

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JULY 4, 2009

THE WISDOM OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:1-11.

Golden Text: Psalm 136:5.

NOTE: Webster's Dictionary tells us that wisdom is the quality of being wise; power of judging rightly and following the soundest course of action, based on knowledge, experience, understanding, etc.

1. Are wisdom and knowledge some of God's attributes? 1 Samuel 2:3, Job 9:4
2. In what is God mighty? Job 36:5
3. To whom will God give His wisdom? Daniel 2:21
4. Does God in His wisdom search the heart? 1 Chronicles 28:9; Revelation 2:23
5. What is with God? Job 12:13,16
6. How is the wisdom of this world compared to God's wisdom? 1 Corinthians 1:19-23,27
7. Did God give Daniel wisdom? Daniel 2:20-23
8. Is anything concealed from God's wisdom? Psalm 139:12
9. Should God's wisdom be magnified? Romans 16:27; Jude 25.
10. Do the wicked question God's wisdom? Psalm 73:11; Isaiah 47:10
11. When God gives of his wisdom to man, what will man do? Proverbs 11:30

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JULY 11, 2009

AVAILING PRAYER

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-19.

Golden Text: James 5:16.

1. What is prayer? Psalm 142:1
2. How does the Psalmist address God? Psalm 65:2
3. What instructions regarding prayer are given to God's people? Luke 21:36; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 4:2
4. Why should God's people be diligent in prayer? 1 Peter 5:8

NOTE: The darkness of Satan overcomes those who neglect to pray. The devices of the enemy entice them to sin, and it is all because they do not make use of the privilege of prayer which God has given them.

5. Give some examples of Jesus in prayer. Mark 1:35; Luke 22:44; Hebrews 5:7

NOTE: Jesus found comfort and joy in communion with his Father. If the Son of God felt the need for prayer, how much more should we feel and know the necessity of prayer?

6. Was Jesus sure that God always heard his prayers? John 11:41-42

7. Can we have the same assurance? Matthew 7:7-8; James 5:17-18

8. On what conditions will God hear and answer our prayers? 1 John 3:22; 5:14-15

9. Does God hear and answer all prayers? Proverbs 28:9; James 1:6-7; Psalm 66:18

10. Are we encouraged to pray when in trouble? Psalm 46:1-2; 107:6

NOTE: Let us keep our wants, joys, sorrows and our fears before God. We cannot burden Him. 1 Peter 5:7

11. How do we know our prayers ascend up to God's throne? Revelation 8:3; 5:8

12. What should we avoid when we pray? Matthew 6:5-8

13. What instruction is given to God's people, and what result will follow if this admonition is heeded? Philippians 4:4-7

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JULY 18, 2009

BE A DOING CHILD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: James 1:19-27.

Golden Text: Romans 2:13.

1. What must characterize our speech? James 1:19; Proverbs 10:19

NOTE: Living a life pleasing to God is a very practical thing and affects speech as well as deeds, thoughts and motives.

2. What indicates a wise man? Proverbs 17:27

NOTE: Many famous men have gained a reputation for wisdom merely by keeping their mouths closed.

3. Where especially must we listen carefully? Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

4. What must we set aside? James 1:21

NOTE: The English word "naughtiness" was used as late as the sixteenth century as the equivalent of "wickedness." Gradually it lost its sharpness until now it is used of the misdeeds of children.

5. Does Paul express the same thought? Ephesians 4:22

6. When the Word of God is grafted into the mind, what is the effect? John 17:17

7. What did Jesus say must follow hearing? Luke 11:28

8. To what does James compare the person who is a listener only? James 1:23-24

9. If we are faithful doers, what can we expect? James 1:25

NOTE: The words "whoso looketh into" in the original mean "whoso stoops down to take a close look into." This suggests a blessed curiosity. Should we not give God's Word this kind of attention?

10. What example has Jesus set for his followers? Acts 10:38

11. What invariably can be said of a true child of God? John 13:35

LESSON FOR SABBATH, JULY 25, 2009

A VOID WORLDLINESS

Scripture Reading: James 4:1-10.

Golden Text: 1 Corinthians 2:12.

1. What causes wars and fighting? James 4: 1

2. What do men do instead of ask help from God? James 4:2

3. How does God regard those who allow hate to rule in their hearts? 1 John 3:15

4. Does anyone have a right to expect any good thing from God when he has considered nothing but his own selfish desires? Micah 3:4

5. What must we be willing to do to receive God's blessing? 1 John 3:22

6. Can anything interrupt our fellowship with God? James 4:4

7. As long as one sets his affections on the pleasures of this world, can he know the presence of God's love? 1 John 2:15

NOTE: We can say that sin has a triple root. It is (1) the world about us (James 4:4), (2) the fleshly nature within (Galatians 5:17), (3) the devil outside (Ephesians 6:11-12).

8. What must the child of God be especially careful to avoid? Ephesians 4:30

9. How does God meet any humble surrender to His Spirit? James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34; 1 Peter 5:5
10. Upon what does our strength of resistance to the devil depend? James 4:7-8
11. In James' call to repentance, what do you think is meant by "cleanse your hands"? Compare James 4:8 with Psalms 24:4
12. What must characterize our life in attitude and action? James 4:10; Matthew 23:12

LESSON FOR SABBATH, AUGUST 1, 2009

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:14-26.

Golden Text: Galatians 5:16.

1. What are the fruits of the Spirit? Galatians 5:22-23
2. Where does the spirit of God dwell? 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19
3. What will God do to those who defile His temple? 1 Corinthians 3:17

NOTE: The Holy Spirit, which lives in every child of God, is the power of the Father and the Son. It is by the Holy Spirit that our Lord enables His children to show His character. 1 John 4:7-8 tells us that God is love. He imparts that same love into our character through the Holy Spirit.

4. What does the Apostle Paul tell us about the necessity of possessing love? 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
5. How do we obtain this great love? Romans 5:5
6. What does love do and how is it manifested? 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Proverbs 10:12; 1 Peter 4:8
7. What are the works of the flesh in contrast to the fruits of the Spirit? Galatians 5:19-21
8. What is recorded of the first fruit mentioned? 1 Corinthians 13:13; Colossians 3:14
9. Who are the sons of God? Romans 8:14-16
10. What does Galatians 5:22,23 tell us about all the fruit of the Spirit?

NOTE: The law condemns sin, but the fruit of the Spirit is in harmony with the law. The fruit is produced by the Spirit. Therefore, the perfect law of liberty, which is spiritual, cannot condemn it.

11. What illustration did Jesus use in distinguishing between the false and the true? Matthew 7:15-20
12. Where is the kingdom of God today? Luke 17:21
13. By what spiritual experience is the kingdom of God established in our hearts? Romans 14:17

LESSON FOR SABBATH, AUGUST 8, 2009

JESUS IS BETTER THAN THE ANGELS

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1.

Golden Text: Hebrews 1:8.

1. Because Jesus is the exalted Son of God, what does he possess that sets him above the angels of God? Hebrews 1:4
2. What has Jesus obtained? Hebrews 8:6
3. What does Paul say about Jesus' name? Philippians 2:9
4. What fact demonstrated that Jesus is the Son of God with power? Romans 1:4
5. Is there irrefutable proof that Jesus is superior to angels? Hebrews 1:7,8
6. What things did Christ create? Colossians 1:16
7. Regardless of what happens to earth and the heavens, what is certain? Hebrews 1:10-12
8. What did Jesus say about himself? Revelation 1:17
9. What did Jesus say about his own existence? John 8:58
10. What is the function of angels? Hebrews 1:14
11. How many angels are there? Hebrews 12:22
12. By whom does Paul say the added law was ordained in the hand of a mediator? Galatians 3:19

NOTE: This verse speaks of the Law of Moses.

NOTE: The first chapter of Hebrews makes it clear that the Son of God is infinitely superior to the angels.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, AUGUST 15, 2009

GOD CARES FOR HIS PEOPLE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:19-34.

Golden Text: 1 Peter 5:7.

1. What are we told in Hebrews 13:5?
2. What may we then boldly say? Hebrews 13:6
3. What can all children of God pray to their Lord? Psalms 31:3

4. Will the Lord instruct and teach his people? Psalms 32:8; 73:24
 5. What assurance did God give Israel? Isaiah 30:21
 6. How are God's children compared to flowers and birds? Matthew 6:26-30
 7. For what should we take no thought or have no anxiety? Matthew 6:31-34 From these verse, what are the conditions we must meet to claim the promises that the necessary things of life will be given to us?
 8. May we place our care upon our Lord? 1 Peter 5:7
 9. In what spirit must we constantly come before our Lord? Philippians 4:6
- NOTE: Be careful for nothing means do not worry. Jesus told the parable of the Pharisee and the publican who went up into the temple to pray. Luke 18:10-13. The Pharisee prayed with a proud and haughty spirit; but the publican prayed with a humble and contrite spirit. Jesus said the publican was justified rather than the Pharisee. Luke 18:14.*
10. What did Jesus come to give people? John 10:11
 11. How constant is our Lord's watchfulness over us? Psalms 121:3-8

LESSON FOR SABBATH, AUGUST 22, 2009

SIGNS OF THE END OF THE AGE

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.

Golden Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:3.

NOTE: We are waiting for the end of the age. It is when this age ends and the Kingdom of God begins! It is not the end of the world but only the end of this world's system or kingdoms.

1. What is one of the signs of the coming of the Lord, and are we in darkness that it will overtake us? 1 Thessalonians 5:3-4
2. What will occur at the end time? 1 Thessalonians 2:3
3. How far will some go in departing from the faith as this age draws to a close? 1 Timothy 4:1-3
4. What will occur in the last days? 2 Timothy 3:1
5. How shall men act in the last days? 2 Timothy 3:2-5

NOTE: We do not have to look very far to see that this prophecy is really true!

6. Will men endure the preaching of sound doctrine? 2 Timothy 4:3-4
7. What does James 5:1-6 tell us about some rich men in the last days?

8. What attitude should the child of God have under these conditions? James 5:7-8
9. What is said of false prophets, and will many follow their teachings? 2 Peter 2:1-2
10. What attitude will some have about the last days? 2 Peter 3:3-4
11. Will their denials change the truth? 2 Peter 3:9-10

LESSON FOR SABBATH, AUGUST 29, 2009

LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-20.

Golden Text: Matthew 5:16.

1. Who is the light of the world? What is said of those who follow him? John 8:12; 9:5
2. How did Jesus let his light shine? Acts 10:38
3. What did the people who sat in darkness see? What sprung up to the people who sat in the region and shadow of death? Matthew 4:16
4. To what did Jesus compare his people? Why should his people let their light shine? Matthew 5:14-16

NOTE: God will glorify Himself in His people before the world. Those who bear the name of Christ will represent Him in thought, word and deed. By following Christ, they will draw those around them nearer to the Christ himself.

5. How are people to make use of the light? What will be the result of the correct use of that light? 2 Corinthians 4:6

NOTE: The Church of God is now set in the world as a watchman and light bearer. It has been entrusted with the last warning message to the world. Wonderful light from the Word of God is shining upon her.

6. What danger faces those who do not walk in the light? Why should God's children believe in the light? John 12:35-36
7. What commission is given to us? Matthew 28:18,20
8. Why did Jesus work the works of His Father during the day? John 9:4
9. Should we labour continuously? Ecclesiastes 11:6
10. Are those who scatter seeds of truth given a promise? Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalms 126:6

NOTE: Read the parable Jesus gave in Matthew 13:1-9. Pay close attention to verse 8.

11. What promise is recorded in Daniel 12:3 for those who turn many to righteousness?

LESSON FOR SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 5, 2009

THE PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-16.

Golden Text: John 8:58.

1. What did our Lord Jesus say of himself? Luke 10:22
2. Is any human being a son of God in the sense in which Jesus possesses Son ship? 1 John 5:10-12

NOTE: There are religious leaders who acknowledge what they call the "divinity" of Christ. However, their explanation is that God is in human nature and that all are sons of God, even as Jesus was!

3. Is it possible to know God without acknowledging the unique Son ship of Christ? 1 John 2:23
4. What does John 1:1-3 record about the eternity of Jesus Christ?
5. What did Jesus say of his own pre-existence? John 8:58
6. What did the prophet Micah say of the pre-existence of the Saviour? Micah 5:2
7. Did Jesus become the Son of God only when he came to earth, or was he God's Son prior to that? Galatians 4:4. How does this compare with what Jesus said of himself in John 16:27,28; 6:38,62?
8. How far back does His pre-existence go? Colossians 1:14-17
9. Did Jesus express His pre-existence in His intercessory prayer? John 17:5,24
10. What did Jesus become for us? 2 Corinthians 8:9

NOTE: Read Proverbs 8:22-36. Remember that in these verses Wisdom is personified. We believe it speaks of Christ. Compare Colossians 2:3; 1 Corinthians 1:24.

LESSON FOR SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

THE REALITY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-23.

Golden Text: 1 Corinthians 15:17.

NOTE: The evidence of Christ's resurrection is established in history beyond any reasonable doubt. The truth of the resurrection is twofold: (a) documentary testimony to the facts by witnesses; (b) "historic testimony to its consequences and influence upon men.

1. How did they make sure Jesus was dead? John 19:34
 2. What did Pilate require before giving permission for the removal of the Lord's body? Mark 15:43-45
 3. What did the rulers of the Jews e bribe the guards to say? Matthew 28:11-15
 4. Would the disciples have a chance to steal the Lord's body? Matthew 27:62-66
- NOTE: There was no question as to the reality of His death. Luke 24:18-21*
5. What act did Nicodemus perform which proves that Jesus was really dead? John 19:39-40
 6. What did Mary Magdalene think had happened when she discovered Jesus' tomb was empty? John 20:1-2
 7. When they reached the tomb of Jesus, what did Peter and John find? John 20:3-7
 8. Did the guards receive a shock? Matthew 28:2-4
 9. What was the angel's message to the women? Matthew 28:5-6
 10. Who saw Jesus first after his resurrection? John 20:11-17
 11. Name some other appearances of Jesus. Luke 24:13-18;. John 20:19-26; John 21:1-2; vs. 9-11
 12. Who saw Jesus in 1 Corinthians 15:5,6.
 13. Who later was able to see the glorified Christ? 1 Corinthians 15:8; Acts 7:55,56,59; Revelation 1:9-11

LESSON FOR SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

FAITH IS THE VICTORY

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11.

Golden Text: Luke 17:6.

1. What is faith? Hebrews 11:1

NOTE: Another translation of the Scriptures says: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the proving of things not seen."

2. What must accompany faith? James 1:22-25; 2:14-20

NOTE: Faith is composed of two elements, believing and doing. Belief alone is not faith, and doing alone is not faith.

3. Is there an inducement for the child of God to perform good works? 1 Corinthians 3:11-14

4. Can we obtain righteousness through our own efforts? Jeremiah 13:23; Isaiah 64:6

NOTE: Scripture says that we all have sin. 1 John 1:8,10. Our hearts are evil and we cannot change them. No one can bring a clean thing out of something unclean.

5. Who only can cleanse from sin? Acts 4:12; 1 John 1:9

6. How can we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ? Romans 5:1

7. What makes us worthy of salvation? Ephesians 2:6-9

8. By what does faith come? Romans 10:17

9. How does Christ dwell in our hearts? Ephesians 3:17

10. Against what must God's children wrestle? Ephesians 6:12

11. What part of the child of God's armor is faith? What will it enable us to do? Ephesians 6:16

12. What must we overcome in the world? 1 John 2:16

13. What enables us to gain victory over the world, and who only can achieve this victory? 1 John 5:4-6

14. What is the over comer promised? Revelations 3:5,12,21

LESSON FOR SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-21.

Golden Text: Hebrews 4:12.

1. Are the Scriptures the basis for all morality, and what will they do for the believer? 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. How were the prophets led to write their predictions? 2 Peter 1:21

NOTE: Their mental faculties were yielded to and led by the Spirit. They wrote what the Spirit told them, whether they understood it or not.

3. Did the writers always understand the meaning of the words they wrote? 1 Peter 1:10-11; Daniel 12:8-9

4. Was there a divine purpose in giving these messages? Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11

5. How did Jesus state the great purpose of the Old Testament? John 5:39

NOTE: The Old Testament writings were the only ones available at the time of Jesus.

6. What strong statement did Jesus make? Matthew 5:18; 24:35
7. Can one believe in the Lord Jesus without accepting the Old Testament writings? John 5:46-47
8. What did Jesus say his disciples would do? John 15:27
9. Would the disciples be left dependent upon their own recollections? John 14:26
10. Were there some truths to be revealed to the disciples which Jesus himself may not have given? John 16:12
11. What authority did Jesus give to their words? Luke 10:16

NOTE: From this lesson we reach the conclusion that no one can profess to be a follower of the Lord Jesus without accepting the entire Bible.