is Saturday, the Sabbath. It is sad that most of the world is missing out on such a blessing by keeping the Sabbath holy.

## 10. What did Jesus show us about keeping the Sabbath?

**Matthew 12:11-13** “And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_ on the Sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.”

**NOTE:** One reason that Jesus came to this earth was to show us how to keep the Sabbath holy. The majority of His healing miracles took place on the Sabbath day. What do we learn from this? It is good to relieve the suffering on the Sabbath day. To teach those who are ignorant, to help heal the sick, the same ministry that Jesus did on the Sabbath we are to partake in as well.

## 11. When we respond to the invitation of keeping the Sabbath who are we responding to?

**Matthew 11:28-30** “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you \_\_\_\_\_. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find \_\_\_\_\_ unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.”

**NOTE:** When we respond to the invitation of keeping the Sabbath, we are responding to the invitation of Jesus Himself. It is more than just a day, it is a day that God has blessed, and it is a day in which He wants to spend a very special day with you.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To, by God’s grace, keep His Sabbath day holy?

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Yes or No



## Lesson 19 – Guidance When Making Decisions

### 1. What does God promise us if we ask?

**James 1:5** “If any of you \_\_\_\_ wisdom, let him \_\_\_\_ of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be \_\_\_\_ him.”

**NOTE:** A humble prayer asking the God of heaven for wisdom should be our first step as we seek to follow the will of God in our decision making.

### 2. What could be a hindrance to your prayer being answered?

**Psalm 66:18** “If I regard \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart, the Lord will not \_\_\_\_ *me* :”

**NOTE:** We need to make sure that we are not holding on to any known sin that would hinder our prayers to be answered.

### 3. What should we analyze before we begin to make life changing decisions?

**James 4:3** “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ *it* upon your \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** We need to ask the Lord to search our hearts and to examine our motives. Many times our motives are not pure, and God will not give us what we ask for because we would use the gift given selfishly.

### 4. Where should we go for an infallible source of principles regarding our decisions?

**Psalm 119:133** “Order my \_\_\_\_\_ in thy \_\_\_\_: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.”

**NOTE:** The Word of God is a treasure house of rock, solid principles when making decisions. Many times the Lord will show you what you should do as you are reading the Word.

### 5. Should we seek counsel from just anyone?

**Proverbs 11:14** “Where no counsel is , the people fall: but in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ *there is safety.*”

**Proverbs 15:22** “Without \_\_\_\_\_ purposes are \_\_\_\_\_: but in the multitude of \_\_\_\_\_ they are established.”

**NOTE:** Godly counsel is very important. As we talk to those who have gone before us, many times we can learn from their experience and avoid the mistakes that could possibly come our way. But, make sure that you only receive counsel from those you know who will counsel based on the principles contained in the Word of God.





**6. As one is in the decision making process, what should one be especially mindful of?**

**Proverbs 23:26** “My son, give me \_\_\_\_\_, and let thine eyes \_\_\_\_\_ my ways.”

**NOTE:** Our eyes should be open to see the providences of God’s leading. Circumstances may arise that will be an assisting, clarifying and reassuring comfort to those who are looking to heaven for guidance. Perhaps one door of opportunity will open and another one will close. Someone may say something and at the same time the convicting power of God will bring it home to your conscience. We need to ask the Lord to give us the spiritual sensitivity to recognize these providences when they are brought before us.

**7. What is the final step in the decision making process?**

**Psalms 90:12** “So \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.”

**NOTE:** When we finally make our decision, we need to believe that God has led us and go forward in faith.

**IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

To allow the principles that are contained in the Bible, to be your guide when making decisions?

Yes or No



## Lesson 20 – Healthy Living

### 1. What does God want us to do?

**3 John 1:2** “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest \_\_\_\_\_ and be in \_\_\_\_\_, even as thy soul prospereth.”

**NOTE:** God wants us to prosper not only financially, but physically as well. He is very concerned about our health and He wants us to live healthy, abundant lives.

### 2. How are we to present ourselves to God?

**Romans 12:1-2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a \_\_\_\_\_, holy, acceptable unto God, *which* is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

**NOTE:** God says that we should present ourselves as living sacrifices to Him. Living sacrifices are much more valuable than dead sacrifices. God wants us to live completely, wholly, entirely for Him. And when we do so, we will also be the happiest and will be living life to the fullest.

### 3. How does the Bible call our bodies?

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** “What? know ye not that your body is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ *which* is in you, \_\_\_\_\_, and ye are \_\_\_\_\_? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

**NOTE:** The Bible does not refer to our bodies, but it rather it refers to His bodies. The bodies that we have are not ours. They were bought by an infinite price. The blood of Jesus Christ claimed us, and because of that fact, we are admonished to glorify God.

### 4. How do we glorify God?

**1 Corinthians 10:31** “Whether therefore ye \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or whatsoever ye do, do \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** If we can eat or drink to the glory of God, we can also not eat or drink to the glory of God. Let us first look at the drinking aspect.

### 5. How does the Bible describe wine?

**Proverbs 20:1** “Wine is a \_\_\_\_\_, strong drink is \_\_\_\_\_: and whosoever is \_\_\_\_\_ thereby is not \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Here wine is pictured as a mocker and a deceiver. It gives off the illusion that its use can be controlled. In the end it hunts its prey down and deceives them.



## 6. What does drinking wine bring with its consumption?

**Proverbs 23:29-32** “Who hath \_\_\_\_? who hath \_\_\_\_? who hath \_\_\_\_? who hath babbling? who hath \_\_\_\_? who hath \_\_\_\_ of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.”

**Isaiah 5:11** “\_\_\_\_ unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, *till* wine inflame them!”

**Proverbs 4:17** “For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** No matter what Hollywood is telling you, alcoholic beverages do not bring happiness. They bring woe, sorrow and contention.

## 7. What was the original diet given to humanity?

**Genesis 1:29** “And God said, Behold, I have given you every \_\_\_\_ bearing \_\_\_\_, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding \_\_\_\_; to you it shall be for \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The original diet given to our first parents was a diet that did not contain meat. It was vegetarian. Today science is validating the original diet.

## 8. Did Noah make a distinction between the animals when He led them to the ark?

**Genesis 7:2** “Of every \_\_\_\_ beast thou shalt take to thee by \_\_\_\_, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by \_\_\_\_, the male and his female.”

**NOTE:** Noah took the clean animals by sevens, and the unclean by twos. The reason he took the clean animals by sevens is obvious. These were the ones that could be eaten. This was actually the first time God gave man permission to eat meat. Up to this point man was a vegetarian. Because of the worldwide devastation due to the flood, man at this time was given permission to eat meat.

## 9. Where does the Bible explain which flesh foods are safe to eat?

**Leviticus 11:1-12** “And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that *are* on the earth. Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat. Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he *is* unclean to you. Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they *are* unclean to you. These shall ye eat of all that *are* in the waters:



whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat. And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which *is* in the waters, they *shall be* an abomination unto you: They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcases in abomination. Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that *shall be* an abomination unto you.”

**NOTE:** The land animals that have split hooves and chew their cud are clean. They are safe to eat, if you desire to eat meat. However, those that have split hooves and do not chew cud, these animals are unclean. The pig is a prime example. Pigs are scavengers and eat anything. God wants us to be in good health and so he admonishes us to stay away from animal flesh that would cause disease in man. In the water it is even simpler. The animals that have fins and scales are safe to eat. If they do not have both, they are unclean.

#### 10. Are New Testament Christians free from these laws?

**Acts 10:9-16** “On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.”

**NOTE:** At first glance this seems to indicate that we can now eat anything that we want. But let’s dig a little deeper to be sure that this is what God is saying.

Notice what Peter’s response is to God. Peter said quite candidly, “I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.” So Peter, up to this point, never ate anything that was common or unclean and this was well after Jesus died on the cross.

#### 11. What was the entire point of the vision that God showed Peter?

**Acts 10:28** “And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Here is the point of the vision. The vision was not given to Peter so that he could eat anything that crawled across his plate. It was given to teach him a very important lesson. In this vision God breaks down the racial barrier. It shows that through the cross, all barriers between Jews and Gentiles were removed.

#### 12. This is a hard teaching. Are you saying I have to give up my favorite foods?



**Philippians 4:13** “I can do \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ which \_\_\_\_\_ me.”

**NOTE:** Dear friend, this is not what I am saying, but this is what the Bible says. God does not ask us to give these things up because He is arbitrary. He wants us to be free from the diseases that plague our land. He wants us to have longer, fuller and happier lives. This is the reason why He asks us not to eat things that are harmful. Not only does He warn us about these harmful foods, but He also gives us the strength not to eat these things. If you struggle with any harmful habit, be rest assured that the power to overcome is not found in yourself. It is found in the power of Jesus Christ. If you want to be free and you seek the help that He has so graciously provided through prayer and the study of His Word, then even the most binding habit will disappear like the dew in the late morning sun.

**IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

To live a fuller, healthier life by adhering to God’s health principles?

Yes or No



## Lesson 21 – The Truth about Death

### 1. How did Jesus refer to death?

**John 11:11-14** “These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus \_\_\_\_\_; but I go, that I may awake him out of \_\_\_\_\_. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he \_\_\_\_\_, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his \_\_\_\_\_: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in \_\_\_\_\_. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Jesus referred to death as a sleep. In fact, in over 50 places in the Bible death is referred to as a sleep.

### 2. If death is referred to as a sleep, when do those who sleep the sleep of death wake up?

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-16** “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are \_\_\_\_\_. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall \_\_\_\_\_ first:”

**NOTE:** The good news is that those who have died and have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior are not forgotten by God. When Jesus comes the second time, they will be awakened by the sound of the trumpet and will come bursting forth from the tomb with bodies that will no longer be subject to disease and death. What a day that will be!

### 3. How many resurrections does Jesus speak of?

**John 5:28-29** “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which \_\_\_\_ that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of \_\_\_\_; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Jesus did not speak of only one resurrection, but two. The question we will be exploring is: when will these two resurrections take place? Will they take place at the same time or will they take place at different times? We will allow the Bible to explain itself.

### 4. How did God originally create human beings?

**Genesis 2:7** “And the LORD God formed man of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of \_\_\_\_; and man \_\_\_\_\_ a living soul.”

**NOTE:** In order to fully understand the subject matter in question, we need to go back to see how man was created in the beginning. Man was formed from two distinct components: the dust of the ground, and the breath of life. The result of this union was that, “man became a living soul.” This is a point that cannot be overstated. Many, today, are told that man receives a soul, but the Bible teaches very plainly that, “man became a living soul.” Why is this so important? We will look at the reasons why later in this study.



## 5. What happens when a person dies?

**Ecclesiastes 12:7** “Then shall the \_\_\_\_\_ return to the earth as it was: and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall return unto God who gave it.”

**NOTE:** When a person dies, the process that happened during the creation of man is reversed. The dust that God used to form man returns to the earth. And the spirit that God breathed into the nostrils returns to God. But what is this spirit? Is it a ghostlike entity that flutters into heaven? The following verses will shed light on this vital question.

## 6. What is this spirit that returns to God at death?

**Job 27:3** “All the while my \_\_\_\_\_ is in me, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is in my \_\_\_\_\_;”

**NOTE:** The Bible here is not describing a ghost in someone’s nostrils. That would be ludicrous. This writing style is known as “Synonymous Parallelism”. It was the main way in which Hebrews expressed poetry. The essence of this writing style is very simple. It states something in one way and then expresses the same thing in a different way. For example, in the verse above, breath and spirit, have the same meaning. So this sheds much light on the question. The spirit that returns to God is the breath of life. This is the precise reason why even with all the cutting-edge medical technology, the brightest of the brightest scientist cannot create life. To be 100% sure, let’s look at another verse that spells it out even more plainly.

**Genesis 7:22** “All in whose \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, of all that was in the dry land , died.”

**NOTE:** It is very plain in this verse. There is no mistaking it. The breath of life is in the nostrils. So, the concept that a ghostlike separate entity goes to heaven at death is not a Biblical concept. It was actually borrowed from the pagan religions of the past and adopted into Christianity by the beast power.

## 7. What happens to the mind of a person when the breath of life goes back to God?

**Psalms 146:3-4** “His \_\_\_\_\_ goeth forth, he returneth to his \_\_\_\_\_; in that very day his thoughts \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** So, when a person dies they cannot think anymore. Their thoughts die with them. Their thoughts perish.

## 8. If a person who dies cannot think, then can a dead person ever speak?

**Matthew 12:34** “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The word heart in this verse and in many other places in the Bible is the same as mind. So the principle that Jesus lays out here is very interesting. In other words, “Whatever is in your mind, will come out of your mouth.” Therefore, if the dead cannot think, then the dead cannot speak. So, when there is a story about someone who died and they came back



to talk to the living, then who is talking? Is it the person who died? No! The Bible is crystal clear that the dead cannot speak to the living.

## 9. Who only has immortality?

**1 Timothy 6:16** “Who \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen.”

**NOTE:** Immortality is not something that man has within. He does not have a spirit or soul that is immortal. In fact, out of 1600 references in the KJV of the Bible not once is the phrase immortal soul used. God is the only one who has immortality. Therefore He is the only one who can bestow that gift.

## 10. When does Jesus bestow the gift of immortality?

**1 Corinthians 15:51-54** “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised \_\_\_\_\_, and we shall be \_\_\_\_\_. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on \_\_\_\_\_. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”

**NOTE:** The gift of immortality is given at the second coming of Jesus. There are a few exceptions to this, of course. The Bible teaches that Enoch, Moses, Elijah, and the 24 elders are in heaven now. The vast majority of humanity who have died, are peacefully sleeping a dreamless sleep awaiting the blast of the trumpet.

## 11. Do the dead praise God?

**Psalms 115:17** “The \_\_\_\_\_ not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.”

**NOTE:** Most of the Christian world today believes that when a person dies they immediately go to heaven. If that is so, then why does the Bible say the dead do not praise the Lord? They are not praising the Lord because they are sleeping in their graves. When you really think about it, this makes the most sense. Let's suppose that tragedy strikes a young married couple. The husband dies in a car accident, and he is immediately in heaven. After a while the wife remarries, and her new husband abuses her physically. Would heaven be a place of joy and bliss for her former husband? Absolutely not! In fact, it would be torture for him to watch what is taking place with his wife. God's way is the only way that makes rational, logical sense. We sleep in the graves and our next conscious thought is the coming of Jesus.





## 12. Where is King David now?

**Acts 2:29, 34** “Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day...For David is \_\_\_\_\_ into the heavens.”

**NOTE:** King David was a man that made mistakes, but David repented and was forgiven by God. So, if it is true, like many say, and the dead are in heaven, then David should be there. But, he is not. The Bible says that he is, “dead, buried, and not in heaven.” It is very clear from the Bible that the dead are sleeping in their graves until the resurrection morning.

## 13. Can souls ever die?

**Ezekiel 18:4** “Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_, it shall \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Yes! Souls die! The phrase immortal soul is not biblical. (See [Genesis 2:7](#))

## 14. Why does the devil want us to be confused about what happens after death?

**2 Corinthians 11:14** “And no marvel; for \_\_\_\_\_ himself is \_\_\_\_\_ into an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** It is on this very point that the devil will deceive billions of people. If people do not know the Biblical truth about death then they will believe a lie and be deceived when the devil transforms himself into an angel of light. Imagine, if you will, all the pictures you have ever seen of Jesus. Long hair, handsome, tall, and so forth. This is the image that people have in their mind when Jesus is mentioned. Suppose you are watching your high definition television one evening and all of the sudden there is an interruption. A news anchorman is seen at his desk, and he gives the following news report: “Ladies and Gentleman: Here is the latest news report: Jesus Christ has returned! This is the most glorious news that the world has ever heard! He is in Berlin, Germany, right now speaking to large crowds of people, quoting scripture and healing all the sick that are brought to Him! The message that He is bringing to the masses is that all are saved if they simply listen to the teachings of the church and do exactly as the church says.” What if the disciples of Jesus also appear and give the same message? Many will be led astray at this time. It will be the crowning act of the devil to deceive as many as possible.

## 15. What is the ultimate cost for sin?

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_; but the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

**NOTE:** The ultimate cost for sin is death, eternal death. But, because of Jesus’ great sacrifice it does not have to be. Jesus Christ died so that we don’t have to pay the penalty for our sins.



## 16. What will Jesus bring with Him when He comes?

**Revelation 22:12** “And, behold, I come quickly; and my \_\_\_\_\_ is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

**NOTE:** By faith eternal life can begin now, but it will not reach its consummation until Jesus comes the second time. Those who have given themselves completely to Jesus will be at peace in their heart when He comes again.

### **IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

To make peace with God so that you can be ready when He comes again?

Yes or No



## Lesson 22 – 1000 Years of Peace

### 1. How can we be sure that Jesus will come again?

**John 14:1-3** “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. \_\_\_\_ to prepare a place for you. And if \_\_\_\_ and prepare a place for you, \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.”

**NOTE:** Jesus has promised most emphatically: “I am coming again.” We have His word that this will be so.

### 2. What did the angels tell the onlookers when Jesus ascended to heaven?

**Acts 1:9-11** “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in \_\_\_\_\_ as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

**NOTE:** The angels told the onlookers that the same Jesus that they saw ascend into heaven will come in the same way that they saw Him go into heaven. In other words, the second coming will not be some mystical event, but it will be real, physical and tangible. It will not be imaginary as if it were some sort of mirage. It will be a literal event.

### 3. What will happen to those that have died at this time?

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall \_\_\_\_\_: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

**NOTE:** The Bible is clear that the dead in Christ will rise first. So, if the dead in Christ rise first, who rises next?

### 4. Who takes part in the second resurrection?

**John 5:28-29** “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and \_\_\_\_\_, unto the resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The Bible speaks of two resurrections. The first is reserved for the righteous – those who have given their life to Jesus Christ. The second resurrection is reserved for the wicked or unrighteous – those who have refused to submit to the drawing power of Jesus Christ.



## 5. What happens to the wicked when Jesus comes the second time?

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-9** “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven with his \_\_\_\_\_, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with \_\_\_\_\_ from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”

**2 Thessalonians 2:8** “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ with the brightness of his \_\_\_\_\_:”

**NOTE:** When Jesus comes the second time the righteous meet Him in the air. The wicked, the Bible says, will be slain by the brightness of His coming.

## 6. What happens to Satan when Jesus comes?

**Revelation 20:1-2** “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_,”

**NOTE:** There are two items we should especially take heed to in these verses. The first item we need to look at is the phrase: “bottomless pit.” This is the only time in the Bible that this phrase is used. However, in the Greek language the word is “Abussos.” What does that mean? In the Greek Old Testament (Septuagint) the word “Abussos” is found in **Genesis 1:2**, and it literally means, “without form and void.” Therefore, the condition of the earth at this time is similar to the time before the creation of the earth. So Satan is somewhere that is desolate, somewhere that has no life whatsoever. Where is that? We will come to that a little bit later in this study. The second item we need to address is the issue of the “great chain.” What kind of chain is this? Is it a literal chain, or is it a symbolic chain?

## 7. What kind of chain is Satan bound with?

**2 Peter 2:4** “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell (Gr: grave), and delivered *them* into \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, to be reserved unto judgment;”

**NOTE:** Satan cannot be bound by a literal chain, because Satan is a spiritual being. Therefore the chain must be, by definition, a symbolic chain or a chain of circumstances if you will. What is that chain of circumstances that he is bound by? At this time there is no one left on the earth to tempt. The wicked have been destroyed by the coming of Jesus, while the righteous are with Him. Satan is left to ponder the results of his rebellion and sees the absolute desolation that he has caused on this earth.

## 8. Does the Bible describe what the earth looks like at this time?

**Jeremiah 4:23-27** “I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_; and the heavens, and they *had* no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the



\_\_\_\_\_ thereof were \_\_\_\_\_ at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.”

**Jeremiah 25:33** “And the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD shall be at \_\_\_\_\_ from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be \_\_\_\_\_, neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_; they shall be dung upon the ground.”

NOTE: The earth at this time is broken down because of the coming of Jesus. The dead cannot be buried, because there is no one left to bury them. When Jesus comes the righteous meet Him in the air, and the wicked are destroyed because they cannot see Jesus and live. (See [Hebrews 12:14, 29](#))

## 9. What will the righteous be doing for 1,000 years?

**Revelation 20:4** “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and \_\_\_\_\_ was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ a \_\_\_\_\_.”

**1 Corinthians 6:2** “Do ye not know that the \_\_\_\_\_ shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?”

NOTE: The righteous are pictured judging . What kind of judgment is this? It is the judgment of verification. The righteous are verifying the judgment of God. The righteous will see that God gave everyone on planet earth the opportunity to be saved and it was their choice to be lost. Why? Because God is so good that He wants everyone who is saved to be absolutely sure that He can be trusted throughout eternity.

## 10. When does the second resurrection take place?

**Revelation 20:5** “But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ lived not again until the thousand years were \_\_\_\_\_...”

NOTE: At the end of the 1,000 year period, when the righteous have reigned with Christ and conducted the judgment of verification, Christ , along with the righteous, return to earth in the holy city. ([Revelation 21:2](#)) Then the wicked are resurrected. With this resurrection, immortality will not be given as at the first resurrection. They will have bodies that are subject to death and now await to receive their final reward.

## 11. What will Satan be doing at this time?

**Revelation 20:7** “And when the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ out of his \_\_\_\_\_,”

NOTE: Satan is loosed out of his prison. How is he loosed? He now has people alive on the earth to tempt. The wicked are resurrected and they will once again be subject to his temptations. He will lead them into one final act of rebellion against the one who created them and died for them.



## 12. What will Satan lead these people to do?

**Revelation 20:9** “And they went up on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and \_\_\_\_\_ came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”

**NOTE:** As Satan leads this all out attack on God and His people, God will mercifully bring their rebellion to an end. They fought against God during their lifetime, refusing to submit to His love. After they are resurrected they will not change their minds. All of humanity will be involved in this last great conflict. There will be only two classes – those inside the city of God, and those fighting against God outside the city. Sadly, most will be fighting against God. But, in love, God destroys them all, ([Mal. 4:1](#)) because He knows that it would be torture for them to live inside the holy city.

## 13. What will happen after the wicked are destroyed?

**Revelation 21:1-3** “And I saw a \_\_\_\_ heaven and a \_\_\_\_ earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is \_\_\_\_\_, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be their God.*”

**NOTE:** After the wicked are destroyed, God is going to recreate the world once again to its original beauty. In addition to this, God will tabernacle with us on this earth and, in His great unexplainable love, bring the capitol of the universe to this planet.(See [Rev. 21:3-4](#))

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To surrender your life into the hands of Jesus Christ and be a part of the group that will inhabit the holy city and the new earth?

Yes or No?



## Lesson 23 – The Realities of Heaven

### 1. Is Heaven just a concept?

**John 14:1-3** “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you. And if I go and prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.”

**NOTE:** Jesus said that He is preparing a place for you. So, heaven cannot be a state of mind as many would suggest. Heaven is a literal place.

### 2. What did the Lord promise to do with this earth?

**2 Peter 3:10-13** “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

**NOTE:** God promised to make a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells. The only reason that righteousness will dwell on the earth, is because that is where God will dwell.

### 3. Who will inherit the new earth?

**Matthew 5:5** “Blessed *are* the \_\_\_\_: for they shall inherit the earth.”

**NOTE:** What does it mean to be meek? Does it mean weak? No, not at all. The word “meek” means submissive or humble. The people that will be on the new earth will not be proud people. They will be willing to submit to God’s leading.

### 4. Where will the holy city come from?

**Revelation 21:1-5** “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of \_\_\_\_\_, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.”



NOTE: The holy city will come down from God out of heaven.

### 5. Why did God create the earth in the first place?

**Isaiah 45:18** “For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be \_\_\_\_\_: I am the LORD; and there is none else.”

NOTE: God created this world to be inhabited.

### 6. What will the new earth be like?

**Micah 4:8** “And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the \_\_\_\_\_; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.”

NOTE: It will be like the first dominion. It will be like The Garden of Eden before sin entered. It will be a beautiful place.

### 7. What kind of bodies will the redeemed have in heaven?

**Philippians 3:21** “Who shall change our \_\_\_\_\_ body, that it may be fashioned like unto his \_\_\_\_\_, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”

NOTE: We will have immortal bodies that are not subject to decay and death.

### 8. Will physical handicaps still exist in heaven?

**Isaiah 35:3-6** “Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be opened, and the ears of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be unstopped. Then shall the \_\_\_\_\_ *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the \_\_\_\_\_ sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.”

NOTE: Those who are physically challenged will be challenged no longer. Their health will be restored in full vigor. They will be filled with joy because they will be completely healed.

### 9. What will the redeemed be doing in heaven?

**Isaiah 65:21-23** “And they shall \_\_\_\_\_ houses, and \_\_\_\_\_ *them* ; and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.”

NOTE: The redeemed will build the homes of their dreams, and will plant the gardens that they have always wanted. It will be a wonderful time.





## 10. What will the animal kingdom be like in heaven?

**Isaiah 65:25** “The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall feed \_\_\_\_\_, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent' meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.”

**NOTE:** Today in our world, the wolf and the lamb cannot be together in one place. When the earth is made new there will be no killing of animals. The very nature of animals as we know it today will be changed. The whole face of nature will be changed. It will be pure peace without any hidden agendas. I am looking forward to be in a place like that!

## 11. What will our relationship with Jesus be like?

**Revelation 22:3-4** “And there shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.”

**NOTE:** We will delight to serve God, a God whom we will love in return for what He has so lovingly done for us.

## 12. How can you enter into the city of New Jerusalem?

**Revelation 21:7-8** “He that \_\_\_\_\_ shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

**NOTE:** Here we have a description of those who are allowed inside the city, and those who will not be in the city. Needless to say, the great majority will be outside of the city. God calls us to be over comers, to overcome sin and its power. This has already been accomplished through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. He wants to work through us to give us the victory over our sinful nature.

## 13. What is the invitation for us today?

**Revelation 22:17** “And the Spirit and the bride say, \_\_\_\_\_. And let him that heareth say, \_\_\_\_\_. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** God does not force or coerce us to do what He wants us to do. He is gentle and allows us the see why we should follow Him. I appreciate this about God so much. There are many people on the planet today that manipulate, that force and push others to do their bidding. I am happy that God is not like that. He says, “I love you. I want you to follow me so you will be happier, so you will be free. But it is up to you.” I can freely serve a God like that.

**IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

To make plans to be on the earth made new?



Yes or No



## Lesson 24 – God’s Love Revealed: in Hellfire?

### 1. What is God’s Character really like?

**Jeremiah 31:3** “The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying* , Yea, I have \_\_\_\_\_ thee with an everlasting \_\_\_\_: therefore with \_\_\_\_\_ have I drawn thee.”

**NOTE:** God’s character is one of love and compassion. He loved the world so much that He sent His son here on a mission to die to save us. This is a very important fact to keep in our minds as we begin to study this subject.

### 2. How many people does God want to perish?

**2 Peter 3:9** “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that \_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_, but that \_\_\_\_ should come to repentance.”

**NOTE:** God does not want anyone to perish! In fact, He wants all to come to repentance.

### 3. How is our God described?

**Hebrews 12:29** “For our God *is* a consuming \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Although Our God loves, He also is a consuming fire. Sin cannot exist in the presence of God.

### 4. What will ultimately happen to sinners?

**Psalms 37:10** “For yet a little while, and the wicked \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ : yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be* .”

**Psalms 37:20** “But the wicked shall \_\_\_\_\_, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall \_\_\_\_\_; into \_\_\_\_\_ shall they \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Malachi 4:1-3** “For, behold, the day cometh, that shall \_\_\_\_ as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be \_\_\_\_\_: and the day that cometh shall \_\_\_\_\_, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked; for they shall be \_\_\_\_\_ under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *this* , saith the LORD of hosts.”

**NOTE:** One day sinners will be burnt to ashes. They will be completely destroyed. They will cease to exist.

### 5. But, I thought the Bible taught “everlasting punishing”?

**Matthew 25:46** “And these shall go away into everlasting \_\_\_\_\_: but the righteous into life eternal.”



**NOTE:** There is a big difference between the words punishing and punishment. Punishing is something that is ongoing. It is taking place in the present tense. Punishment is punishing that comes to an end. Jesus is speaking of “everlasting punishment.” In other words, the results of that particular punishment will be eternal. The punishment itself isn’t ongoing for eternity. This is very important because it influences how we see who God is. If you think that God will burn people for billions and billions of years, then you will serve God so that you will not be tortured for eternity. But if you understand that the punishment of the wicked reaches an end, then you begin to serve God out of heartfelt love toward Him.

## 6. What is the result of eternal fire?

**Jude 1:7** “Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**2 Peter 2:6** “And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into \_\_\_\_\_ condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an \_\_\_\_\_ unto those that after should live ungodly;”

**NOTE:** What is the result of eternal fire? Simply put, the result of eternal fire is ashes. Today Sodom and Gomorrha are not burning. Rather, they were turned to ashes. Eternal fire results in everlasting punishment, not everlasting punishing. ([Malachi. 4:3](#))

## 7. What does the term, “unquenchable fire” mean?

**Matthew 3:11-12** “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire: Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with \_\_\_\_\_ fire.”

**NOTE:** Again, in harmony with what the Bible says in other places, the term “unquenchable fire” means a fire that cannot be quenched. Is this the first time the Bible uses this term? Let’s see how the phrase “unquenchable fire” is used in the next question.

## 8. How is the phrase “unquenchable fire” used in other places of the Bible?

**Jeremiah 17:27** “But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the Sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; then will I kindle a \_\_\_\_\_ in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** This fire in Jerusalem was not quenched, but this fire has burnt out. That is precisely the point. An “unquenchable fire” is a fire that cannot be put out. What eventually happens to a fire that is not put out? It stops burning. In this case, it turns to ashes.



## 9. What about the verse that speaks of the wicked burning forever?

**Revelation 20:10** “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.”

**Exodus 21:6** “Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him \_\_\_\_.”

**1 Samuel 1:22, 28** “But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide \_\_\_\_... Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as \_\_\_\_ as he \_\_\_\_ he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.”

**Jonah 2:6** “I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me \_\_\_\_: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.”

**NOTE:** The word or phrase “for ever” many times in the Bibles refers to something that has already ended. In the case of Jonah, he was in the belly of the whale for three days, and yet he said it was, “for ever.” It may have seemed like to him it was forever. Likewise for the wicked when hellfire occurs it will seem like forever, because they refused the free gift of life that was offered to them.

## 10. Who is hell fire prepared for?

**Matthew 25:41** “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the \_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_:”

**NOTE:** Hellfire was not prepared for us. God does not desire to destroy human beings. Hellfire was prepared for the devil and his angels. But, sadly, many people will partake in that fire because they followed the evil one instead of Jesus Christ.

## 11. Where will hellfire take place?

**Psalms 11:6** “Upon the wicked he shall \_\_\_\_ snares, \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.”

**Revelation 20:9** “And they went up on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”

**NOTE:** Many people today believe that hellfire is burning right now, and it is burning at the center of the earth. But this is not correct. The fires of hell will burn on the surface of the earth. At the end of the millennium after the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, descends from heaven to earth.



## 12. What does the Bible call God's act in destroying the wicked?

**Isaiah 28:21** “For the LORD shall rise up as *in* mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his \_\_\_\_\_ act.”

**NOTE:** Indeed, it is a strange act for God to destroy the wicked. He is a being of pure love that only wants the best for His creatures. One day it will be better for those that He loves to be destroyed than to be in heaven. If they would be allowed to enter there they would not enjoy it. In fact, they would welcome destruction. This is why the strange act of God, in destroying the wicked, is actually a loving act. If the wicked were forced to live in heaven it would not be love.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

Do you see God's love portrayed in the biblical teaching of hell fire?

Yes or No



## Lesson 25 – How to Deal with Anger and Resentment

### 1. How should we, as Christians, respond to the problem of anger?

**Hebrews 4:13** “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but \_\_\_\_\_ are naked and \_\_\_\_\_ unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”

**Ephesians 4:26** “Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your \_\_\_\_\_:”

**NOTE:** We should be very open before the God of the Universe, because He knows all about us and our feelings and actions. So we should be very sincere in our communication with Him, and tell Him all about our weaknesses.

### 2. What very important question should we ask ourselves?

**Genesis 4:6** “And the LORD said unto Cain, \_\_\_\_\_ art thou wroth? and \_\_\_\_\_ is thy countenance fallen?”

**NOTE:** The same question that God asked Cain, is the same question we should ask ourselves when we find we are angry. And that question is: Why? Why, do we become angry? This question is a piercing one, and it will lead us to really begin to be honest with ourselves about who we are and how we feel.

### 3. What should we not let our emotions do to us?

**Proverbs 16:32** “*He that is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ is better than the mighty; and he that \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ than he that taketh a city.*”

**Ecclesiastes 7:9** “Be not \_\_\_\_\_ in thy spirit to be \_\_\_\_\_: for anger resteth in the bosom of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Proverbs 14:29** “*He that is slow to \_\_\_\_\_ is of great understanding; but he that is \_\_\_\_\_ of spirit exalteth \_\_\_\_\_.*”

**NOTE:** We, as Christians, should not allow our emotions to control us. There are some who, by their anger, are a reproach to the faith. Of course there are times, in the experience of every believer, where negative emotions get the best of us. During these times we should recognize that fact and come to Jesus, asking for His forgiving grace to be extended to us. If a believer is continually angry, there is a much deeper problem that needs to be addressed.

### 4. Who should we give our anger to?

**Proverbs 15:1** “A \_\_\_\_\_ answer turneth away \_\_\_\_\_: but grievous words stir up \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Psalm 37:7-8** “Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from \_\_\_\_\_, and forsake \_\_\_\_\_: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.”

**NOTE:** This is wonderful admonition that God gives to us. “A soft answer turns away wrath.” This can only be done by the power of God. It is not easy when someone is angry



with you, not be angry with them in return. In fact, it is natural in our fallen condition to react. But with God all things are possible.

### 5. What challenging step does God ask us to take?

**Ephesians 4:32** “And be ye \_\_\_\_\_ one to another, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

**Matthew 6:12** “And \_\_\_\_\_ us our debts, \_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ our debtors.” **Colossians 3:13** “Forbearing one another, and \_\_\_\_\_ one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ \_\_\_\_\_ you, so \_\_\_\_\_ do ye.”

**NOTE:** The issue of forgiving each other is a very important one. It is a salvational issue. If we cannot forgive others, God cannot forgive us. Note the words of Jesus Himself: “Forgive...as we forgive our debtors.” If we have isolated pocket of bitterness and resentment in our heart, it has eternal consequences. It may seem too hard to forgive those who have hurt you and the pain may seem unbearable. But, when we look at what Jesus went through, it becomes easier to forgive. As we think back over our own life how time after time we have let the Master down, and yet He, through it all, has been so good to us. If we take the time to contemplate on these great themes, forgiving others will become a privilege to enjoy straight from the hand of Jesus.

### 6. Who is the hardest person to forgive?

**1 John 1:9** “If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is faithful and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

**NOTE:** Many times the old cliché that is so often repeated proves to be true: “The hardest person to forgive is yourself.” You can forgive others, but forgiving yourself is sometimes more difficult. We must learn to forgive ourselves before we grow to be a strong, vibrant Christians.

### 7. How long should it take for us to deal with our anger?

**Ephesians 4:26** “Be ye angry, and sin not: \_\_\_\_\_ the sun go down upon your wrath:”

**NOTE:** If we have anger it should be dealt with immediately. The reason for this is that once anger has been nurtured it is harder to deal with later. Anger will turn to resentment and then to bitterness. So, give your anger over to Jesus. Tell Him all about it. If you have wronged others, ask their forgiveness. Then you can move on in your Christian experience knowing that you are right with God and your fellow man.

#### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To follow God’s plan in dealing with anger and resentment?

Yes or No





## Lesson 26 – The Mark of the Beast

### 1. What did God do in the beginning?

**Genesis 1:1** “In the beginning God \_\_\_\_\_ the heaven and the earth.”

**NOTE:** Satan has been very envious of God’s ability to create. It should come as no surprise that the devil would attack God and His creation.

### 2. What is God’s Memorial for the creation of this world?

**Exodus 20:8-11** “\_\_\_\_\_ the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

But the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is* , and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

**NOTE:** It is a common practice here on earth that a monument is erected to memorialize a famous person or event. However, God did not erect a statue or some other tangible entity, but rather He set aside a whole 24 hour period of time to remind us of our lofty origin and who our Creator is. Did you know that if the Sabbath had been kept by human beings since the beginning of time, there would be no atheists today? You see, the Sabbath day is all about God’s creative act in the beginning and His overwhelming willingness to create something new in our hearts in the present.

### 3. What was the sequence of the creation week?

DAYS 1 & 4: Light / bodies of light

DAYS 2 & 5: Firmament / filling of firmament

DAYS 3 & 6: Earth with food / filling the earth

**NOTE:** In the first three days of creation God creates the spaces. Days 4-6 He fills those spaces.

**Genesis 1:12** (Day 3) “And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding \_\_\_\_\_, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* \_\_\_\_\_.”

### 4. What noble origin does the human race have?

**Genesis 1:26** “And God said, Let us make man in \_\_\_\_\_, after \_\_\_\_\_: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ created he them.



**And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”**

**NOTE:** We are neither descendants of primates nor the result of an ancient cosmic accident. We have royal blood coursing through our veins because we are sons and daughters of the King! We were made in the very image of God with the insatiable desire to be creative and even procreative. This is something that the devil nor his angels cannot do. For this they are extremely envious and filled with hate towards us. Not only were we created to fill the vacancy in heaven left by the fallen angels, but God desired our fellowship and used this earth to demonstrate His love to the whole universe. This demonstration will secure the universe from sin throughout eternity. We are the most precious commodity in all the realms of creation.

## **5. What happened next after everything was created?**

**Genesis 2:1-3** “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the \_\_\_\_\_ God ended his work which he had \_\_\_\_\_; and he rested on the \_\_\_\_\_ from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”

**NOTE:** Here God institutes, blesses and sanctifies the Sabbath. What does it mean to sanctify? Imagine you have a distinguished guest who visits your home, and you long to cook a meal for this person. Do you set the table with Styrofoam plates and cups? Or do you bring out your best glasses and plates for this special person? Of course, you use the best that you have! You see, the Sabbath is the best day of the week. In the same way that we set apart special china for special occasions, the Sabbath has been set apart from the other days of the week as a special day He wants to spend with us. It is a day of wonderment, a day blessing, because God has magnified that day above all the others and filled it with Himself! He desires His people to take part and spend time with Him to build that love relationship.

## **6. Who was the Sabbath made for?**

**Mark 2:27-28** “And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for \_\_\_\_\_, and not \_\_\_\_\_ for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.”

**NOTE:** The Sabbath was not created exclusively for the Jew, but for man. God had the whole human race in mind when He created the Sabbath day. It is a day of delight and a day of ceasing from our own secular pursuits. It is a day of resting in the presence of God, and a day of contemplation on the loveliness of His Character. This is a time to enjoy God’s creation by going for walks in nature and learning about the things which He has made. It is the best day of the week, a weekly, holy holiday!

## **7. What is God’s sign to his people?**

**Exodus 31:13** “Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a \_\_\_\_\_ between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

**Ezekiel 20:12** “Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a \_\_\_\_\_ between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that \_\_\_\_\_ them.”

**NOTE:** People everywhere are seeking some sign from God. And here it is – the Sabbath. It is God’s sign to His people that He is in the process of sanctifying them. It is refreshing to know that we, by our own sheer will power, cannot make ourselves holy. It is God who is in the business of making us holy.

In the same way that God set apart the Sabbath in the beginning as holy, He, in like manner, wants to separate the believers for Himself. But it goes deeper than just this. In the original language of these verses the definition for the word for ‘sign’ is ‘a distinguishing mark’. I find that very interesting. So, we can safely deduct that God’s mark is the Sabbath.

## 8. Technically speaking, what is a seal?

ANSWER: A seal authenticates a document. A seal always has three parts:

- a. Name
- b. Title
- c. Territory

For example the seal for the present president of the United States gives the following information:

Name: Abraham Lincoln  
Title: President  
Territory: The United States of America.

In every seal, these three elements must be present.

## 9. Where did God place his seal?

**Deuteronomy 9:10** “And the Lord delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God...”

**NOTE:** God’s seal is in the heart of God’s law. Notice that this commandment begins differently than any of the other nine. It asks us to **REMEMBER**. Did God, in His foreknowledge, know that humankind would forget? Here there is something special. “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: For in six days **the Lord**,” There’s the name, Yahweh, that’s God’s name. “**Made heaven and earth**,” so that is the title. He is the Creator. And what is the Territory? “**Heaven, earth, the sea, and all that is in them**”.

So here we have all of the answers in one place – in one commandment. The Lord, that’s His name; we have title, the Creator; and we have the jurisdiction, which includes everything in heaven and earth. This makes the law authentic and powerful. Without the Sabbath, without that signature, the whole law becomes just another document with rules and without any authority.



## 10. How is a person to keep the Sabbath holy?

**Isaiah 58:13-14** “If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing \_\_\_\_\_ on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”

**NOTE:** God wants us to view the Sabbath not as the Jews of old viewed it, as a list of restrictions. The commandment itself give us a few principles on how we should keep it - **not doing our own pleasure**. He wants us to meet with Him and have pleasure in Him on the Sabbath day.

## 11. Who should keep the Sabbath?

**Mark 2:27-28** “And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for \_\_\_\_\_, and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.”

**NOTE:** The word ‘man’ in the original language is *anatomous*, which literally means humanity. So, the Sabbath was not made for the Jews only, but is a blessing for all humanity to bask in.

## 12. Where was the law of God to be placed?

**Deuteronomy 10:13-18** “And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my \_\_\_\_\_ which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,  
That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.  
And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.  
Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;  
And *then* the LORD' wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.  
Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your \_\_\_\_\_, that they may be as frontlets between your \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** So where must the commandments of God be placed? **On your hand and in your forehead.** In the book of Revelation, we also find that the mark of the beast is to be placed **in the hand or in the forehead**. Do you think that God literally intended that they would be placed in the hand or in the forehead? Do you think that it is a physical mark that can be seen outwardly? In the Bible, the hand represents our actions (See [Ecclesiastes 9:10](#)) The forehead represents the mind, more specifically it represents where our decisions are made. So, in essence God is not interested if we merely know what the ten commandments are, but He wants us to live our lives by our thoughts and actions in harmony with the ten commandments. This can only be done through the power of Jesus Christ.



### 13. What does God greatly desire for His children?

**Deuteronomy 5:29** “O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep \_\_\_\_ my commandments \_\_\_\_\_, that it might be well with \_\_\_\_\_, and with their children for ever!”

**NOTE:** The reason that God asks us to obey Him is not for His own good, but for our own good. When He asks us to follow Him He has our best interest in mind.

### 14. If the Sabbath is the Seventh day of the week, then why does the Christian World keep Sunday?

**ANSWER:** Schaff-Herza Encyclopedia says, “Sunday (Dies Solis of the Roman calendar, ‘day of the Sun,’ being dedicated to the sun), the first day of the week.” Most Oxford dictionaries will say, “Sunday, first day of the week.”

**NOTE:** So the Sabbath is not Sunday, it’s Saturday. Sunday is the first day of the week. But the Christian world keeps Sunday.

**Daniel 7:25** “And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to \_\_\_\_\_ times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

**NOTE:** Here is the only verse in the Bible that speaks about a change to the commandments of God. Therefore, it is the only verse that speaks about a change to the Sabbath.

But the question we must ask ourselves is this: “Can a man change the ten commandments?” No. “Therefore, can a man change the Sabbath?” No. Notice the Bible does not say that a random man changed the Sabbath, but the power that resides at Rome. The little horn, or the Roman Catholic Church. Is this possible? We will see for ourselves through their own words.

### 15. What does Rome say regarding the office of the Pope?

**ANSWER:** “He can pronounce sentences and judgments in contradictions to the rights of nations, to the law of God and man. He can free himself from the commands of the apostles; he, being their superior, and from the rules of the old testament.”” *Decretal, de Translat. Episcop, Cap.*

“The Pope has the power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.” *Decretal, de Translat. Episcop, Cap.*

“The Pope’s will stand for reason. He can dispense above the law; and of wrong make right, by correcting and changing laws.” Pope Nicholas, Dist. 96, Quoted in “Facts for the Times.” Pg. 55-56, 1893.



## 16. What is the Mark of the Beast?

**ANSWER:** “Sunday is our mark of authority...The Church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.” *Catholic Record*, September 1, 1923

“Of course the Catholic church claims that the change was her act. The act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power.” Faith of Our Fathers (Cardinal Gibbons)

“The Bible says remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. The Catholic church says, No! By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And, lo, the entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church.” Father Enright, *American Sentinel*, June 1893

“Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles...From the beginning to the end of Scripture there is not a single passage which warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first.” *Catholic Press* (Sydney) August 25, 1900

“You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday.” James Cardinal Gibbons, *The Faith of our Fathers*, p. 89.

“The Christian Sabbath is, therefore, to this day the acknowledged offspring of the Catholic church, as spouse of the Holy Ghost, without a word of remonstrance from the protestant world.” *The Catholic Mirror* September 23, 1893.

“If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath Day. In keeping the Sunday they are following a law of the Catholic Church.” Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore replying in a letter dated February 10, 1920

“Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the Roman Church, has no good reasons for its Sunday theory, and ought logically to keep Saturday as the Sabbath.” John Gilmary Shea, *American Catholic Quarterly Review*, January 1883

“Reason and common sense demand the acceptance of One, or the other of these alternatives: either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday, or Catholicity and the keeping holy of Sunday. Compromise is impossible.” *The Catholic Mirror*, December 23, 1893.

**NOTE:** There’s the battle line. If you obey God, you keep which day? Saturday. If you obey the Catholic Church, you keep Sunday. That’s what they say. If you’re a Protestant and you’re keeping Sunday, you’re really obeying whom? You’re obeying the Pope. That doesn’t mean that Protestants out there who have never heard this information now have the mark of the beast, they don’t. Because God is judging them according to the light that they have. But this issue is going to become very prominent, very soon.



## 17. What do Protestant denominations say about this subject?

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** “Is there any command in the New Testament to change the day of weekly rest from Saturday to Sunday? None.” *Manual of Christian Doctrine* P. 127.

“We have made a change from the seventh day to the first day, from Saturday to Sunday, on the authority of the one holy Catholic and apostolic church of Christ.” *Why we keep Sunday*. P. 28.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH:** “The observance of the Lord’s day (Sunday) is founded not on any command of God, but on the authority of the church.” *Augsburg Confession, Catholic Sabbath Manual, part 2, section 10*.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** “A change of the day to be observed from the last day of the week to the first. There is no record, no express command, authorizing this change.” *The Christian Sabbath* by N.L. Rice.

**METHODIST CHURCH:** “Take the matter of Sunday...there is no passage telling Christians to keep that day, or to transfer the Jewish Sabbath to that day.” *Christian Advocate*, July 2, 1942.

**CONGREGATIONALIST CHURCH:** “It’s quite clear that however rigidly or devoutly we spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath...There is not a single sentence in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday.” *The Ten Commandments* by Dr. Dale.

**ANGLICAN CHURCH:** “Many people think that Sunday is the Sabbath, but neither in the New Testament nor in the early church, is there anything to suggest that we have any right to transfer the observance of the seventh day of the week to the first. The Sabbath was and is Saturday and not Sunday ...” Rev. Lionel Beere, *Church of the People*.

**BAPTIST CHURCH:** “There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday...There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh day to the first day of the week.” Hiscox, *The Baptist Manual*

## 18. What is Sunday founded on?

**ANSWER:** “Sunday is founded not on Scripture, but on tradition, and is a distinctly Catholic institution.” Catholic Record, September 17, 1893

“The New Testament makes no explicit mention that the apostles changed the day of worship, but we know it from tradition.” The New Revised Baltimore Catechism, (1949), pg. 139

**NOTE:** Sunday Worship is solely based on tradition, and not on one line of Scripture.

## 19. What does Jesus think about tradition?

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**Matthew 15:3, 6, 9** “But He answered and said to them, why do you also transgress the commandment of God by your \_\_\_\_\_?...  
And you voided the commandment of God by your \_\_\_\_\_  
... But in \_\_\_\_\_ they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** There is nothing wrong with tradition, as long as the tradition is in harmony with God’s Word. But, if it isn’t, then we worship God in vain, according to Jesus Himself.

### **IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

I understand that this issue is bigger than a day, but it strikes at the very root of God’s authority. Do we follow the teachings of men, or do we take our stand with Jesus and His Sabbath. Do you choose to honor God by keeping His Sabbath holy? Do you take God’s Mark instead of the Mark of the Beast?

Yes or No



## Lesson 27 – The True Church

**INTRODUCTION:** Does God have a movement to counter the spirit of Babylon? If, as we have seen, Babylon constitutes the great end-time confederacy of religious powers aligned against the government of God, then who will represent the case of God? The sad fact is, that the great majority of people will be deceived by the power and splendor of the woman that who rides the beast.

The woman decked with gold, precious stone and pearls ([Revelation 17:4](#)) represents, as we have seen, Rome. This attire that she wears corresponds to that of the ancient high priest, which means that she usurps the High Priestly role of Christ, placing herself in His position.

The doctrines of Rome have permeated through the cultures of the world and the religious systems have willingly accepted her leadership. The High Priestly ministry of Jesus is of vital significance to the world and while Babylon comes to fruition, God also heralds the final warning and invitation to call us back into a covenant relationship with Him.

Throughout the ages, God has had a people through whom He chose to disseminate His truth. It was God's plan that all people - every nation, tribe and tongue should become partakers of His grace. In His divine plan of restoration, He chose fallen human beings to become co-workers together with Him to achieve this end. God has always had faithful followers who would stand for truth and justice even in the face of great opposition. Before the flood, Enoch walked with God, and faithful Noah became the father of the post-flood human race, when he and his family were the only remnant to be saved from the destruction of the then-time apostate world.

After the flood, the patriarch Abraham was given the promise that through his seed all peoples would be blessed. ([Genesis 12:2](#)) The Messianic promise was to be realized through Isaac and Jacob whose name was changed to Israel after he wrestled with God for divine forgiveness and blessing. ([Genesis 32:28](#)) "Israel" became the name of the descendants of Jacob - the chosen people in terms of the covenant between God and Abraham their forefather. ([Genesis 15:18](#); [Psalm 105:9-10](#))

**THE ISRAEL OF GOD (OLD COVENANT ISRAEL):** There is much confusion today as to who constitutes the Israel of God. Many denominations seek the fulfillment of the promises of God to ancient Israel in modern Israel. They expect the restoration of Israel, and the modern Israel in Palestine is seen to be integral in this process.

It must be remembered that "Israel" is not the natural name of Jacob, but was given to him by God in recognition of a spiritual victory when he prevailed with God and secured pardon for his past sins. Jacob wrestled with the Angel and refused to let Him go unless he obtained the surety of the heavenly blessing which would grant him the pardon of his sins. Jacob prevailed and received the blessing. His heart was renewed and he could face his brother Esau knowing that God was with him. The name change signified a change in character from the "supplanter or deceiver" to "God contends".

An understanding of the relationship between physical Israel and the covenant people of God is vital if we are to discern who God's light-bearers are in this modern age.



Following the Exodus from Egypt, God formally entered into a covenant with the nation of Israel. ([Exodus 19:1-8](#)) Israel was to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation ([Exodus 19:6](#)) and they were to spread light to all people on the face of the earth. ([Isaiah 60:1-3](#))

### 1. What were the conditions of the old covenant promises?

**Exodus 19:5** “Now therefore, \_\_\_\_ ye will \_\_\_\_ My voice indeed and keep My covenant, \_\_\_\_ ye shall be a special treasure unto Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.”

**NOTE:** The promises were subject to “if”. The physical throne of Israel was always conditional to obedience.

### 2. What were the conditions based on during the reign of Solomon and David?

**1 Kings 2:4** “...that the Lord may continue His word which He spake concerning me, saying, ‘\_\_\_\_ thy children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with \_\_\_\_ their heart and with all their soul,’ He said, ‘there shall not fail thee a man on the throne of Israel.’”

**NOTE:** The conditions did not change during the golden age of Israel. Only whole hearted obedience to the God of Heaven was the criteria.

### 3. What are some of the blessings that attend an obedient life?

**Deuteronomy 28:2** “And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, \_\_\_\_ thou shalt \_\_\_\_ unto the voice of the Lord thy God.”

**NOTE:** [Deuteronomy 28:1-14](#) contains a list of the most wonderful blessings ever pronounced to any nation or people. Again the promises were conditional to obedience. Israel did, however, not heed this admonition and became more corrupt than the nations around them. ([2 Kings 17:6-23](#)) Only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin were spared for a while, and the other tribes were carried away captive by the king of Assyria and disappear from history. Some believe that they constitute the nations of Britain and their descendants including the USA. Without loyalty to God, the promises could not be fulfilled, and a century and a half later, even Judah was plucked up from the Promised Land and scattered in the Neo- Babylonian Empire.

Nevertheless, some had remained faithful to God even in the face of this calamity as is shown by the stories of Daniel and his friends who were willing to rather face death than to disobey God. Through the prophet Jeremiah, God had granted a specific time for repentance and reflection, and He had promised that they would return to their land after 70 years of exile ([Jeremiah 31:10-14](#); [Isaiah 43:1-13](#)). After this time, they were to rebuild the temple. The time prophecies of Daniel predicted the advent of the Messiah; and they had the opportunity to be witnesses to the nations ([Micah 4:1-4](#); [5:2-6](#); [Zechariah 8:20-23](#)). Again all these promises were conditional to obedience ([Zechariah 6:15](#)). Sadly, the nation rejected the Messiah, and forfeited its covenant role and the covenant promises.

### 4. What happened to Israel as a result of rejecting Jesus?



**Mathew 23:37-39** “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your \_\_\_\_\_ is left unto you \_\_\_\_\_. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

**THE ISRAEL OF GOD (NEW COVENANT ISRAEL):** When the Jewish nation rejected the Messiah, the gospel was to go to the Gentiles and all who would believe in the name of Jesus would become the spiritual descendants of Abraham. ([Galatians 3:16](#); [Romans 4:16](#); [Romans 9:3, 8](#))

## 5. Who is the Israel of God today?

**Galatians 3:29** “And if ye be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ye are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The apostle Paul speaks of Christians as the “Israel of God” ([Galatians 6:16](#)) and the “circumcision” ([Phil. 3:3](#)) The kingdom of God and the covenant promises associated with it were to be taken from the Jews and passed on to spiritual Israel - those who would permit Christ to transform them, to change their character, as was the case with Jacob of old.

## 6. Did Jesus ever teach this concept to the Jewish nation during his life on earth?

**Matthew 21:43-44** “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God shall be \_\_\_\_\_ from you and \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_ bearing forth the fruits of it. And whoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.”

**NOTE:** Jesus did not choose 12 disciples coincidentally. Just as the twelve patriarchs were the founders of ancient Israel, so these twelve men are the foundation stones of new Israel to which the Lord promised the kingdom ([Matt 19:18](#); [Luke 22:30](#)).

The subsequent choice of seventy others is modeled after the choice of seventy elders by Moses in ancient Israel ([Num 11:16](#)). The real Israel of God is a remnant chosen by grace ([Rom 11:5](#)). There is a marvelous continuity between the old and the new Israel of God. In [Romans 11:17-24](#), Paul speaks of the olive tree which represents Israel. The branches (Jews) were broken off because of unbelief and the wild olive shoots (Gentiles) were grafted in to share in the nourishment of the tree. The natural branches could be grafted back into the tree if they accepted the conditions. God is no respecter of nations or individuals. All who turn to Him will be accepted ([Acts 10:34-35](#)).

## 7. Is there any difference between Jew and Greek (Gentile) with God?

**Romans 10:12** “For there is \_\_\_\_\_ between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.”

**Galatians 3:26** “For ye are \_\_\_\_\_ the children of God by \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.”

**NOTE:** The new Israel is the inheritor of God's covenant promises. Those who have accepted Christ have become the chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. (Compare [1 Peter 2:9-10](#) with [Exodus 19:5-6](#)) They were chosen to reveal God's marvelous light to the world. ([1 Peter 2:9](#); [Matthew 28:19-20](#); [Ephesians 3:10](#)) The human race is in desperate need of redemption. God yearns to forgive and cleanse. ([John 3:16](#); [1 Timothy 2:4](#)) Henceforth, it was the role of the church to carry the gospel to the world.

**SPIRITUAL DECLENSION AND REFORMATION:** It is a sad fact of history that, like Israel of old, spiritual Israel also experienced a moral decline and turned towards the worship of other gods. The principles of heathen sun worship found their way into the church, and under the guidance of the Roman church were elevated to such a position that they would counterfeit the very gospel of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the period of spiritual decline, there were people who clung tenaciously to the word of God, but these were relentlessly persecuted for their faith. Among these were the Waldenses who, after having withdrawn to the Alps, because of persecution, fully separated from the Roman church. The work of Vigilantius Leo, who vigorously opposed the many false doctrines and practices that had been adopted by the Roman church, served as a light to many believers. The Waldenses constituted a remnant that kept the light of God's word alive in a period of terrible spiritual declension. For their faith, they were ruthlessly massacred by Catholic leaders in a series of campaigns led against them, particularly those by D'Oppede in 1544, the Marquis of Pianesse in 1655, and Gabriel of Savoy in 1686. The light of truth which the Waldenses and Albigenses spread laid the foundations for the reformation. In England, John Wycliffe was the herald of reform, and Huss and Jerome, invigorated by his writings, carried the flag of reform in Bohemia. Huss was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415 and Jerome on May 30, 1416, but the reformation forged ahead in spite of persecution. One by one, the great reformers uncovered precious truths that had been hidden under the rubble of false doctrine and superstition. Justification by faith and the once-for-all atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ and His all-sufficient mediatorial priesthood were the cornerstones of the reformers' faith.

Many unbiblical teachings, such as veneration of saints and relics, the mass, purgatory, celibacy, the numerous sacraments and faith in tradition rather than the word of God were discarded. The Protestant Reformers were virtually unanimous in identifying the papal system as the "man of sin", and he was equated with the "little horn" of Daniel chapter 7.

Martin Luther was one of the most prominent reformers used by God to call the world out of darkness. He obtained much light, but the full work of restoration was not entrusted to him alone. Others followed and each had some aspect of truth that together could have created a highway for the gospel. Instead, the followers of Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley, and other great reformers often ventured no further along the path of gospel light than had their leaders. They would crystallize their beliefs into a creed to the extent of shutting out additional light that did not fit into this creed.

Instead of forging a way for collective truth, the reformation resulted in a host of denominations, each with aspects of the truth, but excluding total truth. Satan had once again achieved a victory. Caught in the cage of creeds, Protestantism itself degenerated into formalism and theoretical theology, which extinguished the reformatory flame, opening the way to universal apostasy.

The present wave of cooperation between the churches is based not on issues of the gospel, but on social issues, thus there is nothing separating the “reformed churches” from Rome. The aim of the reformation, the unveiling of the gospel, had once again been curtailed.

**THE FINAL REFORMATION (THE LATTER RAIN):** God will not end the work on earth with less power than that with which He started it. Under the symbols of the former and latter rain, God had promised showers of blessing that would bring the harvest to ripening. As God’s power was manifested at Pentecost when the fledgling church was empowered to take the gospel to the world, so God’s power will be manifested when the church completes its witness. The symbols of the early and the latter rain ([Hosea 6:3](#); [Joel 2:23, 28-32](#); [Acts 2:16-21](#)) represent not only the outpouring of the Spirit on the church, but also on the individuals that constitute the church. Each individual must also have a former and latter rain experience. The former rain represents the rebirth whilst the latter rain is to bring the character in line with the character of Christ. They also refer to justification and sanctification or “us in Christ” and “Christ in us”. ([John 14:20](#)) At the end of time, God will have a people that will represent Him and His truth before an apostate world. As in the days of the disciples, the truth will be triumphant - the latter rain will do its work to bring God’s harvest to fruition.

**TIME OF THE END:** The time of the end is not to be confused with the end of time. The phrase “time of the end” is used five times in Daniel, chapters 8-12 and refers to a time before the second coming of Christ. There would also be a definite appointed time when that time should arise. ([Daniel 11:35](#))

In [Daniel 7:25](#), the prophet refers to the 1260-year period of papal dominance, and in [Daniel 12:6-7](#), the same period (time, times and half a time) is mentioned with regard to the time of the end. With the completion of the 1260-year period of papal dominion in 1798, commences the time of the end. The great truths concerning the ministry of Christ had been trampled on during the period of papal dominance, ([Daniel 8:11](#)) but these truths were to be restored.

The prophet Daniel himself did not understand the vision of the cleansing of the sanctuary ([Daniel 8](#)) at the end of the 2300-day period, nor did he fully comprehend the events that would unfold during the time of the end. The reason for this is that the prophecy was sealed unto the time of the end. ([Daniel 8:17, 26](#); [12:9](#))

## 8. What clues did Daniel give in regards to the time of the end?

**Daniel 12:4** “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book even to the time of the end; \_\_\_\_ shall run to and fro, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** In the Hebrew, the definite article is given with the word “knowledge”, which indicates that knowledge of the book of Daniel itself will be increased at the time of the end. It is noteworthy that only the wise and none of the wicked will be lead to an understanding of these prophecies. The wise would also lead many to righteousness. ([Daniel 12:3](#)) Wisdom, in a biblical sense, comes from a relationship with God that is built on trust and obedience, and cannot be compared with worldly wisdom.



## 9. According to the Bible where can true wisdom be found?

**Psalm 119:98-99** “Thou, through Thy \_\_\_\_\_, hast made me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Thy testimonies are my meditation.”

**NOTE:** Wisdom is associated with the law of God and the word of God. Understanding comes from obedience to God’s law (**Psalm 119:100, 104**) and to the testimony, the Word of God revealed through the prophets of all ages (**Psalm 119:125, 130, 144**). If truth was to be restored, then knowledge and understanding of the Biblical concept of truth is essential.

## 10. How does the Bible define truth?

**John 14:6** “...I am the way, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by \_\_\_\_.”

**John 17:17** “Sanctify them through Thy truth. Thy \_\_\_\_\_ is truth.”

**Psalm 119:151** “Thou art near, O Lord, and all Thy \_\_\_\_\_ are truth.”

**NOTE:** Truth restored contains all these elements. It is Christ centered, it is word-based, and it involves obedience to the law of God. As Jesus Himself pointed out in (**John 14:15**). At the time of the end, there would thus be a movement to restore all things and to unveil the sealed prophecies of the book of Daniel. History confirms that a great resurgence of interest in the Scriptures, accompanied by missionary zeal commenced around the year 1798. In 1795, the London Missionary Society was organized, followed a year later by the New York Missionary Society, the first in America.

The great Bible societies of the world were also formed in the period between 1798 and 1844, which is the close of the 2300-year prophecy. Associated with this resurgence of interest, numerous health and temperance societies were formed, and by 1807 William Metcalf had even founded the vegetarian and teetotaler “Society of Bible Christians of Philadelphia”. It is noteworthy that this time period is also associated with the great technological advances of our age. The first steam engine was patented in 1769, and this opened the way for steamboats (1807-1810) and the railroads (1825). The gospel was to be spread to “all the world” and God saw to it that the means to achieve this end would also be available. In the world of music, the great Biblical themes were a prominent source of inspiration with Handel’s “Messiah” focusing attention on the King of kings and Haydn composing the “Creation” in 1844.

**THE UNSEALING OF DANIEL’S PROPHECY:** It is during this period of renewed interest in the Scriptures that a young Baptist farmer by the name of William Miller (1782-1849) published a series of articles in the Baptist weekly - “Vermont Telegraph” on the prophecies of Daniel. He used a simple set of rules to unravel the great themes of prophecy, namely-

- The New Testament is the expositor of the Old
- Scripture must be its own expositor
- The symbolism of type and antitype



- Every word must be taken into consideration
- Prophecy compliments prophecy

His study of [Daniel chapter 8](#) led him to believe that the cleansing of the sanctuary, which was to take place at the end of the 2300-year period, referred to the cleansing of the earth from sin. He concluded that Christ would return at the close of this prophetic time, and using the day-year principle, calculated that this event would take place in 1843. It is then that the “spiritual sanctuary”, the church, would be cleansed. Miller rejected the popular interpretations of the day and reintroduced the old Protestant Christ-centered interpretation, which saw the followers of Jesus at the heart of the end-time prophecies. He stressed the pre-millennial return of Christ and, based on the time prophecy of Daniel 8, eventually set a definite date for this event, namely October 22, 1844. As a consequence, he, together with some 100,000 others were expelled from their churches. The believers in the imminent advent of Christ came from all denominations and included at least 200 ministers from prominent Protestant churches.

Drawing from the parable of the ten virgins, ([Matthew 25:1-13](#)) the message became known as the “midnight cry”, the return of the bridegroom. There was a return to primitive godliness, as the various groups of advent believers awaited the return of the Lord. History tells us that Jesus did not return to this earth in 1844. Those that eagerly awaited His return were greatly disappointed, an event which became known as the “great disappointment”. Many were disillusioned and left the movement. Those that clung to their experience were ridiculed and became objects of scorn.

Once before in the history of the church had there been such a disappointment. The followers of Christ had with great expectation awaited His coronation as the Messiah in Jerusalem. They had hailed Him as their king and thrown palm branches before His feet. ([John 12:13](#)) But instead of a coronation, they had to witness a crucifixion. Their disappointment was real, and many lost their faith. Even the disciples were filled with fear and hid themselves “for fear of the Jews”. ([John 20:19](#)) On the road to Emmaus, two followers of Jesus were contemplating these sad events ([Luke 24:13-53](#)).

## 11. Was this final reformation prophesied in times past in the Bible?

**Isaiah 58:12** “And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, The \_\_\_\_\_ of paths to dwell in.”

**NOTE:** As in the case of the disappointment in Christ’s time, the disappointment of 1844 led to ardent study of the Scriptures and assimilation of truths uncovered by the reformation. Those associated with the advent movement that remained after 1844 considered themselves as “the remnant church” or simply “the remnant”. The prophecies of Daniel were re-examined and a number of believers discovered that the books of Hebrews and Revelation are full of references to a sanctuary in heaven. The great doctrine of the sanctuary, its type and antitype was rediscovered and the role of Jesus as our High Priest and sacrificial lamb were understood in its setting. The Typology of the Jewish feasts and their meaning and fulfillment were also uncovered.

Together with this tremendous breakthrough in understanding came the realization of what the day of atonement stood for in type, and what its relevance was in terms of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary or the commencement of the judgment in heaven. The standard



of judgment, the law, and its significance was also understood in its relationship to the plan of salvation. The ancient wall of truth that had served as a bulwark against evil, was being rebuilt as Isaiah had prophesied. The Law and the Sabbath were rediscovered and the relationship between law and grace was placed in a right setting. The commandments of God and faith in Jesus Christ became pillars on which the faith of the remnant rested.

## 12. Does the book of Revelation mention a final movement that would be keeping the commandments of God?

**Revelation 12:17** “And the dragon was \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_, and went to make war with the \_\_\_\_\_ of her seed, which keep the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

**NOTE:** Out of the ashes of the Millerite movement grew the Seventh-day Adventist Church. By 1848, a doctrinal platform existed incorporating the great truths uncovered by the reformation. The basic principles of prophetic interpretation as held by the emerging church were the cumulative prophetic views of the church of the centuries. They adopted, coordinated and continued reforms that had been lost in the sands of time. Doctrinal landmarks of the movement were grounded on the Scriptural teaching regarding:

The second coming of Christ

- 2) The binding claims of the seventh-day Sabbath
- 3) The third angel’s message in relation to the first and second angel’s messages
- 4) The ministry of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary
- 5) The non-immortality of the soul

**AT THE RIGHT TIME:** The judgment hour message which was proclaimed by the Millerite movement was not the final message of warning, but commencement of the “restoration of all things”. In [Revelation 14](#), John describes the judgment hour message, as given by an angel who gave it with a loud voice.

## 13. What does the judgment hour message of Revelation 14 consist of?

**Revelation 14:7** “Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his \_\_\_\_\_ is come; and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

**NOTE:** This message is, however, followed by two further messages, namely the proclamation of the fall of Babylon, and the warning against allegiance to the beast and his image.

## 14. Does the Seventh-day Adventist Church comply with all the conditions of the remnant?

**NOTE:** Only the Seventh-day Adventist church complies with all the attributes of God’s remnant as given in the Scriptures. Satan may counterfeit one or the other of the attributes, but he cannot counterfeit them all. The Adventist church:

Arises at the right time

- 2) Preaches the three angels’ messages





- 3) Has a worldwide distribution
- 4) Keeps the commandments of God. ([Rev 12:17](#); [14:12](#); 22:14)
- 5) Has the faith of Jesus. ([Rev 14:12](#)) They have a Christ-centered religion and believe that through trust in God, the believer will obtain grace to overcome as Christ overcame. ([1 John 5:4](#); [Rev 12:11](#); [1 John 23:3](#), 7)
- 6) Has the testimony of Jesus ([Rev 12:17](#)) which is the spirit of prophecy. ([Rev 19:10](#)) (Covered in Lesson 27)

## 15. What is Jesus calling people to do?

**John 10:16** “And other sheep I have, which are not of this \_\_\_\_: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.”

**NOTE:** Jesus wants us as Christians to be united. But the unity He wants is based on the Word of God. There are thousands of different denominations today, very few of which keep all the Commandments of God. They deny the Sabbath truth. Also, God’s Church must have the Spirit of Prophecy. There is only one worldwide church that fits these specifications. The Seventh-day Adventist Church. It does not mean that this church is better, or that this church is the only way to heaven, but it does mean that if you want to be victorious in these last days you will be led to this body of believers. These studies that you are doing are part of God’s leading. Isn’t it wonderful to know that God cares so much about you that He has opened the door of providence for you to take these Bible Studies?

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

I recognize that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is God’s Remnant Church. I choose to be a member of this church that will bring the Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

Yes or No



## Lesson 28 – The Gift of Prophecy

### 1. How does God choose to reveal himself?

**Amos 3:7** “Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: God's methodology in revealing Himself is through the prophets.

### 2. What is one way in which God communicates His will?

**Numbers 12:6** “And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a \_\_\_\_\_ among you, *I* the LORD will make myself known unto him in a \_\_\_\_\_, *and* will speak unto him in a \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: God will speak to prophets in dreams and in visions.

### 3. Will God's last day people have the prophetic gift?

**Revelation 12:17** “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and have the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: According to the Bible, God's last day people will have the testimony of Jesus.

### 4. What exactly is the testimony of Jesus?

**Revelation 19:10** “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it not*: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: It is abundantly clear from the book of Revelation that God's last day church will have the gift of prophecy. Therefore, God's Church in the last days will have the prophetic gift in its midst.

### 5. I thought that the prophetic gift has been abolished after the cross, isn't that what the Bible teaches?

**Ephesians 4:8, 11-13** “Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. And he gave some, apostles; and some, \_\_\_\_\_; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: \_\_\_\_\_ we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”

NOTE: No, the prophetic gift will last until the end of time, till we all come into the unity of the faith. The purpose of the gift of prophecy is to strengthen the church. Aren't you glad that God's calls prophets? I am happy that He loves us so much to do that.



**6. Will the church come behind in any gifts as it awaits the second coming of Christ?**

**1 Corinthians 1:4-7** “I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge; Even as the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in \_\_\_\_\_; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:”

NOTE: No, the church will not come behind in any gift as the second coming draws near.

**7. What does God challenge us to do when it comes to the prophets?**

**1 John 4:1** “Beloved, believe not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ the spirits whether they are of God: because many \_\_\_\_\_ are gone out into the world.”

NOTE: God challenges us to try, or test those who claim to be prophets. How do we test if prophets are true or not? By, the Bible of course.

**8. What will true prophets always lead people to do?**

**Deuteronomy 13:1-4** “If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God after the LORD your his voice, and ye shall the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ God, and fear him, and \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_, and obey serve him, and cleave unto him.”

NOTE: A true prophet will always lead people to keep the commandments of God. A true will never teach anything that is contrary to the commandments of God.

**9. What is the success rate of true prophets when they prophesy?**

**Jeremiah 28:8-9** “The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.”

NOTE: A true prophet is 100% accurate unless the prophecy given is of a conditional nature.

**10. What is one indication that someone is a false prophet?**

**Isaiah 8:19-20** “And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to \_\_\_\_\_, *it is* because *there is* no \_\_\_\_\_ in them.”



**NOTE:** A false prophet will teach things that are not according to the word of God or the law of God. If a so called prophet teaches that Sunday is sanctified or sacred, that person is a false prophet.

**11. Is there any connection between the gift of prophecy and the ten commandments? If so, what connection is there?**

**Ezekiel 7:26** “Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_; but the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ from the priest, and \_\_\_\_\_ from the ancients.”

**NOTE:** When the Children of Israel were rebellious and stopped obeying the commandments of God, the prophetic gift was removed. And it is also true if people became obedient the prophetic gift would be reinstated.

**12. Who do true prophets put their emphasis on?**

**1 John 4:1-3** “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but \_\_\_\_\_ the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and \_\_\_\_\_ even now already is it in the world.”

**NOTE:** A true prophet will lift Jesus up as mankind's only hope.

**13. What doesn't a true prophet do when in vision?**

**Daniel 10:17** “For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? For as for me, straightway there remained \_\_\_\_\_ in me, neither is there \_\_\_\_\_ left in me.”

**NOTE:** When a true prophet goes into vision they lose strength initially later it is regained in a supernatural manner (See [Daniel 10:18](#)). But, perhaps the most compelling sign is that a true prophet will not breathe when in vision. That is something the devil cannot counterfeit.

**14. What are a prophets divine credentials?**

**Matthew 7:15-16** “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them \_\_\_\_\_ . Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?”

**NOTE:** A true prophet will exemplify the virtues of a Christian life. A true prophet will not be proud and boastful, like many supposed prophets are today.



### 15. What happens to a person when they believe what a true prophet says?

**2 Chronicles 20:20** “And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so established; \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_, so shall ye

**NOTE:** If a person believes a true prophet and does what a true prophet says then prosperity will be seen in that persons life. Prosperity in all things in their life.

### 16. Where does God place true prophets?

**1 Corinthians 12:27-28** “Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in Jehoshaphat inhabitants shall ye be \_\_\_\_\_.” particular. And God hath set some in the \_\_\_\_\_, first apostles, secondarily \_\_\_\_\_, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.”

**NOTE:** God has placed prophets in the church, to help guide the church.

### 17. Who is the prophet for the Remnant of Revelation 12:17?

After the great disappointment of 1844, many who believed in the return of Christ were disillusioned and prepared to abandon their faith. Just prior to 1844, two men received similar visions regarding the advent movement. The first was William Foy, a member of the “Freewill Baptist Church” who was studying for the ministry. In 1842, in Boston, he witnessed the reward of the faithful and the punishment of the wicked, and the great scenes of the judgment in three steps: the books of record in heaven, the coming of Christ, and the reward of the faithful in that sequence. Foy related these visions to audiences, but when he received a third vision, which he did not understand, he ceased his public work.

Hazen Foss also received a vision regarding the experience of the advent people, but refused to make it public after the great disappointment which had severely affected him.

Shortly after this period, a young girl by the name of Ellen Harmon was given a vision of the trials of the advent people. This vision was given her two months after the great disappointment in December 1844. The vision did not reveal the reasons for the disappointment, but did offer comfort and greater understanding of the events as they had and would be unfolding.

The events covered by the vision showed Adventists traveling to the city on a narrow path with the bright light of the “midnight cry” behind them, and the path lighted to its end so that they would not stumble. Those who kept their eyes on Jesus would not stumble but enter into the city, the New Jerusalem. She witnessed the events of the Second Advent and the sealing of the 144 000, the ascent to the New Jerusalem and the reward of the faithful.

When Ellen Harmon related her first vision early in 1845, Hazen Foss was present and was overwhelmed that the vision was the same as he had received, but which he had refused to reveal.

From 1844, when Ellen Harmon was 17 years old, until 1915 when she died, she had more than 2000 documented visions. During this time, she lived and worked in America, Europe, and Australia. Her work was often met with skepticism and ridicule, particularly since she was a woman and had not had much formal schooling in view of an accident in her youth, which had left her partly debilitated.

At the age of nine, Ellen was seriously injured by a stone thrown by a classmate whilst she was on her way home from school. For three weeks, she was unconscious, and it was thought that she would not recover. After her initial recovery, she returned to school, but never got beyond the early grades.

Ellen was a member of the Methodist church and was baptized on June 26, 1842. She was an ardent student of the Bible, and after attending meetings held by William Miller and his associates, she was impressed by the message which she heard. After the great disappointment, which also greatly affected her, she was chosen to receive her first vision and she relates her reaction as follows:

*“After I had the vision, and God gave me light, He bade me deliver it... but I shrank from it. I was young, and I thought they would not receive it from me.”*  
(Ellen G. White, letter 3, 1847)

On August 30, 1846, Ellen married James White, a young Adventist preacher, and they had four sons: Henry, Edson, William and Herbert. After the death of her husband on August 6, 1881, Ellen labored alone for another 34 years, during which time some of the most profound writings on the word of God were produced by her. Her ministry and visions:

1. Guarded the church against fanatical influences, and the inroads of non-biblical doctrines,
2. Established the pillars of the Adventist faith in confirming or correcting the results of ardent Bible study by a host of advent believers. These pillars included the role of the Law of God, the Sabbath, the Sanctuary, the Second Coming of Christ, the three angel's messages, and the identity and role of Babylon in the great controversy between Christ and Satan.
3. Established church order and directed the ministry on the spreading of the final message of hope and reproof, the Three Angel's Messages.
4. Established the publishing work and helped it expand into a worldwide ministry.
5. Established the right arm of the ministry, a worldwide health message that recognizes that man has physical as well as spiritual needs.

Despite her physical frailness and debilities which made it impossible for her to write, Ellen White became one of the most prolific writers for our time. No other woman author has produced as much published religious material, as has Ellen G. White. Numerous books, magazine articles, tracts and pamphlets as well as letters have flowed from her pen. Her writings cover a wide field of issues from doctrinal practices to Christian living, diet and health, parental care and guidance, education, medical ministry and the illumination of Biblical prophecies and historic events. This remarkable turn of events was, according to her, made possible by the direct intervention of God. After being instructed to write down the things she had seen in vision, she had felt it an impossible request. She relates the experience as follows:



*The Lord has said, 'Write out the things, which I shall give you.'*  
*And I commenced when very young to do this work. My hand that was feeble and*  
*trembling because of infirmities became steady as soon as I took the pen in my hand, and*  
*since those first writings, I have been able to write. God has given me the ability to write...*  
*That right hand scarcely ever has a disagreeable sensation. It never wearies.*  
*It seldom ever trembles.*  
*(MS 88a, 1900)*

## 18. What must we do concerning Ellen White?

**NOTE:** Ellen White is the only prophet in modern history who satisfies all the Biblical criteria of a prophet of God. She wrote pointed testimonies and received instructions from God that were to provide the necessary guidance for God's remnant at the end of time. Those who take this instruction to heart will develop a greater understanding of the will of God and will be led into a closer relationship with God.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

Since the Bible describes the prophetic gift as the testimony of Jesus, this is not about Ellen G. White, but it is about the message of Jesus through this woman. Would you be willing to test her through reading her works and comparing to what is written in the Word of God?

Yes or No





## Lesson 29 – A Brand New Start

### 1. What is the great commission given by Jesus to those who follow Him?

**Matthew 28:18-20** “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”

**NOTE:** Every Christian is commissioned to lead others to a knowledge of Jesus and to be baptized. This was evidently very important to Jesus because it was one of the last things He said while He walked on this earth.

### 2. Is baptism an issue of salvation?

**Mark 16:16** “He that believeth and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

**John 3:5** “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the Spirit, he cannot \_\_\_\_\_ into the kingdom of God.”

### 3. According to the Bible, how many kinds of baptism are there?

**Ephesians 4:5** “One Lord, one faith, one \_\_\_\_\_,”

**NOTE:** Today in the Christian world, there are many, many kinds of baptism. But the Bible describes only one baptism. What is that one baptism?

### 4. What Jesus an infant when He was baptized?

**Matthew 3:13-17** “Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And \_\_\_\_\_, when he was \_\_\_\_\_, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

**NOTE:** Jesus was not an infant, but He was an adult when He was baptized. Infant baptism is not a biblical teaching, but rather it was a man made creed. Consider the following statement about this issue...

The following curse was pronounced on Roman Catholic church defectors: "May the Son who suffered for us curse him! May the Holy Spirit who suffered for us in baptism curse him!" "Let him be accursed who says adults must be baptized." (History of Romanism, P.510)





So, I guess, according to this train of logic, John the Baptist and Jesus are accursed!!! Sadly, this seems to be yet another unbiblical teaching coming from the Roman Church.

## 5. How much water does it take to be baptized?

**John 3:23** “And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was \_\_\_\_\_: and they came, and were baptized.”

**NOTE:** Evidently, having a lot of water around is very crucial when a person is baptized. If not, John would not have needed to be in a place where there was much water. This fact brings to mind a mode of baptism that is practiced freely today; baptism by sprinkling or infusion, as it is sometimes called. Please consider with me the following statements regarding this topic...

"For several centuries after the establishment of Christianity, baptism was conferred by immersion, but since the twelfth century the practice of baptizing by infusion has prevailed in the Catholic church, as this manner is attended with less inconvenience than baptism by immersion." (James Cardinal Gibbons, *The faith of our Fathers*, 110th. ed. p.277)

## 6. What then is the proper way of Baptism?

**Mark 1:9-10** “And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was \_\_\_\_\_ of John in Jordan. And straightway coming \_\_\_\_\_ of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:”

**Acts 8:38** “And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went \_\_\_\_\_ the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.”

**Colossians 2:12** “\_\_\_\_\_ with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

**NOTE:** The word “baptize” is derived from the Greek word, “baptizo” which means to immerse, submerge or plunge underneath. Therefore, the biblical baptism is baptism by immersion. Sprinkling is not biblical and is not a proper baptism.

## 7. What does baptism by immersion symbolize?

**Romans 6:3-6** “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his \_\_\_\_\_? Therefore we are \_\_\_\_\_ by baptism into death: that like as Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in \_\_\_\_\_ of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”

**NOTE:** The symbolic meaning of baptism is of the utmost significance. That is the reason why other modes of baptism cannot be a substitute for it. It represents the death of the old life of sin and a resurrection to a new life free from sin, its guilt and condemnation. This is a wonderful experience for all those that make this public declaration of their allegiance to Jesus Christ. It is the greatest joy to have all of your sins removed from you!



## 8. What must precede baptism?

**Acts 2:38** “Then Peter said unto them, \_\_\_\_\_, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

NOTE: Before a person is baptized they should recognize that their sins put Jesus on the cross. They should realize that they are a sinner, and should have a sorrow for sin that is deep enough for them to turn away from sin. The good news is that repentance is a gift. (See [Acts 5:31](#))

## 9. How do those who want to be baptized react when they hear God’s Word?

**Acts 2:41** “Then they that \_\_\_\_\_ his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.”

NOTE: Those who want to be baptized are eager to follow what God says in His Word. They will not make excuses, but they will find out what best pleases the Lord.

## 10. If I am baptized, do I have to join a church?

**1 Corinthians 12:13** “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into \_\_\_\_\_, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”

NOTE: The question, “Do I have to join the church?” is an interesting one. If you are baptized why wouldn’t you want to join the church? We are not baptized as independent atoms. God wants us to have fellowship one with another. It is like a race car driver that doesn’t want to go to the racetrack. A true, born again, believer will want to join the church.

## 11. What is one oftentimes neglected prerequisite for baptism?

**Matthew 28:18-20** “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and \_\_\_\_\_ all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even unto the end of the world. Amen.*”

NOTE: Something that many ministers forget today is to teach. Teach whom? Teach the potential candidates before baptism. Many churches in the world today, will baptize anyone that comes down to the altar when an appeal is made. It is wonderful that people respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, but this should not be when a person is baptized. A person needs to be taught the basic principles of Christianity so that they can make an informed decision about baptism.

## 12. How should you respond to God when He is calling you to be baptized?

**Acts 22:16** “And now why \_\_\_\_\_ thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”



**NOTE:** In most cases waiting to make a decision is wise. But, in spiritual matters that pertain to eternal life, delay is dangerous.

**IS IT YOUR DESIRE...**

Do you want to have a new start, to experience a new life?

Do you want to make special preparations for baptism?

Yes or No



## Lesson 30 – Christian Stewardship

### 1. Who is the one that gives us ability to acquire wealth?

**Deuteronomy 8:18** “But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.”

NOTE: God is the one who gives us the power or the ability to make a living for ourselves.

### 2. To whom does the Earth belong?

**Psalm 24:1** “The earth *is* the \_\_\_\_\_, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”

NOTE: The earth belongs to the Lord. It is His by creation and by redemption.

### 3. To whom does all the gold and silver belong?

**Haggai 2:8** “The \_\_\_\_\_ *is* mine, and the \_\_\_\_\_ *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts.”

NOTE: God is the one who owns the earth, and all the silver and the gold. Since He is the one who gives us the power to get wealth, we are only stewards of what we have. Therefore, there is no such thing as an Owner’s Manual! You may have one in your car glove compartment, but it should be called a Stewardship Manual! We don’t own anything on this earth; we are only stewards of God’s resources.

### 4. What does God challenge us to do?

**Malachi 3:8-11** “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and \_\_\_\_\_ me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room* enough to receive it . And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.”

NOTE: God challenges us to prove Him, or test Him, with the tithes and offerings question. He promises that if we give a faithful tithe and offering He will pour out a blessing so broad and deep we will not be able to receive it.

### 5. What happens to us when we honor God first?

**Matthew 6:33** “But seek ye \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be added unto you.”

**Proverbs 3:9-10** “Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the \_\_\_\_\_ of all thine \_\_\_\_\_: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”



**NOTE:** There is a blessing pronounced if we honor God first. Some people decide to pay their tithe after they pay the bills. In doing so they are robbing themselves of a true blessing. When we seek God's Kingdom and His righteousness first, everything else will be added to us. It doesn't necessarily mean our life will be filled with untold riches, but it does mean that we will be taken care of in all aspects of our life, and will never lack anything.

## 6. What does the word tithe mean?

**Leviticus 27:32** “And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even of whatsoever passeth under the rod*, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be holy unto the LORD.”

**NOTE:** The word “tithe” simply means, “a tenth of.” So, let's consider this challenge that God gives to you and I. God owns everything. He owns all the earth, the animals, the silver and the gold on and beneath the surface of the earth. Nothing is really ours. But God says to us, “All I ask of you is to return to me a tenth of the money you earn.” That is a great deal if you ask me!

If you were going to negotiate terms in a business partnership, and your potential business partner turned to you and said, “I want to join with you, but before I do, let me just say that I want 10% of what this company earns, and you can keep the rest of it.” I don't know about you, but I would sign on the dotted line with a business partner like that! God is only asking us to return a tenth back to Him. It is His money anyway, and if we return it back as He asks, He gives back to us blessings so broad and deep we cannot receive them all. This is the deal of a lifetime!

But, I have even better news for you, God also wants to bless each of us even more. God also speaks of a “freewill offering.” This offering comes from the attitude of gratitude we have toward God and His love for us. The most exciting part about the offering is, “The more you give to Him, the more you will receive back!” Your life will be abundant and thriving.

## 7. Did Jesus endorse tithing?

**Matthew 23:23** “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have \_\_\_\_\_, and not to leave the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Jesus is speaking of the hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees. They were paying tithe in the minutest details, but yet they were forsaking the very foundation of true religion. Please note, that Jesus did not say that tithing is bad, but that they should have done it, but not leave the others undone.

## 8. What does God love?



**2 Corinthians 9:7** “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a \_\_\_\_\_.*”

**NOTE:** Granted, God loves everyone, but He especially delights in those who give cheerfully. If we have an attitude like this, “I am only giving because I have to, or it is expected of me.” This is an attitude of the flesh. But, if our attitude is, “I am so grateful that I have the opportunity to give back to God.” That attitude is one He looks highly upon. Why? Because that attitude is born from above, not our own selfish, carnal hearts.

## 9. What should those who preach the gospel live off of?

**1 Corinthians 9:13-14** “Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live *of the things* of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel should live of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** God ordained that those who preach should be supported by the very gospel they present. This is not “prosperity theology,” but this is an organized, systematic way that those who share Jesus with others can continue their work.

## 10. How can the Christian be constantly blessed?

**Proverbs 11:24-25** “There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made \_\_\_\_: and he that watereth shall be \_\_\_\_\_ also himself.”

## 11. What divine financial principle still applies today?

**Deuteronomy 14:22** “Thou shalt truly tithe all the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** Some people say, “I can’t afford to tithe.” This is a strange statement. The truth of the matter is, “I cannot afford not to tithe!” Blessed money, is much better than cursed money. And when you follow God’s principles in financial matters your increase will be blessed.

## 12. What will happen to you if you follow God’s principles of stewardship?

**John 13:17** “If ye know these things, \_\_\_\_\_ are ye if ye do them.”

**NOTE:** By following God’s counsel in these matters you will be happy if you are pleasing him. Why not test God today in your finances? Why not give back to Him what is His already, by giving a faithful tithe and a freewill offering. God will bless you for it!

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

I want to test God by giving back to Him what is already His.

Yes or No

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## Lesson 31 – Christian Standards

### 1. Who are Christians ambassadors for?

**2 Corinthians 5:20** “Now then we are ambassadors for \_\_\_\_\_, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”

**NOTE:** We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ. There is an old cliché that goes like this, “You may be the only Jesus people ever see.” There is definitely some truth to that statement. We are to represent Jesus to a world that does not know who He is.

### 2. What must be lifted up before the people?

**Isaiah 62:10** “Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; \_\_\_\_\_ up a \_\_\_\_\_ for the people.”

**NOTE:** Standards are not popular to talk about these days. Many feel that standards are legalistic requirements. But, can you imagine an earthly army without any kind of standards? Surely that army would not be organized or equipped for their warfare. In many instances Christian standards serve the same function. It let's everyone know around you whose side you are on in the battle between good and evil.

### 3. What does God tell us not to love?

**1 John 2:15-17** “Love not the \_\_\_\_\_, neither the things *that are* in the \_\_\_\_\_. If any man love the \_\_\_\_\_, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

**NOTE:** We are commanded to not love the world and all its charms. The word, “world” in this context is not speaking about the people in the world, but rather the things of this world and the attitudes that are so prevalent in our secular society. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, these three characteristics have saturated our way of life for so long that they are deemed as totally acceptable. Whether it is some partially nude person on a billboard, or if it is simply the mindset of pride in the business world, these things God hates, and He wants His followers to hate these things as well.

### 4. What are we not to be conformed by?

**Romans 12:1-2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not \_\_\_\_\_ to this \_\_\_\_\_: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

**NOTE:** Christians should not just go with the flow of society. If they are, maybe they are not true believers. We should not conform to what the world does in order to fit in with the world. A perfect example: in a small suburb of Los Angeles a young man named McKay Hatch, founded an unprecedented club – “The No Cussing Club.” Hatch said, “I finally told





my friends, I don't cuss. And I said, If you want to hang out with me, you don't cuss.” This club even has their own website. Hatch is definitely not conformed to this world in that aspect at least.

## 5. What should Christians think about?

**Philippians 4:8** “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* \_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* \_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* \_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any \_\_\_\_, and if *there be* any \_\_\_\_, think on these things.”

**NOTE:** As Christians we are to think about the things mentioned above. This should be our standard of what we view on television and how we talk to one another.

## 6. How can we change our natural character?

**2 Corinthians 3:18** “But we all, with open face \_\_\_\_\_ as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

**NOTE:** To change is to behold. When we spend time with God in His word and look to Him, we will see the changes as we become more like Him. Some changes may be dramatic, some may take years, but the pivotal issue is that we keep beholding.

## 7. How does God feel about those who love violence?

**Psalms 11:5** “The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** God does not take kindly to those who are bloodthirsty. He hates their activities so much that if they choose not to repent, He will destroy them.

## 8. What should be the prayer of our heart?

**Psalms 119:37** “Turn away mine eyes from beholding \_\_\_\_\_; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.”

**NOTE:** In our culture of vanity this is a prayer that is especially applicable.

## 9. What is the goal of the Christian life?

**Philippians 2:5** “Let this mind be in \_\_\_\_, which was also in \_\_\_\_\_: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of \_\_\_\_\_, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and became \_\_\_\_\_ unto death, even the death of the cross.”

**NOTE:** The goal of the Christian life is not to go to heaven. The goal of the Christian life is to be like Jesus. When we see the humility in the life of Jesus, it is a direct rebuke to proud human beings like ourselves. Much of the fashions and customs in our world today are

designed to appeal to our pride. Jesus is calling us to behold Him and to observe how He is. This is why the Christian cannot love the world. If a Christian loves the world then they are a Christian in name only regardless of their profession.

## 10. How should a Christian dress?

**1 Timothy 2:9-10** “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in \_\_\_\_\_ apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with \_\_\_\_\_ hair, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”

**1 Peter 3:2-4** “While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that \_\_\_\_\_ *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of \_\_\_\_\_, or of putting on of apparel; But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

**NOTE:** When it comes to Christian dress, modesty is the best policy. That is the all-pervading principle. God wants us to focus on our walk with Him, not to rush to the mall when every new fashion is unveiled. It does not mean we should dress slovenly but be neat and clean.

It also grieves the Lord when His children wear jewelry. Jewelry attracts attention to the wearer, and basically preaches the sermon – “I am not satisfied with the way that God has made me.” What does the Bible mean when it says the plaiting of the hair? The plaiting of the hair was the practice of weaving gold into the hair. So, it is not speaking of braiding the hair like it is done today.

## 11. What did God command Jacob to do?

**Genesis 35:2-4** “Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the \_\_\_\_\_ that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your \_\_\_\_\_: And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. And they gave unto Jacob all the \_\_\_\_\_ which *were* in their \_\_\_\_\_, and *all their* \_\_\_\_\_ which *were* in their \_\_\_\_\_; and Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* by Shechem.”

**NOTE:** When Jacob had a revival experience with God, he was told to change his garments and to remove the strange gods in his hand and the earrings in his family’s ears. This is very significant. Today, we are living in the time of judgment, and because of this we should realize that we, too, should prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus.

## 12. What did the children of Israel do as they entered the Promised Land?

**Exodus 33:3-6** “Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou *art* a \_\_\_\_\_ people: lest I consume thee in the way. And



when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his \_\_\_\_\_. For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a \_\_\_\_\_ people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy \_\_\_\_\_ from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.”

NOTE: What does God call a person who wears jewelry stubbornly? He calls them stiff necked. God called them to strip themselves of their jewelry before they entered the Promised Land. He is doing exactly the same thing today. He is calling people to remove their ornaments before they enter the Heavenly Promised Land.

### 13. In the Bible, what is jewelry associated with?

**Hosea 2:13** “And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she \_\_\_\_\_ herself with her \_\_\_\_\_ and her \_\_\_\_\_, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD.”

NOTE: Like it or not, jewelry is associated with idolatry. It is associated with forgetting about the God of heaven.

### 14. How does God picture the false church at the end of time?

**Revelation 17:1-5** “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with \_\_\_\_\_ and precious \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

NOTE: When God pictures the rebellious religious system at the end of time, He uses a woman that is decked out in gold, precious stones, and pearls.

### 15. What does Jesus want to clothe us with?

**Isaiah 61:1-3** “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.”



**NOTE:** Jesus wants to cover us with His righteousness. Then we will wear the garment of praise for what He has done for us.

### 16. What should our relationship with God be like?

**John 8:29** “And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do \_\_\_\_\_ those things that \_\_\_\_\_ him.”

**NOTE:** Wow! What a testimony Jesus had! He always did those things that pleased the Father. Jesus wants us to be the same - always finding out what best pleases the Lord. That is life at its best.

### 17. Where does true happiness come from?

**John 13:17** “If ye \_\_\_\_\_ these things, \_\_\_\_\_ are ye if ye do them.”

**NOTE:** Once we know what God’s will is, we are happy when we please Him. Everything else that we do to find happiness will not produce happiness.

### 18. What should be the Christian’s ultimate delight?

**Psalm 40:8** “I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.”

**NOTE:** A real Christian delights in following God. To please Him in every lifestyle practice. Some may say, that the concept of what we wear is a “little thing” and that God doesn’t care about “such things.” Friends, if we are being true with ourselves we will recognize that this is not the case. If it is such a “little thing” it will not be a problem giving up these little things for Jesus.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To follow Jesus, by always doing those things that please Him.

Yes or No



## Lesson 32 – How to Get Prayers Answered

### 1. What does our God invite us to do?

**Luke 11:13** “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that \_\_\_\_ him?”

**Psalms 65:2** “O thou that \_\_\_\_\_ prayer, unto thee shall \_\_\_\_ come.”

**Mark 11:23-24** “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.”

NOTE: We are invited to seek God in prayer, believing that He will hear and answer our petition according to our best good.

### 2. Before we seek the Lord in prayer, what should we make sure of first?

**1 John 5:14-15** “And this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his \_\_\_\_, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

**Matthew 26:39** “And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I \_\_\_\_, but as thou \_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: We need to make sure that we are praying according to God’s will, and not our own will. Just as Jesus prayed, we are to pray.

### 3. What should we bring before our God?

**1 Peter 5:7** “Casting all your \_\_\_\_\_ upon him; for he careth for you.”

**Psalms 55:22** “Cast thy \_\_\_\_\_ upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”

NOTE: We are to bring before God everything that troubles us. We are to tell Him everything that makes us mad, sad, glad and bad. He wants us desperately to be open with Him. Why do we as humans try to hide from Him anyway? He sees everything we say and do, and He even knows our very thoughts that no one else knows. So, why not pour out your heart to Him? Tell him everything, just like you would tell your best friend everything here on this earth. You see, it is the devil’s strategy in telling us, “God will not listen to you.” “He doesn’t love you.” These are the same lies that he is telling to virtually every man, woman, and child to keep them from the greatest source of power in the entire universe – the throne of God.



#### 4. What should we always mingle with our prayers to God?

**Philippians 1:4** “Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with \_\_\_\_\_,”

**Colossians 3:15-17** “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ to God and the Father by him.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** “In every thing \_\_\_\_\_: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

**NOTE:** When we pray, we are to have joy in our hearts, because we are communicating with the One who created us and redeemed us by His own blood. We are communicating with the One who is in total control of what is happening on planet earth. Even though many times it looks as if the world is hurled into total chaos, God is within the shadows keeping watch of His own. We are also to praise God and thank Him in our prayers. When we praise God we begin to see that He is much bigger than our worst of problems. We begin to see things as they really are. We realize that our self-pity is worthless at the foot of the cross. God is on our side, and nothing is too big for Him to handle and to take care of. I am so happy that the God of the Bible is on our side, and wants us to be with Him even more than we do.

#### 5. What is the ultimate purpose of prayer?

**Revelation 3:20** “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

**Ephesians 3:16-19** “That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”

**NOTE:** The ultimate purpose of prayer is for Christ to dwell in your heart by faith. Prayer is the closest we can come to God on this earth. Prayer is the breath of the soul.

#### 6. When should we especially seek the Lord in prayer?

**Mark 1:35** “And in the \_\_\_\_\_, rising up a \_\_\_\_\_ before day, he went out, and departed into a \_\_\_\_\_ place, and there prayed.”

**Jeremiah 29:13** “And ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ me, and \_\_\_\_\_ me, when ye shall search for me with \_\_\_\_\_ your heart.”

**NOTE:** The best example we have in the Bible is the example set forth by Jesus Christ. The Bible says that Jesus went to pray in the morning a great while before day. It also says that



He went to a solitary place. We will touch on that later. In Jeremiah, we read that we will find God when we search for Him with our whole heart. The morning is the best time for this because our minds have not been deluded with the care of the current day. We can hear God's voice more distinctly in the quiet moments of the early morning. Many times, also, God will give us just what we need for that day in the morning.

## 7. How should we pray to God?

**Luke 11:1** “And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, \_\_\_\_ \_ to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

**NOTE:** This should be the prayer of our heart as well. “Lord, teach us to pray.” It must have been something to hear Jesus pray. After the disciples heard Jesus pray, they said, “Lord, teach us to pray.” These were men that were spiritual, and yet when they heard Jesus pray, they realized that they couldn't pray as well as they thought they could. May we, by the grace of God, pray like Jesus.

## 8. What is a good habit to develop?

**Deuteronomy 8:2** “And thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.”

**1 Chronicles 16:12** “\_\_\_\_\_ his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;”

**NOTE:** God knows that the human family is prone to forget. That is why He admonishes us so many times in the Scriptures to remember. We are to remember His marvelous works, remember how He has led us in the past, remember how much He loves us, remember how much He wants us to be saved and remember how He has answered our prayers. In the life of every Christian, inevitably, there are times of darkness, times in which it seems that God is no longer there and times that seem hopeless. It is at that very time that we are to remember how God has been with us.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To make communication with God the top priority in your life?

Yes or No





## Lesson 33 – The Holy Spirit

### 1. What is the Holy Spirit?

**John 16:7** “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send \_\_\_\_ unto you.”

**NOTE:** Many times the Holy Spirit is referred to as an “it”, but this is not Biblical. The Holy Spirit is referred to as “He” in the Holy Scriptures. This text also tells us that He is our Comforter.

### 2. What is the work of the Holy Spirit?

**John 16:8** “And when \_\_\_\_ is come, \_\_\_\_ will reprove the world of \_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** The Holy Spirit reproves (convicts) of sin, righteousness and judgment. The Holy Spirit will convict you of what is wrong, and right. He will also impress you with the consequences of your choices – judgment. God is doing everything He can to save us. All of heaven is on our side.

### 3. What is the Holy Spirit part of?

**Matthew 28:19-20** “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the \_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”

**NOTE:** The Holy Spirit (Ghost) is part of the Godhead. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the third person of the Godhead.

### 4. Does the Holy Spirit have emotions?

**Ephesians 4:30** “And \_\_\_\_ not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

**NOTE:** The Holy Spirit can be grieved, He is grieved when we sin. Grieving the Holy Spirit is a very dangerous thing to do. When we continually grieve the Holy Spirit, His power is diminished in our lives. On the flipside, His power is strengthened in our lives when we follow what God has said.

### 5. Will the Holy Spirit always strive with humanity?

**Genesis 6:3** “And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always \_\_\_\_ with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”

**NOTE:** The Holy Spirit will not always strive with humanity. When the Holy Spirit first begins to impress you to follow Bible truth, putting it off is a very dangerous option. The





best time to do the will of God is when you first find out what God's will is. This will strengthen the voice of the Holy Spirit in your life making it much easier to follow His guidance.

## 6. On a practical level, what does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?

**Galatians 5:22-26** “But the \_\_\_\_ of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another .”

NOTE: The Holy Spirit works out in our life the characteristics of Jesus Christ.

## 7. What kind of spirit does the Holy Spirit give us?

**Ezekiel 36:26-27** “A \_\_\_\_ heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of \_\_\_\_\_. And I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them* .”

NOTE: God has promised that He will give us a new heart and that He will cause us to walk in his statutes. He will give us a new spirit – a spirit that is completely different than the spirit of this world. This world has a spirit of selfishness, the Spirit of God is a spirit of selflessness.

## 8. Did the Holy Spirit participate in the act of creation?

**Genesis 1:2** “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ moved upon the face of the waters.”

NOTE: Yes, the Holy Spirit was an active participant in the act of creation and recreation.

## 9. What does the Holy Spirit guide us into?

**John 16:13-14** “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into \_\_\_\_\_: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.”

NOTE: The Holy Spirit does not lead a person into blind emotionalism. The Holy Spirit is always consistent with Biblical truth. Some say, that “the Spirit told them this”, or that the Spirit told them that”, but the Spirit of God always is in harmony with what the Bible says. If the Spirit is telling you something contrary to the Bible, be rest assured, it is not the Holy Spirit.

## 10. What does God use in order to teach His children?



**John 14:26** “But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ you all things, and bring all things to your \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

NOTE: The Holy Spirit teaches us all things pertaining to living the Christian life, and brings all things to our remembrance what Jesus has taught. Our responsibility is to flood our minds with the truths of God’s word so that the Holy Spirit can bring it can back as it is needed.

### 11. What is it called when someone rejects the Holy Spirit persistently?

**Matthew 12:31-32** “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the \_\_\_\_\_ *against* the *Holy Ghost* shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.”

NOTE: Many wonder, “What is the unpardonable sin?” The unpardonable sin, is the sin that is not confessed to God. When is the best time to confess our sins to God? When we are first convicted of those sins. Why? Because the longer one waits when convicted, the more difficult it becomes to confess those sins. Consider the words of Jesus, “Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.” (John 12:35)

### 12. What do we become as we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

**Romans 8:14** “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: It is very interesting that many people today believe that humanity is intrinsically good. The Bible speaks otherwise. The Bible calls humanity in its degenerate state as, “children of wrath.” (See [Ephesians 2:3](#)) But, when we are born again, or when we are led by the Spirit of God, we are sons of God. If we are truly led by the Spirit of God, that “Spirit of God” is the “Spirit of Truth.” Therefore, “the Spirit of God,” will lead us into “all truth.” Do you desire to know truth? Then you are being led by the Spirit of God.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To follow the truth as you know it, and not harden your heart against the promptings of the Holy Spirit?

Yes or No



## Lesson 34 – How to Increase Your Faith

### 1. What is faith based upon?

**Hebrews 11:1** “Now \_\_\_\_\_ is the substance of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen.”

**NOTE:** Faith is based on evidence and not on emotion. If it is based on emotion it is weak.

### 2. What amazing things does Jesus promise to us if we have faith?

**Mark 11:22-24** “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this \_\_\_\_\_, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.”

**NOTE:** Jesus promises that, as we exercise faith, the mountains of difficulty in our lives will ultimately be surmounted. It may not be immediate, but that promise is sure if we hold on by the grace of God.

### 3. What must we have if we want to please God?

**Hebrews 11:6** “But \_\_\_\_\_ *it is impossible to please him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a \_\_\_\_\_ of them that \_\_\_\_\_ seek him.”

**NOTE:** Faith is an absolute essential for the Christian life. It is, in fact, impossible to please God without having it.

### 4. What has God given to every person who has ever been born?

**Romans 12:3** “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath \_\_\_\_\_ to every man the measure of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** God has given to each one a measure of faith. The measure we are given we are to improve upon.

### 5. What is the best way to increase your faith?

**Romans 10:17** “So then \_\_\_\_\_ *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

**NOTE:** Faith grows as we spend time in the Word of God. If our faith is failing in our life perhaps it is because we have neglected time in the Scriptures. Many times people will begin their Christian experience with a great love for the Scriptures. When the novelty wears off, studying the Bible isn't relished like it once was. Eventually all desire for spiritual things die out. Because of this, we should always make it a habit of studying the Word, even when we don't "feel" like it.



## 6. How can we truly benefit from reading the Scriptures?

**Hebrews 4:2** “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ profit them, not being \_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ in them that heard *it*.”

**NOTE:** Is it possible for a person to read the Bible and yet not benefit? It is possible. When we approach God’s Word we must have faith to believe that what is written is true and comes from the Father above.

## 7. What should we expect from God when we study His Word?

**2 Peter 1:3-4** “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us \_\_\_\_\_ and precious \_\_\_\_\_: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having \_\_\_\_\_ the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

## 8. What does it mean to live by faith?

**Romans 1:16-17** “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall \_\_\_\_ by faith.”

**NOTE:** Living by faith is living according to every Word that God has said. It is not living by feelings or emotions. Living by faith is living by steadfast, Biblical Principles and in perpetual surrender to Jesus Christ. Living by faith is to live in constant communion with Jesus Christ. This is truly living!

## 9. What is another practical way we can help our faith grow?

**Hebrews 12:1-2** “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**NOTE:** We should look to Jesus. This phrase “looking to Jesus,” is often used in Christian circle as a cliché. What does it mean to look to Jesus? When you “look to” someone in our day it denotes respect or being willing to be led by that person, a willingness to listen to what that person has to say and an expectancy to do what is suggested. This is exactly what it means to “look to Jesus.”

## 10. What will faith always want?



**Matthew 26:39** “And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as \_\_ will, but as \_\_\_\_\_ *wilt.*”

**NOTE:** True faith will always want what God wants. Faith does not stop to measure what I feel like, or to consider situational ethics. Faith is doing what God says do, with feelings or without feelings.

## 11. What can we have the highest confidence in?

**1 John 5:14** “And this is the confidence that we have in \_\_\_\_\_, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:”

**NOTE:** The life of the Christian is one of continual faith and trust in Our Father in Heaven. It is to know that whatever happens to us in our life journey that God is in control, and has our ultimate best in mind. Sometimes it may not look like that is the case. This is why it is imperative for us to learn how to cultivate our faith before the trials come our way.

### IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

As this Bible study series comes to a close, would you like to ask Jesus to help you understand, on an experiential level, what walking by faith is all about?

Yes or No

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And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me,  
to give every man according as his work shall be.

[Revelation 22:12](#)