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Lesson for July 4, 1964

THE GOOD AND THE BAD FIGS

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 24.

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 24:7.

1. Of what are the good figs a type? Jer. 24:5-6.
 2. Were the good figs to receive better treatment than the vile ones? Verse 7.
 3. What portion of Judah was represented by the vile figs? Verse 8.
 4. How were the vile figs to be punished, and would any be left? Verses 9 and 10.
- Note. — From the foregoing scripture it is very plain that there were two different classes of the Jews that went into exile, and promises different upon each class. He is still able to separate the good from the bad, just as was done back there and He is doing the same today.
5. What class of Jews were to be selected to build the waste cities and do the very work that we see going on here now? Jeremiah 58:5 thru 12.
 6. How many blows were struck in destroying the kingdom of Judah? Ezekiel 21:25 to 27. Compare 2 Chronicles 36:15 thru 19.

Note. — It is said of the Gentile enemies of Israel, "As thou hast done it shall be done unto thee", Obadiah 1:15. Joel says, "I will RETURN your recompense upon your own head", 3:7.

7. In this destruction of the kingdom of Israel 2520 years ago, were those represented by the evil figs taken away first or last? Compare Jeremiah 24:8 with 2 Chronicles 36:5-11.

Note. — Zedekiah and his princes were the evil figs, and they were left, while the good were removed, just as it is going to be in the end, the good will be taken first.

8. When were the good figs, including Daniel and his companions, and many others, taken away? Daniel 1:1-6.

Note. — They were removed with King Jehoiakim, and

not left at Jerusalem when the terrible destruction came, men, women and children given to the sword alike. 2 Chronicles 36: 16-19.

9. What especially is said of Daniel concerning his conduct and diet? Daniel 1:7-8.

10. Before the great destruction of the wicked at the end of the Gentile period, will the righteous be gathered first? Rev. 14:18.

11. After the cluster of the fruit is gathered then what happens to the wicked compared to the vine of the earth? Verses 19 and 20.

12. Where are we told the righteous will be, who have the victory over the beast and his image, when the plagues fall? Rev. 15:1-6.

Note. — Notice particularly that verse 5 says, "After this", that is, after the saints were seen in this place which appeared like a sea of glass to the prophet, he saw the angels come forth with the seven last plagues, verse 6. Notice also that the Battle of Armageddon comes at the time of the 6th plague Rev. 16:12-15. Hence the righteous are seen assembled somewhere in deliverance from these plagues. Nothing is said where this place is. Neither does it say they were caught up, as we hear it so often quoted. Let us leave the place with the Heavenly Father, and if each one of us is among the faithful saints we will also be assembled together and delivered wherever this place is.

Lesson for July 11, 1964

THE COMFORTER THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: St. John 14.

Memory Verse: Verse 18.

1. What did Jesus say the Comforter was? John 14:26.
2. If the Comforter is the Holy Spirit, when did he come? Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:17.
3. How long was this Comforting Spirit to abide? John 14:16.
4. Who did Paul say this Spirit was? 2 Cor. 3:17.

5. By what Spirit did Paul say we are changed from glory to glory? Verse 18.

6. How great is this Spirit that changes our lives? 1 John 4:4.

7. How can a sinner receive this gift of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:38-39.

8. Could it be possible for the Comforting Spirit to come if the Saviour had not returned to his Father? John 16:7.

9. What did he say this Comforting Spirit of truth would do when it came? Verse 13.

10. How did Paul say we are all baptized into one body? 1 Cor. 12:13.

11. If we are all made to drink into one Spirit, what will flow out from us? John 7:38-39.

12. What did Paul call this Spirit when he wrote to the Romans? Rom. 8:9-10. What did he say was the hope of glory? Col. 1:27.

13. How willing is the Father to give the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:1-13.

Note. — Paul calls the Holy Spirit a mystery, and said it hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints. So let us study this Mystery carefully, and prayerfully; which is Christ in you the hope of Glory. Col. 1:27, last part.

Lesson for July 18, 1964

THE SIN OF GOSSIPING

Scripture Reading: James, chapter 3.

Memory Verse: James 3:18.

1. What does the 9th Commandment forbid? Ex. 20:16.
2. What promise is given to those who ORDER their conversation aright? Psalms 50:23
3. How is such a person regarded? James 3:2.
4. To what double use is the tongue put? verse 10.
5. Is it possible for man to rule his own tongue, in his own strength and power? Verse 7-8.

6. The tongue being an unruly member, what must we do in order that it may be tamed and under full control? **Romans 6:13, also Romans 7: 23-25.**
 7. Of what are our words a sure index? **Matt. 12:34.**
 8. Will our record in heaven, containing the words we have spoken here, settle our fate in the pending judgment? **verse 37.**
 9. What is said of the talebearer? **Lev. 19:16. Proverbs 26:22.**
- Note. — It is evil spirits that give people such a good feeling after they tell about the faults and mistakes, and sins of people they know. That is fleshly and sinful, and of the devil. The devil is disappointed, and the flesh is mortified, when we make it a practice to only talk about the good in people.
10. What is said about the person that covereth the wrongs of another by not repeating it? **Proverbs 17:9 and 26:20.**
 11. What are words like that are fitly spoken under the direction of the Holy Spirit? **Proverbs 25:11.**
 12. Are our words registered in heaven and known of the Lord? **Psalms 139:4.**
 13. We are hearing the time of terrible destruction all over the earth, when we shall need the protection of the angels to be delivered. In view of this, what should our conversation be? **2 Peter 3:11-12.**
 14. What is said of those who bring only "good tidings of good" at this time when He is bringing again Zion? **Isaiah 52: 7-8.**

Lesson for July 25, 1964

WALKING AND ABOUNDING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Scripture Reading: Col. 3rd chapter.

Memory Verse: Col 3: 23.

1. After being received into the heavenly family, for what should we always seek? **Col. 3:1.**

2. How should we consider the past and how should we plan for the future? **Verses 2-3.**
3. What are some of the things we must put off? **Verses 5-9.**
4. What must we put on? **Verses 10-11.**

Note. — Notice that the former things were all instruments of death because they proceed from an evil heart, and have to do with our words and actions. When we put on the new man, we begin to build a life for eternity.

5. How is the new man nourished? **Verse 16.**
 6. What should especially characterize our words and actions which proceed from the heart? **Verse 14.**
 7. On whom should we depend daily to guide our words and our deeds? **Verse 17.**
 8. After having chosen the right path, and prepared ourselves fully to walk in it, should we just work half heartedly, or to please men? **Verse 23.**
 9. What if our actions are unbecoming to our profession, or place among the remnant people? **Romans 1:18.**
 10. Should all who believe possess sufficient power to live a holy life? **Verses 16-17.**
 11. If we seek Him, and in faith believing, what will the Lord do for us? **1 Thess. 3: 12-13.**
 12. What is sure to be our reward if we increase and abound in love, patience, obedience, as profitable servants? **1 Thess. 4:1, and verses 16-17, also 1 Cor. 15:58.**
- Noel. — The people of the world are interested only in their own work, and in their own gain, but it is not so with the person who is living for eternity. That person whether young or old, will be **ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD**, and his own work in his own profession will be decidedly secondary to his life, and the "Kingdom Work" will come first, and be supported freely with a portion of his earnings, which represents a part of his life.

Lesson for August 1, 1964

FAITH AND WORKS

Scripture Reading: James 2.

Memory Verse: Verse 26.

1. Why did God promise Abraham that he and his seed should be blessed? Gen. 26:5.
2. What must we do besides having a love for our Father in heaven? Deut. 7:9.
3. What else should we do besides hear the word of God? Luke 11:28.
4. Will all those who say "Lord, Lord," enter the kingdom of heaven? Matt. 7:21.
5. Those who cannot enter, what will be their claim? Verses 22 and 23.

Note. — There are thousands of preachers (false prophets) today who teach that the ten commandments are abolished and all we need is faith in Christ to be saved. The will of the Father is found in the ten commandments and these false prophets are the very ones mentioned here. They say "Lord, Lord", but refuse to do His will.

6. What great contrast is shown between the doer and one who does not? Matt. 7:24-27.
 7. Is it the hearer or the doer that shall be justified? Romans 2:13.
 8. How did the Apostle James write about this matter? James 2:10.
 9. What law was James writing about? Verse 11.
 10. What did James say about faith and works? Verse 14.
 11. What is said about faith that has not works? Ver. 17.
 12. How can we show that we have faith? Verses 18-20.
- Note. — From our lesson we learn that faith alone is not enough. We must have works with faith. We must do the things we believe and teach. It is the doer that shall be justified before God. Those who present their bodies a

living sacrifice on the altar of service. Romans 12:1. Those seeking in prayer daily for righteousness and covering the good things of heaven, instead of the treasures of this old earth.

Lesson for August 8, 1964

JERUSALEM AND MOUNT ZION

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 62:1 to 12.

Memory Verse: Psalms 102:16.

1. When the trumpet of the seventh angel sounds, what will great voices from heaven announce? Rev. 11:15.
2. Who will assist the Saviour and King in this new kingdom? Rev. 20:4. Also 2:25 to 27.
3. Where will the overcomers rule with the King? Will it be in heaven or here on the earth? Rev. 5:9-10.
4. What place here on the earth will be the headquarters of the kingdom? Psalms 110:2, Zech. 1:17 and 2:12-13.
5. What will happen to the wicked kings, and the nations that will not serve our king, during this rule with the rod of iron? Psalms 110:2,5,6, Zech 14:9, 16-17.
6. Will Jerusalem be made a praise in the earth in the work of preparation for the coming King? Isaiah 62:6-7.
7. What is said about reward, and will He have a work ahead of Him to do after He comes? Verse 11. Also Isa. 2:4; 1 Cor. 15:25 to 28.
8. What is said about a set time to favor Zion? Ps. 102:13.
9. Following this set time, will Zion be built up before the king returns? Verses 14 to 16.
10. Will it be the rich or poor people to trust in Zion and love her? Isaiah 14:32.
11. What is said of those who hate Zion and those who forget His Holy Mountain? Psalms 129:5; Isa. 65:11-12.
12. Is the Lord particularly zealous for Zion and does it have a special place with Him, and for His people? Zech. 1:14; Psalms 53:6.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS

Scripture Reading: Titus, chapter 2.
Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:10.

1. Do we still need teachers to perfect the saints? Eph. 4: 11 and 12.
2. Should ministers be able to teach? 2 Tim. 1:11 and Acts 5: 42.

Note. — Teachers are given third place in the administration of the working body, and are given the proper gifts to profit with all. Many can qualify for teachers, by seeking this gift of the spirit and studying the Word.

4. What example of effective teaching do we find in Acts 18:24-28?
 5. What is a qualification for a bishop or local Elder? 1 Tim. 3:2.
 6. What special qualities makes a person an effective teacher? 2 Tim. 2:24-26.
 7. Who was the greatest teacher? Matt. 13:54.
 8. Should a true teacher be able to interest and inspire his listeners? Luke 24: 32. Matt. 7:29.
 9. Paul spoke of certain ones and what did he say they needed? Hebrews 5:12.
 10. Does he imply that a growth is necessary, and how does one become skilful in the Word? Hebrews 5:13-14.
 11. Those who are taught in the Word have a duty to perform. If they are not called to preach or to teach, what should they do? Gal. 6:6.
 12. Finally, should each one be fully established and perfected? 2 Thess. 2:15, 17.
- Note. — If we are worthy to enter the kingdom when the Master comes to reckon with his stewards, we MUST be found bearing fruit. That is winning souls, in some way. The supreme purpose of the Spirit having called each person from the world, is for a soul winner, for a faithful steward, one who lives not for self, but for others to give them a home in the kingdom

IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

Scripture Reading: 2 Thess. 2nd chapter.
Memory Verse: John 7: 16.

1. Are we warned against an evil power that will corrupt the truth? 2 Thess. 2: 7-8.
2. Who will be deceived by this power? Verses 9 and 10.

Note. — Particular emphasis should be made here on the fact that it is necessary to possess "A LOVE FOR TRUTH". It does not say this power will deceive all who do not possess the TRUTH, but all of those who do not possess "a love for truth". It is extremely dangerous to close our eyes against new thought, which might not be what we have been taught. Let us be open hearted, knowing that by the presence of the Spirit we will not be deceived, and led into error by investigation. Let us possess this "LOVE FOR TRUTH", then we will find the truth, for it is in the Word.

3. What is the office work of the Spirit? John 13:16.
4. For what did the Saviour pray in Gethsemane? John 17:14.
5. What did He say about truth in his witness before Pilate? John 18:37.
6. Who are we told will know the true doctrine? John 7:16-17.
7. How important is sound doctrine? 2 Tim. 3:16-17.
8. Are ministers to use doctrine in their reproof of wrong doing? 2 Tim. 4:1-4.
9. How are we to stop the mouths of the unruly and vain talkers? Titus 1:9 to 13.
10. To what class of people will the Father teach doctrine? Isaiah 28:9-10.
11. What effect does true doctrine have on the believer? Deut. 32:2.
12. How are people sanctified, (set apart), from the world? John 17:17.

13. What will be our great protector when the powers of darkness come to a fullness in these last days? Psalms 91:4. Eph. 6:13-14.

Lesson for August 29, 1964

ENVY AND JEALOUSY

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 27.

Memory Verse: Verse 2.

1. What did Solomon say in his proverbs about envy? Proverbs 27:4.
 2. How cruel is jealousy? Songs of Solomon 8:6.
 3. What was the result of Cain's jealousy? 1 John 3:12.
 4. Does a man have to slay some one to be a murderer? 1 John 3:15.
 5. What were the Jews filled with when they saw the multitudes come to hear Paul? Acts 13:44-48.
 6. What are some of the fruits of envy? James 3:16.
 7. How did Job explain envy? Job 5:2.
 8. "A sound heart is life of the flesh". What is envy? Proverbs 14:30.
 9. Can a person have envy in the heart and still be saved? Gal. 5:21.
 10. What did the Apostle Paul say we should put away? Eph. 4:31.
 11. How can this be done? Verse 32.
 12. If we do this, in what Church will we be classed? Eph. 5:27.
- Note. — Envy and jealousy is sin and comes because of a lack of the Holy Spirit. If we are to overcome these sins, we must seek power from heaven, and the Lord will give it to change our life.

Lesson for September 5, 1964

PERILOUS TIMES

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3.

Memory Verse: Verse 14.

1. Describe the perilous times of which Paul spoke and tell us when they will take place. 2 Tim. 3:1-7.
 2. Tell us what Paul meant in verse 7.
 3. Would a time come when there would be less seducers? Verse 13.
 4. What did Paul say God hath given the scriptures for? Verses 16-17.
 5. What would some of God's children do in the latter times? 1 Tim 4:1.
 6. What will they speak and how about their conscience? Verse 2.
 7. What is said about the rich men of the last days? James 5:1-3.
 8. Tell us why the rich should weep? Verses 4 and 5.
 9. Besides living in pleasure on this earth, what have they done? Verse 6.
 10. What did he tell the brethren to do? Verse 7. Why? Verse 8.
 11. In these times of peril, what did Jesus say we should take heed to? Luke 21:34-35. What did Paul say we should do? Hebrews 10:25.
 12. How will the people of the world act when the Son of man comes in his Glory? Rev. 6:12-17. See also Matt. 24:30.
- Note. — It is evident from all the signs about us that we are living in the last days. Perilous times are here and it behooves every one of us to lift up our heads for our redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21:28. Also to be about our Father's business, as profitable servants. Matt. 25:19 to 30.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS THE EARTH CREATED?

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 45.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 45:22.

1. What reason is given for creating the world? Isaiah 45:18.
2. Did He create it for wicked people, of whom we see so many today? Proverbs 10:25 and 30.
3. Was there a plan for redemption even from the beginning of creation? Rev. 13:8.

Note. — This shows that the plan of redemption was determined as soon as man had sinned and that the sacrificial lamb was also a type of Christ, the LAMB that the Father was going to send in His own Son to redeem the world according to His divine purpose.

4. What was the substitute sacrifice which endured until the Son of God came? Exodus 12:3-5; Heb. 10:11-12.
5. What did the prophet Isaiah have revealed to him concerning a suffering one, taken as a lamb to the slaughter? Isaiah 53:7-9.
6. Is the lamb of God set forth as a perfect propitiation for sin? Romans 3:24-25, 1 John 2:3.
7. Is it necessary for us to believe that he came in the flesh and bore our sins in his own body? Heb. 2:14-15, 1 John 4:2-3.
8. Is it not through the Messiah, this LAMB slain from the foundation of the earth, that God's purpose of creation, will be fulfilled? Isaiah 65:9, Psalms 2:8 and 9.
9. What is said of the child born from the woman, as to fulfilling this same purpose in the earth? Rev. 12:5 also 2:26-27.
10. Do we see all things in the world subject to the Son now and the purpose of God in creation fulfilled? Heb. 2:8.

11. When will all things be subject unto Him and the purpose of our Heavenly Father in creating the world fulfilled? Ephesians 1:18-22 and 1 Cor. 15:22-28.
12. When will that glorious time come that the people of the earth will all be righteous and God's purpose fully realized? Isa. 11:4-9 and 65:17-19, also 66:22 and 23.

Lesson for September 19, 1964

YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

Scripture Reading: St. John 3:1-21.

Memory Verse: St. John 3:3.

1. What did the prophet Malachi say about the messenger who would announce the Lord? What would the Lord Jesus do when He came? Mal. 3:1-3.
2. When this messenger of whom Malachi prophesied came, what was the burden of his message? Matt. 3:1-3.

Note. — The people who came to John the Baptist desiring to be baptized didn't only accept the truth, but they felt sorry for their sins and repented and confessed to God. Those who refused to give up their former sins were turned away.

3. What did John the Baptist have to say about Jesus, for whom he was preparing the way? Matt. 3:10-12.
4. Shortly after Jesus commenced His ministry, who came unto Him? What did he say? John. 3:2.

Note. — Could it be possible that Nicodemus was ashamed to be seen in the presence of Jesus and therefore chose to come by night, when the danger of being seen by his unbelieving friends would be less. This compares with people in this day and age who have heard about the Lord Jesus but they are afraid to confess Him in the presence of their worldly friends.

5. How did Jesus reply to Nicodemus? John 3:3.
6. When Nicodemus failed to understand the New Birth and said, "How can these things be", what did Jesus re-

- ply? John 3:10-12.
7. Did Jesus say that it was necessary to be born again? John 3:3-8.
 8. What else does the Holy Writ of God say about the new birth? John 1:12-13 and 1 Peter 1:23
 9. For what purpose was the Son of God manifested? 1 John 3:5-8.
 10. What does Peter say about the incorruptible word? 1 Peter 1:22-23.
 11. Will a born again person keep the 10 commandments? Will he love his fellow man? 1 John 2:4-11, 1 John 1:6-7
 12. With what are all the true born again people redeemed? 1 Peter 1:18-19.
 13. How does Timothy admonish the born again people? 1 Timothy 4:13-14.

Lesson for September 26, 1964

JESUS APPEARS UNTO HIS DISCIPLES

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:9-20.

Memory Verse: John 15:16.

1. What command did Jesus give His disciples about preaching the Word? Mark 16:16, Matt. 28:19 and Acts 1:8.

Note, — We see in these verses that the disciples were commanded by Jesus to teach the gospel to all nations, people and tongues, thruout the whole world. Up until this time the children of Israel were the only ones with whom the Lord was dealing.

2. Just before the Lord Jesus ascended to Heaven, where were the disciples gathered? John 21:2-3.

Note, — Please notice all that Peter had to do was make a suggestion and immediately those who were with him consented. We need to be very careful what we suggest.

- for we too have influence upon those who hear us.
3. What proves that the Lord was displeased with what they were doing? John 21:3, last part.
 4. While they were fishing, who appears quite unexpectedly on the shore? John 21:4.
 5. Now what happened when they obeyed the command of the Lord? John 21:6.

Note, — Here we see how wonderfully their efforts were blessed and how successful they were when they worked according to the instructions of the Lord. We need to be sure that our work is pleasing unto God so that our labors too may be blessed.

6. May we accomplish anything without Him? John 15:5.
7. What soul searching question did Jesus ask of Peter? John 21:15.

Note, — It appears that Peter loved the fish which in this case represents the material things of this life more than he oved doing the will of the Lord. Jesus commended him "Go and preach the gospel" Peter if you really love me, you would be feeding the sheep and the Lambs. We see that poor Peter lacked the power of the Holy Spirit in his life. What a different Peter we see after he was filled with the Holy Ghost and power.

8. How did Peter feel when Jesus asked him the third time if he loved Him? John 21:17.
9. When Peter saw the disciples whom Jesus loved following, what did he ask? John 21:20-21.
10. How did the Lord tell Peter not to look upon anybody else, but to follow the Lord regardless of what others do? John 21:22.

Note, — We may look around us as Peter did and watch somebody else, even as he looked upon those who were standing by. That will never do, for in order to be saved, we dare not look or wait for others, but heed the admonition in Ephesians 5:1.

11. What did Jesus say on one occasion when He had

asked a man to follow Him, and he in turn asked for a little more time? Luke 9:57-62.
12. What did Jesus say about those who have been invited to come, but instead make excuses? Luke 14:17-24.