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Introduction

The church is the place where the members of the body of Christ must be loved and preserved from false doctrines or teachings; it must also strengthen them in the faith and in the word, growing in the knowledge of the Bible as the truth and source of spiritual knowledge.

The church must also provide for the training needs of the members to the service of Christ: to seek souls for which Jesus has died and to make these people disciples or students of Christ, teaching them to keep everything that Jesus has thought and still teaches us.

So the purpose of Christ be accomplished, we have the lessons of the bible school. The goal is to prepare students to be solid in Christ, knowing how to defend their beliefs through the word, the Bible, just as Jesus himself has refuted and defeated the very own enemy of our souls, Satan, with an "it is written". The Bible is our rule of faith and practice for this life and in preparation for the eternal life in companion with the angels that are in the holy presence of God.

We pray so that our eternal Father may achieve this purpose in your life and that these lessons become a way to help you in this purpose of Christ. Amen.

Instructions for the biblical lessons

Before you start your lesson, we suggest that you, our brother/sister, pray and ask for the light of the Spirit of God to enable you to understand and comprehend the biblical truths to be studied each day. We also suggest for the lessons to be done right in the morning, in the first hours of the day, so you can practice what you have learnt along the day ahead, making the small or major daily decisions.

The majority of the bible passages can already be found in the lesson so that difficulties with translations can be avoided. Nevertheless, it is always good to check your own Bible and be sure that you have understood the subject.

After having read and understood the verses, you will have three types of questions. The first type is multiple choices, where you should choose the only correct answer and mark it with an X accordingly. The second type is True or False, where you should write either True or False in front of each statement. Lastly, in the third type, you will have to relate the questions as per the enunciation.

We also suggest that those biblical texts which are only mentioned are sought for and studied in your Bible.

At the end of each lesson there will be an appeal so the brother/sister can make a decision regarding the subjects studied where you can mark either Yes or No. In case of doubts, clarification and/or suggestions, we have left a space at the end of each lesson that can be used for this purpose if desired.

We pray so that the Lord Jesus may bless and help you in the Christian journey.

Yours faithfully

The Editors

Lesson 1 Bible – The Creative Word of God

Gold Verse:

“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me.” John 5:39

Sunday

The Bible

The Bible was written along 1600 years, from 1500 years before Christ until 100 years after Christ. Around 40 writers were used to transmit the messages of God to men. The Bible encloses 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament, which are divided in: history, poetry, prophecy, gospel and letters. The Old Testament was written in Aramaic and Syriac and the New Testament was written in Greek, except for the gospel of Matthew, which was written in Hebrew.

1. In the beginning of the world, how did God use to speak to Adam?

“But the Lord called to the man, “where are you?”” Genesis 3:9

- a) By phone.
- b) God did not speak to Adam.
- c) In person.

2. What interrupted this personal communication?

“But your iniquities have separated you from God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear you.” Isaiah 59:2

- a. This communication was not interrupted.
- b. God did not speak to Adam.
- c. Our sins.

Note: In the beginning, God used to speak in person to our ancestors.

Monday

God, after sin, could not be with his disobedient sons in person for the sin or the disobedience is like fuel, gasoline. If the gasoline is put in contact with fire, it burns. Likewise, if God is in contact with a man full of sins, the presence and glory of God is like consuming fire, it burns the sinner to death. For this matter, God had to arrange another way to reach to the sinner men. “For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.” Deuteronomy 4:24

3. What other means has God used to speak then?

“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.” Hebrews 1:1-2

- a. Prophets and Jesus.
- b. The angels.

c. Virgin Mary.

4. How did God communicate with the prophets?

“He said: Listen to my words, when a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams.”

Nehemiah 12:6

- a. By e-mails.
- b. God did not communicate.
- c. Visions and dreams.

Tuesday

As the years have gone by, men progressively lost the mental ability received from God in the creation. Due to sin, the human beings started to lose vitality, physical strength and mental capability. Therefore, God added another way to preserve his recommendations and promises.

5. What did God tell to Moses?

“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blow out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”” Exodus 17:14

- a. Speak to the people.
- b. Write in a book.
- c. Write on the stone.

6. What did Moses do?

“Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.” Exodus 24:4

- a. Moses wrote the words of the Lord.
- b. Moses spoke all words of the Lord.
- c. Moses did not write anything because the people didn't know how to reads

Wednesday

Jesus came to this world to reveal the character of God. As a man, Jesus would be able to walk among men and teach them without them being destroyed.

7. How did Jesus consider the Bible?

“Sanctity them by the truth, your word is truth.” John 17:17

- a. As a good writing.
- b. As the truth.
- c. As having a holy part.

8. Is any part of the Bible a human workmanship?

“For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke form God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” II Peter 1:21

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

- c. The whole Bible was made by men.

Thursday

The Bible is a letter from God to us. Therefore, I need to read it and understand it so I know what God, my Creator, that created me to be happy, wants to speak and teach me. It must be the manual of happiness for those who accept the invitation of God.

9. What to do to understand the Bible? Mark T to the true answer and F to the false answer.

“Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.” I Timothy 4:13-14

“This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.” I Corinthians 2:13

- a. Read.
- b. Meditate and spend time with it.
- c. Compare one part to the other.
- d. I don't have to do anything for Jesus has already died for me.

10. What is the Bible for? Mark T to the true answer and F to the false answer.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the men of God thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:16-17

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” “Your word is lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:11-105

- a. Teach, warn, instruct in the justice and improvement.
- b. Enlighten life.

- c. () Avoid sin.
- d. () Learn several histories.

Friday

But would what the words of God said still be valid after so much time? The conclusion of scientific studies are always being modified by new and more modern conclusions. Is it really possible that the study of the Bible can still make me happy?

11. What did Jesus say about reading the Bible?

“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me.” John 5:39

- a. We should not be very concerned for whoever studies too much gets mad.
- b. We should be careful for it has the eternal life and testify about Jesus.
- c. The Bible can only be understood by theologian, pastors and masters.

12. For how long will the word of God exist?

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.”
Isaiah 40:8

- a. Untill Jesus returns.
- b. Only for the Jews.
- c. It will last forever.

13. How can we be happy and blessed as Jesus said?

“He replied: “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”” Luke
11:28

“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.” Revelation 1:3

- a. Reading, listening and keeping the word of God.
- b. Doing every thing we want.
- c. There is no way to be happy in this world of sin.

Note: Also refer to Isaiah 34:16 and John 7:17.

“Look in the scroll of the Lord and read: None of these will be missing, no one will lack her mate. For it is his mouth that has given the order, and his Spirit will gather them together.” Isaiah 34:16

“If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teachings come from God or whether I speak on my own.” John 7:17

Saturday

To meditate and study with family:

1. Are some parts of the Bible more difficult than others?

“Bear in mind that our Lord’s patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.” II Peter 3:15-16

2. What to do when we don’t understand what the bible tells us?

“And if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver, and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.” Proverbs 2:3-5

3. Only who can understand the thing of God?

“But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. He Spirit searches all things, even the deep thing of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way, no one know the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.” I Corinthians 2:10-11 and 14

Suggestion for the study of the Bible:

Daily reading – 1 chapter per day, beginning with Proverbs or with the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, James and John.

Biblical year – 3 chapters per day, beginning at the book of Genesis.

Appeal: In recognition that the Bible is the word of God, would you like to receive this blessing that Lord Jesus has put in our reach through read it and study it daily?

() Yes, I want to receive this blessing.

() No, I’m not interested.

Notes:

Lesson 2 The Creation

Gold Verse:

“Thus the heavens and the Earth were completed in all their vast array.”

Genesis 2:1

Sunday

“By the word of the Lord the skies were brought into existence and all their armies through the spirit of His mouth”. “Because he spoke, and all came into existence, He ordered and soon everything appeared”. “He set the foundation of the earth so it does not falter in any time.” When the earth came out from the hands of the Creator, it was extraordinarily beautiful. It had round shaped mountains, hills and plains with beautiful rivers cutting across them. It also had majestic trees, delicate flowers and graceful bushes.

After the Earth, with its abundant animal and vegetal beings, was ready, the man, the magnificent work of God, and to whom the entire earth had been prepared, was brought into scene. God said: “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule...over all the earth”. “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and females He created them”. Here there is no room for mysteries or for ideas that man evolved through slow development degrees from inferior forms of vegetal and animal beings. Such teachings greatly demote the work of the Creator to the small worldly conceptions of man.

1. By whom were the heavens and the earth created? Mark the correct alternative.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” Genesis 1:1

- a)** By God.
- b)** By Virgin Mary.
- c)** By the Holy Spirit.

Monday

The Bible reports that God was not alone before Creation. Yet He was accompanied by someone.

2. Who was with God before everything came into existence?

"I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion...The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began. When there were no oceans, I was given birth, when there were no spring abounding with water."

Proverbs 8:12,22-24

- a) The wisdom.
- b) The angels
- c) The Father.

3. Who is the Wisdom?

"But to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." I Corinthians 1:24

- a) The cross is the wisdom of God.
- b) Christ is the wisdom of God.
- c) Moses is the wisdom of God.

4. What is Jesus of God?

"For God so loved the world that gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

- a) Brother.
- b) One and only son.
- c) God and Jesus are the same person.

Tuesday

We have already studied that Jesus, the only son of God, was with the Father. Let us discover how this wonderful work was.

5. How did God create the heavens and the world?

"By the word of the Lord were heavens made, their stary host by the breath of his mouth. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm" Psalm 33:6-9

- a) By evolution process.

- b) By the word of God.
- c) By the Big Bang.

6. By whom did God create all things?

“For by him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on Earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rules or authorities, all things were created by him and for him.” Colossians 1:16

“Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.” John 1:3

- a) God created by us.
- b) God created by Jesus.
- c) God created by Saint Peter.

Note: The Father and the Son acted together in the work of creation. It was always the purpose of God for man to be happy, reason why He topped his creation with so much beauty.

7. How does Christ sustain all things?

“But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.” Hebrews 1:2-3

- a) Christ sustains all things through the everlasting life energy.
- b) Christ does not sustain all things.
- c) Christ sustains all things through his powerful word.

8. What can be noticed through the things created in the heavens and on Earth?

“Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.” Isaiah 40:26

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” Psalm 19:1

- a) That is has been an evolvement process along millions of years.
- b) The things created in the heavens and on earth reveal the greatness and power of God.
- c) The things were not created by God.

Wednesday

We can imagine the purpose of God when creating our planet. Has this purpose been accomplished or has God given up on it?

9. For what has God created the Earth?

“For this is what the Lord says – He who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited – he says: I am the Lord, and there is no other.” Isaiah 45:18

- a)** God created the Earth to contemplate it.
- b)** God created the Earth and made it beautiful so the place of our inhabitation would be happier.
- c)** God did not create the Earth.

10. Note how was the daily process of the creation by the word of the Lord, and answer with your words. Genesis 1:3-31; 2:1-3. Make correspondences between the created things and the day on which they were created.

- a)** First day (Genesis 1:3,5) () Sun, moon and stars
- b)** Second day (Genesis 1:6,8) () Rest, blessed and sanctified it
- c)** Third day (Genesis 1:9,11,13) () Light
- d)** Fourth day (Genesis 1:14,16,19) () Birds and animals of the sea
- e)** Fifth day (Genesis 1:20,21,23) () Man and animals of the earth
- f)** Sixth day (Genesis 1:24,26,31) () Expanse
- g)** Seventh day (Genesis 2:2,3) () Dry portion and vegetation

Thursday

We can notice the power of the Word of God in almost everything there is on Earth. However, when God created the man and his woman, God used something more than the Word. See how God is personal and loving.

11. What was the condition of man when he was created? Use **F** for False and **T** for True answers.

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the Earth, and over all creatures that live move along the ground” Genesis 1:26

“You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor and put everything under his feet” Hebrews 2:7

- a) () To the image and likeness of God.
- b) () To rule over the created beings (animals, birds and reptiles)
- c) () A little lower than the angels.
- d) () Power is within us, we just need to think positively.

12. How did god create the man and the woman?

“The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breathe of life, and the man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7

“So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, the took of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.” Genesis 2:21-22

- a) God spoke and Adam and Eve came into existence.
- b) God made a puppet of the dust of the Earth and breathed into his nostrils the breathe of life to make him a living being. And from na Adam’s rib God created Eve.
- c) Both were created from dust.

Friday

So that the happiness of the couple was guaranteed, God took care of all the details, including a home for them to live. And what a home!

13. What home did God created to man in the beginning and how God spoke to him?

“Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden, and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” Genesis 2:8,15

"Then the man and the his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid form the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called out to the man: Where are you?" Genesis 3:8,9

- a) Na apartment and God spoke to man via internet.
- b) A trailer and God spoke to man via mobile phone.
- c) The Garden of Eden and God spoke to man face to face.

14. Under what condition they (Adam and Eve) would have lived eternally in the Garden of Eden?

"And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."" Genesis 2:16-17

- a) There was no condition.
- b) The condition was the perfect obedience to God's will.
- c) The disobedience would bring death.
- d) "b" and "c" are correct.

Saturday

To meditate and study with family.

- 1.** Why does man find it difficult to believe that he was created by a God of love?
"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" Psalm 139:14
- 2.** The Bible says that the water came by the word of God?
"But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's words the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of the water and by water." II Peter 3:5
- 3.** Do men can state that there are no proves that God is the Creator?
"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so the men are without excuse" Romans 1:20

When we read the passage "When God created the man, he made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them man" (Genesis 5:1,2) and compare it to "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. He was with God in the beginning" (John 1:1,2) we can notice that there is a great similarity that assists us in understanding the relationship between God, the father, and Jesus, the only Son of God.

In the beginning, Eve existed in Adam, as part of him, a rib, until God took this rib out of Adam and make Eve. Likewise, in the beginning, the Verb (Christ) was with God. Afterwards, Christ was generated and "came out of God", paraphrasing his own words of Jesus (John 16:27; 17:8). Then Christ became the only Son (only generated) of God. For this reason, the Bible states that man was created in the likeliness of God.

"So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man." Genesis 2:21-22

God anesthetized Adam while he did the surgery of taking out the rib that would become Eve. But when generating Christ, there was nobody to anesthetize God. The Father chose to suffer this pain for us. God was about to create being with free will and, should this moral being chose to sin, someone equal to God in character and love, His only Son, could die to rescue them. Even before the creation of man, God provide him with a Savior. How great is God's love for us!"

Appeal: Do you desire to know each day more about our Creator and worship and honor him with your life?

- () Yes
- () No

Notes:

Lesson 3 The Origin of Evil and the Fall of Man

Gold Verse:

“You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you” Ezekiel 28:15

Sunday

We studied that God operated through his Son in the creation of all heavenly beings. In Him all things were created, be them thrones, domains, principalities, powers, everything was created by Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16

The fundamental of God's government is the law of love. The happiness of all intelligent beings depends on the perfect harmony with its major principles of justice.

While all created beings recognized the loyalty for love, there was perfect harmony throughout the entire universe of God. However, there came a change in this state of happiness. The sin originated with the one that, below Christ, had been the most honored by God, and the most exalted in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven.

1. Who was Lucifer?

"You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were in the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones." Ezekiel 28:14

- a) An angel great in power, called as guardian cherub in the heaven.
- b) Did not exist before sin.
- c) He was a person.

Note: Lucifer, which means angel of light, was the guardian cherub and was together to the Father's throne. Only God and Jesus were more exalted than Lucifer given that Lucifer was a created being while Jesus was generated from the Father, the Son generated by God.

2. What happened to Lucifer while he was living in heaven?

"You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through you widespread trade you were filled with violence and you sinned." Ezekiel 28:15-16

- a) Walked other paths.
- b) Was successful in the commerce he possessed.
- c) Started to envy Jesus and in his interior sinned against God.

Monday

The heaven, a place of peace, was involved in an open war between the God's angels and Satan's angels.

3. What happened after each angel had made their decision, either on Jesus or on Satan's side, once his name was no longer Lucifer (angel of light) but Satan (angel of lie)? Mark the correct alternative. Revelation 12:7-9

"And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who led the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him." Revelation 12:7-9

- a) Satan spoke with God and regret.
- b) Satan did not regret of his sins and had to be hurled down from heaven by Michael, which is the name given to Jesus when in battle.
- c) Satan did not do anything wrong.

Tuesday

While the heaven was playing stage of this sad conflict, on Earth...

4. When Satan was rebelling against God and Jesus in heaven, what were these doing?

"Thus the heavens and Earth were completed in all their vast array" Genesis 2:1

- a) The universe.
- b) The heaven.
- c) The heavens and the Earth and their vast array.

5. What was God's warning to Adam and Eve?

"And the Lord commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."" Genesis 2:16,17

- a) That they could eat from all trees of the garden.
- b) That they could eat from all trees of the garden, except from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, otherwise they would die.
- c) That they could not eat from any trees of the garden, otherwise they would die.

Wednesday

The conflict lands on Earth.

6. What happened after God had left?

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the other wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, “You must not eat from any tree in the garden?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat from the trees in the garden”, but God did say, “You must not eat from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die”.” Genesis 3:1-3

- a) Eve was away from his husband and ended up encountering Satan whom, disguised as serpent, started to talk to her.
- b) Eve ran to her husband when she saw the serpent.
- c) Eve was not alone.

Note: Unlike we may think, at that time the serpent was a very beautiful animal and Eve ended up being entertained and talked with her.

7. What was the great deception of Satan?

““You will not surely die”, the serpent said to the woman. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:4,5

- a) That Eve would die in the moment she ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- b) That Eve would not die and would become like God, knowing good and evil.
- c) That Even would become God.

8. Did Eve and Adam fall into the temptation of Satan?

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.” Genesis 3:6

- a) No, they didn't.
- b) Yes, they did.
- c) Perhaps.

Thursday

Adam and Eve, in the contrary of the Serpent's statement, were not like God, but felt miserably naked, scared, and ran away from their Creator.

9. After both had eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, what did they do?

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made covering for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees in the garden." Genesis 3:7,8

- a) Met with God at the end of the day.
- b) Realized they were naked.
- c) Hid from the presence of the Lord when they heard His voice.

10. At the end of day the Lord went to the garden seeking for Adam. What happened then?

"But the Lord called to the man, "Where are you?". He answered, "I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."." Genesis 3:9,10

- a) Adam said he was naked and hid.
- b) Adam was not afraid of the Lord.
- c) Adam did not hear the Lord.

Friday

So the Lord investigates and asks Adam and Even what they had done. He still loved them and wanted to hear their confession or apologies, but...

11. What did the Lord ask to Adam when he said he was afraid and hid and what did Adam answer to Him?

"And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?". The man said, "The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it"." Genesis 3:11,12

- a) Adam admitted he had eaten from the forbidden fruit and ask God's forgiveness.
- b) Adam did not admit he had eaten from the forbidden fruit.
- c) Adam admitted he had eaten from the forbidden fruit but instead of apologize himself he dodged the guilty and blamed on the woman for having lead him to eat from the fruit.

12. So what did God ask to the woman and what did Eve respond?

"Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?". The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate it"." Genesis 3:13

- a) Eve admitted she had eaten from the forbidden fruit and asked for God's forgiveness.
- b) Eve did not admit she had eaten from the forbidden fruit.
- c) Eve admitted she had eaten from the forbidden fruit but instead of apologizing with God she blamed on the serpent for having deceived her.

13. So what was God's response after having heard the woman and what great promise did God gave to man with this response?

"So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."." Genesis 3:14,15

- a) God promised nothing to the couple.
- b) God promised to curse the serpent.
- c) God promised a curse on the serpent and promised to the couple that Jesus would come, suffer for the sinful race but would deliver them from the consequence of sin: the death.

Note: God promised that the descendent of the woman (Jesus) would crush the serpent's head giving the man the salvation again. What a wonderful promise!

Saturday

To meditate with your family.

1. All material, personal and spiritual assets that we possess may become a curse to us and others? "Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of you splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings." Ezekiel 28:17. "You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost Heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High"." Isaiah 14:13,14.
2. What were the consequences of sin? "So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken." Genesis 3:23; "We know that we are children of God, and the whole world is under control of the evil one." I John 5:19; "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned" Roman 5:12.
3. Why do we fall into Satan's deceptions? "and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they have refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness." II Thessalonians 2:10-12.
4. Satan used the serpent in the Eden, how does Satan deceives us today? "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ." II Corinthians 11:13.

Appeal: Do you desire to participate in the promise of God and be saved by Jesus Christ?

() Yes

() No

Notes:

Lesson 4 The Plan of Salvation

Gold Verse:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Sunday

The fall of men filled with the entire heaven with sadness. The world God had created was now under the curse of sin and inhabited by beings condemned to misery and death. There seem to be no way for those who had transgressed the law. The angels ceased their praise songs. Though all the heavens there was crying over the ruin that sin had brought.

However, the divine love had conceived a plan through which man could be redeemed. The broken law of God required the life of the sinner. Since the law of God is as holy as God himself, only a being as God would be able to make the atonement of the transgression. Christ would take upon himself the shame of sin, so offensive for a holy God, that would separate the Father and the Son. Christ would die in the place of the sinner man. What a great love!

1. What was the consequence of sin?

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

- a) The end result of sin is eternal life.
- b) The end result of sin is death.
- c) The end result of sin is the transfer of the sin to another planet.

2. How did sin strike the planet Earth?

“To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from tree about which I commanded you, “You must not eat of it”, cursed is the ground because of you: through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will the plants of the field.” Genesis 3:17,18

“For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pain of childbirth right up to the present time.” Romans 8:20-22

- a) Sin hit the Earth through a comet.
- b) Sin did not hit the planet Earth, therefore we are all saints.
- c) Sin hit the planet Earth by the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

Monday

Man could not change his situation after having sinned.

3. Can man set himself free from sin’s domain and Satan’s slavery by his own strength?

“Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil.” Jeremy 13:23

“I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do, but it is sin living in me that does it.” Romans 7:18,19

- a) Yes, for man can meditate and find within power to set himself free from the sin.

- b) Yes, for man is strong.
- c) No, man can do nothing. Only Christ can save him.

4. Has God left the man to perish hopeless? Mark the correct alternative.

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”” John 1:29

- a) Yes, for God does not care about man that much.
- b) No, for a salvation promise had been made to Adam and Eve, through Christ Jesus.
- c) No, He sent a lamb, an animal, for salvation.

Tuesday

Did God let the man perish or set out to rescue him from the hand and jails of the enemy?

5. What did God do to save us from eternal death? John 3:16; Isaiah 53:5. Mark **T** from True and **F** for False answers.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:5

- a) () He did thing. Afterall, He advised us not to sin.
- b) () He sent His Son to save us.
- c) () He stepped on us so we could be healed.
- d) () Christ took our sin upon him.

6. With what purpose did Christ take the human shape?

“But you that he appeared so he may take away our sins. And in him is no sin.” 1 John

3:5

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he may destroy him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil.”

Hebrews 2:14

- a) Christ took the human shape so he could be our example and Saviour, given that He never sinned.
- b) Christ took the human shape, however it was not possible for him to sin.
- c) Christ did not take the human shape.

Wednesday

The human nature was now sin and flesh. Would there be or is there still hope for us sinners?

7. How can a flesh and sin nature be changed into a spiritual nature?

“Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to the spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying “You must be born again”...Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” John 3:5-15

- a) Our nature will never be changed.
- b) The only way for us to obtain the spiritual nature is to allow our human and fleshly nature to be crucified (killed) with Christ and Christ to live within us.
- c) By the internal strength inside of us.

9. How to be born or generated again? Mark **T** for True and **F** for false answers.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For you have been born again, not of a perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.” I Peter 1:3,23

- a) () We will be born again in the next incarnation.
- b) () We can be born again before the Christ’s sacrifice on the cross for us.
- c) () We can be born again before the study of the word.
- d) () We cannot be born again. We are what we are.

Thursday

Growing up as kids until the perfect maturity.

10. How must we walk after being born from the Spirit?

“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Galatians 5:16,24,25

- a) By walking every day.
- b) By sinning occasionally.
- c) By denying ourselves and allowing Christ to be the Lord of our life.

11. How is the process of growth until spiritual maturity?

“Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your own salvation.” 1 Peter 2:1,2

“Therefore, I urge you, Brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.” Romans 12:1

- a) By taking pills to grow.
- b) By having our body healthy and making rational cult to God.
- c) By drinking milk.

Friday

Is it possible to win over the evil, the temptation? Christ restores us completely, after all He is the lamb that takes the sin out of the world.

12. How perfect will be the restoration of those that generated in Christ in his coming?

“For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.”
Romans 6:14

“No one that is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.” I John 3:9

- a) Upon receiving this new birth in Christ, we are winner over all sins!
- b) We cannot win over the sin.
- c) There is no such thing as sin. This has been created by people.

Saturday

To study and meditate with family.

1. Did an animal have to die so Adam and Eve could dress its skin? “The Lord God made garment of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.” Genesis 3:21; “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” John 1:29.
2. What caused Jesus’s death? “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed” Isaiah 53:5; “But with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.” I Pedro 1:19,20.

Appeal: Do you desire to participate in the promise of God and be saved by Jesus Christ?

- () Yes
- () No

Notes:

Lesson 5 The Salvation God Has Already Given Us

Gold Verse:

**“Therefore Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep”.”
John 10:7**

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23. The Lord is the shepherd, we the sheep. Psalm 100:3

Sunday

1. Who is the good shepherd?

“Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them...” John 10:14

I am the good shepherd, I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” John 10:6

- a) The Lord Jesus.
- b) The pastor of my church.
- c) David.

2. What does the good shepherd do for us?

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

- a) Takes care of actual sheep.
- b) Gives everything the sheep ask them without any distinction.

- c) Gives him own life for the sheep.

Note: "He humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross."
Philippians 2:8

Monday

3. Why did Jesus die on a cross?

"You must not leave his body on the tree overnight. Be sure to bury him that same day, because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse. You must not desecrate the land the Lord your God is giving you as inheritance." Deuteronomy 21:23

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree"." Galatians 3:13

- a) Because there was sin in him, therefore he should have died.
- b) To rescue us from the curse of law.
- c) Because he was evil.

4. What is the curse Lord Jesus has rescued us from? Make **T** for True and **F** for False answers.

"Cursed is anyone who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out. Then all the people shall say, "Amen!" Deuteronomy 27:26

"Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness." I John 3:4

"he one who sins is the one who will die. The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them" Ezekiel 18:20

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in [b] Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

- a) () The curse is: everyone that transgresses the law of God must die.
- b) () The curse of things which are condemned by the law: robbery, lie, adultery, envy.

- c) () Since Jesus has died in my place, I do not have to keep the law any longer.
- d) () Lord Jesus provides me with everything I need to be a keeper of the law.

Note: The curse is: every soul that transgresses the law of God must die. This is the law of the Ten Commandments, which are in Exodus 20:3-17. It condemns robbery, lie, adultery, envy and all sorts of evil. However, Christ has rescued us from the curse of the law, by dying in our place.

Tuesday

5. If Christ died for our sins, who are the real killers?

“But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

- a) The Jew.
- b) The Roman soldiers.
- c) I killed Lord Jesus.

Note: Our sins crashed the heart of Jesus. How evil is the sin that we committed, to the point of killing the son of God. Knowing this, do we want to commit it again?

6. Despite our great fault, what did God do for us?

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

- a) God overloved us in such a way that gave his own Son for us.
- b) God did not love us.
- c) God did nothing for us.

Note: God has forgiven us in Christ when we were still his enemy by our bad works. In this God has demonstrated that He loves us. Before we thought about saving ourselves, God had already solved our problem.

Wednesday

7. How many people benefit from the sacrifice of Christ?

“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.”

II Corinthians 5:14,15

- a) Only a few people.
- b) All people in the world, because if Lord Jesus had not died for them they wouldn't even exist.
- c) Only good people.

Note: The life of Christ was given to all as a gift of God. Through it, everyone has already been forgiven. Our sin was great and evil but, in Christ, God offers the passport to heaven and eternal life.

8. What is God's desire in relation to all people, with no exception?

“This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” I Timothy 2:3,4

- a) That the guilty one be condemned.
- b) That we all be condemned.
- c) That all be saved in Christ Jesus.

9. Has God already saved us?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

- a) No, only when I die.
- b) Yes, by giving his Son for me.
- c) No, God would not do this for me, a sinner.

Thursday

10. When was it that God saved us?

“So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” II Timothy 1:8-10

- a) In the death of Lord Jesus.
- b) In the death of Satan.
- c) In my death.

Note: Therefore, the real Christian life is not a run for salvation, but to be in Christ to maintain the salvation God has already given us. We are in Christ not because we want to be saved some day, but because we love him and are grateful for the salvation he has already given us.

Friday

11. What can we give to God for the great salvation he has already given us?

“What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains. I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord” Psalm 116:12-17

- a) Thanksgiving.
- b) Nothing. Who am I to give anything to God?
- c) I don't want to give anything.

12. In which way can someone reject the forgiveness and the salvation that has received from God?

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.” John 3:36

- a) By not doing good works.
- b) By not believing in the Son of God.
- c) By accepting the forgiveness of the Lord.

Saturday

To meditate and study with Family.

1. What is faith, what is the nature of faith and what are the fruits of truthful faith? "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1; Galatians 5:22
2. Qual a natureza da fé? E quais são os frutos da fé verdadeira? "But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me" Psalm 13:5-6

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood." Hebrews 12:1-4.

Appeal: Do I desire the Forgiveness and the Salvation that Lord Jesus gave me?

() Yes

() No

Notes:

Lesson 6 Taking Ownership of Salvation

Gold Verse:

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

Sunday

1. How do we confirm the ownership of forgiveness and the salvation of God?

“He did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” Romans 3:26

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God;” Ephesian 2:8

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

- a) By strength.
- b) By faith.
- c) By willing only, without any faith.

2. What is faith? Mark the correct alternative. Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

- a) Faith is the act of pray.
- b) Faith is love.
- c) It is the trust in that we cannot see but we expect because it has been said by God.

Note: The faith is the firm ground for the things we expect, and the proof of things that cannot be seen. By faith we understand that the world has been created by the word of God. Hb 11:1-3. To believe in what we do not see – this is faith. To believe in the promises of the Bible – this is also faith. Faith in Jesus is to believe in every thing He said and promised in His word.

Monday

3. Can we ourselves produce faith?

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

- a) Yes.

- b) Some times only.
- c) No, faith is a gift from God.

4. How will we have faith? Mark the correct alternative. Romans 10:17

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.” Romans 10:17

- a) Buying it through good deeds.
- b) There is way to have faith.
- c) Reading and hearing the word of God.

Tuesday

5. To have Faith is simply say “I believe in Jesus” or “I accept Jesus”?

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” Romans 10:10

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes, only when we are going to the church.
- c) No, when we give our hearts to Jesus we must live with Him.

Note: We practice Faith when we let Jesus win our heart and give everything to Him.

6. How is faith important? Mark the correct alternative. Hebrews 11:6

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

- a) No importance.
- b) Little importance.
- c) Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Wednesday

7. How can other notice if we have faith? Mark the correct alternative. James 2:14,17

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:14-17

- a) By our did we demonstrate faith.
- b) It is not necessary to do anything.
- c) I don't know.

8. What do I have to do to have the truly faith? Mark the correct alternative. Luke 15:4-6

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'” Luke 15:4-6

- a) Let Him find us.
- b) Go to the church and buy it.
- c) Believe in the church's pastor alone.

Note: Here Lord Jesus teaches us to leave with Him the work to save us. We should not be concern about how to have faith. We should only allow Him to take over our lives. He, as the good shepherd he is, will put us on his shoulders, full of joy, and will give us faith, taking us to His heavenly home.

Thursday

9. Did Lord Jesus, living by faith, sin?

“No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.” I John 3:9

- a) We can only stop sinning in heaven.

- b) All that is born from God do not sin.
- c) Sin does not exist, it has been created by people.

Note: Sin is the transgression of law. The truthful faith takes us to obedience of the ten commandments of God. To live in perfect obedience by our own strength is as impossible as walk on water. But Peter, the disciple, looked at Lord Jesus with faith, stepped into the water, and walked. Only when he removed his eyes from Lord Jesus he started to sink. Likewise is the life of faith. We fall because we remove our eyes from the Lord Jesus and doubt His promises. But if this happens to you, cry out just as Peter did. Just as Lord Jesus held and sustained Peter, he shall do the same for you.

Friday

There are two mistakes which the sons of God, mainly those who only recently have started trusting in His grace, must be aware of and avoid.

The first one is to take into consideration his own duds, trusting in anything that he can do so that his harmony with God can be established. We do not gain salvation for our obedience, for salvation is a gift from God. We obtain it by faith.

The second and not less dangerous is the belief that Christ exempts the man from the observance of God's law. Lutero said: "Only Christ takes the sin our of us, we cannot achieve this by means of all our works". But the good works follow the redemption, as certain as the fruits show up in a living tree.

13. How do we verify if we have become participants of Christ?

"We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end." Hebrews 3:14

- a) If we keep the trust and the faith that we had when we received Him.
- b) If we continue to do good works.
- c) If we remain good.

Saturday

To meditate and study with Family.

1. Do those who have faith trust in feelings and emotions?
"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." Romans 10:17
2. If we sin, what must we do?
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9
3. What are the characteristics of those who have faith like Jesus?
"These calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus" Revelation 14:12

Appeal: Do you wish to receive the faith of Lord?

() Yes

() No

Notes:

Lesson 7 Prayer

Gold Verse:

“Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8

How important is communication! Through it we can help, comfort, express our admiration, our love, our needs, our victories as well as ask for relief, help, comfort and a lot more.

God communicates with us, through the Bible, examples and contemplation of the works created by Him. He also communicates with us through dreams, visions and through the life and example of our Lord Jesus and we communicate with Him through our prayers. Through this mean, we speak to God of our joy, sadness and needs of life and we ask Him to give us faith and trust in His power, which we so much need! The prayer allows us to have intimacy with God. How our prayer to God should be is what we will learn in the Bible in this lesson.

Sunday

1. What did the followers of Jesus ask?

“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Luke 11:1

- a) The disciples asked for a treasure.
- b) The disciples asked him to teach them how to pray.
- c) The disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith.

Note: Psalm 62 of David invites us to trust in God. Verse 8 says: “Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” To pray is to open the heart to God as our best friend.

Monday

Jesus taught his disciples how to pray and provided some import recommendations in regards to praying.

2. Whom did Jesus taught to pray to?

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Matthew 6:6

- a) Virgin Mary.
- b) To all saints.
- c) To the Father of Jesus, God.

3. On behalf of whom does the prayers need to be on?

“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” John 14:13

- a) In the name of the Father.
- b) In the name of Jesus.
- c) In my own name.

Note: “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” 1 John 5:14

Tuesday

In order to answer the request of his special friends, Jesus left a model of prayer. In this prayer Jesus points to His Father and our Father, therefore we should call ourselves brothers, for we are all sons of the same Father whom is God.

4. What does the model of prayer that Jesus gave to His disciples say? Mark **T** for the correct answers and **F** for the false answers.

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our

daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13

- a) () We can call the Father of Lord Jesus our Father
- b) () We are all brother in faith, sons of the same Father (God)
- c) () We can pray to God, in name of Jesus, for our needs
- d) () God can deliver us from evil
- e) () God gives me power to forgive those whom hurt me just as he forgives me
- f) () I shall not bother God with little things
- g) () I can ask for Jesus' return in his Kingdom

Note: We do not need or shall always repeat the words of this prayer, but in it the Lord teaches us to be direct and sincere, declaring our needs and our hope in our heavenly Father.

Wednesday

5. What are the conditions for a prayer to be answered? Mark **T** for the correct answer and **F** for the false answers, as per the biblical texts below:

- a) () Faith. "And without faith it is impossible to please God..." Hebrews 11:6
- b) () There is no condition.
- c) () Forgive the next. "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:14-15
- d) () Obedience to the commandments. "And receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him." 1 John 3:22
- e) () Loyalty with the tithing and offerings. "I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me." Malachi 4:6-7
- f) () Not to caress sin. "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened" Psalms 66:18

Thursday

The Bible reveals the position of the creature in relation to its Creator. Therefore, when we are invited or called to speak to an authority, be him the Director of a major company, governor or king, we seek to have a composure of attitude and respect. So much greater care we must have in speaking to the almighty God, creator of heavens and earth and everything there are in them.

6. Which is the recommended position to pray?

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” Psalm 95:6

- a) Standing.
- b) Every way.
- c) On our knees.

Note: Lord Jesus gave us example. He was our example in everything. When in agony in the gethsemane, after having instructed the disciples: “On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed” Luke 22:40, 41

Friday

7. How many times should we pray each day? Mark **T** for correct asnwrs and **F** for false asnwser.

- a) () Three times a day. “Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.” Psalm 55:17
- b) () Before meals. “Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.” John 6:10, 11
- c) () When tempted. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation...” Matthew 26:41
- d) () Before difficult decisions. “One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning

came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles" Luke 6:12, 13

- e) () When we sin. "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." Psalm 51:1, 2

8. What was Jesus' habit in regards to prayer?

"After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone." Matthew 14:23

- a) Jesus was used to pray in the synagogue.
- b) Jesus was used to pray in the mount.
- c) Jesus was not used to pray.

Note: "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Mateus 18:19,20

Saturday

9. What is the promise of Jesus for those whom persevere in the prayer?

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened" Matthew 7:7,8

- a) They will be happy.
- b) They will achieve what they ask.
- c) That some prayers will not be replied to.

To study and meditate with family.

1. Where do we base our faith on that whatever we ask God will reply?
If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" Mathew 7:11
2. What do the biblical passage below say about the prayer? "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." John 15:7; "Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us,

we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him." I John 3:21,22; "Paul and Barnabas appointed elders[a] for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust." Acts 14:23.

Appeal: I want to pray to God everyday and make this practice a habit of my life.

() Yes

() No

Notes:

Lesson 8 The History of The World in One Bible's Chapter

Gold Verse:

"But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come..." Daniel 2:28

Sunday

Around 600 years before Christ, Nebuchadnezzar was Babylon's king and his domain covered great part of the entire earth, including the territory of Israel. Nebuchadnezzar, upon conquest of Israel, turned the entire Jewish nation into slaves. Among the captives, were four young men of distinguished families, named Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. These young men used to stand out among the others due to their wisdom, obedience and love to God, conquering, this way, the trust of king Nebuchadnezzar. One day something happened that disturbed the peace of the king, let see what happened...

1. Why was the king disturbed?

"In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep." Daniel 2:1

- a) Because he was stressed.
- b) Because he had forgot of his commitments.
- c) Because he had had a dream and forgot of it.

2. Who was called and what happened?

"So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king." Daniel 2:2

- a) A team of economists.
- b) A team of wisemen.
- c) A team of doctors.

Note: The king of Babylon wasn't remembering of the dream but had a feeling it was of great importance and therefore he needed to remember it and understand its meaning. However, how to know the meaning of a dream of which he didn't even remember.

Monday

Obedying the command of the king, with hurry, all wise men of Babylon were called. They asked the king to tell them the dream so they could interpret it.

3. What did they wise men confess?

“The astrologers answered the king, “There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans.” Daniel 2:10-11

- a) That it was an easy question and they would tell the king what he had dreamt.
- b) That they were able to know the dream and tell the king of it.
- c) That it was an impossible question to be answered.

4. The king was mad at the answer of the wizards.

“So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.” Dan. 2:13-14

- a) Asked for the wise men to be brought and killed.
- b) Asked for all wise men in the Babylon to be jailed.
- c) Expelled the wise man from Babylon to Egypt.

Note: Nebuchadnezzar was furious because he realized he had been deceived by the “wise men” for a long time. If they were able to interpret the dream, they should also have been able to reveal it. However, the latter they declared they could not do.

Tuesday

Daniel was one of the captive young man taken to Babylon. He was from a noble family and had been studying about the costumes and practices of the Babylonians, under command of king Nebuchadnezzar. He was also part of the wise men group of that country, reason why he was also looked for to be killed along with his fellows Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

5. Where did Daniel find the solution to the problem?

“Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven and said: “Praise be to the name of

God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king." Daniel Interprets the Dream. Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him." Daniel 2: 17-24

- a) In the pastors and leaders of his church.
- b) He was killed and never found the answer.
- c) In a prayer to the heavenly God in his house.

Note: Daniel and his friends trusted that God would be merciful to them, so that they wouldn't perish along with the other wise men of Babylon.

Wednesday

Note: Read Daniel 2:19 – 23.

6. What appeared in Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

"Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance." Daniel 2:31

- a) A monster.
- b) A great ship.
- c) A statue.

7. What was the shape of the statue?

"The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay." Daniel 2:32-33

- a) Head of baked clay, chest and arms of cement and feet of cloth.
- b) Head of gold, arms and chest of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.
- c) The entire statue was of wood.

Thursday

8. What was the meaning of the statue? Link the first column with the second column.

“Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; 38 in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold. After you, another kingdom will arise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth. 40 Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.” Daniel 2:37-41

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| a) Babylon – reigned during 605-539 a.C | () silver |
| b) Medo-Persian – reigned during 538-331 a.C | () iron |
| c) Greece- reigned during 331-168 a.C | () gold |
| d) Rome- reigned during 168 a.C - 476 d.C | () bronze |

9. What did the feet of the statue represent?

“Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.” Daniel 2:41-42

- a) The support of the statue.
- b) That the kingdoms would be Split, giving birth to strong and fragile nations.
- c) Nothing.

Note: What was before Rome is Europe today, for Rome was split into several countries, fulfilling the prophecy. Refer to the picture of the statue of Nebuchadnezzar at the end of this lesson.

Friday

10. Why this dream was given?

“But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come.” Daniel 2:28

- a) So the king was happy and feeling safe.
- b) To show the king what is going to happen in the end of times.
- c) To scare the king.

11. What will happen in the end of times?

“In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.” Daniel 2:44

- a) The world will end in a flood.
- b) God will establish His kingdom.
- c) There will be no end of times. This is just something from the alarmists.

12. What does the rock that hit the feet of the statue mean?

“This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.” Daniel 2:45

- a) The rock is Jesus (You will not better in the next lesson...)
- b) The rock is a meteor that is coming towards the earth.
- c) It was the king that threw the rock towards the statue because of his anger.

Note: The statue means the history of the world and the feet of the statue represents the end of time.

Saturday

To meditate and study with family:

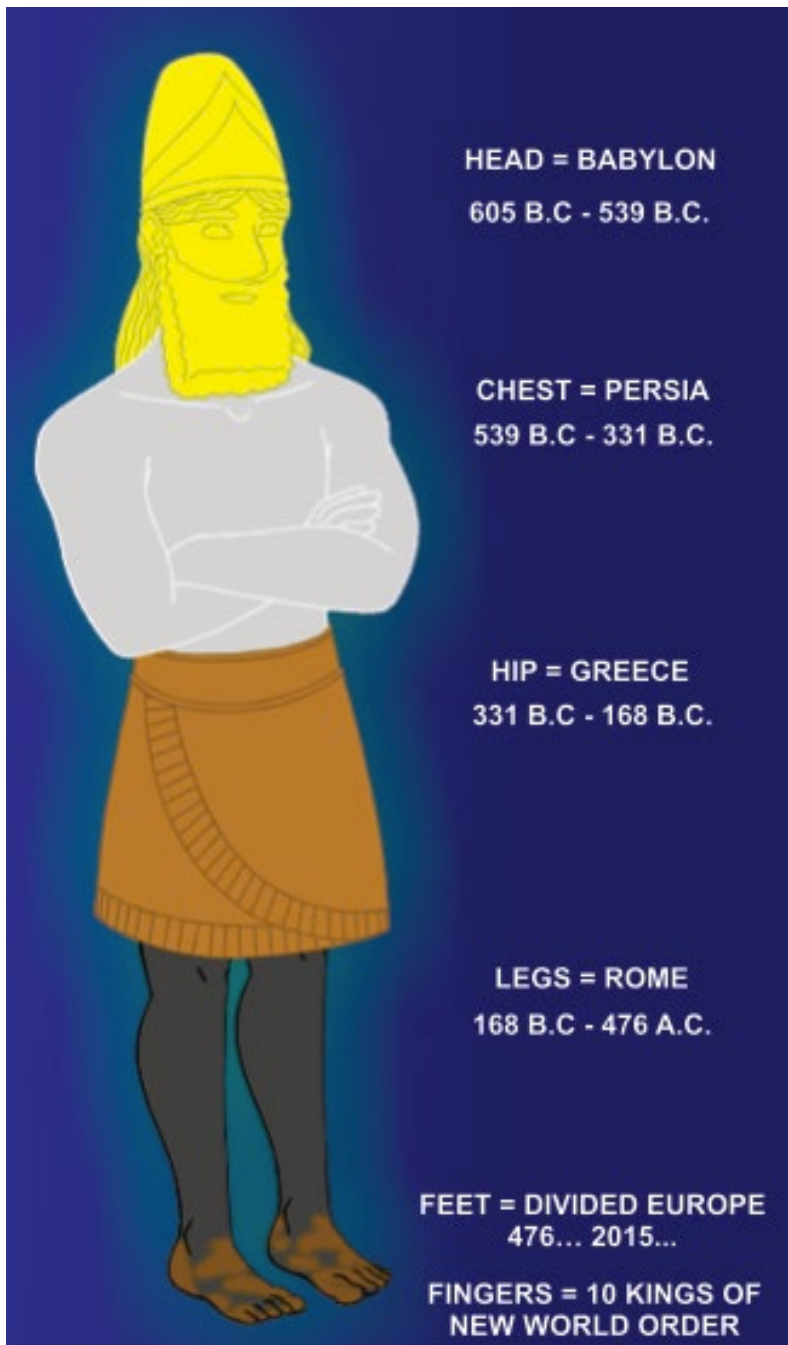
Confirming the prophetic words of Daniel 2:43, the nations that form the European continent, the Europe as we know it, never joint together to form an empire governed by a single leader, as it happened with the United States.

Many chiefs of State or kings have tried, by means of weddings and other covenants, but without any success. This confirms the word of God, who knows the end since the beginning, that in the end of the days, strong and fragile kingdoms would not mix, despite their geographical proximity.

Appeal: Before this knowledge, what will be your position before the happenings?

- () To trust in the God of Daniel and His Word.
- () To trust in the things of this world and in myself.

Figure of Nebuchadnezzar's statue:



HEAD = BABYLON

605 B.C - 539 B.C.

CHEST = PERSIA

539 B.C - 331 B.C.

HIP = GREECE

331 B.C - 168 B.C.

LEGS = ROME

168 B.C - 476 A.C.

FEET = DIVIDED EUROPE

476... 2015...

FINGERS = 10 KINGS OF
NEW WORLD ORDER

Notes:

Lesson 9 The Stone of Heaven and The Kingdom of God

Gold Verse:

“So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.” Isaiah 28:16

In the previous lesson, in the history of the world told by God to king Nebuchadnezzar, we saw that a rock was thrown, without the help of human hands, and hit the feet of the Nebuchadnezzar’s statue and scrutinized it. “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth” Daniel 2:35

Daniel, when interpreting the dream of the king (such interpretation was given by God), compared the stone to the universal kingdom to be established by God forever. “In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.” Daniel 2: 44-45.

This kingdom must destroy and exceed all other existing kingdom and last forever. The time for the establishment of this kingdom should be “in the time of those kings”. This can be in reference to the four preceding kingdoms, for they were not simultaneously to one another, but one has been established after the other instead. Much less can it refer to the establishment of the kingdom in the occasion of Jesus’ first coming, given that the ten kingdom arisen from the ruins of the Roma Empire had not yet come to be. It must be, therefore, a future event.

Note: The fall of the Roman Empire took place in 476 after Christ.

1. When, according to the Bible, will the kingdom of God be established?

“The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” Revelation 11:15

- a) Upon the sound of the first trumpet.
- b) Upon the sound of the seventh trumpet that points to Jesus’ return.
- c) It has already been established when Jesus was here.

2. What did Jesus teach us to pray about? Mark the correct alternative.

“Our kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” Matthew 6:10

- a) The coming of God’s kingdom.
- b) Our happiness.
- c) For the heaven to be as the Earth.

Note: Jesus ended the words of the Scriptures with a statement. “Yes, I am coming soon.” Revelation 22:20

Monday

Our Lord Jesus is considered in the Bible as the stone, the rock, and described both in the Old Testament, in the books of Daniel and Isaiah, and in the New Testament, presenting Christ as the rock, loved by many and rejected by others. Let us see next how the processes of rejection and acceptance will happen in the return of Lord Jesus.

3. What were some of the promises of Lord Jesus for those who accepted Him as Savior?

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:1-3

- a) Jesus did not make any promise.
- b) He said that in the house of His Father there are many rooms.
- c) Jesus promised He would return to take us so that we would be with Him forever.

d) Answers "b" and "c" are correct.

4. How one of Jesus' promises is confirmed by Apostle Paul?

"So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him"
Hebrews 9:28

- a)** Paul confirms that Jesus will appear to those whom saw Him rise to the heaven.
- b)** Paul confirms that Jesus will come back to give another chance to those whom did not accept Him.
- c)** Paul confirms that Jesus will come to those whom wait for Him to salvation.

Note: The kingdom that will be established upon Jesus' return is called by the Bible as kingdom of glory. Jesus said to Pilate: "But now my kingdom is from another place." John 18:36

5. What kingdom does the Scriptures call attention to, and when will it be established?

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne." Mathew 25:31

- a)** Kingdom of God – when Jesus was born.
- b)** Kingdom of Glory – When the Son of man come.
- c)** Kingdom of World – when Jesus come back.

Tuesday

While Jesus was practicing his ministry, he tried to correct the false idea of the Jew and even of the disciples that He would establish His kingdom in those days. Jesus proposed a parable to clarify that the kingdom of God would not manifest immediately. We can read that in Luke 19:11-27.

6. What did Jesus teach through this parable?

"A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return." Luke 19:12

- a) That the noble man had the ownership of the kingdom already.
- b) That the noble man went to take the ownership of the kingdom and would return.
- c) That the noble man had many kingdoms.

7. Who is this noble man?

A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return." Luke 19:12

"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:2-3

- a) Jesus Christ.
- b) Apostle John.
- c) God, our Father.

Nota: This noble man is Lord Jesus. When he rose to heaven, together with the Father, He sat on the Father's throne, giving us the grace of salvation. Soon He will receive His kingdom of glory. He has not return yet, but when that happens it will be to take His servants to where He is. The kingdom of glory will be on earth, after the millennium (this subject will be studied in Lesson 11 that treats about the thousand years of peace).

Wednesday

The only kingdom that God has now on Earth is a kingdom without exterior appearance for it is spiritual, in the heart of those who are His servants. Only upon his second coming that his kingdom of glory will be established.

In another parable, Lord Jesus tried to clarify about the kingdom of God to his servants. In this parable, Lord Jesus calls attention to the cornerstone which the builders rejected, and which is the Lord Jesus Himself. Matthew 21:33-45

8. What has God done to the Stone rejected by the builders?

“Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’” Matthew 21:42

- a) God threw the Stone away.
- b) God placed the stone as head of the corner. That is, all the structure of the kingdom depends on this stone.
- c) God place the Stone in the heads of the builders.

9. Who was rejecting the stone?

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them” Matthew 21:43 and 45

- a) The leaders, priests and the entire Jewish nation.
- b) The stone throwers.
- c) Everyone was accepting the stone.

Note: Israel rejected the Messiah and His kingdom. As result, the kingdom of God and his power will be given to others – those who accept the Gospel, either Jew or gentile. I Peter 2:9

Thursday

10. What happens to those who fall on the stone?

“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” Luke 20:18

- a) Become happy.
- b) Become crushed.
- c) Soon get on their feet.

11. Make the correct relation between the statements and the biblical passages.

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| 1. () Pedra de tropeço – Rom. 9:33 | A. Psalm 118:22 |
| 2. () Rejected stone – Luke 20:17 | B. Daniel 2: 34 e 45 |
| 3. () Stone that crushes – Matthew. 21:44 | C. Acts 4:10,11 |

4. () Corner stone – Ephesians 2:20

D. Isaiah 8:14

5. () Spiritual stone – I Corinthians 10:4

E. I Peter 2:4

6. () Precious stone – Isaiah 28:16

F. Exodus 17:6

Friday

Jesus was many times called the son of David. This expression symbolized or pointed to the Messiah, the one who would occupy the throne once occupied by king David as an example of the one that would reign forever over his servants, not from on nation, but from all nations to form the Israel of God, or the winners in name of Christ, being part of Jehovah's army. While He was on the earth Jesus did not occupy the throne. But after the resurrection Lord Jesus occupied the throne that belong to Him by right as King of kings and Lord of lords.

12. Did Jesus occupy the throne of His Father, with God, when he rose to heaven?

"To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne." Revelation 3:21

"The Lord says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for our feet." Psalm 110:1

- a) Jesus won and sat on the throne with His Father.
- b) Jesus won but did not sit on the throne.
- c) Jesus did not occupy the throne because He did not win.

13. What does Jesus do at the right hand side of God?

"The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." Psalm 110:4

"But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool" Hebrews 10:12-13

- a) Jesus is our mediator and priest.
- b) Jesus leads the kingdom of Melchizedek.
- c) Jesus is lead by the enemies.

14. When Jesus finishes His sacerdotal work, what will He receive?

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." Daniel

7:13-14

- a) The visit of the Ancient of Days.
- b) Will receive from God, the Ancient of Days, the domain, the glory and the kingdom forever.
- c) Receberá muitos presentes.

Saturday

To meditate and study with family.

15. When Lord Jesus come in the clouds, on which throne will He sit?

"Ao que vencer lhe concederei que se assente comigo no meu trono; assim como eu venci, e me assentei com meu Pai no seu trono." Revelation 3:21

- a) Throne of Earth.
- b) Throne of God.
- c) Throne of Angels.

16. What difference makes to our lives the hope of the return of Lord Jesus?

"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure." I

John 3:2-3

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:48

- a) It makes no difference for Jesus has already done everything for me.
- b) We will seek sanctification to be perfect in Christ Jesus.
- c) None.

Note: Get prepared all those that live the hope of the great return of Lord Jesus, seeking the similarity with Christ, for without holiness nobody will see the Lord.

17. Can we expedite the return of Lord Jesus?

“As you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.” II Peter 3:12-13

- a) No.
- b) I don't know.
- c) Yes, by spreading the Gospel, living the life of Christ, apart from the costumes of this world.

Appeal: Knowing that the return of Lord Jesus is so near, would it be your desire to get better prepared to meet Him?

- () Yes
- () No

Notes:

Lesson 10 When will Lord Jesus Come?

Gold Verse:

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.” Matthew 24:30

Sunday

The Lord was going to His last visit to the city of Jerusalem, before His crucifixion. He was visibly dejected and sad while looked at the scenario of the city and temple, until he cried and sad: “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.” Luke 19:41-42

1. Why Lord Jesus was sad?

“The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you” Luke 19:43-44

- a) Because He was going to die on the cross.
- b) Because the city of Jerusalem would be destroyed for having rejected its Lord and Savior.
- c) Because He didn’t want to visit the city and the temple again.

2. What appeal did Jesus do to Jerusalem and does for us today?

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate.” Matthew 23:37-38

- a) Lord Jesus appealed so they would accept His Love, forgiveness and salvation.
- b) Lord Jesus appealed for them to remove the animals from the temple.
- c) Lord Jesus appealed so they would leave their houses.

3. What did the apostles ask after hearing these words from Lord Jesus?

“As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” Matthew 24:3

- a) If He was tired.
- b) What the signs of His return were.
- c) If He was well.

Note: The answers of Christ to this question deserve a detailed study. The destruction of Jerusalem is used as a symbol of the final destruction of all cities of the world and the fall of nations. The destructions are somewhat interspersed. The words of Christ were prophetic and takes us to the end of times. Everything that Lord Jesus said to the disciples refers also to us whom live in the last days of the history of the earth. Lord Jesus provided defined signs, both on the destruction of Jerusalem and on his second coming.

Monday

Lord Jesus, replying to the disciples, indicated that neither the end of the world nor the destruction of the Jewish nation would take place immediately.

4. What then did Lord Jesus reply?

“Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come” Matthew 24:4-6

- a) That when wars and rumors of wars were heard of then the end would come.
- b) That there would be false Christ and prophets that would deceive many.

c) Lor Jesus did not reply.

5. What did Lord Jesus say about the wars, famine, earthquakes and plagues that would happen?

“All these are the beginning of birth pains.” Matthew 24:8

- a)** He said such things would take place in a remote future.
- b)** He said such things were the beginning of the pains.
- c)** He said for us not to be concerned about it.

6. When did Lord Jesus say the end would come then?

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14

- a)** When the wars were over.
- b)** When the planet had been destroyed by the greedy ones.
- c)** When the Gospel has been preached in the whole world.

Tuesday

7. According to Christ, what was the sign that would allow the disciples to identify the destruction of Jerusalem as near?

“When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near.” Luke 21:20

- a)** Jerusalem in party.
- b)** Jerusalem surrounded by armies.
- c)** Jerusalem with a new king.

Note: The history tells that in October of the year 66 after Christ, the emperor Cesti attacked the city, without any apparent motive, and short after that departed with his army. A lot of Jews, believers in Jesus, recognized the exit sign, left the city not to return again. Three and half years later, the commander Titus surrounded the city again, destroying it and killing many of those in the city. Nonetheless, those who observed the sign were saved.

Therefore, as the surrounding of Jerusalem was a sign of escape for the Christian of that time, the establishment of the abomination that brings the desolation in the holy place, will be the future sign for the Christians of today to flee to the mounts (we will study the meaning of "abomination that brings the desolation" in "Sign of God").

Wednesday

8. Lord Jesus continued to speak prophetically in regards to the affliction that would take place in the world, as never before, and provided some recommendations. Mark **T** for the true answers and **F** for the false answers.

"For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you ahead of time. "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the wilderness,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man." Matthew 24:24-27

- a) () The false prophets and Christ will perform signs and miracles.
- b) () Jesus would be in the house.
- c) () All will see Jesus' return.
- d) () We should check in the Bible if the return of Jesus is how it happens.
- e) () As lightning that comes from the east and is visible in the West, like this the return of Jesus will be, that is, everyone in the whole world will see.

9. What were the other signs given by the Lord Jesus that would occur before his coming?

"Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." Matthew 24:29

- a) The sun will be darkened, the moon will be destroyed and the stars will fall.
- b) The sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light and the stars will fall.
- c) The sun will fall, the moon will shine and so will the stars.

Note: The 19th of May of 1780 is known in history as the “dark day”. The history tells that the sun became darkness, without a solar eclipse, and that the moon became blood colored, as per described in the bible. On the 13th of November de 1833, it was registered the largest shooting stars event ever recorded in the history of the world.

Such signs that already happened in the past, showing us that the end of times has come, will happen again in our days.

Thursday

10. What would be the signs of Lord Jesus’ coming on Earth? Mark **T** for the true answers and **F** for the false answers.

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” Luke 21:25-26

- a) () There will be anguish among nations.
- b) () The roaring of the sea and waves would make men perplex.
- c) () The waves would be calm and meek.
- d) () People would pass out on fear of the things that would happen.
- e) () The powers of heavens would be shaken.

Note: It is interesting to see that such words reflect the events of our days, such as earthquakes and tsunamis.

11. What would be the next major event?

“At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” Luke 21:27

- a) A great earthquake that will destroy the entire Earth.
- b) The return of Lord Jesus on the clouds in the sky.
- c) A great party in the sky.

Friday

12. And what should be the attitude of God’s people in this time?

“When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Luke 21:28

- a) They should not leave their homes for there is great peril.
- b) It will be a reaction of panic and despair.
- c) They should look upwards lifting their heads, for their redemption is near.

13. What can we learn from the examples of Christ relates to the nature, such as the fig tree parable?

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it[a] is near, right at the door.” Matthew 24:32-33

“Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.” Luke 21:31

- a) We can look to the events and understand there still is great time until Jesus’ return.
- b) When the leaves fall we know the summer is near.
- c) The same certainty that we have by looking at the new fig tree leaves that announce the summer, the prophetic events announce that Jesus is to return soon.

14. What guarantee did Lord Jesus give us? Mark **T** for the true answers and **F** for the false answers.

“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”
Matthew 24:34-35

- a) () The generation will pass away but the prophetic events will not.
- b) () The generation that sees these prophetic events will see the return of Jesus.
- c) () There is no prophecy to the future. All of them have taken place already.

Saturday

To study and meditate with family.

1. Before the signs pointed by Lord Jesus that would occur before His return, can we state that we are the last generation of this Earth? "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" Matthews 24:34-35
2. Will Lord Jesus come in secret? "And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." Matthew 24:31
3. Who are the servants of God and what should they do in this time? "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions" Matthew 24:45-47; "And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant." Isaiah 56:6

Appeal: Do you wish to be ready to see Lord Jesus?

() Yes

() No

Notes:

Lesson 11 Thousand Years of Peace

Gold Verse:

“I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They[a] had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” Revelation 20:4

Sunday

The bible presents in the book of Revelation a term of a thousand years, in which there will be a judgment done by Jesus and those who accepted Him as Savior and Lord, the saved ones that are alive upon His return and the saved ones who died waiting for His return.

Let's know what the Word of God reveals to us about the Millennium. What events trigger its start and end, as well as what will take place on earth and in heaven during these thousand years.

1. Does the Bible mention a term of thousand years?

“I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They[a] had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” Revelation 20:4

- a) No.
- b) Yes.
- c) I don't know.

2. Whom will the saints judge, or those obedient to God?

“If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people? Or do you not know that the

Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!" I Corinthians 6:1-3

- a) The saint ones will judge nobody.
- b) The saint ones will judge the angels and the filthy world.
- c) The saint ones will be judged by the angels.

Note: We can clearly notice from these passages of the scriptures that the saints of all times will cooperate with Christ in the judgment during the millennium.

3. How many and what are the resurrections described in the Bible? Mark **T** for the correct answers and **F** for the false answers.

"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned." John 5:28-29
"And I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked." Acts 24:15

- a) () Only the fair ones resurrect in the judgment resurrection.
- b) () There is no need for resurrection for the those who accepted Jesus are already in heaven and those who didn't accept Him are already in hell.
- c) () The Bible tells us about two resurrections. The resurrection of life and the resurrection of judgment or condemnation.
- d) () All those who died will resurrect.

4. When will the first resurrection take place, named by the Bible as resurrection of the saints, so they inherit the eternal life?

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first." I Thessalonians 4:16

"Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years." Revelation 20:6

- a) There will be no resurrection of the saints, for they are in heaven with Jesus already.
- b) The saints and the wicked resurrect after the millennium.

- c) The resurrection of the saints (those who died in Jesus) will occur upon Jesus' return to earth.

Monday

5. When Christ returns, what will he do with the saints?

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:3

- a) He will receive the saints to be with Him.
- b) He will kill all people alive.
- c) He will stay on earth with them.

Note: In other words, Christ will take them to heaven, so there they can live and reign with Him for a thousand years.

6. Where did John see the saints in his vision?

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.” Revelation 7:9

- a) John saw the saint on earth.
- b) John saw the saints standing before the throne and the lamb, with white clothes and clapping in their hands.
- c) John didn't see the saints, but only the angels.

Note: This text clearly shows that the saints will all be taken to the heaven right after the first resurrection. This is aligned with the words of Christ in John 14:2-3, where He says: “My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” Peter wanted to accompany Jesus to those mansions, but Jesus said: “Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.” John 12:33. This clarifies that when returns to Earth to receive His people, He will take them to the house of His Father, in heaven.

7. What will happen to the wicked alive when Christ comes?

“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.²⁷ People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.” Luke 17:26-30

- a) They will be destroyed by the splendor of Jesus’ return.
- b) They will be taken to heaven with Jesus.
- c) They will be left on earth to undergo the great tribulation.

Note: The apostle Paul states in I Thessalonians 5:3 that sudden destruction will come onto the wicked and there will be no way for them to escape, when they walk and say: Peace and safeness. When Christ returns, the saints will be set free and taken to heaven, and all wicked alive will be sudden destroyed, as they were in the flood.

Refer also to: II Tesselonians 1:7-9, Revelation 6:14-17, 19:11-21 and Jeremy 25:30-33. There will be no general ressurection of the wicked expect at the end of the millennium. This will leave the earth empty without a single human being during this period.

Tuesday

8. Mark **T** for the correct answers and **F** for the false answers related to the following passages about the events that will indicate the beginning of the millennium in heaven:

- a) () The return of Jesus. ““Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11
- b) () The death of the wicked due to the return of Lord Jesus. “And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.” II Thessalonians 2:8

- c) () The rapture of the saints. "After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." I Thessalonians 4:17
- d) () The resurrection of the saints and their transformation. "Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed" I Corinthians 15:51-52

Note: The millennium is the final term of the great week of heavenly times – a great Saturday of resting for the earth and for God’s people. Following comes the end of the gospel era preceding the God’s eternal kingdom on earth. It comprehends what the Bible calls as “the day of the Lord” and it is signed in the beginning and in the end by a resurrection. The beginning is marked by the pouring of the seven plagues, the second coming of Jesus to earth, the resurrection of the dead saints, the prison of Satan, the translation of the saints that are alive to the heaven.

9. What description does the prophet Jeremy make of these times?

"I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away.

I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger." Jeremiah 4:23-26

- a) There was not a single man and the earth as a desert with ruined cities.
- b) The cities were full of evil people and there was a lot of confusion.
- c) The earth was as beautiful as created by God.

Note: Upon Christ return, the Earth will be reduced to a chaotic state, a lot of ruins. The sky will have vanished, the mountains will have been removed from their places and the earth will be in a state of darkness, terror, desolation and desert. Refer to Isaiah 24:1-2 and Revelation 6:14-17.

10. What will happen to the wicked in this occasion?

"In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished[a] after many days." Isaiah 24:21-22

- a) They will be jailed in a prison.
- b) They will live and reign with Christ.
- c) They will go to heaven with Christ.

Wednesday

11. What happens to Satan and his angels during the thousand years?

“And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended.” Revelation 20:1-3

- a) Satan and his angels continue to deceive and cause pain and suffer.
- b) Satan, the leader of the rebellion, and his angels remain jailed, without anyone to deceive for the earth will be empty.
- c) Satan and his angels will have the chance to regret and have another chance to return to God.

Note: During the term of Thousand years the Earth will be desolated. Satan and his angels will remain here contemplating all the destruction and desolation they created. There will be no one to deceive or mistreat and they will not be allowed to leave the earth. It will be a thousand years to reflect about the rebellion caused in the heaven and brought to the earth.

The term abyss, Genesis 1:1, applies to the earth in its desolated state, deserted, chaotic, dark and uninhabited. It will remain in this state for a thousand years. It will be the dark prison of Satan during this period. Here, among the bones of the dead wicked, the destroyed cities and ruins of all sort of pomp and power of this world, Satan will have the opportunity to think about the results of his rebellion against God. But the prophecy of Isaiah says: “They will be visited after many days”.

12. What will happen to the sky and to the earth during the millenium? Mark **T** for the correct answers and **F** for the false answers, according Bible’s passages presented.

- a) () The saints will be reigning and living with Jesus in heaven. “I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to

judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They[a] had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Revelation 20:4

- b)** () The wicked remain dead during the thousand years. "At that time those slain by the Lord will be everywhere—from one end of the earth to the other. They will not be mourned or gathered up or buried, but will be like dung lying on the ground" Jeremiah 25:33
- c)** () The earth will be empty. "I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away." Jeremy 4:23-25
- d)** () Satan will be jailed and without anyone to tempt. "He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years." Revelation 20:2
- e)** () Those who were raptured by Jesus will be facing the great tribulation here on earth during the millennium. "The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection". Revelation 20:5
- f)** () The saints judge the wicked and the angels in the heaven during the thousand years. "Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases." I Corinthians 6:2

Thursday

13. When will the wicked resurrect so they receive condemnation?

"(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection." Revelation 20:5

- a)** After the thousand years, the wicked will resurrect.
- b)** There will be no resurrection of the wicked for they are in hell already.
- c)** The wicked return to life so they can have another chance to accept Jesus.

14. What happens to Satan upon the end of the thousand years?

“He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.” Revelation 20:3,7-

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- a) Satan will be released from prison and will deceive the nations, that is, the wicked whom resurrect.
- b) Satan asks for God’s forgiveness on his rebellion.
- c) Satan is chased and killed by the wicked whom resurrect.

Note: At the end of the thousand years, Christ, along with the saints, return to Earth, to execute the judgment of the wicked and prepare the Earth, through a recreation, to be the eternal residence of the saints. During this time, in response to Christ calling, the wicked dead of all times will wake up to life. This is the second resurrection, the resurrection of condemnation. The wicked resurrect with the same rebel spirit that they previously had. Satan is then released from this long period of captivity and inactivity.

15. What does Satan start to do?

“When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.” Revelation 20:7-8

- a) Satan seduces the nations to unite them to the battle.
- b) Satan asks for forgiveness to Jesus and recognizes his mistakes.
- c) Satan run to all corners of earth, happy because he is free.

Friday

16. What other event takes place at the end of the thousand years?

“On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. You will flee by my mountain

valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake[a] in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light. On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter. The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name. The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up high from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses, and will remain in its place.” Zechariah 14:4-10

- a) There will be a great explosion on earth.
- b) The earth will disappear.
- c) The new Jerusalem will descend from the heaven as adorned to its husband and in it there will be Jesus, the angels and the saved ones.

17. After the descent of the new Jerusalem from heaven to earth, what will Satan, the evil angels and the wicked do and what will happen to them?

“And will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.” Revelation 20:8-9

- a) They will gather to praise God, recognizing his Justice.
- b) They try to take the holy city, but fire comes down from heaven and consumes them all, killing them once for all.
- c) They start admiring the beauty of the city and forget to battle against Jesus.

Note: This is the last act in the great conflict between Christ and Satan. All human race gathers there for the first time. The eternal separation between the saints and the wicked happens here. On this occasion, the divine judgment is executed on the wicked in the lake of fire. This is the second death. He puts an end to the great rebellion against God and His govern. The voice of God is then heard as He sits in His throne and speaks to the saints: “I now make all things new”, and from the fiery ruins

of the old earth, before the eyes to millions of saved, rises a "new heaven and a new earth", where they will find an eternal heritage and house.

18. How will be the end of the wicked who denied God's invitation to salvation?

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty."

Malachi 4:1-3

- a) They will burn forever in the fire of hell.
- b) They will be tormented until their sin are paid for so a new chance of accepting God's invitation will be given.
- c) They will be made ashes, there will be nothing left of them.

Saturday

To meditate and study with family.

19. Will God rejoice in the death of the wicked? Mark the correct alternative.

"Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.'" Ezekiel

33:11

- a) God has never found rejoice in the death of the wicked. Instead, He gave his son to die for them, but they chose to be apart from God.
- b) Yes, for they rejected the forgiveness and preferred a life of disobedience.
- c) The death of the wicked is indifferent to God.

20. What will be the reward of the saints? Mark the correct alternative.

"The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever." Psalm 37:29

- a) They will live in the restored Earth as a heritage forever.
- b) They will be with Jesus in the heavens forever.

c) They will revenge those who mistreated them.



I wish to pray so that the promise of new heaven and new Earth, where justice reigns, can become real in my life.

- () Yes
- () No

Notes:

Lesson 12 The Origin, History and Destiny of Satan

Gold Verse:

“The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

1 John 3:8

Sunday

The enemy of God and men like us to see him as a fairy tale figure that should not inspire fear or threat to nobody. It is his plan to act like this, so he is free to deceive, distort the Scriptures. If we do not see or admit an opponent, how are we supposed to fight against him?

The objective of this lesson is to clarify what the Bible says about this enemy as well as how to overcome his traps and falsehoods, following the example of Jesus.

1. Did anyone else sin, besides the human kind?

“For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment.” II Peter 2:4

- a) Nobody sinned.
- b) Yes, some angels also sinned.
- c) Only men sinned.

2. What is the name of the one who persuaded the angels to sin?

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;’” Matthew 25:41

- a) Gabriel.
- b) Satan.
- c) The cursed one.

3. By what other names is the Devil also known? Mark **T** for correct answers and **F** for wrong answers.

“The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.” Revelation 12:9

“How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!” Isaiah 14:12

- a) () Dragon.
- b) () Lucifer.
- c) () Old snake.
- d) () Angel of light.
- e) () Satan

4. What was the state of Satan when created?

“You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.” Ezekiel 28:15

- a) Creator.
- b) Perfect.
- c) Full of iniquities and sins.

5. How was Satan described by the Lord? Mark **T** for correct answers and **F** for wrong answers.

"Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says:

"'You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings[b] were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian Cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. Ezekiel 28:12-14

- a) () Full of wisdom.
- b) () Perfect in beauty.
- c) () Blessed cherub.
- d) () Lucifer was the creator.

Note: We can see that before the fall, Satan was a highly exalted angel, supreme in wisdom and beauty. The reference to drums and fifes, musical instruments, indicates that he was the chorister of heaven, driving the angelical chants. In the heaven sanctuary, the cherub covered the propitiatory.

Monday

6. How did this cherub fall into sin?

"You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." Isaiah 14:13-14

- a) Satan did not sin.
- b) He wanted the place of God, to be God.
- c) Satan fought God.

Note: In the inspiring words of king Salomon, the pride precedes ruin, and the arrogance of the spirit, the fall (Prov. 16:18). Lucifer, or light holder, was not glad with

all the blessings and gifts that God had given him, he craved and coveted the own place of God instead. See Isaiah 14:12.

7. Why Satan was deposed from his high position?

“Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.” Ezekiel 28:16-17

- a) Because he was accused by the other angels.
- b) Because he corrupted himself and sinned.
- c) Because he was very beautiful and bright.

8. Where Satan and his angels were sent to after they left the hill of God?

“For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment;” II Peter 2:4

- a) To the hell, abyss of darkness.
- b) To a better country.
- c) They were destroyed.

Nota: This place is the darkness that involves the world. It is the symbol of the darkness of hopeless and despair in rebellion and sin. When Satan induced the man to sin, darkness covered this world. God, however, did not leave the man hopeless. Within His mercy and great love he make it blaze “the light of the gospel of glory of Jesus” to call man “from the darkness to his wonderful light”.

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There is no doubt left that the enemy and his angels had a period of grace and opportunity to regret their sins. His destiny is the result of obstinate rebellion and persistency to remain in sin, despite the provision of mercy and the offer of forgiveness. For this reason they were expelled from heaven.

9. The apostle John reveal the conflict that took place in the heaven. How did the battle end?

"Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him." Revelation 12:7-9

- a) Satan and his angels won and returned to their places in heaven.
- b) Satan and his angels were expelled from heaven and thrown to Earth.
- c) Everybody made up and lived happily ever after.

10. Did Jesus confirm these words?

"The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven céu." Luke 10:17-18

- a) Jesus saw Satan dawn.
- b) Jesus saw Satan fall from heaven.
- c) Jesus did not see Satan.

11. Did Satan appeared before God again after his fall? Observe where he says he was coming from.

"On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. And the Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it." Job 2:1-2

- a) Satan has never gain been before God.
- b) Satan was around heaven and Earth.
- c) Satan presented himself before God and said to have come from Earth.

Note: Tentando o homem ao pecado, o inimigo usurpou o domínio do homem sobre a terra (Rom. 6:16; II Ped. 2:19). Ele reclama a Terra como sendo seu reino (Luc. 4:6). Por isso ele ao tentar a Cristo, ofereceu os reinos deste mundo. Como "deus" e governador deste mundo, Satanás, por quatro mil anos, antes da crucifixão de Jesus apresentou-se perante Deus entre os representantes de outros mundos, na qualidade de representante da Terra. Depois de consumir a morte de Cristo, o Filho de Deus, o Ser sem pecado, Satanás foi expulso desse concílio ou assembleia, não lhe sendo permitido dele participar. Essa foi a sua segunda queda, a qual, sem dúvida aludiu Cristo, pouco antes de Sua crucifixão, ao dizer: "Agora é o juízo deste mundo; agora

será expulso o príncipe deste mundo". João 12: 31. Sua queda e destruição final ainda estão por vir.

Note: In tempting the man to sin, the enemy took the man's domain over the world

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11. How was the character of the the devil since his fall?

"The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." 1 John 3:8

- a) He lives sinning.
- b) He sinned only in the beginning.
- c) He has been giving proofs of his regret.

13. Was Satan ever in the truth?

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."
John 8:44

- a) He was never in the truth.
- b) He was once in the truth but did not remain in it.
- c) God created Satan sinner.

Note: The expression "did not firm in the truth" implies that the enemy was once in the truth, but did not remain in it.

14. Which is the reference for "beginning" that we have in the Bible?

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

- a) The begining of the Bible.
- b) The beginning of God's creation.
- c) The entrance of sin.

15. Jesus said that beyond homicidal and assassin Satan is also what?

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John 8:44

- a) Liar and father of lie.
- b) Too proud of himself.
- c) Responsible for doing a lot of good things.

Note: When Jesus stated that Satan is the father of lie, we can be sure that the very first lie was told by him. With the devil all sorts of lies had a start.

Thursday

When the creation was finished, God told Adam and Eve what would be the consequence of their disobedience, or what would happen if they ate from the forbidden fruit. God said: You will surely die! Genesis 2:7

16. About this, what did the devil say to Eve?

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman." Genesis 3:4

- a) That God was right.
- b) That God said the truth.
- c) That God did not say the truth. They would not die.

Note: The Bible presents in its records this as the very first lie, a direct deny of God's Word. Upon convincing Eve to accept and believe in this lie, Satan inducted our first parent to sin and, given that the salary of sin is death, he caused their death and therefore became the first assassin. A lie, twin of the murder, is one of the most hated thing for God, the God of truth.

Uma mentira, pois é irmã gêmea do assassinio, e uma das coisas mais detestáveis para Deus, o Deus da verdade. "And all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur." Revelation 21:8,27; Revelation 22:15; Proverbs 6:16-19 and Proverbs 12:19.

17. What was the consequence of sin?

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.” Romans 5:12

“We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.” I John 5:19

“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” I Corinthians 15:22

- a) Death came to all due to the sin of Adam and Eve.
- b) We became sinners and therefore subjected to death.
- c) There was no consequence.

Friday

18. What did Satan do when Jesus came to redeem the mankind?

“At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted[a] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him”. Mark 1:12-13

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted[a] by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:1-4

- a) Went talk to Jesus for they were friends.
- b) Went to tempt Jesus and make Him sin.
- c) He didn't even care about Jesus.

19. Como foi a tentação de Jesus?

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.” Hebrews 4:15

- a) Jesus was tempted but did not sin because He was divine.
- b) Jesus was tempted in everything just like us, but did not sin.

- c) Jesus could not be tempted, for He was God.

20. What the church of Christ has been suffering, since His days?

“When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.” Revelation 12:13

- a) The church was greatly blessed by Christ.
- b) The church has been persecuted.
- c) The church has been hungry and thirsty.

Note: Thousands among the people of God have been killed since the beginning of the Christian era due to the pagan and papal persecution.

21. Why does the church of our times faces the wrath of Satan?

“Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.” Revelation 12:17

- a) Because they keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.
- b) Because the church is equal to the world.
- c) Because preached the kidness, love and help to others.

Note: The enemy sinned, transgressed the commandments of God because He does not accept these commandments and also hates Jesus that for love gave His life for us and, if someones lives like Jesus, he is also hated and persecuted by Satan.

Saturday

To meditate and study with family.

22. How will Satan deceive man in the last days?

“Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.” Revelation 13:14

- a) With sing and wonders.
- b) He will not deceive anyone.

- c) All know that he is deceptive.

Note: This refers to the spiritual manifestation and miracles that are to lead men in the error and deceit. Not every miracle is operated by God.

23. Who can make signs?

“They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.”
Revelation 16:14

- a) Only God can operate signs and miracles.
- b) Only Jesus can operate signs and miracles.
- c) Demoniac spirits can also operate signs and miracles.

24. Why are men deceived?

“ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us.” II Timothy 2:10-12. See also I Kings 22:20-22

- a) Because they are naive.
- b) Because they find joy in the injustice and don't love the truth.
- c) Men are not deceived.

Note: We saw in the study of the thousand years that Satan will only interrupt his life of mistakes, wickedness and lies when mankind is not longer on earth. He will have no one to deceive because the life of wickedness that started with his rebellion against God will end up in rebellion against God on earth. His condemnation is fair. Only when Satan and his followers are finished with, men and angels, the earth and the heavens will be able to erase the history of sin and death.

25. What is the final destiny of Satan?

“By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.” Ezekiel 28:18-19

- a) Eternal death.
- b) He will be left alone on earth.
- c) He will be reaccepted in heaven.

Note: Comforting thought: the evil will no trise again for Satan, sin and sinners will no longer exist. God will have a clean universe!

26. With what weapon did Jesus overcome Satan, which will also give us victory agains the enemy?

"Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."
Matthew 4:4

- a) Jesus did not speak to him.
- b) Jesus used the Word, the Bible: "is is written".
- c) Jesus listened to the arguments of the enemy and discussed them with him.

Note: Given the hate of Satan agains God and every good there is, a "Final Warning" is given to us:

"Be alert and of sober mind". I Peter 5:8-9.
"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!" James 4:7

Appeal: By the grace of God and study of the Word, the Bible, we will resist to the devil, in name of Jesus.

- () Yes
- () No

Notes:

Lesson 13 The Probation and Its Objectives

Gold Verse:

“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”

I Pe. 4:12-13

Sunday

The suffering and the affliction always intrigue the human beings. The pain seems completely out of God’s plans and purposes for our lives. Whenever we are faced with difficulties, the first thing that comes to our minds is Has God forgotten about me. Would it be that He has no joy in me and is torturing me for my sins? We may not know the reasons, but one thing is for sure, we all get along with this experience, eventually, one way or the other. How we face the difficulties reveals a great deal of our experience with our heavenly Father.

1. What importance has the proof of our faith?

“These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” 1 Peter 1:7

- a) The proof of faith has no importance.
- b) The proof of faith reveals the eternal value that we have before God.
- c) The proof of faith comes to destroy our hope.

Note: Nothing happens by chance to the Christian. Everything that happens in his life is sent by a very wise and loving Father, or is allowed by Him, and is meant to improve our character and our preparation for the increase of the capacity to serve. The stones and saliences of the slopes are the natural element for the climb. Even the failures, when accepted in the duly spirit, can become the steps for us to achieve bigger heights.

2. What can we be happy in the tribulations?

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” Romans 5:3-5

- a) Because tribulations produce doubts.
- b) Because tribulations produce perseverance, experience and hope.
- c) There is no way to glorify in the tribulations.

3. What should always happen to the people of God?

“Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered.” Daniel 11:33

- a) The people of God would never be afflicted.
- b) The people of God would suffer death, captivity and robbery for some time.
- c) The knowledgeable among the people of God would maltreat many.

4. What it should be like this?

“Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.” Daniel

11:35

- a) So they can be cleaned from their sins.
- b) So they remain until the time of the end.
- c) So they withstand fire.

Monday

5. What advice did Jesus give to his followers when speaking about the struggles they would go through?

“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.” Revelation 2:10-11

- a) Be faithful until death. The winner will not suffer the damage of second death.
- b) If someone wants to kill you, kill him first.
- c) Tooth by tooth and eye by eye. If they kill, they should die.

6. The apostle Paul spoke about the sufferings of some sons of God in the early times. Mark **T** for the correct answers and **F** for the false answers.

“Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.” Hebrews 11:35-38

- a) () Some were tortured
- b) () Some were and lashed and jailed
- c) () Some were pebbled and sawed in half
- d) () Some lived with no concerns in parties
- e) () Some lived in the desert, in mounds and pits

7. How many will be chased?

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”
II Timothy 3:12

- a) Some that follow Christ.
- b) Those who love Christ the most.
- c) All that want to live truly in Christ Jesus.

8. Does God deliberately afflicts the sons of man?

“For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unending love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.” Lamentations 3:31-33

- a) God rejoys in man’s suffering.
- b) God finds no joy in the sadness and affliction of men.
- c) God uses of compassion with the good ones.

9. So why does He allow us to be punished?

“They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.” Hebrews 12:10

- a) So we become holy as He is holy
- b) Do He becomes like our parents
- c) So our parents have hope

10. Did Jesus pray for Peter, for the proofs he would have to face?

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:31-32

- a) So Peter was not killed.
- b) So that Peter’s faith didn’t faint.
- c) So that Peter was sifted like wheat.

11. What promise is made to those who win over the probations and temptation of this life?

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12

- a) A medal.
- b) The crown of life.
- c) A silver city.

Note: Our sorrows do not spring out of the earth. God does not willingly afflict or grieve the son of men. When He allows probations and affliction over us, is for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. If received in faith, the trial that seems so bitter and hard to bear, will prove to be a blessing. The cruel blow that blights the joys will become the way to make us turn our eyes to the heaven. How many there are who would never have known Jesus had not sorrow led them to seek comfort from Him! The trials of life are God's workmen, to remove impurities and edges from our character. Painful is the process of cutting, chopping, equip, polishing, polishing; is hard to be outside under the action of the polishing stone. But the stone is later brought forth prepared to fill its place in the heavenly temple.

Tuesday

The winners!

12. Who overcomes the world?

“For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith” | John 5:4

- a) He who fights and gives up.
- b) He who is born from God.
- c) He no enter the world.

13. How can we trust the victory?

“Tenho-vos dito isto, para que em mim tenhais paz; no mundo tereis aflições, mas tende bom ânimo, eu venci o mundo.” John 16:33

- a) Jesus overcame the world and we can also overcome with Him.
- b) We cannot trust the victory.
- c) By not having Peace in the probations.

14. Who can also overcome the world?

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." I John 5:4

- a) Everyone.
- b) Everyone that believes that Jesus is the son of God.
- c) Only Jesus won.

15. By whom do we reach the victory?

"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." I John 5:4

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:57

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8:37

- a) By Jesus, by the faith in him and His sacrifice for us.
- b) By means of our everyday efforts.
- c) By believing in and accepting the decussation of Virgin Mary.

16. How did Jesus overcome temptation?

"Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Matthew 4:7

- a) Jesus fought and expelled the enemy.
- b) Jesus used the Word of God as weapon. "Is is written" He said.
- c) Jesus did not overcome the temptation.

17. And how are Jesus' followers meant to win? Mark **T** for the correct answers and **F** for the false answers.

"They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." Revelation 12:11

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

“Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.” Genesis 32:28

- a) () By the blood or life of Jesus.
- b) () By the choice of doing God’s will not their own.
- c) () By persevering in fighting with God and with men.
- d) () By living according to the world and their interests.

Wednesday

18. The Bible presents precious promises for the winners. Refer to the Revelation for some of these promises. Upon sinning, Adam lost:

- a) The right to the tree of life.
- b) The death became his luck and his descendants.
- c) The communion with God and His Son Christ.
- d) The domain over all God’s creation.
- e) The purity, justice and holiness.
- f) The firmness in the truth and the presence of God.
- g) The right to reign with God in His presence in the place that God trusted him, sharing the throne of God.

But Christ was victorious and made possible to the man the restitution of everything he had lost. Make correspondence between the promises found in Revelation and what man has lost.

- I. () You will be made column in the house of God.
- II. () You will seat in the throne with God and Jesus victorious.
- III. () You will wear white clothing of the justice of Christ.
- IV. () You will win the hidden manna, the spiritual aliment from heaven.
- V. () You will have authority over the nations.
- VI. () You will not suffer the second death.
- VII. () You will feed from the tree of life.

Thursday

The sufferings and their teachings.

19. What request did David do to God and why?

“Show me, Lord, my life’s end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is.” Psalm 39:4

“Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

- a) To know his end, to see how he was completely dependent on God.
- b) How would his death be like, so he could fight against it.
- c) How much lifetime he still had, so he could take the opportunity to have fun.

20. The Bible states that the heart becomes better with the sadness of the face than with the laugh. Why?

“It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. Frustration is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart.” Ecclesiasts 7:2-3

- a) Because the sad and bitter situations take us to consider our God and depend on Him.
- b) Because we don’t like happiness.
- c) Because sadness is very bad.

Note: Many of the most beautiful songs of peace trust and hope that the sons of God sing in this world were inspired in the silent and dark rooms of sadness. The afflictions, once made holy, smooth the roughness of life, mitigate the loneliness of nature, control the human ambitions, consume the selfishness and the worldness, defeat the pride, overcome the passions, reveal to the men their own hearts, their own weaknesses, faults and perils, teach the patience and submission, discipline the turbulent spirits. Make us deeper and more experienced. “The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all.” Psalm 34:19

Friday

21. How can we have hope and trust while suffering? Read the passages and use **T** for true answers and **F** for false answers.

- a) () God Himself heals the wounds He creates. Job 5:18. "For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal".
- b) () The man whom God corrects is happy. Job 5:17. "Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty."
- c) () We should turn to God for healing. Hosea 6:1. "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds."
- d) () Jesus brought deliverance for the captive and oppressed ones and joy for the sad and anguished for their sins. Isaiah 61:1-3. "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."
- e) () The Lord slashes and correct those who He does not love. Hebrews 12:6. "Because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."
- f) () The sadness and affliction of the discipline never produce any happiness. Hebrews 12:11 "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it".

Note: A lot of the hard nature is warmed and molded by the pain. In fact, God uses the loss of close relatives to convert people and undo laces that strongly link them to earth. Prosecution, disease, blindness, loss of a property and other calamities can also be means to our drawing near to God. They can also produce in us weight of glory, beyond any comparison. Romans 8:28

Comfort in affliction:

22. A lot of promises are made to those who suffer. Mark **T** for the true answers and **F** for the false.

- a) () Help in tribulations. Psalm 46:1. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
- b) () Refugee for the oppressed. Psalm 9:9. "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble."
- c) () We do not suffer the damage of fire nor water. Isaiah 43:2. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."
- d) () The compassion as of a Father. Psalm 103:13. "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."
- e) () He knows we are very strong. Psalm 103:4. "Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion."
- f) () The suffering teaches us the commandments of God. Psalm 119:71. "It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees"
- g) () Christ also has sufferings just like us. Hebrews 5:8 "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered."

Saturday

To meditate and study with family.

23. Does Jesus condole with our afflictions?

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin." Hebrews 4:15

- a) No.
- b) Yes.
- c) Sometimes.

24. How should we relate to those whom suffer?

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." Romans 12:15

"Anyone who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty." Job 6:14

- a) By showing compassion and condoling with them.
- b) We should remind them of the faults that cause the affliction so they don't make mistakes again.
- c) We should talk to them as if nothing was happening.

25. Why does the Word teach that God comforts us?

"Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

II Corinthians 1:4

- a) So that we have hope.
- b) So that we can comfort those whom suffer.
- c) Because He loves us.

Note: Whoever has, himself, gone through tribulations and afflictions and received the comfort from God, is better prepared to ministry comfort to others.

26. How did Jesus show his commiseration in the case of Mary and His friends that cried over Lazar's death?

"When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept." John 11:33-35

- a) Jesus was moved and cried.
- b) Jesus was sad and went to see Mary's friends.
- c) Jesus explained that while we are in the world we need to deal with death. It is the consequence the sin.

Note: Not only for Mary and His friends did Jesus cry. Looking throughout the centuries, He saw the tears and suffering that death would produce in the humanity in this world battered by sin. His heart was touched by the human suffering and He cried with those who cried.

27. What promise God made to the mothers stripped with their sons?

"Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded," declares the Lord. "They will return from the land of the enemy." Jeremiah

31:16

- a) That in heaven there will be no more pain.
- b) That their sons would be delivered from the claws of the enemy.
- c) To repress their weeping.

Note: The Bible teaches us to comfort one another with words of faith e promises of God. As in I Thessalonians 4:14-18 "For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words." Lord Jesus Himself said that we would be afflicted in this world, but that we should have good mood for he won over the world.

Appeal: That we can always allow God to mold us through the difficulties so we can be with Him forever.

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