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SUGGESTIONS FOR SABBATH BIBLE SCHOOL
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and Teachers for the various classes.

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2. Song, or Songs, selected by congregation.
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4. Prayer Service.
5. Song, while standing.
6. Ten Commandments in unison.
7. Reading of Missionary Report.
8. Teachers receive the offerings.
9. Study of the Scripture lesson.
10. Report by the Secretary.
11. Volunteer memory verses by congregation.
12. Announcements and remarks.
13. Closing song, and benediction.

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GOD'S SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS

Lesson for October 4, 1947

LESSON READING: Joshua 10:1-14.

MEMORY VERSE: Joshua 10:12.

1. What is the primary purpose of the sun, moon, and stars in the heavens? What is their secondary purpose? Gen. 1:14.
2. How are these lights described? What is further said of their function? V. 16.
3. What repetition is given of their place and work? Vs. 17, 18.
4. In what respect did the sun and moon serve as signs? Josh. 10:12, 13.
5. What is said of that day? What was strange about the experience? V. 14.

NOTE: The sun, moon, and stars are still in the firmament. Have they ceased to be signs? It is up to us to prove it, for it was written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come.

6. After the flood, what did God put in the cloud? For what purpose was it? Gen. 9:8-17.
7. What was Hezekiah's request in his sickness as proof that God would heal him? 2 Kings 20:8.
8. What was Isaiah's suggestion? V. 9.
9. What choice did Hezekiah make in this matter? V. 10.
10. What part did Isaiah play in bringing about this phenomenon? V. 11.

NOTE: We continuously affirm to ourselves and to unbelievers that God does not change. Why then, do we not have such manifestations today? The reason will be found in the following.

11. What caused the Lord to deliver Israel into the hands of the Midianites? Judges 6:1.
12. Due to this, what was their economic condition? Vs. 2-6.
13. When Israel cried to God, whom did He send them? What was His message to them? Vs. 7-10.

NOTE: The reason for lack of signs is evil in the church.

14. Who else was sent to them while in this state? V. 11.
15. What was the angel's message to Gideon? V. 12.
16. What was Gideon's objection to this message? What reason did he give for this objection? V. 13.

NOTE: This message means that the Lord would be with him from henceforth.

17. What was prophesied by Joel of the sun and moon? Joel 2:30, 31.
18. In giving the signs of His return, what did Jesus say of these planets? Matt. 24:29; Luke 21:25.

GOD'S SIGNS ON THE EARTH

Lesson for October 11, 1947

LESSON READING Colossians 1.

MEMORY VERSE: Col. 1:16.

1. What was God's pronouncement concerning His work at creation? Gen. 1:10-12, 18, 21, 25, 31.

3. On what day was God's work ended? Gen. 2:1, first part of V. 2.

4. On what day did He rest from all His work? V. 2, last part.

Note: Sabbath opposers in trying to prove that we can work on the Sabbath and still be sinless, quote Gen. 2:2. Let such prove to us what work God "ended" on the Sabbath. Here they fail; for man was the last of His creation, on the sixth day.

5. What three steps were taken by God in making the Sabbath? Gen. 2:3.

6. What did the Lord, when in the flesh (John 1:1, -4), say about this? Mark 2:27, 28.

7. Since it was made for man, what did God tell man about it? Exod. 31: 16.

8. What did He say it was to man? What reason was given for this sign? V. 17.

NOTE: The Lord did not say it was a type representing some future event, but was a sign of a past event—the creation of the heaven and earth.

9. What experience came to God by resting? V. 17, last part.

NOTE: It is just the same today when we enter into the Sabbath rest, not merely for physical relaxation, but for the refreshment of the soul.

10. In what language did Isaiah show the spiritual meaning of the Sabbath? Isaiah 58:13, 14.

11. In addition to the Sabbath, what other sign has God on earth? Isaiah 8:18; 61:9.

12. Who beside the Jews are given to Jesus as signs? Rom. 15: 8-12.

NOTE: God demonstrates His signs among His people in all ages; in Egypt, by the Red Sea, during 40 years in the wilderness, by the Jordan, and in their conquest in Canaan, and now in the Church of God today.

13. By what means was Jesus approved among His people? Acts 2:22.

14. What was the proof of Paul's apostleship? 2 Cor. 12:12.

15. What prophecy of Jesus was fulfilled in this respect? Mark 16:17, 18.

16. What would these signs prove? Judg.6:13; Matt. 28:20, last part.

NOTE: One of the signs of the last days is that believers would have a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. (2 Tim. 3:5). When the power of God through the Holy Ghost comes in the heart signs will follow.

QUALIFICATION FOR LEADERS

Lesson for October 18, 1947

LESSON READING: 1 Timothy 3.

MEMORY VERSE: Exodus 18:21.

1. Who was Moses? Exod. 3rd Chapter (Leader of Israel).

2. Who came to visit him after his victories over the Egyptians? Exod. 18:1-3, 5, 6.

3. What effect did Moses' success with the Lord have upon Jethro? Vs. 8-11.

4. What did Jethro observe the next day? V. 13.

5. What did he enquire of Moses? V. 14.

6. What was Moses' reply? Vs. 15, 16.

7. What sagacious advice did Jethro give him? Vs. 17-20.

8. Whom did he advise to be chosen as leaders? V. 21.

9. What work was Moses to assign them? V. 22.

10. How did Moses react to this advice? Vs. 24-26.

NOTE: Four outstanding qualifications are listed in Jethro's counsel. 1st, Ability. Those who lack ability, though they may fear God, full of truth, and hate covetousness, should give place to others. On the other hand, those who have ability without the other qualifications are the biggest thieves in the ministry. They keep thousands out of God's fold and those they bring in are made two-fold more the children of hell than themselves.

11. When the early church was numbering thousands, what difficulty did they experience? Acts 6:1.

12. What did the apostles do about this? V. 2.

13. What qualifications were outlined for these financial leaders? V. 3.

NOTE: He who possess wisdom possesses ability. But if one was known to be a thief, though he had just received the Holy Ghost, he was not to be appointed. The Bible insists on men of honest report among the community.

14. What should be the bishop's qualification? 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-8.

15. What should be the qualification of the deacon? 1 Tim. 3:8-10.

NOTE: Bishop (minister, originally of a local assembly). Here Paul does not mention the Spirit; it is conceded that he has received the Spirit already in addition to the above qualifications. Paul was an example of such men. The scene is changed today, and all men of education, less the above qualification, some who do even make a pretention to holiness or honesty, flood the ministerial market, to the detriment of the gospel work.

REMEMBER THE MONTHLY OFFERING NEXT SABBATH

QUALIFICATION OF THE SAINTS

Lesson for October 25, 1947

LESSON READING: Phil. 3.

MEMORY VERSE: Phil. 3:13, 14.

1. What assurance do we have since the fall that Satan will be finally defeated? Gen. 3:15; Rom. 16:20.
2. In view of this, to what early qualification did Abel attain? Heb. 11:4; Gen. 4:3, 4.
3. What has inspiration to say of Enoch's attainment? Heb. 11:5.
4. What is said of Noah's spirituality? V. 7.
5. What shows that Lot was of like qualification? 2 Pet. 2:7, 8.
6. To what supreme standard did Job attain? Job 1:8; 2:3.

NOTE: These men of old have set the pace for the standard of spiritual attainment. If we would meet them in the kingdom we, too, will have to leave our righteousness, perfect footprints on the sands of time, just as they did. Many of us hope to be translated like Enoch. Do we have the testimony that he had, that "he pleased God?"

7. In order to be righteous, what did Daniel purpose in his heart? Dan. 1:8.

8. When they were critical about this, what did he and his companions request? Vs. 11-13.

9. What did this test prove? Vs. 18-20.

10. What was said of Daniel, later? Dan. 9:23.

11. When Jesus came on the scene, what standard did He set? Matt. 5:48.

12. From what must we be cleansed if we are to reach this height? 2Cor. 7:1.

13. Through what initial experience can we reach this standard? John 3:3-5; Matt. 18:1-3.

NOTE: Two great experiences are here outlined; (a) the new birth, (b) humility. The struggle for sanctification and holiness is due largely to the absence of the new birth and humility. When these are met and Jesus abides in the heart the spiritual life becomes as logical and natural as the physical life. The soul will always be out for a fight against sin just as the healthy physical body is always out for a fight against disease.

14. What does Paul say constitutes the kingdom of God? Rom. 14:17.

15. In such a state, what is said of our standing with God and man? V. 18.

16. What final admonition should we accept for our qualification? Heb. 12:14.

17. What experience awaits those who qualify themselves in this life? Psa. 17:15; 1 John 3:1-3.

NOTE: "For it became him of whom are all things to make the captain of our salvation perfect through suffering."—Heb. 2:10.

REMEMBER THE MONTHLY OFFERING TODAY!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Lesson for November 1, 1947

LESSON READING: 1 Corinthians 12.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Cor. 12:13.

1. When the people of God are grouped together, by what name are they called? Acts 7:38; 20:28; 1 Cor. 1:2.

2. What did God set in this newly organized church? 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11.

3. For what purpose are these gifts set there? V. 12.

NOTE: This body is composed of saints; people whose sins are forgiven, and not merely a body affiliated to an organization. In to this body God sets these various offices for the perfecting of the saints and for the work of the ministry, etc. The goal of this set-up is perfection.

4. What are these offices otherwise called? Vs. 8, 11.

5. Through what medium are these gifts distributed? 1 Cor. 12:4.

NOTE: The question of capital importance is whether we can receive the "gifts" (plural) before we receive the "gift" (singular). Here the "gift" of the Spirit (Acts 10:44, 45) is the Spirit himself, while the "gifts" of the Spirit are the offices or the qualification given by the Spirit.

6. What was the plan of God in sending this gift to the church? Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8.

7. Is this power for witnessing a newly instituted plan or an old one? Micah 3:8.

8. Who besides Micah was in this category of witnesses? Isa. 58:1.

9. What is said of the ministers who will preach against Babylon's sin and call God's people out of her? Rev. 18:1-4.

NOTE: Power is required in every human activity; political, military, naval, industrial or otherwise. This is but a copy of God's administrative system. The world was made by power (Psa. 33:6, 9). It takes no less power in the work of redemption; hence this precious gift is given to the church to generate power into it. Except the church receive the same anointing with the evidence as Micah, Isaiah, and the apostles, it stands a slender chance of representing the Third Angel's Message.

10. What shows that every soul will not receive the same gift? 1 Cor. 12:29, 30.

NOTE: Though all have not the same gifts still all the gifts should be in the church, awaiting the coming of the Lord.

11. Against what will these gifts safeguard us? Eph. 4:14.

12. Besides imparting gifts, what does the Holy Ghost do for us? Romans 5:5.

NOTE: Many, because of wrong manifestations, are critical as to what experiences accompany the reception of the Holy Ghost; we are safe to compare everything we see with New Testament examples to be on the safe side.

CHILD TRAINING

LESSON for November 8, 1947

LESSON READING: Deut. 6:1, 5.

MEMORY VERSE: Prov. 22:6.

1. At creation, who was given first dominion in the earth? Gen. 1:26.
2. What command was given them in addition to that of ruling? V. 28, first part.
3. In the procreation of children, to what are mothers compared? Psa. 128:3.
4. To what would their children be likened? V. 3, last part.
5. What was the Psalmist's prayer concerning this attainment? Psa. 144:11, 12.

NOTE: This figure of speech regarding mother and children is used since sin has entered the dominion. It shows that God's standard for moral and spiritual attainments has not been altered. Ethics and culture should be embodied in child training in order to meet the Lord's standard.

6. In what way should the child be trained? Prov. 22:6, 1st part.
7. What will be the result of such training? V. 6, last part.

NOTE: Training is not merely telling the child what must be done; it embodies the inculcation of habits—good habits of parents. Children are like apes in this respect and will do exactly what they see us do.

8. What formed the basis of their training in the old days? When and where were these words to be taught them? Deut. 6:6, 7.
9. In order to remember these words, where were they to be kept and written? Vs. 8, 9.
10. In what term did Manoah express the importance of Samson's training? Judges 13:8.
11. How did the Lord regard her request? V. 9.
12. What instructions did the angel repeat? Vs. 3-5, 13, 14.
13. What was the burden of Hannah's prayer, if she was blessed with a son? 1 Samuel 1:9-11.
14. What did she do to obtain this objective? Vs. 24-28.
15. How early was Timothy given a knowledge of the Scriptures? 2 Tim. 3:15, first part.
16. By whom was this knowledge imparted to him? 2 Tim. 1:5.

NOTE: Here Timothy, a human exhibition of home training, was qualified for service in the ministry. Paul did not ordain him to the ministry by guess. God sealed his ordination by giving him the gift of prophecy. Paul was not ashamed of him for he was a profitable servant of God.

BEHAVIOR IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

Lesson for November 15, 1947

LESSON READING: Hebrews 3.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 3:15.

1. By what term was Israel frequently designated? Jer. 31:27, 31; Heb. 8:8.
2. Who was over the house of Judah and of Israel under the Old Covenant? Heb. 3:1, 2, 5.
3. Who was it that builded that house? Vs. 3, 4.
4. What house do we now constitute? Vs. 3, 4.
5. This being so, with what house has God made the New Covenant? Heb. 8:10-12.
6. Of whom is this house or family named? Eph. 3:14, 15.
7. Where are we said to be sitting in this house? Eph. 2:1, 6.

NOTE: We are connected to a most wonderful family through the blood of Jesus. This is what the term house or household infers. There is, however, a lack of divine revelation on our part where this is concerned. When we realize that we are linked with heaven through a living process of the new birth, instead of slipping off into sin as some do, we would maintain the dignity of the family of heaven.

8. After we are connected, how do we maintain our family relationship in this house? Heb. 3:6, last part.
9. To what admonition should we take heed in this house? Vs. 7, 8.
10. What did Paul want Timothy to know? 1 Timothy 3:15.
11. What is one of the qualities in regard to behavior? 1 Cor. 13:5, first part.

NOTE: As children of earthly parents are required to behave in their house, so God expects His children to behave in His house. The behavior today is a hindrance to those who might be saved. The world points to such with scorn and refuse to be a member of this family through the gospel.

12. What special obligation do we owe one another in this house? Gal. 6:10.
13. How should we behave towards one who is found in fault? Gal. 6:1.
14. What is the first step in restoring such a one? Matt. 18:15.
15. When this personal effort fails, what should be the next step? V. 16.
16. What should be our last step in the matter? V. 17.
17. How will God regard this action? V. 18.

NOTE: With such behavior the church will be the greatest institution on earth, and would be the center of attraction to all classes. In the absence of such behavior the church becomes a reproach and a target of general abuse by those who look on. We now need to arise and shine.

CHRISTIAN ADORNMENT

Lesson for November 22, 1947

LESSON READING: Isaiah 3

MEMORY VERSE: Phil. 2:15.

1. In entering into covenant with God, what kind of people did He say Israel was to be? Exod. 19:3, 6.
2. How does the New Testament standard compare with the Old? 1 Peter 2:9.
3. What action on the part of Jesus made this standard possible? Titus 2:13, 14.
4. Among what kind of nation are we lights? Phil. 2:15.

NOTE: The nation among whom we shine is crooked and perverse but not blind. If we live right they see it though they may not all glorify God. Some of us who claim to have the light are as crooked as they are, hence have no light to shine for them.

5. How may we shine in our dress? 1 Tim. 2:9; 1 Pet. 3:3.
6. What should be the adornment instead? 1 Pet. 3:4; 1 Tim. 2:10.
7. Who are our pattern in dressing? 1 Pet. 3:5, 6.

NOTE: Modern fads have made an inroad in the church of to day. Gold and pearls which have no useful purpose are often used to decorate the human temple where God dwells. A life of sanctification and power is all the beauty the saints need to have.

8. What did Jezebel do to attract King Jehu? 2 Kings 9:30.
10. What tragic end came to her for this? Vs. 31-37.
11. For what did God once charge Israel? Ezek. 23:40-42.
12. How much would this artificial painting and decoration help them when they were spoiled? Jer. 4:30.

NOTE: It is clear that these practices are of heathen origin. The people of God should be distinguished from the world in their adornment from head to foot.

13. When Jacob was sent to Bethel what was he told to do? Gen. 35:1.
14. In order to meet this requirement, what command did he give his family? Vs 2, 3.
15. What else were given up besides the gods? V. 4.
16. When he arrived at Bethel, what did he do? Vs. 5-7.

NOTE: To worship God acceptably they gave up their gods, earrings and bracelets. Will you give up yours?

17. If we fail to give them up, what will God do? Isa. 3:16-23.
18. What will result from this rebuke? V. 24.

REMEMBER THE MONTHLY OFFERING NEXT SABBATH

THE FAITH OF JESUS

Lesson for November 29, 1947

LESSON READING: Ephesians 4

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 4:5, 6.

NOTE: This study deals not with the faith which means belief or confidence, but with the faith which deals with the principles of the gospel.

1. When Jude wrote of the common salvation, for what did he advise the church to contend? Jude 3.
2. Why was there a need for contending for the faith? 1 Tim. 4:1.
3. How many faiths or bodies are there? Eph. 4:4, 5.
4. By what means do we get into the body? 1 Cor. 12:13.

NOTE: What most of us call the church or faith is only an organization. As there is but one body, the body of Christ, any man who passes through the door of repentance and receives the Spirit is in the body of Christ or faith of Jesus. It is the reception of the blood or life of Christ which decides whether one is in the faith or not, and not the organization to which one affiliates.

5. What admonition did Paul give the Corinthians about the faith? 2 Cor. 13:5.
6. If we are found in the faith, what should we do? 1 Cor. 16:13.
7. What other desire did Paul express in this matter? Phil. 1:27.
8. What is the object of the various gifts in the church? Eph. 4:11-13.

NOTE: It is not because members of other assemblies are not in the faith why we disagree on points of doctrine. When the primary apostles and ministers died and when Rome took the reins of the church the unity was destroyed; until now it is not restored. This is our trouble.

9. What relationship does Christ sustain to the faith? Heb. 12:2, first part.
10. How is the faith designated by Peter? 2 Peter 1:1.
11. What is one of the ways in which one may deny the faith? 1 Tim. 6:8.
12. Instead of denying it, what should we do? Jude 3, 20.
13. For what was the church at Pergamos commended? Rev. 2:13.
12. What is said of Paul's practical relationship to the faith? 2 Tim. 4:7.
15. Who besides Paul are known to have the faith of Jesus? Rev. 14:12.

NOTE: Those who keep the commandments of God, including the Sabbath, and the faith of Jesus, are nearer the standard than those who ignorantly break the Sabbath. Still, a large number of Sabbath keepers are not in the faith, not being converted or born again into the body.

16: On what basis will the Lord make the final selection of those who profess to be in the faith or church? Psa. 87:4-6; John 3:3-5.

REMEMBER THE MONTHLY OFFERING TODAY!

RESTORING THE FAITH.
Lesson for December 6, 1947

LESSON READING: Jude.

MEMORY VERSE: Jude 3.

1. Upon what foundations was the early church or faith built? Eph. 2:19, 20.
2. How closely was the church then united? V. 21.
3. For what purpose was this spiritual building constructed? V. 22.
4. What prophecy of Paul about this faith is being fulfilled today? Acts 20:29, 30.

NOTE: That this prophecy is being fulfilled is evident from what is seen today—Christendom divided up into a network of sects with each one pulling against the other. We, in our finite knowledge, wonder why God has allowed such a state, but He knows. Out of this conglomeration of sects He will select His bride.

5. In view of the present state, what prophecy of Isaiah is applicable today? Isa. 58:12.
6. What important phase of the faith is to be restored? V. 13.

NOTE: The restoration of Sabbath sacredness is needed not only among non-Sabbath keepers, but among us who profess Sabbath keeping. In many of our homes the Sabbath is polluted. Sabbath eve is not welcomed by the family devotion; this is displaced by idle conversation and gossip. Many will not talk business with non-Sabbath keepers on the Sabbath, but do so among themselves. The holy faith calls for sacredness on the Sabbath as well as for a sanctified every-day life.

7. What should the minister do about this? Isa. 58:1.
 8. What does it take to do this loud crying effectively? Mic. 3:8.
 9. What else should be restored to the faith?
Answer: The church name.—Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 1:1, 2; 15:9; 1 Tim. 3:5, 15.
 10. What else needs restoration?
Answer: The mode of entering the faith—Matt. 3:11; Acts 2:38, 39; 3:19.
 11. What more is virtually needed to be restored to the faith?
Answer: Preachers with power.—Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; 1 Pet. 1:12.
 12. What should be done to the time of the Lord's Supper?
Answer: This must be restored as a yearly and nightly ordinance.—Exod. 12:13; 13:10; Luke 22:19, 20; 1 Cor. 5:7, 8; 11:23-26.
 13. What other principle ought to be restored?
Answer: The mode of baptism in the name. Luke 24:46; Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48.
- When all these are restored, what church will we have? Eph. 5:25-27.

MEAT IN DUE SEASON
Lesson for December 13, 1947.

LESSON READING: Matt. 24:29-51.

MEMORY VERSE: Matt. 24:45.

1. Near the close of Christ's ministry, what pronouncement did He make against Jerusalem? Matt. 23:37, 38.
2. What did He further say of the temple building? Matt. 24:1, 2.
3. What were the disciples anxious to know about this matter? V. 3.
4. Among the many signs He gave, what did He give as a warning about deception? Vs. 26-28.

NOTE: The Lord is not a carcass. He liveth for ever (Rev. 1:18). Those who will go in secret and desert places to find Him are likened to eagles going after dead carcasses. The coming of Christ will be seen as the sun that shines from east to west, accompanied by a three-fold glory of His Father, of Himself, and of the holy angels.

5. What sign may we expect in the heaven before His return? V. 29.

NOTE: Historians record the darkening of the sun and moon on May 19, 1780 and falling of the stars on Nov. 13, 1833. But there is no doubt that there will be a universal display of these signs just before the coming of Jesus.

6. What illustration shows the nearness of His coming? Vs. 32, 33.
7. What will we not know? V. 36.
8. What historical example do we have of this? Vs. 37-39.

NOTE: Hearing and knowing are two distinct things. They heard Noah's preaching but did not know, in that they did not accept his message. The church today hears of the coming of the Lord; how much we accept this is seen by how much we prepare to meet the event. Up till now there is very little distinction between many of us and the worldlings.

9. What will surprize many of us at His coming? Vs. 40, 41; Isa. 33:14, first part.
10. What is the only safe course to take just now? Matt. 24:42-44.
11. What is the duty of God's servants as we near His return? Vs. 45, 46.

NOTE: Meat in due season requires more than preaching the commandments of God; for the "letter killeth" though it is kept by many. Every feature of the faith of Jesus must be taught as lesson ten shows.

12. To what danger is the servant subject? Vs. 48, 49.
 13. If this is so with him, what will be his lot? Vs. 50, 51.
- NOTE: The Church of God should pray for a consecrated ministry. Only as ministers are on the altar can they be inspired to give meat-in-due-season messages to fit the church for meeting her coming King. Lifeless sermons will not fill the bill; neither can fanatical preaching do it.

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Lesson for December 20, 1947

LESSON READING: Ezekiel 38.

MEMORY VERSE: Dan. 12:1.

1. What is one of the greatest signs of the coming of the Lord? Matt. 24:6-8.
 2. Under what plague will the last great war be fought? Rev. 16:12.
 3. What agent will muster these great armies? Vs. 13, 14.
 4. Where will these nations be gathered? V. 16; Joel 3:1, 2.
- NOTE: Armageddon, Megiddo, Valley of Jehosaphat, all refer to the popular plains of Esdraelon where mighty battles were fought in Bible times; there will the nations meet for the battle of the great day of God Almighty.
5. What shows that this will be the last war? Vs. 9-14.
 6. What special nations are mentioned among these kings? Ezek. 38:1, 2.
 7. What is the family tree of these latter day nations? Gen. 10:1-5.
 8. What other nations will they lead into battle? Ezek. 38:5-7.
- NOTE: These nations have not lost their identity; they are what is now known as the white or Caucasus races, which now occupy the continent of Europe. "North quarters" shows that these are north of the land of Israel.
9. At what time will these nations come against the land of Israel? V. 8.
- NOTE: Israel was brought back from the sword in 1917 by British General Allenby; since then Birtian holds Mandate over the Holy Land.
10. How will they come against Jerusalem? V. 9.
 11. Against what kind of place and people will they go up? Vs. 10-12.
 12. What nations will stand against Gog and Magog, then? V. 13.
- NOTE: Tarshish or Britany (country of lions) is ancient name for Britian. The young lions of Tarshish, undoubtedly, will be her dominions which have stood by her in World Wars 1 and 2. with the U. S. A. as an over grown lion by her side. God will use these two great nations side by side as in the past to vindicate His purpose.
13. What will come up in God's face at that time? V. 18.
 14. How will the fury in His face be manifested? Zech. 14:1-5, 12, 13.
 15. After this battle, who will be the supreme ruler? V. 9.
 16. What will be the condition of Jerusalem after this? V. 11.
- NOTE: This brings us to the end of all earthly dramas. We wait patiently and with a preparation of the heart to see the fulfilment, when gloom will pass to glory, sorrow to joy, war to peace and eternal happiness.

REMEMBER THE MONTHLY OFFERING NEXT SABBATH

SUNDRY ADMONITIONS

Lesson for December 27, 1947

LESSON READING: Eccl. 12.

MEMORY VERSE: Eccl. 12:1.

1. What essential admonition is given to the young? Why should this counsel be given? V. 1.
- NOTE: The evil days referred to are given in symbolic expressions in Vs. 2-6. The functions of these members of the body are rendered useless by sin, trouble and old age. The youth can accomplish much for God before these conditions are come upon him.
2. How should the heart be kept? Prov. 4:23.
 3. How fully should we trust in the Lord? Prov. 3:5.
 4. While trusting in the Lord, of what should we not boast? Prov. 27:1.
 5. What should we not do for ourselves? V. 2.
 6. What should be our behavior in a place of worship? Eccl. 5:1.
- NOTE: It is a common thing to see worshippers moving up and down in the house of God during devotion. Others chat freely at many things, even on secular matters. We should know that during the worship we are in the immediate presence of God, and should act in the way that would entertain Him.
7. What animals should we not be like? Psa. 32:9.
 8. If we are horse-like and ass-like, to what will we be subject? Prov. 26:3.
 9. What admonition should we heed when speaking? Eccl. 5:2, first part.
 10. Why should we do this? V. 2, last part.
- NOTE: Many of God's people allow their temper to overrule their reason in uttering words that dishonor God among men.
11. What is said of words fitly spoken? Prov. 25:11.
- NOTE: When apples of gold are placed in pictures of silver a beautiful contrast is exhibited, in the quality both in the metal and in the golden appearance of the apples. We, as vessels of God, should be adorned by the words we speak, like golden apples, which will show up the beautiful quality in our lives.
12. What should be our attitude to authorities and the rich? What is the danger about this? Eccl. 10:20.
 13. What should we do when we are blessed with this world's goods? Eccl. 11:1.
 14. How do we do this? V.2.
 15. What was Israel warned not to do? Exod. 23: 1, 2.
- NOTE: In earthly transactions the majority carries. This should not always be so in spiritual matters. The church should be in a position where the Spirit speaks (Acts 13:2).

REMEMBER THE MONTHLY OFFERING TODAY!