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FROM THE GENERAL OVERSEER

Each New Year is a gift from God. Growing your relationship with Him is very important. And there is no better way to nurture that relationship for yourself than to spend time with God, praying, reading the Bible and reflecting on what His Word has to say for your life.

This 2025 Sunday School Bible Study Manual will inspire you with the Scriptures that are life-changing truths.

Allow God to speak into your life and to lighten your spirit at the onset of every week. You will find hope as you get to know Him and learn practical wisdom for your life, thereby maturing in your relationship with Him.

May each study draw you away from the cares of the world into the principles of God's Word.

Prophet Kehinde Abiodun

General Overseer.

DEDICATION

To the Church Triumphant – the saints in heaven who have
victoriously prevailed over their enemies – the devil,
sin and the world.

To the saints in earth – only known to God.

CORE PASSION

OUR VISION

To reach out to all men with the unadulterated Word of God to impact, influence and inspire lives.

OUR MISSION

Make every Sunday School Student sound in the doctrines and teachings of the Word of God with a good example to all men.

1ST QUARTER 2025
JANUARY - MARCH

SUNDAY, 5 JANUARY 2025

WORSHIP, THANKSGIVING AND PRAISES

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

4. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

JERUSALEM ON HIGH

1. Jerusalem on high,
My song that city is,
My home whene'er I die,
The center of my bliss;
O happy place! When shall I be,
My God, with Thee, to see Thy face?

2. There dwells my Lord, my king,
 Judged here unfit to live;
 There angels to Him sing,
 And lowly homage give;
 O happy place! When shall I be,
My God, with Thee, to see Thy face?

3. The patriarchs of old
 There from their travels cease;
 The prophets there behold
 Their longed for Prince of Peace;
 O happy place! When shall I be,
My God, with Thee, to see Thy face?

4. The Lamb's apostles there
 I might with joy behold,
 The harpers I might hear
 Harping on harps of gold;
 O happy place! When shall I be,
My God, with Thee, to see Thy face?

5. The bleeding martyrs, they
 Within those courts are found,
 Clothèd in pure array,
 Their scars with glory crowned;
 O happy place! When shall I be,
My God, with Thee, to see Thy face?

6. Ah me! ah me! that I
 In Kedar's tent here stay;
 No place like that on high;
 Lord, thither guide my way;
 O happy place! When shall I be,
My God, with Thee, to see Thy face?

SUNDAY, 12 JANUARY 2025

PRAYERS AND GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Getting the best from the Sunday Bible Class

- Be punctual – Ecclesiastes 3:1, John 8:2, Ephesians 5:15-16
- Be persistent – 2 Thessalonians 3:13, Romans 12:11
- Be purposeful – Luke 9:62
- Be prayerful – Deuteronomy 4:29
- Be patient – Habakkuk 2:3 and Hebrews 12:1

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- Heaven in Christian Thought
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- The Christian Walk
- Book and Gender Study
- Healing and Deliverance
- Understanding Scriptural Giving
- Gospel Truth, Christian Transparency and Divine Trust connection
- Evangelism
- Church Brethren Relationship
- Divine Wisdom
- Christ's song of suffering and victory

SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY 2025

LESSON 1

THE LORD: OUR STRENGTH, SONG AND SALVATION

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. Making students appreciate the power of victory through thanksgiving to God.
2. Inspire students to appreciate God despite challenging situations.
3. To showcase the powerful testimonies of God's awesome power in the scriptures and in real life issues.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Exodus 15:2

The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Exodus 15:1-18

INTRODUCTION

In Old Testament times, the people of Israel were often inspired to compose and sing songs to celebrate God's help during times of need. When the Lord saved His people from certain destruction by Pharaoh's army, *"Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him"* **Exodus 15:1-2**. Songs of praise do raise our eyes to see the faithfulness of God.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. The Lord: our Strength and Song
2. The Lord: our Joy of Salvation

1. The Lord: our Strength and Song

Fear of danger or difficulty may overwhelm our courage. Failure and defeat may shatter our confidence. Hurt and betrayal may ruin our trust in others. Our sense of security can falter when our finances suffer, jobs are lost, marriages are crumbled, or things don't go the way we plan. Our hope in the future can fade when our current situation seems bleakest. Even our ability to resist sin and temptation can be overcome in moments when we are most vulnerable and alone. These and many adverse situations can cause our strength to fail.

Strength can be emotional, physical, mental, and even spiritual. Many look up to leaders, technology, earthly wisdom, experience, influence, or their resources such as money, talents, and abilities to see them through tough times. Unfortunately, all of these can and will fail us in such times (Proverbs 11:28, Jeremiah 17:5, Psalm 20:7, Proverbs 28:26). No wonder, **Proverbs 3:5-6** states: *“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths”*.

The Psalmist, too, faced troubled times leading to the failure of his strength, yet he still declared: *“My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever”* **Psalms 73:26**. We can also learn from Prophet Habakkuk who strongly believed that even when divine provisions change in hard times, God never changes and that we can still rejoice in the Lord and have joy in Him, singing songs of praise and thanksgiving, He, being our only Song and Strength for everlasting victory (Habakkuk 3:17-19).

And the Lord has assured to gift us strength (Psalms 29:11a, 68:35b) when we ask. It is only by His strength that we, like Paul, can declare: *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”* **Philippians 4:13**.

2. The Lord: our Joy of Salvation. Exodus 15:2, Habakkuk 3:17-18.

When we become children of God having accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour, the first target of the devil against us is to destroy the joy of our salvation experience, knowing that *'the joy of the Lord is your strength'* (Nehemiah 8:10c).

We must therefore be determined by the grace of God not to allow anything to tamper with our joy. This is because the joy of the Lord releases supernatural strength and empowers us to overcome the tough times of life and live victoriously.

Apostle Paul still maintained joy in the midst of very difficult trials: *"And lest I should be.....My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory (joy) in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me"* **2 Corinthians 12:7-10.**

CONCLUSION

Music has the power to lift our spirits by reminding us of God's faithfulness in the past. When we are discouraged, we can sing songs and hymns that raise our eyes from the challenging circumstances we face to see the power and presence of the Lord. We are always reminded that He is our Strength, our Song, and our Salvation. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY 2025
LESSON 2
LET'S THINK ABOUT HEAVEN

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage believers to hold on to their faith in the Lord in difficult times.
2. To remind all that heaven is far better than this world, hence we must consciously live our lives so as not to miss it.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Acts 7:55

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

BIBLE PASSAGE: John 14:1-6.

INTRODUCTION

Today is the fourth Sunday of the New Year (2025), and the earnest need for a lesson having to do with heaven at the onset of the year cannot be overemphasized.

This is because life at its longest (Genesis 5:27) is short (Job 14:1a). Yes, while life, as measured by time and likened to shadow and vapour is indeed brief and can come to an abrupt end (1 Corinthians 7:29-31, 1 Chronicles 29:15, James 4:14), death is sure (Job 30:23, Psalm 49:10, Ecclesiastes 8:8, Hebrews 9:27). The lamentation of the unsaved at the end of their journey on earth (Jeremiah 8:20) should wake us to think about heaven knowing that eternity (be it in heaven or hell) has no end. 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Luke 16:26.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Looking beyond life's difficulties
2. The Promise of a Prepared Place

1. Looking beyond life's difficulties

'These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world' **John 16:33**.

From this scripture, Jesus reveals that tough times lie ahead for us all. Many believers go through things they did not think they would go through, or they could go through in the journey of life.

This should not be surprising because *"Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble"* **Job 14:1**. However, we are encouraged by the words of our Lord in **John 14:1** *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me*. This means that we can still have peace even in times of peril. How? *'Believe in God, believe also in me'*. To believe is to exercise faith that God is in control, and we can always trust Him to answer our prayers and to see us through during times of difficulties.

When we understand that all trials and troubles on earth are not permanent (1 Peter 1:6), then we can look beyond our challenges, knowing that the best is yet to come (Philippians 1:21-23).

2. The Promise of a Prepared Place

'And if I go and prepare a place for you' **John 14:3a** indicates that heaven is an already prepared place. This is certain because it is the place from which God operates. His throne is in heaven (Psalm 11:4, Isaiah 66:1) and angels are dispatched from heaven (Daniel 4:13; Luke 1:26).

'I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also' **John 14:3b**, meaning that Christians go to heaven when they die. This is the Lord's promise.

CONCLUSION

As our natural life span is about 70 to 80 years (Psalm 90:10) according to David, or even 100 years, John 3:16 contains invitation enough for us all *".....that whosoever believeth in Him"* and life that is long enough for us all *"...should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

This everlasting life is in heaven and is better than the world we live in which is full of unending troubles. And that is why we need to really think about heaven!

NEXT WEEK

We shall conclude this topic by identifying the uniqueness of the place called heaven and how we can prepare to be there. Make sure you attend. God bless you. **Let us pray.**

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SUNDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2025
LESSON 3
HEAVEN: THAT BETTER PLACE

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To know that heaven is a wonderful place which believers must strive to enter.
2. To prepare us for heaven knowing that the world is not our permanent home.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:16

But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

BIBLE PASSAGE: John 14:1-6, Acts 7:55, Hebrews 11:13-16

INTRODUCTION

The heroes of faith in the book of Hebrews (Chapter 11) were said to desire a better place incomparable to their living on earth where they went through several cruel trials, torments and tribulations (Hebrews 11:32-38, 16). In fact, to them, *'the world was not worthy'* (verse 38a). The question is, “Is the world worthy of them today than before?”

We, too, as contemporary believers, should therefore understand that *“for here (on earth), we have no continuing city, but we (ought to) seek one to come (that is heaven)”* **Hebrews 13:14**; Matthew 6:33. Hence we must not become too comfortable here, otherwise we become miserable. *“If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable”* **1 Corinthians 15:19**.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. The reasons Heaven is a better place.
2. How then can you be ready for Heaven?

1. A few reasons Heaven is a better place.

- a. It is 'the city of the living God'. Hebrews 12:22.
- b. Where Jesus ascended into after leaving the earth, hence a place of Light, Glory and Beauty. Heaven has light without the sun or moon and there is no night there. Acts 1:9-11; 7:55; Revelation 21:23-26.
- c. Acquisition of citizenship status as fellowship of believers will be with old and new saints. Ephesians 2:19.
- d. Reception venue for the marriage of the Lamb. Revelation 19:6-9. Here the groom is Jesus and the bride is the Church.
- e. A place of music, new songs and continuous worshipping of God (Revelation 5:9, 7:9-12). There would be great rejoicing with the sound of choirs (Revelation 19:1-8) proclaiming the majesty of Jesus and the blessing of His forever reign in the words of Revelation 11:15 *"And He shall reign forever and ever."* The world will rejoice because Jesus will have defeated the powers of darkness and death and established a kingdom of peace.
- f. Enjoyment of perfect health. It is eternity without sickness, disease or infirmity. No headache, hypertension, hepatitis or hernia. No catarrh, cyst, cough or cancer. No diarrhoea, deafness, dumbness or dementia. Revelation 21:4.
- g. Death is vanquished. 1 Corinthians 15:54-55.
- h. A place of service and comfort as hunger and thirst are banished forever. Revelation 7:13-17.
- i. A place of reunion and fellowship with our saved loved ones and saints of all ages. This means no more separation among us. 1 Thessalonians 4:17.
- j. Innumerable company of angels also inhabits heaven. Hebrews 12:22.
- k. It is eternity without tears, sorrow and crying. Revelation 21:3.
- l. It is a place of rest from all labours. Revelation 14:13.

- m. Believers' bodies become changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, Philippians 3:20-21.
- n. All things (including believers) will be new. Revelation 21:5.
- o. Heaven is where the faithful are adequately rewarded (1 Corinthians 3:14). These rewards include:
 - rewards for spiritual services such as soul winning (Daniel 12:3), faithfulness in service (Matthew 25:23), being benevolent (Luke 6:35, Matthew 10:42), and doing good (Ephesians 6:8).
 - rewards for enduring suffering and persecution. Matthew 5:11-12; 2 Timothy 2:12; Hebrews 10:34.
 - rewards of rest from the labour of life. Job 3:17; Hebrews 4:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Revelation 14:13.
 - rewards of different spiritual crowns such as the incorruptible crown (1 Corinthians 9:25); the crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8); the crown of life (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10), and the crown of glory (1 Peter 5:4).

Every saint must therefore be well guarded so *“that no man take thy crown”* **Revelation 3:11** in order to still have your crowns cast before the throne where Jesus sits majestically (Revelation 4:10).

We must therefore be wise to look beyond our present heartaches and envision a glorious future in heaven where we can even lay up treasures while still living on earth (Matthew 6:19-20).

2. How then can you be ready for Heaven?

Not everyone will go to heaven (John 3:3, 5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Revelation 21:27; Isaiah 35:8). This is because religious profession, good works and sincerity are not enough to save and give hope of heaven.

For you to prepare for heaven, you must be saved by:

- a. Admitting that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23, 6:23).

- b. Repenting of your sins (Acts 3:19, 1 John 1:7).
- c. Accepting the gracious invitation by Jesus for Him to come into your life through faith in Him. Jesus Christ is the only Way (to heaven), the only Truth (about heaven) and the only Source of Life (that continues in Heaven). John 14:6; 1:4; 6:35; 11:25.
- d. Believing in God and Jesus Christ continually (John 14:1). To believe is to be saved and NOT to be 'almost saved' (Acts 16:31; 26:28). To believe is to continually trust Jesus and obey His commandments (1 Thessalonians 4:14; Revelation 22:14). To believe continually is to be sure of heaven (1 John 5:12-13).

CONCLUSION

Heaven is the dwelling place of God (Psalms 73:25; 123:1) and where a safe deposit of treasures can be made (Matthew 6:20). It is the future home of the saints where there is room for all believers because it contains many mansions (John 14:2). It is indeed that better place to be.

In closing, is your name in the register of saints, or was it there before and has now been blotted out? (Luke 10:20, Exodus 32:32-33; Psalm 69:28). Let's think about this! **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2025
LESSON 4
TITHE AND OFFERING - PART 1

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. For a broader enlightenment on God's commandment of tithe and offering, thereby encouraging believers to obey and be blessed.
2. To understand God's commitment and faithfulness in all our giving to His work.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 27:30

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD.

BIBLE PASSAGES: Malachi 3:8-12; Exodus 25:3

INTRODUCTION

Tithe is a Hebrew word which means the tenth part of all our income. Offering is the gift we offer to the service of God which can be in cash or kind, or both as God requires or as we propose in our hearts. Tithe and Offering are God's commandments, they are biblical principles of kingdom blessing and a law of open heaven to those who faithfully follow and obey them.

The belief in giving of our Tithe and Offering is that God owns everything. No man has anything except that which we have first received from God (John 3:27; 1 Corinthians 4:7). So, all we have is given by God and we are giving back to Him just a tenth out of all He gives us in appreciation and recognition of His faithfulness and steadfast supply of all we need (1 Chronicles 29:12-14).

LESSON OUTLINES

1. What are Tithe and Offering?
2. Purposes of Tithe and Offering

1. What are Tithe and Offering?

a. What is Tithe?

- i. The word tithe is the tenth part of all our earnings, income or produce (materials, crops or livestock) which is expected to be given back to God because it belongs to Him. Leviticus 27:30.
- ii. The Biblical truth behind giving of our tithe and offering is that there is nothing we have that we have not received from above (John 3:27). God owns everything; He is the one that gives us all things so we have a responsibility to give back to Him in return.
- iii. It is an express commandment from God to return to Him a tenth (or more as we so desire) of what He has given, but nothing less than a tenth. It is the Lord's ordinance; hence it becomes an obligation and commitment to the Kingdom of God.
- iv. Abraham was the first to give tithe to Melchizedek after returning from the rescue of Lot (Genesis 14:20) which means that before the law of tithe was given to Moses, tithe had been in practice. Thereafter, Jacob also gave tithe (Genesis 28:20-22).
- v. Tithe is provision for the storehouse (Malachi 3:10) which must not be empty at any given time. Non-tithing is disobedience to God which attracts curses. Malachi 3: 9.

b. What is Offering?

- i. An offering is also an additional giving in support of the church and work of God towards the expansion of His kingdom.
- ii. God also demands our offering for the same purpose of keeping and maintaining His work and for the welfare of the Levites and priests. Exodus 25:1-5.
- iii. Offering is what we give willingly, cheerfully, generously and freely without compulsion.
- iv. An offering may not only be monetary or material, but individuals can also offer themselves as offering (life, time, resources) Romans 12:1, 2 Corinthians 8:5.
- v. The depth of willingness from your heart is the value of your

offering in the sight of God. (Consider the widow that offered all that she had. Luke 21:1-3).

- vi. While tithe is specifically a tenth and NOT less than a tenth. An offering does not have a fixed portion but must be quality in value, as every man purposes in his heart and as much as God blesses you.
- vii. Also, while tithe is on all income per time, an offering can be given as often as one is led for several reasons. For instance, the Old Testament specified various offerings for different purposes - the offerings for sin, peace, grain, trespass, guilt, and burnt offerings. The first fruit is also a major offering.
 - i. **First fruit** is a special offering and it is the very first harvest of your crops or labour or proceeds which must be given in honour and thanksgiving to God before you can use the rest for yourself.
 - ii. It is the first, choicest and best giving to God in acknowledging Him as the owner of all things and the Great Provider. He is the one that makes the hard labour of the farmer become a harvest. *'The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits'* (**2 Timothy 2:6**). First Fruit secures the rest of the harvest for personal sufficiency and abundance throughout the season or year. It is a commandment of God.
 - iii. In modern terms, the first fruit is our first income, proceeds, and our first salary at the beginning of the year. It can also mean the first of our income in another level of our accomplishment, for example, a new salary increment.
 - iv. Apart from tithe, committed Christians should always set aside a portion of their income for offering and other financial obligations for the need of the kingdom expansion. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2.

Your soul is the major offering that ties your relationship with God just as He offered Himself to you.

2. Purposes of Tithe and Offering

- a. Tithe and offering are expressions of appreciation and gratitude to God as the source of all our blessings. Leviticus 27: 30-32; 1 Chronicles 29:12-14.
- b. Maintaining the office of the Priest and Levites. Numbers 18:21, 24, 28; 1 Corinthians 9:11-13.
- c. That the people of God may be blessed. When we give to God, He blesses us in return more than what we give Him. Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:10.
- d. Maintain and service the assembly of God and work of God in general (gospel, evangelism, missions, other ministries, church maintenance and projects as well as administration and community services). Exodus 35:21; 36:3-7; Acts 4:34-35.
- e. Making provision for the storehouse where spiritual help and gospel needs are met especially for the poor and needy, the fatherless, orphans, widows, and strangers. There must be meat in the storehouse consistently. Deuteronomy 14:28-29; Malachi 3:10.
- f. It keeps at bay poverty, lack, sickness, diseases and all manner of devourers from us. Malachi 3:11.
- g. It encourages faith and confidence of every Tithe payer that God is a faithful and steadfast Provider of all we need. 2 Corinthians 9:8-10.
- h. Tithing proves our love for God as well as our commitment and obedience to Him. Haggai 1: 2-4; John 14:15.
- i. He gives us first. John 3:16.

CONCLUSION

Tithe and offering are Kingdom principles for open heaven to unlimited resources of God. Giving to God's kingdom should therefore be joyfully done, knowing that it is another time to receive more from above. God only requires our faithful obedience and commitment so that He can release His blessings upon our lives.

Let us pray.

SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2025
LESSON 5
TITHE AND OFFERING - PART 2

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- For a broader enlightenment on God's commandment of tithe and offering, thereby encouraging believers to obey and be blessed.
- To understand God's commitment and faithfulness on all our giving to His work.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Malachi 3:10

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

BIBLE PASSAGES: 2 Chronicles 31: 4-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

INTRODUCTION

Due to Satan's machinations, Tithes and Offerings are becoming matters of controversy within the body of Christ. To some, for example, it is regarded as an Old Testament doctrine that does not apply to the New Testament. They came up with unfounded reasons why Tithe and offerings should not be practised in the church. Unfortunately, while uncommitted Christians hide under this excuse, the ignorant ones fall flat to the erroneous belief.

One basic conviction we should consider on this matter is to understand that the hallmark of our Christian faith is anchored strongly on giving which God Himself exemplified by giving us His best, His own only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. God gives us what is precious dear to Him. He is the one who blesses the work of our hands for the increase and gives the power to get wealth. Why then should giving to His kingdom become a debate?

When we give tithe and offerings, we are only giving back to Him from what He has first given us. It is a commandment with a covenant to open to us unlimited resources of heaven. Tithe and offering are not debatable. God commanded it and demanded the same from us.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Instructions guiding Tithe and Offering
2. Benefits of Tithe and Offering
3. Consequences of non-tithing and non-giving of offering

1. Instructions guiding Tithe and Offering

- a. A Tithe is ten per cent and nothing less. It is payable on every income or profit without undue delay. Leviticus 27:30-31.
- b. Tithe is to be given at a primary place where you receive spiritual nourishment (that is, your local church). Deuteronomy 14:23.
- c. Offering must be quality, without blemish. Leviticus 22:20; Malachi 1:7-10.
- d. It must be given thankfully, joyfully, willingly, generously, and cheerfully without grudging. Deuteronomy 28: 47-48; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.
- e. Offering can be given sacrificially. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
- f. Tithe and offering are to be given within your income, neither beyond your ability nor with compulsion. 2 Corinthians 9:7.
- g. Individuals can decide to give more than ten per cent of his or her income as tithe. Also, offering can be given as many times as you are led or as you purpose in your heart. Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6.
- h. Must be given in obedience to God's commandment. Malachi 3:10.
- i. Offering or gift (towards God's kingdom work) done in unrighteousness is an abomination to God. Acts 5: 1-10.
- j. Giving to God is a continual commitment to the kingdom of God. Exodus 36:3, Ecclesiastes 11:1.

- k. Give tithe of the tithe. Numbers 18:26.

2. Benefits of Tithe and Offering

- a. It evidences your obedience and fear of God. Leviticus 27:30; Deuteronomy 14:22-23.
- b. Giving tithe and offering are the Kingdom's principles of blessing. It positions you for God's blessings. When you give to Him, He gives back to you in multiple folds. Romans 11:35; 2 Corinthians 9:10.
- c. Tithing is a covenant that carries a seven-fold blessing:
- d. Opening of windows of heaven. Malachi 3:10.
- e. Outpouring of blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10.
- f. Rebuke of devourers (such as wasteful expenses, infirmities, sicknesses and diseases, losses, frauds and manipulations) for your sake. Malachi 3:11.
- g. The fruits of your ground (businesses/work/health) shall not be destroyed (divine assurance and protection). Malachi 3:11.
- h. Your vine shall not cast it young before the time in the field (full and ripe harvest). Malachi 3:11.
- i. All nations shall call you blessed. Malachi 3:12.
- j. You shall be a delightsome land. Malachi 3:12.
- k. Tithe/offering is an honour, worship and our commitment to the Kingdom of God. Proverbs 3:9.
- l. It is wisdom to store up treasures in heaven. Matthew 6:19-21.
- m. When we give our tithe, we are breaking the hold of poverty and lack.
- n. It is a covenant that carries a curse (if not kept) and a blessing (if kept). Malachi 3:9-10.
- o. It opens doors to unlimited supernatural blessings. Luke 16:10; Malachi 3:11.
- p. Our quality offering can challenge the heavens for supernatural abundant blessings. 1 Kings 3:4-12; 2 Chronicles 7:5.

3. Consequences of non-tithing and non-giving of offering

- a. Non-tithing is a robbery against God. Malachi 3:8.
- b. Failure to give an offering is an act of folly and ingratitude. Proverbs 11: 24-26; Luke 12:16 -21.
- c. It amounts to selfishness and greed. Haggai 1:4.
- d. It is a curse – it is operating under a curse: poverty, lack, sickness, enemy attacks, etc. Malachi 3:9; Haggai 1:5-11.
- e. You shortchange yourself with the blessing of God. Malachi 3:10b: '...prove me now herewith,'
- f. Vulnerable to devourers. Malachi 3:11.
- g. It is an absolute lack of wisdom. Proverbs 11:24b.

CONCLUSION

Nothing given to God is without many rewards. Harvest is always more than the seed sown. You can only count the amount you have given, you can never count all the blessings.

Besides, obedience to tithing and offering by not ‘eating’ the seed with the fruit is wisdom so that you can have something to sow or plant again. So, keep giving, keep offering, keep sowing, and keep casting your bread upon many waters and you will surely find it after many days. Ecclesiastes 11:1. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2025

LESSON 6

THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- To understand the need for spiritual retreat by believers.
- To bring us into a deeper relationship with God and the benefits therein.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 91:1

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Psalm 91:1-16

INTRODUCTION

We retire to a dwelling place after the struggles and bustling of each day. It's a place where we rest and refuel and a place where we enjoy the warmth of loved ones (friends and family). When we face disappointments, trials and setbacks in our daily life's pursuit, we retire for the day to our dwelling place.

A secret place is a hidden place that is not easily seen but must be searched out. The secret place of the most High is the realm from which God operates. From John 4:23-24, we see that God is a Spirit and to be able to relate or communicate with Him, it has to be done in spirit.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Entering and dwelling in the secret place of God.
2. What happens in the secret place of God?
3. Signs of a healthy secret place.

1. Entering and dwelling in the secret place of God

We can enter the secret place of God by:

- a. Creating time to retire to be with God (Spiritual Retreat). Mark 1:35, James 4:8. This is the time we pour our heart out to him, know His mind and countenance towards us, and receive instructions and strength to follow up on our assignments and pursuits.
- b. Consciously dying daily to the flesh. Galatians 2:20, 1 Corinthians 15:31. A grain has to die before it can bear much fruit. John 12:24.
- c. By being humble and vulnerable before God. Isaiah 41:10, John 3:30, 2 Corinthians 12:19.

2. What happens in the secret place of God?

A secret place is not where you go with brethren, spouse, family or anyone for that matter. The secret place of God is even more than a place of intimacy between husband and wife that you dare not invite anyone.

In the secret place of God:

- a. We exchange our weakness for His strength. 2 Corinthians 12:9.
- b. We are sure of divine protection. Psalm 27:5. The enemies of Elisha could neither recognize nor harm him because he was hidden from them (2 Kings 6:19-20). God hides us for safety in the day of trouble (Psalm 91:1-16). Also, in **Psalm 31:20** *'Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues'*.
- c. We receive grace for ministry and even our personal life. Ephesians 2:7, 4:7, Zechariah 4:7.
- d. We access to power because secrets are revealed. We receive instructions for life and ministry. We build capacity and strength for sustainability. For example, Elijah went to the secret place of God to build capacity, and he received instructions concerning

the end of Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 19:13-17; 2 Kings 9:30-35).

- e. We become intimately acquainted with Him, discovering His essence, and sharing each day with Him. Abraham had a strong intimacy with God that He could not hide from Abraham the destruction that was to befall Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:17). In fact, he was called the friend of God (James 2:23).

3. Signs of a healthy secret place

- a. Brokenness. Psalm 51:17, Isaiah 66:2. There is a way the presence of God deals with you and thus humbles you. Anointing or success, be it in personal, family or ministerial life can make one proud. 2 Corinthians 12: 7-9.
- b. Consistency in the secret place will help us to grow and bear spiritual fruit. Galatians 5:22-23.

CONCLUSION

When you have no secret place relationship with God, you can become prone to temptations and even attacks. Hence the devil takes advantage of you despite you do not backslide or commit sin. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 2 MARCH 2025

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | PRAYERS ON LESSONS 1 - 6

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SUNDAY, 9 MARCH 2025
LESSON 7
WOMEN: CO-BUILDERS WITH CHRIST

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To open the eyes of women in the church to the different areas of service in the kingdom of God.
2. To challenge Christian women for greater commitment towards the kingdom expansion.
3. To raise women leaders that will positively impact the larger society.

KEY SCRIPTURE: John 4:39

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He (that is Jesus Christ) told me all that ever I did.

BIBLE PASSAGES: John 4:27-30; 2 Timothy 1:5; Romans 16:1-6; 1 Corinthians 3:5-15

INTRODUCTION

Women are special creatures of God. They occupy a unique position in God's programme contrary to the opinion of many who see women only as dependent, demanding and second-class creatures. All women who have experienced the new birth can be wonderfully used by God.

Examples abound in the scriptures such as the Samaritan woman, Dorcas, Eunice, Lois, Priscilla, Deborah and many others who had one way or the other built with God in their lifetime.

Although 1 Peter 3:7 referred to women as the weaker vessels, this does not indicate inferiority or exemption from God's call to service. There are many Christian women in our contemporary times who were used by God as builders of homes, institutions, church ministries, professions and even nations.

Examples include: **Aimee Semple MacPherson** who founded Foursquare Gospel Church beginning with a major evangelical centre in Los Angeles. Mrs Florence Crawford who founded Apostolic Faith Church. Mary Baker Eddy (The Church of Christ). Evangeline Cory Booth led the Salvation Army for 30 years before becoming the first female General in the International Salvation Army and Fanny Crosby, who, though blind, wrote many hymns, most of which are very popular in today's church denominations. Also, Florence Nightingale, a member of the Church of England became known as the founder of modern nursing.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Attributes of Christ's Co-Builders.
2. Ministries of Women as Co-Builders.
3. Hindrances to being a Co-Builder.

1. Attributes of Christ's Co-Builders

Before any woman can be used by God in building with Christ, she must experience the following:

- a. **The New Birth.** 1 John 3:9; Amos 3:3. Sin alienates us from God, brings guilt and condemnation and is exceedingly destructive. Encounter with Christ grants the passport to work with Him. Old things must pass away and all things must become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- b. **Holiness of Life.** 1 Peter 1:14-16; Luke 1:74-75. God commands everyone to be holy in all areas of life – outwardly and inwardly. Christ's vicarious death on the cross procures for man, not only forgiveness of sins but a perfect walk with God.
- c. **Spirit-filled life.** Joel 2:28-29; Acts 1:8. To be used by God and to fulfil the work given to us, we need to be filled with the Spirit of God. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is not only manifested in speaking in tongues but it also gives power, boldness, wisdom and great insight. Holy Spirit enhances remarkable ministration.

- d. **Prayerfulness.** 1 Chronicles 16:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Prayer is communing with God and a weapon of triumph. It ensures a deeper relationship with God, helps in ministration, and moulds us into vessels of honour.
- e. **Obedience.** 1 Samuel 15:22; Romans 16:19. God gave instructions and commandments in the Bible that encompass all aspects of life. These must be obeyed.

2. Ministries of Women as Co-Builders. Ephesians 4:11-13

A woman is called a wife, mother and worker in the church. There is the need to co-build with Christ as Christian women because the population of women has been rising. God has a purpose of putting women in the church and we shall be remembered for what we have done. The ministries of women include:

- a. **Home Keeping.** Genesis 2:18; Titus 2:3-5; 1 Samuel 2:19. The first ministry of every Christian woman is that of home keeping. She is to assist her husband not only physically but also in his ministry. The children of today are the church of tomorrow. If they are trained according to the way of the Lord, the body of Christ will grow and develop.
- b. **Comforting Ministry.** Helping others can take the form of caring and comforting (Acts 9:36), visitation (Matthew 25:36), hospitality (2 Kings 4:10) and giving useful counselling (Judges 4:8-9). This is an important ministry because little advice, care, love, and comforting words spoken to new converts or those who are on the edge of backsliding will go a long way to help them and make them established in the church, and by extension, the body of Christ.
- c. **Teaching Ministry.** Romans 12:6-8; 2 Timothy 2:15; Judges 4:4. She must have the ability to impart knowledge effectively and to convince gainsayers. In this time when erroneous doctrines are flying all around, women should not forget this important ministry as they can organize sisters' programmes

where they can teach their fellow sisters the doctrines of the Word of God.

- d. **Singing Ministry.** 2 Chronicles 20:21; Exodus 15:21; 1 Samuel 16:23. Music edifies the body of Christ and brings down the glory of God upon the church.
- e. **Intercessory Ministry.** Luke 2:36-37; Esther 4:15-16; Acts 12:12. A woman to be used in this ministry must have a burden and compassion for others. "And I sought for a man (a woman) among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none" (Ezekiel 22:30). Ellen Edward was a woman who interceded for revival in Scotland.
- f. **Supporting Ministry.** Romans 16:1, 6, 12. The assistance of a supporting minister can be in areas of sanctuary-keeping, ushering, children teaching, media, security, organizing prayer meetings, assisting leaders in administrative duties and evangelism.

3. Hindrances to being a Co-Builder. James 4:4; Psalm 66:18. Whenever there is a call to service, many respond with enthusiasm and zeal. However, it has been observed that shortly after, some will begin to slow down, lower their commitment or withdraw entirely from God's service. Below are some of the factors responsible for the lack of continuity in the vision God gives:

- Backsliding. Exodus 32:8-10; 1 Kings 11:9.
- Lack of ability to discern God's will.
- Prayerlessness. Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
- Laziness. Proverbs 6:9-10; 24:30-31.
- Pride. Proverbs 16:18; 6:16-17.
- Carnal comparison. 1 Corinthians 3:1-4; 2 Corinthians 10:12.
- Discouragement. 1 Samuel 30:6.

CONCLUSION

God is looking for faithful women who will serve him in holiness and righteousness, take His gospel unto others and be His ambassadors everywhere. Can He depend on you, woman? *“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be”*

Revelation 22:12. Be careful how you build on the foundation that has been laid (1 Corinthians 3:11-15). Will your work abide? **Let us pray.**

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SUNDAY, 16 MARCH 2025
LESSON 8
COMPETITION AMONG BRETHREN

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To understand that competition is a work of the flesh.
2. To open our eyes to the danger of completion among brethren.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:5

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Luke 22:24-26

INTRODUCTION

The English dictionary describes competition as a situation in which someone is trying to win something or be more successful than someone else. Competition is a behaviour motivated by a desire to prove superiority in a contest, endeavour or field.

Competition on the surface can also be considered a virtue as it is the driving force towards mastery in our various fields and producing better value. For example, Apostle Paul provoked us to emulate him (Romans 11:13-14; Philippians 1:27). In the Kingdom of Light, competition is unhealthy and can lead us to sin. The Christian race is not a race against a fellow brother or sister; rather, we are running towards the same goal but with various assignments. The race is towards our heavenly crowns, and we are going to be marked or judged based on the mandate or assignment given to us and not if we are better than someone else.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Why do we compete?
2. The danger of competition in the Body of Christ
3. How to deal with unhealthy competition in our lives

1. Why do we compete?

- a. Pride. Because pride is difficult to detect, it makes us feel that we are better than others and deserve certain victories, successes or recognitions more than others. Matthew 20:20-21, 24.
- b. Accolades of men. Saul hated David because the honour given to David by the women was more than the one accorded him (Saul). 1 Samuel 18:6-9.
- c. Comparing ourselves to others. 2 Corinthians 10:12; 1 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Samuel 8:4-21.

2. The danger of competition in the Body of Christ

- a. It gives a false sense of value, rather than glorifying God. Philippians 4:20; Jeremiah 9:23-24.
- b. It is a device that the devil uses to divide us. James 3:14-16.
- c. It causes bitter rivalry among brethren. James 3:14-16. Where there is envy and strife, there is confusion and the devil reigns.
- d. It can lead to ingratitude and murmuring against God. 1 Samuel 8:19-21; Numbers 14:1-4.
- e. Competition works against love and care. 1 Corinthians 13:4; 9:25.
- f. It leads to pride which causes indignation and contention among brethren. Matthew 20:20-21, 24; Numbers 12:1-2; Proverbs 13:10.
- g. Fellowship/Service done in strife and vain glory is not acceptable and may not be rewarded. Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Corinthians 3:3-4, 13-15.
- h. It takes our focus away from the will of God. We are using others as our yardstick instead of the instructions given to us by God. 1 Samuel 8:4-22. Saul lost focus on His throne and shifted his attention to eliminating David just to prove that he was a better fighter. He eventually died in battle.

3. How to deal with unhealthy competition in our lives (Valuable Lessons from John 3:22-36)

- a. Let us have a divine perspective on life and therefore submit to God's sovereignty. In John 3:26, an unhealthy competition was being fomented between John the Baptist and Jesus Christ when John's disciples and the Jews reported to him (John) that all men were now coming to Jesus (instead of John) who was also baptizing. Even though John himself was not competing with Jesus, knowing his sole mission as the forerunner of Jesus, his reply to them in verses 27 and 28 was both mature and spiritual. All he was saying to his disciples and the Jews was: *'Why are you making me a competitor to the Messiah?'*
- b. Rejoice in other people's accomplishments. John 3:29, 35. This, however, takes great humility on our part to do so.
- c. Let us also focus on the pursuit of the eternal goal of God. John 3:31, 36.

CONCLUSION

Competition is not of God as it concerns the advancement of His Kingdom. 1 Corinthians 12: 14-27. Until we have *"unfeigned love of the brethren"* (1 Peter 1:22) and embrace Philippians 2:3-4: *'Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others, there will always be competition among us. Let us pray.*

SUNDAY, 23 MARCH 2025
LESSON 9
POWER OF ANOINTING

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To discover the potency of Anointing.
2. To validate the need for Anointing.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 10:1-13

INTRODUCTION

Men can only be effective and productive when they are endowed with power (Acts 1:8), because only power validates your office and propels tangible results, especially in the present era where only the violent take it by force (Matthew 11:12) to remain relevant.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. What is Anointing?
2. How to discern genuine Anointing
3. The Results of Anointing
4. Consequences of contempt for Anointing

1. What is Anointing?

- a. Anointing is the power and the Spirit of God upon a man (Exodus 31:1-3; Numbers 11:26). It is not magical (Acts 19:13-15) but a process which requires efforts that guarantee results. No wonder, Elijah told Elisha: “.....*if thou see me when I am taken from thee,.....*” (2 Kings 2:9-10).

- b. Anointing is the commissioning of a man by God for a specific work or assignment that will bring glory to God. 1 Kings 19:15-17.
- c. Anointing is NOT the oil. It is also NEITHER the feeling NOR the falling. Rather, it is the physical proof of God's mandate on the anointed. 1 Samuel 16:13.
- d. God is the only source of a genuine anointing and remains so if it has not been mixed or polluted with sinful and satanic works (Hebrews 1:9; Ezekiel 28:13-19). It testifies of the grace of God on a man and its purpose is to serve.
- e. It is only God that decides when to anoint, how to anoint, whom to anoint and for what purpose is the anointing (Jeremiah 1:5; 1 Corinthians 12:11).

2. How to discern genuine Anointing

- a. It does not lead to bondage. Acts 8:9-11.
- b. The anointed must manifest holiness. Psalm 45:7.
- c. It does not associate with false doctrines (traditional or cultural beliefs, practices and festivals). For example, Aaron and the golden calf in Exodus 32:1-8.
- d. The anointed must ascribe glory to God in all things. Acts 14:8-18.
- e. It must not accommodate idolatry such as worship of angels or other things in heaven. Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10.
- f. Genuine anointing must always be against the kingdom of darkness, false pastors and fake prophets and prophetesses. Acts 16:16-18.

3. The Results of Anointing

- a. Opens one's spiritual eyes. 2 Kings 6:17.
- b. It distinguishes one from others. 1 Samuel 10:23.
- c. Termination of shame and disgrace and hence makes the anointed to be a blessing to all kinds of people. John 2:10-11; 2 Kings 4:1-7; 5: 1-10, 14.

- d. It paves the way where there is no way. 2 Kings 2:14; Exodus 14:21-22.
- e. Brings about true freedom. John 8:36.
- f. It produces miracles. Acts 10:38, Luke 5:1-8.
- g. Restoration of hope. John 11:43-44.
- h. It destroys yokes. Isaiah 10:27.
- i. It launches a man into the fulfilment of destiny. Luke 4:18-21.

4. Consequences of contempt for Anointing

- a. When people disrespect anointing, it can cost them their lives because the anointing is prone to be used anyhow. 2 Kings 1:9-12; 2:23-24.
- b. There is the danger of affliction when you judge God's anointed. Numbers 12:1-15. Rather, leave judgment for God who anointed him or her.

Hence, it is advisable not to be too familiar with the anointing.

CONCLUSION

The Anointing of God empowers a man to do exploit in the kingdom of God and is always available to those who desire it even to the point of becoming a channel for others to receive it. John 7:38. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 30 MARCH 2025
LESSON 10
CHRISTIAN BRETHREN RESPONSIBILITY

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the responsibility the love of God places upon us as brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. To teach brethren how to care, correct, accept one another and embrace godly correction with love without prejudice while we live together in the bond of unity.
3. To understand the consequence of being an accomplice in an ungodly act of your brother or neighbour. For example, Achan.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Joshua 22:1-4, 9-20

INTRODUCTION

Love is the commandment that no law is against except in the kingdom of darkness. After loving God with the whole of our heart, soul and might, God commanded us to love others as ourselves (John 13:34-35, 2 John 5). We may not be responsible for the actions or inaction of others around us especially in the household of faith, but we have responsibility for one another's welfare, guidance, advice, correction, support, strengthening and stabilizing our faith, especially during trial or temptation and ultimately edifying one another in our eternal race.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Love of brethren
2. Be your brother's keeper

1. Love of brethren

- a. God is love. He commanded it and He demonstrated it. John 3:16, 1 John 4:8.
- b. Love is fundamental to the Christian faith. John 4:7-21, 1 John 3:1.
- c. Christians are many children of the same Father. Ephesians 4:6, Malachi 2:10a.
- d. Love is the common and indispensable virtue that makes brethren as brethren. Acts 2: 44-47, 4: 34-35. 1 Peter 2:17 says: Love the brotherhood.
- e. Love and hate not. Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 5:41-48.

2. Be your brother's keeper

- a. Love your brother and be his keeper; this is obedience to the second commandment of Jesus Christ to all Christians. Matthew 22:37-40.
- b. No single person is good or perfect enough to live alone; we need one another, and we must live with one another's weaknesses and strengths. Psalm 133:1; Hebrew 12: 12-14; 13:1.
- c. Love without dissimulation; love without deceit or pretence; show love and feel loved. Romans 12:9-10.
- d. Seeking the good and well-being and peace with others and preferring one another. 1 Corinthians 10:24; Philippians 2:3.
- e. Forgive and forgive ahead of any offence. Matthew 18: 15-17; 21-35.
- f. Bearing each other's burden; do not close your eyes to the needs of others. Let's support the weak brethren among us. Proverbs 3:27-28; James 2:15-16; Acts 20:35.
- g. Be not a respecter of person, neither pervert justice but be fair, open-minded, speak the truth in love without prejudice and irrespective of whose ox is gored. Leviticus 19:15; Ephesians 4:15; James 2:1-4.
- h. Restoring the erring brothers in love, accepting rebuke and

discipline with humility and submitting to one another. Galatians 6:1; Proverbs 3:11-12.

- i. Defend your brother, don't accuse him; don't team up with the enemy against your brother and do not rejoice at his downfall. Amos 1:11; Proverbs 3:29-30; Micah 7:8.
- j. Do not give occasion for the devil; no one is an enemy to another, confirm every rumour, express displeasure, and seek explanation and redress on matters of concern as soon as possible. Leviticus 19:16; James 3:1; Galatians 5:15.
- k. You can be guilty when you fail to forgive, love and say the truth to your brother. Matthew 5: 23 -24; 1 John 4:20-21.
- l. There is punishment in being an accomplice in the sin of your brethren; pray for one another. Proverbs 11:21a; 2 Chronicles 19: 2; Joshua 7:1-26; 22:20 (Achan).
- m. Do not take undue advantage of others. Acts 20:35, 1 Peter 2:17.

BEWARE!

Of hatred, envy, strife, dissension, ungodly rivalry and unhealthy competition, these are devil's schemes of discord among brethren. Genesis 4:1-15, James 4:1. There is no basis for these in the kingdom of our Father who is 'One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all' (Ephesians 4:6).

CONCLUSION

Brotherly love enhances a progressive church. The Spirit of God requires a peaceful atmosphere to manifest His power, He cannot dwell in confusion and among striving brethren. You are the image of God, and your brother is also the image of God. We are all brethren of the same paternal benevolence, 'endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace' (Ephesians 4:3). Let brotherly love continue. Hebrew 13:1. **Let us pray.**

2ND QUARTER 2025
APRIL - JUNE

SUNDAY, 6 APRIL 2025

REVIEW OF LESSONS 7 ~ 10

Recall the topics we discussed in these Lessons –

- Women: Co-Builders with Christ
- Competition among Brethren
- Power of Anointing
- Christian Brethren Responsibility

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SUNDAY, 13 APRIL 2025
LESSON 11
PSALM OF THE CROSS - PART 1

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- To appreciate the ransom for our souls.
- To learn how to thank God in difficult times.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 22:19

But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

BIBLE PASSAGE : Psalm 22

INTRODUCTION

Psalm 22 is regarded as the 'Psalm of the Cross' because it clearly shows the 3-fold experience of Jesus on the cross at Calvary (Golgotha). In times like this, we remind ourselves of the cost of salvation that Jesus paid by laying down His life for us. We (humans) sinned from the beginning and are eternally guilty of death; the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross, became the priceless atonement to 'buy us' (redeem us) from the cruel and destructive nature and power of sin on us. Salvation is free, but Jesus paid the price.

Jesus' experience on the cross was the hour of the power of darkness (Luke 22:53). It was the time Jesus (John 10:17-18) gave his life (died) and took it back. It was the completion period of the work the Father had sent Him (John 19:30). It was also a time of the revelation of Jesus to the disciples and the ushering of a new chapter of the gospel – John 20:9; 20-23 and Acts 2:1,4).

In all these, Jesus took no offence at the Father's position but worshipped Him. Whatever touches us has been permitted by God

because we are hidden in Christ with God (Colossians 3:3). In this, God by His Word in Jesus, the Christ, has become our Light out of the darkness. Amen. How do you handle the valley experience of life and whom do you seek for help?

LESSON OUTLINE

1. The Cry for Mercy

1. The Cry for Mercy – Psalm 22:1-2, 19-21

When our hearts are overwhelmed when it seems we are being choked and almost giving up, our cry for mercy opens the way to salvation. As usual of the Psalmist's experience, he would not nag or be offended at God. Let us remember these when we cry for mercy.

- a. **Sin will always keep us from God.** Sin thrives in our feebleness, infirmity, and weaknesses – Isaiah 59:1-2. Sin hides men, and men hide when they sin. God's pure eyes cannot behold evil (Habakkuk 1:13). God had to permit darkness around Jesus on the Cross so we could see the Light from the Cross. The Father was 'away' from the 'Son' so we could access God. Seek forgiveness for sins, iniquity, trespasses, transgressions, errors, or mistakes before asking for His mercy. We cannot be in sin and ask that grace abound because God's mercy will not contradict God's faithfulness. **Psalm 119:160** - *Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.*
- b. **Cry for Mercy.** God's glory and mercy are above the heavens (Psalm 108:4; 113:4). The cry for mercy is not done silently because it is urgently needed. You can be assured that God hears our prayers when we ask according to His will (1 John 5:14-15). The Almighty is far from us and near to us; He sees and knows all things – Jeremiah 23:23-24. Mercy is at God's 'will' and responds to humble requests that see God as the strength (Psalm 22:19) and Salvation, according to His will.
- c. **Be specific.** Read Psalm 22:20-21. Let us be careful not to

compound ourselves by complaining (Philippians 4:6). God can do everything, but you cannot ask for everything that comes to your heart! Consider these painful 'elements of attack' that Jesus foresaw and prayed three times on the same prayer point in the garden of Gethsemane before His trip to Golgotha (Calvary) - Matthew 26:38-39.

- d. **The sword.** Words of the tongues of men to crucify Him – John 18:39-40; Luke 23:35-37; the drugged wine with myrrh (Mark 15:23, 36).
- e. **The dog.** John 19:34 – Dogs are ferocious, they tear apart flesh – Mark 15:19,
- f. **The lion's mouth.** Psalm 57:4 – Jesus saw this pain and was almost giving up! Unlike in the wilderness, no angel came to minister to Him. He bore the pain for the gain. The old, rugged cross has become the tree of life for us. Hallelujah!
- g. **The horns of the unicorns.** These nails were brutally affixed to his hands (John 20:25-27) as the pains of the cross (excruciating). Also, the thorns on His head – John 19:2-3.

CONCLUSION

The cry for mercy should have a purpose. Until Hannah was specific in her request, she got no answer from God. God daily reloads and renews us with His mercies. Ask for a new mercy each day. When God shows a man mercy, other men will favour him. God's grace will be there to help him succeed.

Next Week:

We shall conclude this topic by the grace of God. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 20 APRIL 2025
LESSON 12
PSALM OF THE CROSS - PART 2

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To appreciate the ransom for our souls.
2. To learn how to thank God in difficult times.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 22:19

But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Psalm 22

INTRODUCTION

As we conclude the Psalm of the Cross, let us see the Word of God and hear the truth in the gospel. Our understanding will help us become firmly rooted in the love of Christ and more productive in the grace of God in our lives.

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

LESSON OUTLINES

1. The Call to Worship
2. The Care to Save

1. The Call to Worship – Psalm 22:3-5, 9-10, 22-31.

Our existence was dateless before the earth was founded – Ephesians 1:4. So, when we lift our voices to worship God, it should start from the

beginning. Psalm 22 is prophetic and teaches us to worship God in our trying times, as David and Jesus did. If you raise a voice of worship to God, He will manifest to fight your wars and show you, His mercy.

- a. **Worship God - Who Was.** Psalm 22:4-5, 9-10.
- b. *Testimonies from the past.* If we love God, He will do to us, in righteousness, what He did before – 1 Corinthians 2:9, for there is no favouritism with Him (Romans 2:11). Worship God for the testimonies of the old and get new testimonies.
- c. *Testimonies of the revelation of our physical beginning.* It takes deep thoughts about God to give thanks and worship Him here. You're one in a million! Amen.
- d. **Worship God - Who Is.** Psalm 22:3, 22-24, 28.
- e. *In holiness.* The fear of the Lord makes us holy in our worship of Him. Appreciating God's holiness provokes testimonies – verse 22. Holiness is a weapon of victory against the enemy.
- f. *In Thanksgiving.* **“If it gets so tough and rough, switch to praise and worship,”** they are magnets to God's saving presence (verses 23 and 24) to establish His kingdom among us – verse 28. Jesus shows mercy to all in forgiveness – Luke 23:34, worship God!
- g. **Worship God - Who Shall.** Psalm 22:25-27, 29-31.
- h. *In Testimonies* – verse 25. No matter the situations around us, our focus should be that God knows about it and will be praised – verse 26. The devil knows this truth and will want us to 'magnify' our circumstances above what God can do – verses 27 - 29. Sharing the testimony of God's goodness gives us victory over the same weakness we testify about. The records of this good news will outlive us and draw men into God's saving grace – verse 31.

2. The Care to Save – Psalm 22:6-8, 11-18, 22.

Worship is a precious signal offered to God to bring His glorious presence into our situation. Remember that Jesus predicted His crucifixion and how things would work out for the salvation of many.

John 12:32-33 – ³² *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.* ³³ *This he said, signifying what death he should die.* On the cross, where our Saviour bled and died, the atonement by the shed Blood of Jesus calmed God's anger at humanity. Thank God for the Cross that crossed us to God, indeed. **1 Peter 5:6-7** – ⁶ *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,* ⁷ *casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*

a. **The Challenges.** Psalm 22:6-8

- i. *We fall but rise* (Proverbs 24:16a). The best of humans are still humans at their best. Jesus was despised and rejected by men (Isaiah 55:3) as David describes in verse 6. When we come to our dark hours, let us take consolation in Micah 7:7-8.
- ii. *We are mocked* (verses 7-8). Read Mark 15:29-32 about Jesus' mockery because of our sin. Philippians 2:7-8. Our mockers do not understand that our physical bodies may be damaged, but our spiritual man is renewed in His trust and hope in God. We know we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us - 2 Corinthians 4:7.

iii. **The Circumstances.** Psalm 22:11-18

- iv. *The Lord's Delight* (Isaiah 53:10). Do not ask God, "Why me," but ask, "What do You want me to know in these?" As for Job, he did not sin by blaming God - Job 1:22. The test of faith is fear. The test of love is hostility. The test of our trust in God is the challenge we face. The light at the end of the tunnel is for those who push through to the end. The cry for mercy comes from those in despair and trouble – verse 11. May our help not be far from us in the name of Jesus, Amen.
- v. *The crushed cross* – verses 12 – 18. God is a good God. He walks us through certain hurdles that appear as if He has left us, but only for a while - 2 Corinthians 4:17. Consider these circumstances around Jesus when on the Cross at Calvary -
- vi. *The bulls* (verses 12-13) – these are the Roman soldiers set to

crush Jesus' bones on the cross – John 19:32-34.

- vii. *The blows* (verses 14-15) – 2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV. Jesus went to Calvary to lay down His life for our sins so we might walk into eternal life in God's kingdom.
- viii. *The bus stop* (verses 16-18). The nails on His hands and feet (verse 16) tell us that our lives are fixed to the cross so that sin has no rule or control over us (Romans 6:6-7). The final bus stop of sin is crucifixion on the cross (Romans 8:36). At this instance, we have nothing to boast of except the Cross because our pride and self-glory are given in exchange for His glory, which is us so, that if we live or die, Christ is still glorified in us. Amen. Read Philippians 3:8; 1:20.

CONCLUSION

For even Christ didn't live to please Himself. As the Scriptures say, "*The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me.*" *Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us, and the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.* **Romans 15:3-4** NLT. Be encouraged to be steadfast in your faith and trust in God. Winds, storms, and other testing factors will surely come to us, but let us be of good cheer, we will finish strong in the name of Jesus. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 27 APRIL 2025

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | PRAYERS ON LESSONS 7 - 12

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BIBLE DRILL ON LESSONS 1 ~ 12

SUNDAY, 11 MAY 2025
LESSON 13
PRUDENCE

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the concept of Prudence.
2. To understand that Prudence is an important factor in decision making.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 14:18

The simple inherit folly; but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 Chronicles 2:1-12

INTRODUCTION

- Prudence is the care and good sense that someone shows when deciding or acting. It enables us to exercise more control over the direction of our lives.
- Prudence as defined in the Bible goes beyond mere caution or carefulness; it is the divine wisdom that illuminates our choices and allows us to navigate through life twists and turns with clarity of purpose.
- It is indeed the quality of being wise, possessing knowledge and discretion.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Prudence as a decision-making principle
2. Prudent stewardship

1. Prudence as a decision-making principle

God wants us to seek His mind and accept His will in our decisions in every stage of life and the Scriptures provide valuable teaching on the

significance of prudence in decision making. Proverbs 14: 15.

The Bible cautions against hasty decisions, and emphasises the need for thoughtful consideration in all matters of life (1 Samuel 16:18). Therefore, to be prudent, one should prayerfully possess attributes such as:

- a. Foresight (Proverbs 27:12),
- b. Embracing wisdom, counsel and knowledge (Proverbs 8:12; 14:18, Jeremiah 49:7),
- c. Willingness to accept reproof and correction (Proverbs 15:5),
- d. Humility (Philippians 2:5-8),
- e. Protection of oneself or others from disgrace or embarrassment in a compassionate way (Proverbs 12:16),
- f. Prayerfulness (Proverbs 19:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)),
- g. Timely use of tongue (Amos 5:13; James 1:19),
- h. Affection for the word of God (Acts 13:7), and
- i. Being sensitive, observant and paying careful attention to one's actions, behaviour or decisions (Proverbs 14:15).

Prudence, therefore, empowers believers to weigh the consequences of their actions and make choices that align with wisdom, discretion and discernment.

2. Prudent stewardship

The parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30 shows how we ought to manage the resources (money, time, materials, talents, relationships, assets, etc) entrusted to our care by God or even men. Here, Jesus illustrates the concept of prudent stewardship.

While the prudent servants invested their talents wisely, thus earning their Master's applause and rewards, the foolish, imprudent servant buried his own, and thus receives disapproval, rebuke and eternal damnation.

A great example of a prudent steward in the Bible is Joseph who managed the economic crisis in the land of Egypt with care and the

wisdom of God, leading to abundance amidst global famine (Genesis 41:44,46-48,53-57). This is contrary to the life of prodigality (wastage) lived by the prodigal son (Luke 15) who *'wasted his substance with riotous living, and when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land, and he began to be in want'* (**verses 13-14**).

CONCLUSION

Prudence serves as a guiding principle, enabling individuals to make wise decisions and align their actions with God's purposes through a balanced perspective and discerning heart. Therefore, believers in Christ should cultivate prudence and experience the transformative power of divine wisdom in their lives. By so doing, we honour God as faithful stewards of His blessings. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 18 MAY 2025

LESSON 14

GOSPEL TRUTH AND CHRISTIAN TRANSPARENCY

LESSON OBJECTIVE

- To understand and live by the light of the Gospel (good news).

KEY SCRIPTURE: Titus 2:7

In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Galatians 2:11-21

INTRODUCTION

Christian service involves putting the grace of God to good and full use and our godly conversation with men, especially the brethren. It goes beyond being morally fair to all in society. Our calling into the redemption plan of God was not accidental. It was ordained or arranged by God before time began (Ephesians 1:4-5) that we should partake in it. The gospel is the good news of the Kingdom of God, accessible through Jesus, our Saviour. Therefore, as ambassadors or evangelists of this commission, we must deliver the good news unbiased, in truth and sincerity, with transparency before God and men.

Acts 24:16 *So, I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.*

NIV. Christian conversation should be characterised by truth and transparency before everyone, whether they are fellow brethren or not.

Titus 2:7-8 - *In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.*

For some reason, the work of God is done with the consciousness of what men will say or with hypocrisy to be seen as a committed or punctual worker! When this happens, know that there is a drift away from the truth of the gospel. Imagine what would happen if the mind were transparent for all to see. Let us learn from the scene between Peter and Paul in our Bible passage.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. The Characteristics of Truth and Transparency
2. The Cost of the Gospel
3. The Christian views

1. The Characteristics of Truth and Transparency

- a. The word, '**transparent**,' only used once in the King James version of the Bible, describes the main street of New Jerusalem. This shows the quality demand for the word. However, words like justice, righteousness, clarity, openness, honesty, or uprightness are interchangeable words that describe 'transparency' in the Scriptures.
- b. **Truth** can also be seen as God's voice within a man's conscience, communicating through the mind. It points to what is right, and just always. You may deny it, but it speaks louder than any voice in your conscience. **Proverbs 20:27** - *The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.*
- c. **Transparency and truth are the foundations of God's throne. Psalm 89:14** - *Righteousness [transparency] and justice [truth] are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face.* NKJV. Both elements 'mix' in the right proportions to form the foundation.
- d. **Transparency is about openness or honesty in all dealings** – a good report. The Truth is timeless and reveals what is hidden. Demetrius' transparency and truth before men - 3 John 12.
- e. **Transparency speaks of fair judgement without**

favouritism or nepotism. Truth has few friends because it appears as an enemy to others – Galatians 4:16; 1 Peter 1:17.

- f. **Transparency and truth are God's characters** we should show, as God's children – 2 Timothy 2:19.

2. The Cost of the Gospel

The Gospel is the good news we tell others about Jesus as the Saviour, Baptiser with the Holy Ghost, Healer and Deliverer from all sicknesses and darkness, and the coming King. Yes, that is the truth of the Gospel. The Gospel is free, but it will cost you some things as a disciple -

- a. **Self-denial.** It is a deliberate separation from all worldly passions and distractions. 2 Corinthians 6:17; 7:1. *If you cannot deny yourself before the world, heaven will deny you before men.* **Luke 9:23.** Self-denial is also about no compromise of truth and transparency.
- b. **Suffering and persecution.** Our believers' identity enlists us as partakers of the persecutions for the sake of Christ. This yields greater glory for believers who endure – Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 5:11-12; **2 Timothy 3:13** - *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*
- c. **Studying the Word.** If you don't study the 'Word' (Bible) you will understudy the world. Our future is in the Scriptures. We know God's will through His Word. The Gospel is founded on God's Word, not our words – 2 Timothy 2:15 and Colossians 3:16. In this case, we will speak the truth when we open our mouths before men.
- d. **Sacrifice of Love.** Loving God means to fear Him. It is our intentional decision to give up everything we have for God. Our sacrifice of love for God will be with the whole of our hearts, minds, and souls; then love for one another – Matthew 22:37-40.

3. The Christian Views

God's children are God's ambassadors. There are no real, genuine, or truly God's children. You are either saved or not, 'yes' or 'no.' There is

no midway point in the work of salvation. A backsliding believer is a child of God who needs restoration before it is too late. A compromising believer needs to seek God's mercy for restoration and sanctification. Gospel truth and Christian transparency are two immutable or unchanging assignments and expectations of God from us.

- a. **Just weights.** No hypocrisy, double standards, or compromises in judgements and discipline. Proverbs 18:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:21
- b. **There is no favouritism or nepotism.** Adopt the best for the task. Favouritism or nepotism will dissolve what the Holy Spirit recommends – cf. Acts 13:2; 15:35-41
- c. **Integrity** - even when it hurts. Psalm 15:4; Judges 11:35
- d. **God first.** John 16:13 – He guides us into all truth.
- e. **Watchfulness.** We should always examine ourselves (sanctification) and be steadfast in faith, no matter the circumstance. Psalm 26:2; 2 Corinthians 13:5.

CONCLUSION

The story of the unjust judge in Luke 18:1-7 illustrates this lesson. Jesus explained how men could easily bow under pressure. Jesus then asked if men would still maintain their truthfulness and transparency in all things when He returned. Beloved, if this teaching abides in us and mixes with faith in our hearts, we will be productive in spiritual matters, our fruit of the spirit will manifest, and men will know that we are God's children. The more you fear God, the more sin becomes alien to you.

Let us pray.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To admonish believers to wholly depend on God at all times.
2. To learn spiritual conditions for God's guidance.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 33:20

Our soul waiteth for the Lord: He is our help and our shield.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Psalm 25:1-22

INTRODUCTION

David, a man after the heart of God (Acts 13:22) is pictured in Psalm 25 as someone who is full of devout affection to God.

The Psalm sums up his trust in God, his many enemies and conflicts, his sins and repentance as well as his deep pains and distresses. All that the Psalm teaches us is never to stop trusting the Lord for help even when life is very hard.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Looking heavenward for help
2. Divine guidance for all

1. Looking heavenward for help

'Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul' (Psalm 25:1). In several other scriptures, David's confidence in prayer to God had been established (Psalms 5:3, 121:1-2, 123:1).

While bewailing his own calamities, Jeremiah still encouraged us to look up unto God (Lamentation 3:41). Other notable people in the Bible we can learn from that looked up to God of heaven for inspiration and help and were not put to shame include:

Abraham (Genesis 21:1-3); Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1-10); Isaiah (Isaiah 50:7); Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:34).

The 11 disciples of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:10; Stephen (Acts 7:55) and Jesus Christ (John 11:41-44; 17:1).

Therefore, “Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength” (Isaiah 26:4). When we put our confidence in God, we are sure of not being ashamed (Psalm 34:5; Joel 2:26; Romans 9:33; Philippians 1:20).

2. Divine guidance for all

God is ever willing to guide our ways. His guidance is a lamp that illuminates each step. However, there are certain conditions we need to meet for us to enjoy His guidance:

- a. Confidence in Him. Psalm 25:2-3, 15.
- b. Being teachable. Psalm 25:4-5, 8; Luke 11:1.
- c. Having a penitent heart. Psalm 25:6-7. David wants God to remember His mercies and not his own (David)'s sins.
- d. Humility. Psalm 25:8-9; Daniel 4:37.
- e. Trusting God for mercies, forgiveness of our sins and victory in times of afflictions and troubles. Psalms 25:10-11, 15-20, 22, 51:1; Job 5:19, 13:15; 2 Timothy 4:18.
- f. Fear of God. Psalm 25:12-14. Godly fear means that we reverence Him for His grace and kindness toward us.
- g. Waiting on God. Psalm 25:5, 21; Hosea 12:6.
- h. Being upright. Psalm 25:21; Proverbs 2:21.

CONCLUSION

Psalm 25 admonishes us to always look up unto God at all times in all situations and trust Him for mercies and guidance as well as our redemption, safety and victory. It is a Psalm we can always pray with over our lives by faith from the 22 verses. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 1 JUNE 2025

REVIEW OF LESSONS 13 ~ 15

Recall the topics we discussed in these Lessons –

- Prudence
- Gospel Truth and Christian Transparency
- Psalm 25

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SUNDAY, 8 JUNE 2025

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | PRAYERS ON LESSONS 13 ~ 15

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SUNDAY, 15 MAY 2025
LESSON 16
WALK OF BELIEVERS

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the foundation of believers', walk with Christ.
2. To learn the benefit of taking up our cross and following Christ till the end irrespective of the challenges that may confront us.

KEY SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 2:12

That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Ephesians 4:1-3

INTRODUCTION

As believers in God and also in Christ (John 14:1), our focus, after leaving the world, is to enter heaven and be with the Lord forever. We are, therefore, sojourners, here on earth, and that one day, we will be done with our assignment and return to our Maker to give account of how well or not we have lived our lives. Leviticus 25:23; Hebrews 11:13; 13:14; Romans 14:12.

How then do we walk as believers while here on earth, knowing that the Lord demands our walking worthy of Him? This is the essence of today's lesson.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Different phases of a believer's walk with Christ
2. Rewards for believers who walk worthy of Christ.

1. Different phases of a believer's walk with Christ

- a. Walk in agreement and obedience to ALL His commandments as contained in the scriptures (Amos 3:3, 2 John 6, Luke 1:6). The

Bible is the entire road map that leads us to heaven. So, we must avoid selective obedience to God's word.

- b. Walk in newness of life and Christlikeness. Romans 6:4; 8:1; 1 John 2:6.
- c. Walk by faith. 2 Corinthians 5:7. You cannot walk with someone you do not believe in. Having faith in God means total dependence on Him. You must have faith in His works, words and power. Have faith in God that He can see you through even in the face of any trials or tribulations.
- d. Our professing of spirituality means that we must also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:16, 25. Jesus, having sent the Holy Spirit, to us, assured us that He (that is, the Holy Spirit) will guide us in our walk with Him, because He knows that we cannot journey through this world on our own. John 14:16; 16:7. Hence, we must accept the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Here are a few reasons why a believer's profitable walk is impossible without the Holy Spirit:

- i. Holy Spirit represents the personality of Jesus.
- ii. He gives revelation and understanding.
- iii. The Holy Spirit quickens our spirit man to comprehend spiritual things.
- iv. The Holy Spirit plants passions for the things of God in our hearts. This enables us to do things which seem laborious with ease.
- v. Walk in love. Ephesians 5:1-2.
- vi. Walk in humility. Micah 6:8.
- vii. As fellow believers who are 'after the common faith' (Titus 1:4), let us walk by the same rule. Philippians 3:16.
- viii. Walk truthfully, honestly, uprightly and in the fear of the Lord. 2 John 4; Romans 13:13; Proverbs 10:9; Acts 9:31.
- ix. Walk in the light. Isaiah 2:5.
- x. Walk with caution. Ephesians 5:15-16.
- xi. Walk with God in daily communication (through worship,

praises and prayers to Him) as well as reading of His word. Psalm 119:164; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Joshua 1:8; Jeremiah 15:16.

xii. Walk in daily crucifixion and consecration. Matthew 16:24; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 15:31.

2. Rewards for believers who walk worthy of Christ

- a. It helps us to manifest in the fruit of the Spirit as written in Galatians 5:22-23. This is possible after the Holy Spirit has done the work of transformation in us.
 - b. We will shine as light to others. Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 5:14-16.
 - c. It will not be difficult to love others and share our possessions with them as Christ commanded us. Acts 2:41-47; Matthew 25:31-40.
 - d. We have hope that God will answer our prayers. Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 7:7-8; Psalm 91:14-15.
 - e. We are assured of divine protection, security and provisions. Psalms 46:1, 91:9-13; Philippians 4:19.
 - f. We will enjoy inner peace and unspeakable joy. Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:7; Isaiah 35:10.
 - g. The Lord will give us wisdom for a perfect walk with Him. Psalm 101:2.
- Assurance of entering heaven. 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

CONCLUSION

A believer's walk is to journey with God. For this to happen, you must first accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. Jesus is the only Way (John 14:6), so walk in Him. Be transformed and renewed by Him, and then keep following His steps. *'For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps'* (**1 Peter 2:21**). **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 22 JUNE 2025
LESSON 17
THE HEALING COVENANT - PART 1

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To open our eyes of understanding to God's covenanted promises of healing and how to appropriate them into our bodies.
2. To teach and guide us on how to remain healthy.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Exodus 15:26

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Isaiah 53:1-5

INTRODUCTION

God's will for us is to have healing (that is, deliverance from sicknesses, infirmities and diseases) (Psalm 103:2-3) and health (that is, total freedom from sicknesses, infirmities and diseases) (Exodus 23:25-26; 3 John 2). Health is also in our redemption package that is, in addition to rescuing us from sin, Christ died to heal us of spiritual, physical and mental sicknesses and diseases (Luke 4:18; Psalm 147:3; Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:17). Sicknesses and diseases are meant for the enemies of God (Deuteronomy 7:15).

The healing covenant is a promise of healing by God for all His children. It is a right that every Christian has if he or she remains a child of God. Matthew 15:24-26. According to **Numbers 23:19** *God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Since*

God's word is His integrity (Isaiah 55:11; Matthew 24:35), we can have access to the healing covenant through our obedience and faithfulness to the word of God. The healing covenant is established in the Word of God which is settled for ever (Psalms 107:20; 119:89; Proverbs 4:22).

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Causes of sicknesses and diseases in a Christian's life
2. Health Covenants in the Word of God

1. Causes of sicknesses and diseases in a Christian's life

- a. Sin. Deuteronomy 28:15-22.
- b. Taking Holy Communion in an unworthy manner. 1 Corinthians 11:27-30.
- c. Curses and Spells. 2 Kings 5:26-27; Proverbs 26:2.
- d. Attacks from enemies and Satan. Luke 13:16; Job 2:7.
- e. Ignorance. 2 Kings 4:39-41.
- f. Exhaustion. Daniel 8:27a.
- g. Uncleanliness and unhygienic ways of life. This has to do with the law of consequences, the idea that *"a man reaps what he sows"* (Galatians 6:7).
- h. Old age. Genesis 27:1; Genesis 48:10a; 1 Kings 14:4b.

However, we need to understand that sicknesses and diseases are the natural result of who we are as human beings. Sickness which may lead to death (Isaiah 38:1; 2 Kings 13:14a) is part of this sin-cursed world. It is therefore unthinkable that our loved ones or we will not one day get sick and die. Unfortunately, knowing this never makes it any easier when it comes (2 Kings 13:14, 20a).

2. Health covenants in the Word of God (that is, God's promises concerning our health).

- a. The word of God is yea and amen (2 Corinthians 1:20), it does

not fail, for our God is a promise keeper (Numbers 23:19). *'My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips'* (Psalm 89:34). Therefore, His promises concerning our health can neither fail nor be denied.

- b. Provision on the cross is already made for the time of sickness. Jesus Christ came, was wounded and chastised, died and buried for us to have easy access to the healing covenant (1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:4-5). His last words before crucifixion were: 'It is finished' (John 19:30), including sin, sickness and Satan being finished.
- c. The Lord has also promised us to heal as long as we keep serving Him (Exodus 23:25; Isaiah 54:17), trust His written, sent and spoken word (Psalm 107:20; Matthew 8:8, 13; 1 John 5:14-15) and that no plague is allowed to come near us (Psalm 91:10).
- d. Even, in times of affliction with sickness, we can hold on to the Lord's covenanted promises of healing as contained in Malachi 4:2, Jeremiah 30:17, Deuteronomy 7:15a and Psalm 34:19. We must therefore be prayerful concerning our health and have faith in the healing covenant (Psalm 65:2, James 5:13-16, Luke 8:48).

This covenant also guarantees our not dying untimely (through sickness and disease). Job 5:26, Deuteronomy 34:7a.

CONCLUSION

Divine healing and health is an important part of the salvation package and the right of every child of God. The victory of Jesus is our victory. It is then left for every believer to lay claim to His promises of this redemptive grace.

Next Week

We shall conclude this topic by letting us know how the inherent blessings of the healing covenant ought to drive our desire to live healthily. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 29 JUNE 2025
LESSON 18
THE HEALING COVENANT - PART 2

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To open our eyes of understanding to God's covenanted promises of healing and how to appropriate them into our bodies.
2. To teach and guide us on how to remain healthy.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 7:15

And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 8:1-17

INTRODUCTION

Man's redemption through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ is not limited to the removal of guilt, but also the consequences of sin which include sicknesses, diseases and infirmities. Therefore, healing and remaining healthy are our possessions all the days of our lives - Obadiah 17.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Biblical examples of divine healing and health
2. How a believer can live in good health
3. Benefits of the healing covenant

1. Biblical examples of divine healing and health

- a. Moses. Deuteronomy 34:7.
- b. 'The woman with twelve years' issue of blood. Mark 5:25-34.

- c. Naaman, the army captain. 2 Kings 5:1, 8-10, 14.
- d. The lame man at the beautiful gate. Acts 3:1-9.
- e. Spiritual healing of the two demon-possessed men. Matthew 8:28-32.
- f. Peter's mother-in-law. Mark 1:29-31.
- g. After the ascension of Jesus, many healings were done through the apostles. Acts 5:12-16, 9:32-35, 36-42, etc.

Let the teacher ask the class for their practical examples of divine healing.

2. How a believer can live in good health

- a. Believe in the possibility of living a healthy life. Mark 9:23.
- b. Study the word of God and chew it as our daily capsule. Proverbs 4:20-22; Jeremiah 15:16. The word of God is an effective medicine for our bodies and souls.
- c. Obey instructions. 2 Kings 5:9-14; 20:7.
- d. Avoid sinful living. John 5:14.
- e. Praying against sickness. James 5:14-16.
- f. Anointing by the Lord through His servants. Mark 6:13; James 5:14.
- g. We must present our bodies as a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1.
- h. Be clean and always maintain good hygiene and sanitation.
- i. Rest. God rested from all His works on the seventh day, so we too must find time to rest our bodies after we have worked a while. Jesus too rested. Genesis 2:1-2; Daniel 8: 27; Mark 4:38.

3. Benefits of the healing covenant

- a. Stoppage of devourers of one's finances. Luke 8:43-47.
- b. It glorifies God. John 9:24; Acts 3:6-9.
- c. It manifests the power and works of God. John 9:1-3.
- d. It makes a believer to be strong and effective in the Lord's vineyard. Acts 4:13.

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JULY - SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, 6 JULY 2025

REVIEW OF LESSONS 16 ~ 18

Recall the topics we discussed in these Lessons –

- Walk of Believers
- The Healing Covenant

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SUNDAY, 13 JULY 2025

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | PRAYERS ON LESSONS 16 ~ 18

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SUNDAY, 20 JULY 2025
LESSON 19
THE TREASURES OF WISDOM - PART 1

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To be acquainted with the importance of the wisdom of God in our day to day activities.
2. To identify the dangers of living a Christian life without the wisdom of God.

KEY SCRIPTURE: James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Proverbs 3:13-23

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever wondered why the wisest man that ever lived on earth, King Solomon admonished us to get wisdom? Hear him in Proverbs 4:7: '*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding*'.

Treasures are anything that cannot be easily held on; they are very scarce and expensive, considered luxuries and are hidden deep down underneath the earth. Have you ever seen where miners dig for gold and other precious stones or metals? That gives an insight into how valuable and treasurable wisdom is. We will be studying this topic under three lesson outlines.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. The source of wisdom and how to get wisdom
2. The importance or value of having the wisdom of God.

1. The source of wisdom and how to get wisdom. Proverbs 2:6

Job asked: *'But where shall wisdom be found'* (**Job 28:12**) to which the scriptures answered: *'God is mighty in strength and wisdom'* (**Job 36:5**), Proverbs 3:19. Therefore, *'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him'* (**James 1:5**), Ecclesiastes 2:26.

This means that God is the only source of wisdom, and He gives it as a gift to whosoever will ask from Him.

God gives us wisdom in the following ways:

- a. **Through the personal knowledge of Jesus Christ.** This is because *Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God* - **1 Corinthians 1:24b**.
- b. **Through the fear of God.** Psalm 111:16, Job 28:28. To fear and reverence God is to be wise. God gives wisdom to only those who fear him.
- c. **By studying and meditating on the Word of God.** The Word of God is God Himself (John 1:1). Because God magnifies His word above all His names (Psalm 138:2b), we must meditate in His word. There lies all the treasures and wisdom of God. For example, reading and meditating on the books of Proverbs, James, etc, will help you to be wise.
- d. **Through prayers.** Since God is the sole giver of wisdom and gives it liberally (James 1:5), pray at all times for wisdom in all situations and circumstances.
- e. **Through the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of wisdom who will *'teach you all things'* (including teaching you how to be wise) (**John 14:26**) and *'guides you into all truth'* (including the truth about wisdom) (**John 16:13**). So, do you have the Holy Spirit?
- f. **Studying Christian Literature.** Wisdom can also be obtained through reading books and other materials written by Spirit-filled authors. These books open our understanding to what we do not know about the things of faith (and the things of life). Paul must

have given himself to reading books when he charged Timothy: *'The cloke that I lt... when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments'* (**2 Timothy 4:13**).

- g. Through His still, small voice. 1 Kings 19:12-13; Proverbs 8:4.
- h. Through a refrain of a hymn or spiritual song. Matthew 26:30; Ephesians 5:19.
- i. Through an awareness of His presence. Genesis 32:24-30.
- j. Through humility. Until you are humble, you will never realize that you need the wisdom of God. Humility helps you to understand your limitations and total dependence on God. Moses' humility (Numbers 12:3) paved the way for wise counsel by his father-in-law, Jethro regarding how to lead the children of Israel. Exodus 18: 13-26; Proverbs 8:14.
- k. Fellowshiping with other believers. Hebrews 10:25. In your fellowship with other believers, you share insights, perspectives and experiences which help you to gain wisdom. Proverbs 11:14; 15:22; 21:31.

2. The importance or value of having the wisdom of God

- a. It helps our walk with the Lord, redeeming our time and understanding God's will. Ephesians 5:15-17.
- b. We grow and mature spiritually. King Solomon instructed his son to pursue wisdom, saying he should turn his ear to wisdom and apply his heart to understanding (Proverbs 2:2).
- c. Makes us wiser than our enemies and thus gains an advantage over them. Psalm 119:98, Luke 21:15.
- d. Helps us to have a full understanding of the scriptures. Psalm 19:7.
- e. It guides us in making decisions and choices that align with the will of God for our lives as we 'hear and increase in learning' (Proverbs 1:5).
- f. Empowers us to resist or overcome temptation. Genesis 39:10-13.

- g. Makes us manifest in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 10:16.
- h. The wisdom of God enables us to discern rightly and thus behave wisely. Psalm 101:2.
- i. It is an 'enabler' to fulfil our God-given purpose and destiny.
- j. With the wisdom of God, we become effective soul winners. Proverbs 11:30.
- k. It is better than human strength. Ecclesiastes 7:19; 9:16.
- l. Wisdom is full of spiritual fruits. James 3:17.
- m. It is very precious and better than riches. Proverbs 8:11; 3:13-18.
- n. When applied, it builds marriages. Proverbs 14:1.
- o. Wisdom is like the sweetness of honey on the tongue. Proverbs 24:13-14.
- p. Prudence is a hallmark of wisdom. Proverbs 16:21a.
- q. It evidences love for your soul. Proverbs 19:8a.
- r. Assurance of deliverance for those who walk wisely. Proverbs 28:26.

CONCLUSION

The world we live in is full of darkness, hence we must strive to get wisdom by fearing God (Proverbs 9:10), searching for it like 'hid treasures' (Proverbs 2:1-4), praying for it (James 1:5) and meditating on the Word of God (Psalm 19:7, Joshua 1:8). By so doing, the light we need to see us through the journey of life will surely shine upon us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Next Week

We shall conclude this topic by looking at how believers can dig deep into the riches of God's wisdom through biblical instructions. Make sure you attend. God bless you. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 27 JULY 2025
LESSON 20
THE TREASURES OF WISDOM - PART 2

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To be acquainted with the importance of the wisdom of God in our day to day activities.
2. To identify the dangers of living a Christian life without the wisdom of God.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Romans 11:33

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

BIBLE PASSAGE: Colossians 2:3, Proverbs 1:7

INTRODUCTION

The promise of untold riches out of reach can be both tantalizing and frustrating. But what about the prospect of riches that are within our reach? Wouldn't every believer go for that? Paul wrote: *'O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!'* (**Romans 11:33**).

We can mine the riches of God's wisdom and knowledge found in the scriptures as the Holy Spirit helps us to obey simple instructions. *'Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser'* (**Proverbs 9:9a**). Instruction, which embraces learning and correction, is the right path to wisdom as it helps us to avoid faults that may arise where we fail to follow proper directions.

LESSON OUTLINE

- Some instructions for living wisely in this time and age

1. Some instructions for living wisely in this time and age

- a. Be at peace with all men. Hebrews 12:14; Romans 12:18.
- b. Be slow to speak or respond to issues but be quick to hear. James 1:19.
- c. Do not judge. Romans 14:13.
- d. Desist from tale-bearing, backbiting and gossiping. Leviticus 19:16; Numbers 12: 1-2; Psalm 15:3; 2 Corinthians 12:20.
- e. Be truthful in your dealings with people. Ephesians 4:25.
- f. Do not cheat anyone, thinking you are wise in your own eyes. Genesis 27: 5-10; Proverbs 3:7.
- g. Love God, obey His word and do His will. Deuteronomy 6:5; Acts 5:29.
- h. Be a practicing Christian. Be a good example to people around you: at home, family, community and your place of work or business. 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:7; 2 Thessalonians 3:9; Colossians 4:5a.
- i. Be watchful and prayerful. Be expectant of the coming of the Lord Jesus. Matthew 24:42; 26:41; Revelation 3:2; 1 Corinthians 1:7.
- j. Hold on to your faith in God, even in the face of opposition and challenges. Jude 3.
- k. Be responsible as a father, mother, husband, wife or child in the family through obedience, love and support for one another. Ephesians 5:25, 21-22; Colossians 3:20.
- l. Pay your tithe, offering and first fruit. Be productive in your service to God. Malachi 3:8-10.
- m. Be a giver and support God's work to expand His kingdom on earth. Luke 6:38; 1 Chronicles 29:5; Micah 4:13.
- n. Obey all constituted authority. Hebrews 13:17.
- o. Serve God with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, worship and praise Him always and let the Holy Spirit guide you in all things. Ephesians 6:5; Psalm 2:11; John 16:13.

CONCLUSION

Throughout the Scriptures, wisdom is celebrated as a treasure, worth seeking. The All-wise God is the source of wisdom Romans 16:27. All the “treasures of wisdom” are found in Jesus (Colossians 2:3). We should not compare educational knowledge with the wisdom of God. The most educated of all men can be a fool if he lacks the wisdom of God and does not believe the miracles of God. This is because 'great men (even if great in education, position or academic qualifications) are not always wise' (Job 32:9).

Wisdom of God is not needed in heaven, rather, here on earth if we must enter heaven at last. Therefore, be wise (Proverbs 8:33, 23:19) and get wisdom, for it is indeed a treasure. So, seek wisdom, for it is more profitable than silver or gold! May God help us to grow in His wisdom, lead us to continuously dig deep into those riches of His wisdom and to know and treasure Him. Amen. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST 2025
LESSON 21
FISHING FOR SOULS OF MEN - PART 1

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To clearly understand that soul winning is the heartbeat of God.
2. To open our eyes to why we must rescue perishing souls.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:10

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

BIBLE PASSAGES: Matthew 4:18-25; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

INTRODUCTION

All souls are very precious to God, the Creator, hence the declaration of Jesus in Matthew 28:19. Being ever merciful, Jesus said: *'But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance'* (**Matthew 9:13**). Hence every born-again (Christian) is called to be a fisher of men. Fishing for a soul is a definite effort to bring or lead a particular person at a time to Christ as his or her Lord and Saviour. For example, Andrew *"first findeth his own brother Simon" and brought him to Jesus* (**John 1:40-42**). Also, Philip *"findeth Nathaniel"* and when the latter was in doubt, he went further to persuade him to "come and see" Jesus (John 1:44-46). These examples point to the direction of how to truly fish for the souls of men many of whom are perishing or outrightly lost. And who knows? You, a child of God, can be the means of bringing a future world preacher to Christ.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Why must I fish for souls urgently?
2. Which souls am I to fish for?
3. How should I fish for men's souls?

1. Why must I fish for souls urgently?

- a. It is obedience to God's commandment. Mark 16:15.
- b. A soul is worth more than the whole treasures of this world before God. Isaiah 13:12; Mark 8:35–38.
- c. To respond to my ambassadorial call. 2 Corinthians 5:20.
- d. Time is running fast as everyone has an appointed one-off time with death if the Lord tarries. Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 3:1; 12:1b.
- e. It is not the will of God that any man should perish. 2 Peter 3:9.
- f. There is no repentance in the grave for lost souls. Luke 16:23-31; Hebrews 9:27.
- g. Necessity is laid upon me. 1 Corinthians 9:16-17.
- h. To replicate Jesus' mission work. John 4:34; 5:17.
- i. 'Too late' lamentation of regret by the unsaved. Jeremiah 8:20.
- j. Every soul whose name is not written in the Book of Life will perish forever in hellfire. Revelation 20: 15.
- k. To ensure that Christ did not die in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:2.
- l. It evidences God's grace in my life. Galatians 1:15-16.
- m. The world will pass away with its pleasures and lusts but only those who are in Christ Jesus will abide forever and will inherit all things. 1 John 2:17; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 21:7.
- n. It shows that you are wise. Proverbs 11:30.
- o. It is done as a witness to the whole world. Matthew 24:14.
- p. There are great rewards for a soul winner. Daniel 12:3.

2. Which souls am I to fish for?

- a. All categories of sinners who are alive. Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23; Psalm 9:17.
- b. All backsliders. Jeremiah 3:12; Hosea 14:4; Exodus 32:33.
- c. All those who deny the deity of Jesus Christ. John 3:18, 36. These are the agnostics, sceptics, atheists, idol worshippers, sorcerers, etc. Acts 17:1-4, 18, 21-23; 8:9.

- d. All religious hypocrites. Matthew 23:27.
- e. All worldly-minded Christians. James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; Romans 8:5-8; Revelation 3:14-19.
- f. Those who are discouraged and broken-hearted. Luke 4:18.
- g. The elect that have been bought into the deception. Matthew 24:11, 24.

3. How should I fish for men's souls?

- a. One-on-one witnessing. John 1:40-46.
- b. Practical demonstration of love. John 13:34-35.
- c. Be a genuine Christian by living out the life of Christ. John 13:15; 1 Timothy 4:12.

CONCLUSION

Those who love Christ will always have a love for lost souls. Ours is to sow the seed (of the gospel) to them, while God produces the harvest. From today, as we open our hearts to the Lord, He will open our eyes to the lost around us. Amen. **Let us pray.**

Next Week

We shall conclude this topic by opening our understanding to the necessity of reaching out to the lost as well as God's requirements to be involved in soul winning and His expectations from us.

SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST 2025
LESSON 22
FISHING FOR SOULS OF MEN - PART 2

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To clearly understand that soul winning is the heartbeat of God.
2. To open our eyes to why we must rescue perishing souls.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:15

And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

BIBLE PASSAGE: John 1:35-46; 4:5-30, 39-41; Romans 1:14-17

INTRODUCTION

It is only true believers who can meet God's requirements that can put soul winning tasks into practice. Opportunities abound around us all the time to engage in fishing for lost souls of men which can produce abundant results through the law of spiritual multiplication.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. When should I do the fishing?
2. Where should I fish?
3. Requirements to be a fisher of men's souls
4. Benefits of involvement in soul winning

1. When should I do the fishing?

The time is NOW. This is because 'the king's business required haste' (1 Samuel 21:8b), hence the task of soul winning must never be delayed for any reason whatsoever. Acts 17:30 - *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but NOW commandeth all men everywhere to repent.* The keeper of the prison and his household became saved the same night that Paul

and Silas became freed (Acts 16: 27-34). Jesus also said: '*Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house... This day is salvation come to this house*' (Luke 19:5-9).

2. Where should I fish?

EVERYWHERE (Acts 17:30). That is, far and wide, far and near, wherever souls are found (Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, 1 Thessalonians 1:8).

3. Requirements to be a fisher of men's souls

- a. You must be born again and be sure of your salvation. Only the saved can "save and serve others". I Peter 1: 23. "You cannot be eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame, when you yourself cannot see or walk" (Luke 6:39, Job 29:15).
- b. You must be living a life of purity, that is, a life wholly surrendered to Jesus Christ and consecrated to Him. Psalms 15: 1-5, 24: 3-4.
- c. You must have a vision and burden for the perishing souls of men. Proverbs 29:18.
- d. A fisherman must be wise, patient, vigilant and hardworking. This is because big fishes live in the deep. Proverbs 4:7, 2 Timothy 2:24.
- e. You must always be prayerful. Prayer removes obstacles on the path of the fisherman and the soul. Luke 18:1, Ephesians 6:18.
- f. You must have compassion for lost souls (Matthew 9:36). Otherwise, you will work with a dead and dispassionate concern. Sinners know those who are truly concerned about them.

4. Benefits of involvement in soul winning

- a. You will lead men to their salvation and forgiveness of their sins. James 5:20.
- b. You will cause joy in heaven. Luke 15:7, 10.
- c. Your life will radiate the beauty of the Lord. Romans 10: 14–15.
- d. You will shine as stars. Daniel 12:3.

- e. God will confirm His word of soul winning in your mouth with signs and wonders. Mark 16: 17-20.
- f. When you sow souls, you will reap everlasting joy. Psalm 126: 5-6.
- g. You will wear the soul winner's crown. 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

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All souls are very precious in the sight of God. Every Christian is saved 'to rescue others.' Therefore, we cannot neglect this most important task here on earth. There is no sacrifice too great in fishing for lost souls. May we be instruments of praise and vessels unto honour, sanctified and fit for the Master's use by following Jesus Christ wholeheartedly and He will make us great fishers of lost souls.

Let us pray.

SUNDAY, 17 AUGUST 2025

REVIEW OF LESSONS 19 ~ 22

Recall the topics we discussed in these Lessons –

- The Treasures of Wisdom
- Fishing for Souls of Men

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SUNDAY, 24 AUGUST 2025

**EVALUATION OF PREPARATION FOR
“THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL” 2025 -
THE POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

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SUNDAY, 31 AUGUST 2025

WRAP UP OF “THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL”

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SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2025
LESSON 23
PLEASING GOD

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To define pleasing God and why we need to please Him.
2. To identify the benefits and life applications of pleasing God.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:5

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 5:24, Proverbs 16:7

INTRODUCTION

Pleasing God can be defined as doing that which is good and perfect before God. It relates to our pursuit of holiness, living according to God's precepts and commandments, as well as showing love to God and humanity.

The life of Enoch typifies that of pleasing the Lord in that he had a close fellowship and union with God. He lived in the then increasingly evil world before the flood, but he did not go the evil way other people were going. No wonder he was named among the heroes of faith (Hebrews 11:5).

LESSON OUTLINES

1. How do I please God?
2. Benefits of pleasing God

1. How do I please God?

- a. Thankful living. Hebrews 13:15-16.
- b. Doing the will of God. Hebrews 13:21; Luke 22:42.

- c. Holiness, righteousness and living at peace with all men. Hebrews 12:14; Romans 12:18.
- d. Being spiritually minded (such as prayerfulness, meditating on His word and consecrated service in the household of God). Romans 8:5-8; Psalm 119:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Joshua 1:8; 1 Chronicles 29:5.
- e. Sacrificial giving to His work and humanity. 2 Samuel 24:24.
- f. Fear God, love Him and walk with Him in all His ways. Deuteronomy 10:12; Genesis 5:24; 1 Peter 2:17.
- g. Have faith in God. Hebrews 11:6; Mark 11:22; John 14:1.
- h. Follow the example of Jesus Christ. Matthew 17:5; 1 Peter 2:21-23.
- i. Living a life of humility. Philippians 2:5-8.
- j. Fruitful living. John 15:1-8.
- k. Being a servant-leader. John 13:4-5; 14-17; John 21:15-18.
- l. Seek divine wisdom as a guide in all matters of life. 2 Chronicles 1:10.
- m. Forgive the sins of others who offend you. Mark 11:25-26.
- n. Expect and prepare for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. John 14:1-3; Revelation 22:12.
- o. Place mercy over and above service. Luke 10:30-32, 37.

2. Benefits of pleasing God

- a. You will be at peace with your enemies. Proverbs 16:7.
- b. God will give you wisdom, knowledge and joy. Ecclesiastes 2:26a.
- c. God shows mercy to people who do His will to please Him when calamity befalls them. Acts 9:36-41.
- d. It is a condition for the inheritance of eternal life. Luke 10:25-37.
- e. You become the temple of God with full assurance of the presence of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 3:16.
- f. God stands with those who please Him. Romans 8:31.
- g. Assurance of eternal life in heaven whether by way of rapture or

death. Genesis 5:24, 2 Kings 2:11, 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

CONCLUSION

God's will is that all believers please Him in all precepts and commandments. Therefore, pleasing Him should be our goal and is to be done in love. Jesus said: *'If ye love me, keep my commandments'* (**John 14:15**). So, pray daily and ask God to open your eyes to the things that you are doing to displease Him, and make amendments. **Let us pray.**

SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025
LESSON 24
DIVINE TRUST

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To understand divine trust.
2. To develop trust in God.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 125:1

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Proverbs 3:5-6

INTRODUCTION

When men save their money in the bank, they show that they have 'trust' in the bank and that their money is safe. When you visit a philanthropist, you have 'faith' that you will receive goodness. Therefore, putting 'trust' in a venture means being confident, undoubtful, and convinced of the successful investment. Trust is rooted in investment. Faith is rooted in promise (Genesis 15:6). **Psalm 34:8** - *O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

A trustee is entrusted with properties and administration for effective management. Are you one of the trustees of God's treasures? 2 Timothy 1:14. We shall discuss the scope of divine trust to understand and learn how to develop our 'trust' in God.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Definitions of Divine Trust
2. Dividends of Divine Trust
3. Developing in Divine Trust

1. Definitions of Divine Trust

- a. **Our commitment to God is what commits God to us** – Ephesians 6:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:24. Our level of conviction and assurance in God commits Him to our prosperity.
- b. **Our defence during accusation** – Psalm 26:1.
- c. **The proof of our faith in God.** You cannot trust God without faith in Him. 'Trust' is a deeper relationship with God. Psalm 125:1- 'Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. NKJV
- d. **Our remembrance of God's Omnipotence – Psalm 20:7** “... *but we will remember the name...*” [KJV] “...*but we trust in the name ...*” [NIV]. You cannot talk about divine Trust if your trust is found among men. Show me a man whose trust is in the Lord, and I will show you a man whose faith is established in God and His promises.
- e. **The strong cord that keeps us to God** through His works and wonders – Psalm 18:2; **Isaiah 43:10** “...*that ye may know and believe me and understand that I am He...*” Also, it means 'Divine Trust.'
- f. God's faithfulness. It is also termed 'hope' or 'confidence' in the Lord,' or God's infallible integrity (2 Timothy 2:13). Read 1 Corinthians 10:13.

2. Dividends of Divine Trust

“If you have divine trust, even your 'Red Sea' will divide.” The Lord Almighty, Who divides the Red Sea and the Jordan River, will not abandon His children in the wilderness. You will make it to the other side of a brighter and better life in the name of Jesus. You cannot rust in the world if you trust in His Word. These are some of the benefits of divine trust.

- a. **Salvation.** When trouble comes, our trust in God becomes our salvation - Psalm 37:40, and 2 Samuel 22:31 – a shield from attacks. 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- b. **Safety.** It is safer to be on God's side than on the side of men.

Proverbs 29:25; Psalm 118:8.

- c. **Success.** Psalm 37:5 – It is a guaranteed success in all our (godly) plans only if God is there.
- d. **Peace.** Isaiah 26:3-4 - Incomprehensible yet undeniable peace of God manifests.
- e. **Confidence** (boldness) – Our stability and confidence can be at work when first, we entrust all things unto God who has everything. Psalm 125:1; 91:2; Hebrews 10:35.
- f. **Goodness** (mercy and favour) - Psalm 31:19-20 – the combo-benefits of God's presence for grace, Mercy, and favour become our order of experience every time.

3. Developing in Divine Trust

Faith increases as we know God. We also develop divine trust when we learn to allow God to have His way. This is when our hearts hear and listen to God more than our senses, then 'His will' will become our will and our passion will be His. Proverbs 3:5.

Let us consider these helpful means –

- a. **By God's Word.** The Word of God is His will. We learn about God through His Word. God's Word is the 'water' to our trust in Him – the Able God. Isaiah 55:10-11
- b. **By His Works.** Creation speaks of God's power and love. 'They are too wonderful and beyond our thoughts and understanding. Read Romans 11:33. **Psalm 139:6** - *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.* NIV
- c. **By the testimonies of His Mercy.** Our trust in God rises when we engage our hearts with pleasant testimonies of God's mercies. Hebrews 2:12-13. How often do you share God's testimony? You gain mastery over what you profess in faith. Read Hebrews 11:6; 10:17.

CONCLUSION

- Challenges will test our level of divine trust. If you fail this time, it means your strength is small.
- Do not put your trust in anyone (in any dimension this may be) – Isaiah 46:3 – there is no help there.

Do not put your trust in the lying words, cunning, and crafty deeds of a man whose breath is just in his nostrils – **Jeremiah 7:4** and Isaiah 2:22.

Beloved, watch out for some of these weak links in our divine trust levels and ask for God's mercy. The Lord is near to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfils the desires of those who fear and put their trust in Him; He hears their cry and saves them. **Let us pray.**

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SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2025
LESSON 25
PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD - PART 1

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To remind everyone that all souls belong to God and so everyone will be accountable to God on the day of judgement.
2. That the coming of the Lord, being very soon and inevitable, is made known to all men, therefore awakening everyone to be ready for His second coming.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Amos 4:12

Therefore, thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

BIBLE PASSAGES: Amos 4:1-12, 2 Peter 1:1-19

INTRODUCTION

- To prepare is to get ready for an event, setting one in order or readiness before an occasion or event.
- 'Prepare to meet thy God' is both a reminder and a warning, getting us ready for the anticipated coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the second time, which is for judgment. It is a call that cuts across believers, backsliders and sinners. God is not interested in destroying any soul in hell fire (2 Peter 3:9). He gives several opportunities for repentance of sinners and restoration of backsliders, hence the need to be prepared.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:4 reminds us that we 'are not in darkness, that that day should overtake us as a thief'. This is a call for preparation for the soon coming of Jesus which brings about a close of this era of mercy and grace. What follows next is the judgement of both the righteous and the unrighteous (Hebrews 9:27).

LESSON OUTLINES

1. God's love for All
2. Prepare to meet your God

1. God's love for All

- a. All souls belong to God and He is not interested in destroying any; He loves all souls to be saved. Ezekiel 18:4a; John 3:16.
- b. God loves the sinner but hates sin. Ezekiel 18:23, 31-32.
- c. He endures with patience and longsuffering, waiting for the sinner's repentance. Isaiah 30:18; 2 Peter 3:9.
- d. He goes the extra miles to recall sinners back home, always hedging up our ways to make us retrace our steps. Numbers 22:21-34; Hosea 2:6-7; Luke 15:17-21.
- e. Where sin abounds, grace abounds much more. Romans 5:20-21.
- f. For God SO love the world. John 3:16-18; 1 John 3:1-2.

2. Prepare to meet your God

- a. Preparation is the personal readiness and intentional efforts of every individual in our Christian Walk. Philippians 2:12.
- b. Holiness is a basic requirement to meet the Lord; no sinner can stand in His presence. 1 Peter 1:16; Habakkuk 1:13.
- c. God prepares and warns every soul ahead of impending judgement as an opportunity for repentance Jonah 1:1-2, 3:1-10.
- d. The coming of the Lord is inexcusable and inevitable to every soul. Luke 17:26-32.
- e. It is a call for personal evaluation of our walk with God. 2 Corinthians 13:5, 1 Corinthians 10:12.
- f. A call to prepare is for godly sorrow that brings about repentance for salvation before it becomes late; salvation is NOW. 2 Corinthians 7:10, Hebrews 3:13, 15.
- g. God is not interested in the sacrifices of a sinner and offerings from unrepentant hearts; He cannot be mocked, bribed or

deceived - outward religious activities and sacrifices amount to the multiplication of sins. A broken and contrite heart He desires. Amos 4:4-5, Isaiah 66:2, Psalm 51:16-17.

However, for the Righteous, be prepared to meet thy Lord means:

- i. An encouragement to all the faithful and righteous, anticipating the coming of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 John 3:2-3.
- ii. It is a reconfirmation to every living saint that the Lord still stands on His promise – He is coming back again. Matthew 24:35-37; 2 Peter 3:1-8.
- iii. It encourages our faith in the coming eternal joy awaiting us in heaven. Revelation 21:1-7.
- iv. Keep contending and defending the faith, keep fighting the good fight. 2 Timothy 4:7; Jude 3.
- v. Praying without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
- vi. Guarding your heart with all diligence. Proverbs 4:23; Ezekiel 18:31.
- vii. Being sober and vigilant, without spiritual carelessness. 1 Peter 5:8.
- viii. Prepare to receive the crown. 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Corinthians 15:58.
- ix. Let the righteous be righteous still. Ezekiel 33:12-13; Revelation 22:11-12.

'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be'. Revelation 22:11-12.

CONCLUSION

To prepare is a call to re-examine yourself whether you are still in the faith or not. Therefore, if there is a reminder for preparation, then we should not be caught unaware. Be prepared to meet God!

Next Week

With the insight of Philippians 2:12, this topic continues with how every believer can prepare to meet God at the end of his or her journey on earth. Please, don't miss it. **Let us pray.**

4TH QUARTER 2025
OCTOBER - DECEMBER

SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2025
LESSON 26
PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD - PART 2

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To remind everyone that all souls belong to God and so everyone will be accountable to God on the day of judgement.
2. That the coming of the Lord, being very soon and inevitable, is made known to all men, therefore awakening everyone to be ready for His second coming.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Amos 4:12

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BIBLE PASSAGES: Amos 4:1-12, Revelation 22:10-13

INTRODUCTION

When all warnings against sin, about the impending judgements and the catastrophe that will ultimately come upon this wicked world, have passed without taking heed to them, then men must prepare to meet their God, knowing that He is both the Saviour and the Judge, the Creator of prosperity and adversity. *'For, lo, He that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is His name'* (**Amos 4:13**).

To therefore prepare to meet your God is to love and seek Him with an undivided heart, soul, strength and mind.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Preparing to meet your God
2. Pastors and Leaders' roles to prepare the people to meet God

1. Preparing to meet your God

- a. Renounce and repent all sins, by asking for mercy, forgiveness and cleansing by the blood of Jesus. 1 John 1:9.
- b. Draw nearer to God and far away from sin and anything that represents old life in you. James 4:8.
- c. Grow your faith by always meditating on the word of God Day and night. Joshua 1:8; Colossians 3:16.
- d. Purpose to live a holy and righteous life with the help of the Holy Spirit and regularly drink of the Spirit. Hebrews 12:14; John 7:37-39; 1 Corinthians 12:13. Those who are drunk with the corrupt filthiness of this world are not prepared to meet God and will ultimately perish.
- e. Always carry the eternity consciousness in your daily dealings with men and God. Colossians 3:1-2. To do so, always be awake. Romans 13:11.
- f. Tell the world more about your experiences with Jesus Christ and use it to win other souls to the kingdom of God. John 4:28-30, 39.
- g. Earnestly looking forward to meeting with thy God. 2 Peter 3:12-14.

2. Pastors and Leaders' roles to prepare the people to meet God.

Proverbs 27:5.

- a. Willingly feed the people with truth and the whole counsel of God. 1 Peter 5:2; Acts 20:28; John 21:15-17; Ezekiel 34:2-3.
- b. Constantly rebuke immorality, lies, filthy gains, occultism, fraud, materialism, demonic protection and all manner of evils. Matthew 14:4; 1 Timothy 5:20; Titus 1:13; Acts 8:9-11; 18-23.
- c. Cry aloud from your pulpit and spare not your crowd, failing which God will punish you. Isaiah 58:1; Proverbs 19:18; Jeremiah 23:1-2; Isaiah 56:11.
- d. Give the people warning that no unclean heart shall see the Lord. Isaiah 35:8.

- e. Strengthen the weak brethren as well as encourage the fearful and the fainthearted ones. Isaiah 35:3-4.
- f. Always prepare them 'to prepare the way of the Lord and make His paths straight' (Matthew 3:1-3). This is because the kingdom of our Lord must triumph over evil.

CONCLUSION

- Where sin abounds, grace abounds much more. Yet, grace and mercy are taken for granted by many of today's believers. Time of grace and mercy for sinners has a time limit and judgement looms on every unrepentant sinner. Therefore, let everyone stand to keep asking for grace till the end.
- Now that you are being reminded to prepare to meet your God, cast off that garment of sin, backsliding and cleanse yourself so that the Lord might meet and receive you when He comes.
- Whenever He comes, what is going to be your fate? How ready are you? 'Prepare to meet thy God'. Our Lord cometh! **MARANATHA! Let us pray.**

REVIEW OF LESSONS 23 ~ 26

- Pleasing God
- Divine Trust
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SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2025

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | PRAYERS ON LESSONS 23-26

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SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2025

REVIEW OF 2025 LESSONS - Q1: JANUARY - MARCH

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REVIEW OF 2025 LESSONS: SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

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SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2025

YEAR END TEST ON LESSONS 1 ~ 26 (HQ & PARISHES)

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SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2025

WRAP UP OF THE 21ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

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SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2025
LESSON 27
TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS - PART 1

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To remind us of man's temporal stay on earth, thereby exhorting us to entrust our lives and whole of our being to our Creator.
2. To awaken us, ensuring that we discover and fulfil our destinies within the brevity of human life allotted to us, knowing with certainty, that the day of reckoning is inevitable.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:15-17

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Psalm 90:1-17

INTRODUCTION

Numbering our days is a wise practice every child of God must apply to live his or her life in the will and purposes of God. To know that we have a tiny fragment of time, it is important to live accountably in this transient world.

Wisdom involves seeing life from a divine perspective, considering our lives as God's pleasure and purpose, thereby walking absolutely in His will.

Thus, the need to maximally use our time, live our lives intentionally and fulfil our ministries purposefully is crucial.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Numbering our days

1. Numbering our days

- a. Man is created for a purpose but with few days; seek wisdom to know the mind of God for your life and pursue it passionately early in life. Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 4:18-19; John 4:34.
- b. It is for self-examination of our lives thus far, and hope for our remaining days. Psalm 39:4-5; 90:9-10.
- c. It is the heart of wisdom to discern, recognise and understand your season, time and opportunities around you. 2 Kings 2: 1-12; 1 Chronicles 12: 32; John 9:4.
- d. Purpose to be relevant, impactful and fulfilled. Matthew 25:14-30; Hebrews 11:32-34.
- e. Do not be overwhelmed by the challenges of life to the extent of giving up. Many failures can turn out to be a one-lifetime success. Genesis 26:18-22; Psalm 34:19-20.
- f. Events of the end time are enough wisdom for us to number our days, so be wise about the reality of eternity (in heaven or hell), and watch and always pray. Matthew 24:36-37.
- g. Appreciate and value time; it has no respect for anybody, but it is fair to all. Avoid distraction and time wasters. Ephesians 5:16.
- h. Live circumspectly (cautiously) and not like a fool living each day as the last, for we can only hope in tomorrow that we have no control or idea of how it will be. Ephesians 5:15; James 4:13-14.
- i. Death is an appointment that cannot be postponed or cancelled. Every man becomes accountable to God at the end of his or her journey on earth. Psalm 139:16; Hebrews 9:27.
- j. Life is very short, and the world is passing away. Only those who do the will of God shall abide forever. Live with eternity in view. 1 John 2:17.

CONCLUSION

There is no fulfilment in life without Jesus Christ but there is great wisdom in seeking the path of God to live on this earth fulfilled and

inherit the eternal kingdom.

Until we view life from God's perspective and see it as a precious gift from above, there will not be any meaning to life, but emptiness, vanity and perplexity which ends in eternal damnation. *'For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?'* (Mark 8: 36-37). **Let us pray.**

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SUNDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2025
LESSON 28
TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS - PART 2

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To remind us of man's temporal stay on earth, thereby exhorting us to entrust our lives and the whole of our being to our Creator.
2. To awaken us, ensuring that we discover and fulfil our destinies within the brevity of human life allotted to us, knowing with certainty, that the day of reckoning is inevitable.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139:16

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Psalm 39:4-7

INTRODUCTION

Man, that is born of a woman is of few days (temporal), frail and full of trouble (Job 14:1). God is the only one who lives eternally. A thousand years are as one day before the Lord (Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8). No matter how long or short we live, the important thing is how well we live in the will of God, how we impact lives around us and what is our contribution to the expansion of God's Kingdom?

God's purpose and pleasure are the reasons why we are here. The question is: how are you living and fulfilling the will of your Creator?

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Taking cognizance of your Time
2. Conduct a Spiritual Check-up

1. Taking cognizance of your Time

The passage of man in the world is measured by time, which means every moment as far as God and man are concerned is very important to man's existence on earth. In other words, time is of prime essence to life because God attaches His plans and purposes to time and season. Genesis 8:22; Ecclesiastes 3:1-2.

The time in question is limited, unstoppable and irreversible; hence we must make every day count as if it is the last day and make the best use of our time.

Beware of the following robbers of time:

- a. Laziness/slothfulness. Proverbs 6:6-11, 20:4.
- b. Procrastination/delay: Ecclesiastes 11:4.
- c. Carelessness: Luke 12:35.
- d. Lack of focus/distraction: 1Corinthians 7:35; Nehemiah 6:1-4.
- e. Lack of zeal: Ecclesiastes 9:10.
- f. Lack of knowledge/ignorance: Hosea 4:6, Isaiah 5:13.
- g. Spiritual attacks: do not be ignorant of devices of the devil. 2 Corinthians 2:11.

2. Conduct a Spiritual Check-up

'Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...' (2 Corinthians 13:5). Conduct self-examination of your life in the mirror of the word of God, considering your past, reviewing your present and making resolutions for the future as the Lord tarries.

The Past:

- Seek mercy for forgiveness with a true heart of repentance. Psalm 130:7.
- Restitution as led by the Holy Spirit. Luke 19:8.
- Do not linger on your past mistakes and do not harbour regret after forgiveness and restitution. Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- Consolidate on all the good works. Galatians 6: 4-5, 9.

- Be like Onesimus. Philemon 10-11. Be like the prodigal son. Luke 15:17-18.

The Present:

- Be zealous and fervent in the spirit, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11.
- Continually ask for mercy to keep standing strong in the Lord till the end. 1 Corinthians 10:12.
- Do not be like Demas, do not forsake Christ for this present perverted world (Do whatever it will cost you to avoid backsliding). 2 Timothy 4:10; Hebrews 10:38-39.

The Future:

- Focus on eternity. Colossians 3:1-2.
- See to it that you put your house in order and always make peace with people around you, including family members, brethren, neighbours and colleagues. Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14.
- Settle your account daily. Romans 14:12.
- Be diligent in anticipating the second coming of the Lord. 2 Peter 3:14.
- Strive to leave a good legacy for the next generation, play your part and impart others positively. Hebrew 11:32-34.

CONCLUSION

- Examine yourself whether you are still in the faith. If so, ask for more grace to keep standing till the end, and if not, amend your ways NOW by retracing your steps back to God.
- Therefore, let the sinner heed the salvation call and the backslider return to the Lord. No one knows the hour of the Lord's second coming, but the Father only (Matthew 24:36).
- It is not our gains from the world that go with us when we die, but what positive values we have added to the world. That is the only

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SUNDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2025

THANKSGIVING / EXHORTATION AND
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL - END OF YEAR ACTIVITY REVIEW

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

1. Another year is dawning!

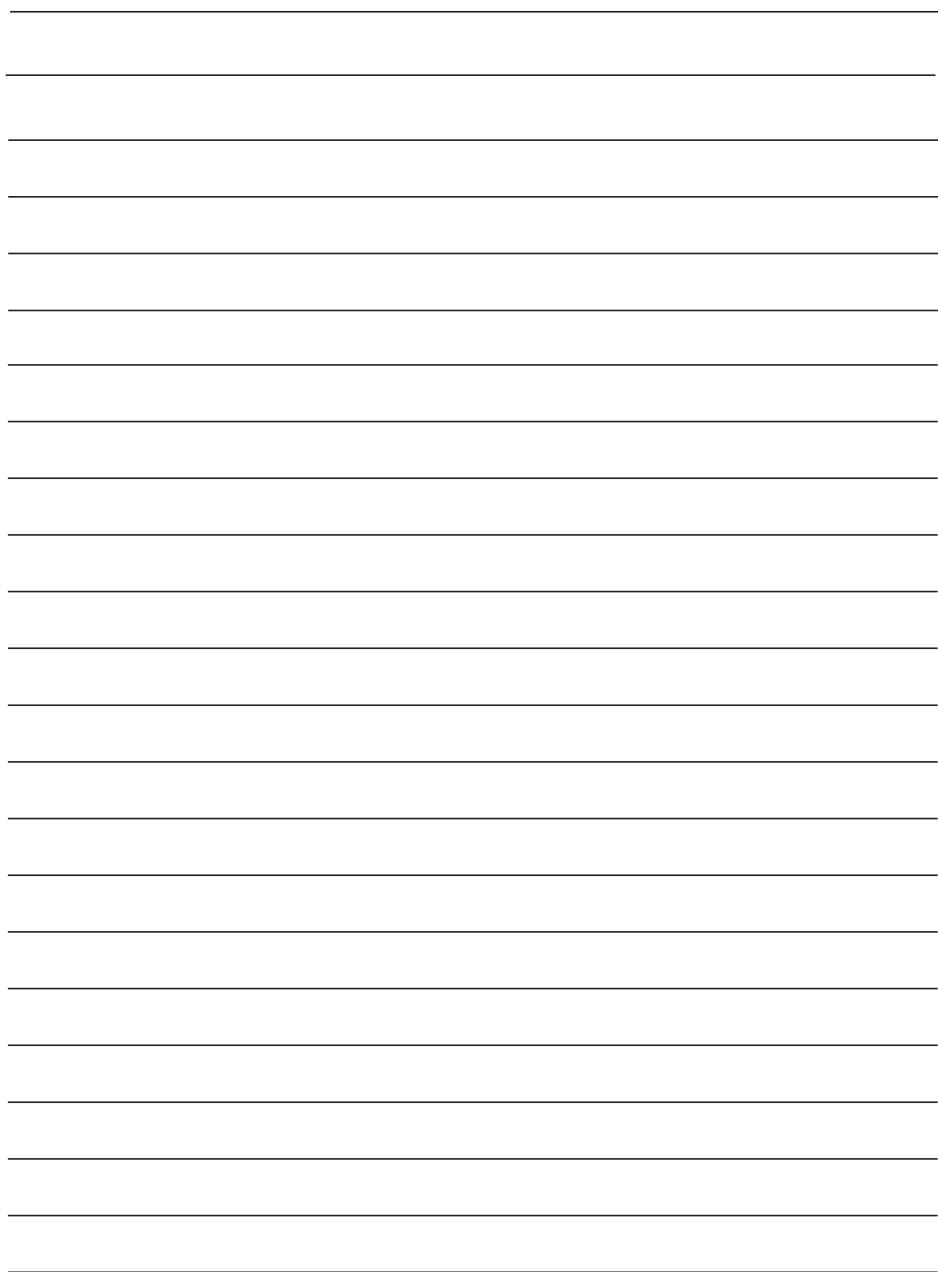
Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving,
Thy presence all the days.

2. Another year of mercies,

Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness,
The glory of thy face;
Another year of leaning,
Upon thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest;

3. Another year of service,

Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training,
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning!
Dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee.





SUNDAY

OUR WEEKLY SERVICES:

WORKERS MEETING:	6:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL:	7:00AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	8:00AM
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TUESDAY

BIBLE STUDY

6:00PM

WEDNESDAY

SOLUTION HOUR

8:00AM

THURSDAY

DELIVERANCE HOUR

6:00PM



DID YOU ATTEND THE LAST
SUNDAY SCHOOL

**EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL
MISSED IS LIKE A**

Treasure
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