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Lesson 1, for April 4, 1942

Reconciled to God

MEMORY VERSE: "If, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." Rom. 5:10.

STUDY HELP: "Steps to Christ," chapters, "God's Love for Man," and "The Sinner's Need of Christ."

SEED THOUGHT: "It is the work of conversion and sanctification to reconcile men to God, by bringing them into accord with the principles of His law. In the beginning, man was created in the image of God. He was in perfect harmony with the nature and the law of God; the principles of righteousness were written upon his heart. But sin alienated him from his Maker. He no longer reflected the divine image. His heart was at war with the principles of God's law. 'The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.' But 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son,' that man might be reconciled to God. Through the merits of Christ he can be restored to harmony with his Maker. His heart must be renewed by divine grace; he must have a new life from above. This change is the new birth, without which, says Jesus, 'he cannot see the kingdom of God.' "—"The Great Controversy," page 467.

In Rebellion Against God

1. What is the condition of men by nature? How do they walk? What are they called? Eph. 2:1-3.

2. What relation do those subject to the carnal mind sustain to God? What are some of their characteristics? Rom. 8:6-8; Titus 3:3.

NOTE.—"Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. They may produce an outward correctness of behavior, but they cannot change the heart; they cannot purify the springs of life. There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness."—*Steps to Christ*, page 20.

3. How does God describe the wretched state of those who are in rebellion against Him? Isa. 1:4-7.

4. What is God's earnest desire for all? 2 Peter 3:9, last part; Ezek. 18:31, 32.

Changes Through Reconciliation

5. By what specific act of Christ was it made possible for man to be brought into harmony with God? Rom. 5:10.

6. When the sinner accepts God's love, what change takes place? Isa. 1:18.

7. By whom and by what means is this great transaction accomplished? Titus 3:5, 6.

NOTE.—"The broken law of God demanded the life of the sinner. In all the universe there was but one who could, in behalf of man, satisfy its claims. Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, only one equal with God could make atonement for its transgression. None but Christ could redeem fallen man from the curse of the law, and bring him again into harmony with Heaven."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* page 63.

8. Since the penalty for the violation of God's law is death, how may the penalty be removed from the sinner? Rom. 6:23; 1 Peter 2:24.

9. Contrast man's condition before and after reconciliation. 1 John 5:12; Rom. 8:1.

10. What is God's purpose for the sons of men? 2 Tim. 1:9, 10; Jer. 29:11.

NOTE.—"Before the foundations of the earth were laid, the Father and the Son had united in a covenant to redeem man if he should be overcome by Satan. They had clasped their hands in a solemn pledge that Christ should become the surety for the human race. This pledge Christ has fulfilled. When upon the cross He cried out, 'It is finished,' He addressed the Father. The compact had been fully carried out. Now He declares, Father, it is finished. I have done Thy will, O My God. I have completed the work of redemption. If Thy justice is satisfied, 'I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am.' "—*The Desire of Ages,* page 834.

11. How much is embraced in God's purpose for man? Eph. 1:4-12.

NOTE.—"Christ assured the angels that by His death He would ransom many, and would destroy him who had the power of death. He would recover the kingdom which man had lost by transgression, and the redeemed were to inherit it with Him, and dwell therein forever. Sin and sinners would be blotted out, nevermore to disturb the peace of heaven or earth. He bade the angelic host to be in accord with the plan that His Father had accepted, and rejoice that, through His death, fallen man could be reconciled to God.

"Then joy, inexpressible joy, filled heaven. The glory and blessedness of a world redeemed, outmeasured even the anguish and sacrifice of the Prince of life. Through the celestial courts echoed the first strains of that song which was to ring out above the hills of Bethlehem,—'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' With a deeper gladness now than in the rapture of the new creation, 'the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.' "—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* page 65.

Evidences of Reconciliation

12. What should be the daily experience of those who have been reconciled to God? Rom. 5:1, 2; 2 Peter 1:4-8.

13. Whose peace do those reconciled to God have? To what is it compared? John 14:27; Isa. 48:18.

NOTE.—"Inward peace and a conscience void of offense toward God, will quicken and invigorate the intellect, like dew distilled upon the tender plants. The will is then rightly directed and controlled, and is more decided, and yet free from perverseness. The meditations are pleasing because they are sanc-

tified. The serenity of mind which you may possess, will bless all with whom you associate. This peace and calmness will, in time, become natural, and will reflect its precious rays upon all around you, to be again reflected upon you. The more you taste this heavenly peace and quietude of mind, the more it will increase. It is an animated, living pleasure which does not throw all the moral energies into a stupor, but awakens them to increased activity. Perfect peace is an attribute of heaven which angels possess. May God help you to become a possessor of this peace."—*Testimonies,* vol. 2, p. 327.

14. What will the Master who spoke peace to the troubled waters of Galilee (Mark 4:37-39) do for troubled hearts today? Phil. 4:7.

15. Besides giving peace, what will God do for those who accept His purpose for them? Heb. 13:20, 21.

NOTE.—"The same unseen Hand that guides the planets in their courses, and upholds the worlds by His power, has made provision for man formed in His image, that he may be little less than the angels of God while in the performance of his duties on earth. God's purposes have not been answered by men who have been entrusted with the most solemn truth ever given to man. He designs that we should rise higher and higher toward a state of perfection, seeing and realizing at every step the power and glory of God."—*Testimonies,* vol. 4, pp. 415, 416.

16. What kind of Christians does reconciliation with God produce? Col. 1:27, 28; 2:6, 7, 10.

Lesson 2, for April 11, 1942

The Christian's Relationship to the Heavenly Father

MEMORY VERSE: "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12.

STUDY HELP: "Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," pages 154-176.

SEED THOUGHT: "But if you call God your Father, you acknowledge yourselves His children, to be guided by His wisdom, and to be obedient in all things, knowing that His love is changeless. You will accept His plan for your life. As children of God, you will hold His honor, His character, His family, His work, as the objects of your highest interest. It will be your joy to recognize and honor your relation to your Father, and to every member of His family. You will rejoice to do any act, however humble, that will tend to His glory, or to the well-being of your kindred."—"Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," page 156.

The Supreme God

1. What are some of the attributes and characteristics of our God? Isa. 40:28-31; 1 Tim. 1:17.

NOTE.—"All that man needs to know or can know of God has been revealed in the life and character of His Son."—*Testimonies,* vol. 8, p. 286.

2. How are His glory and majesty revealed? Ps. 19:1, 2; Rom. 1:19, 20.

3. What relationship does the reconciled soul sustain to this Supreme Being? 2 Cor. 6:18; Matt. 6:9.

Children of God

4. How is this relationship formed? How does the Saviour speak of it? John 1:12; 3:3, 7.

NOTE.—"Through this simple act of believing God, the Holy Spirit has begotten a new life in your heart. You are as a child born into the family of God, and He loves you as He loves His Son."—*Steps to Christ*, page 56.

"As our intercessor, Christ's office work is to introduce us to God as His sons and daughters. He intercedes in behalf of those who receive Him. With His own blood He has paid their ransom. By virtue of His merits, He gives them power to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 177.

5. What separation must take place in the establishment of this relationship? 2 Cor. 6:17, 18; 7:1.

NOTE.—"Every sinful gratification tends to benumb the faculties and deaden the mental and spiritual perceptions, and the word or the Spirit of God can make but a feeble impression upon the heart. Paul writes to the Corinthians, 'Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.' "—*The Great Controversy*, page 474.

"The love of the world has a terrible hold upon the people whom the Lord has commanded to watch and pray always, lest coming suddenly He find them sleeping."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 196.

6. In another powerful appeal, how does the heavenly Father urge His children to forsake the world? 1 John 2:15-17.

NOTE.—"You cannot affiliate with the world without becoming a partaker of its spirit, without becoming guilty of treason against the Lord who has bought you."—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review and Herald*, Aug. 26, 1890.

"We need to be converted daily. Our prayers should be more fervent; then they will be more effectual. Stronger and stronger should be our confidence that God's Spirit will be with us, making us pure and holy, as upright and fragrant as the cedar of Lebanon."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 252.

God's Standard for His Children

7. To represent their heavenly Father properly in this world, what standard is set for His children? Matt. 5:48; 1 John 3:2.

NOTE.—"As Christ is the channel for the revelation of the Father, so we are to be the channel for the revelation of Christ."—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, page 67.

8. By what rule must the children of God live? John 15:10; Matt. 19:17.

Characteristics of God's Children

9. How do the daily lives of Christians prove them to be God's children? 1 John 5:4.

NOTE.—"The Saviour was deeply anxious for His disciples to understand for what purpose His divinity was united to humanity. He came to the world to display the glory of God, that man might be uplifted by its restoring power. God was manifested in Him that He might be manifested in them. Jesus revealed no qualities, and exercised no powers, that men may not have through faith in Him. His perfect humanity is that which all His followers may pos-

sess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 664.

10. How do God's people demonstrate their love for their heavenly Father? Mark 12:30, 31.

11. What outstanding characteristics of the child of God are mentioned in Hebrews 12:28? (Reverence and godly fear.) In Psalm 9:10? (Trust in God.) In Psalm 40:8? (Delight in doing God's will.)

NOTE.—"The life on earth is the beginning of the life in heaven; education on earth is an initiation into the principles of heaven; the lifework here is a training for the lifework there. What we now are, in character and holy service, is the sure foreshadowing of what we shall be."—*Education,* page 307.

12. How only can these characteristics be developed? Titus 2:11-13.

13. How do false professors of Christ dishonor the heavenly Father? Titus 1:16.

Inheritance of God's Children

14. What does God's purpose for His children include? 1 Peter 1:3-5; Rev. 21:7.

NOTE.—"All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's children. With unutterable delight we shall enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings. We shall share the treasures gained through ages upon ages spent in contemplation of God's handiwork. And the years of eternity, as they roll, will continue to bring more glorious revelations. 'Exceeding abundant above all that we ask or think' will be, forever and forever, the impartation of the gifts of God."—*Education,* page 307.

15. Upon what promises may we rest our confidence in the reality of this inheritance? Heb. 10:35, 36; 2 Peter 3:13.

NOTE.—"We must be there. We must bask in the forgiving smiles of God, to whom we have become reconciled, and sin no more; we must have access to that exhaustless fount of vitality, the fruit of the tree of life, and never die; we must repose under the shadow of its leaves, which are for the service of the nations, and never again grow weary; we must drink from the life-giving fountain, and thirst nevermore; we must bathe in its silvery spray, and be refreshed; we must walk on its golden sands, and feel that we are no longer exiles; we must exchange the cross for the crown, and feel that the days of our humiliation are ended; we must lay down the staff and take the palm branch, and feel that the journey is done; we must put off the rent garments of our warfare for the white robes of triumph, and feel that the conflict is ended and the victory gained; we must exchange the toil-worn dusty girdle of our pilgrimage for the glorious vesture of immortality, and feel that sin and the curse can never more pollute us. O day of rest and triumph, and every good, delay not thy dawning! Let the angels at once be sent to gather the elect. Let the promise be fulfilled which bears in its train these matchless glories."—*Daniel and the Revelation,* page 776.

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Lesson 3, for April 18, 1942

The Relation of the Christian to Jesus, the Son of God

MEMORY VERSE: "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3.

STUDY HELP: "Steps to Christ," chapter, "The Test of Discipleship."

SEED THOUGHT: "In giving us His word, God has put us in possession of every truth essential for our salvation. Thousands have drawn water from these wells of life, yet there is no diminishing of the supply. Thousands have set the Lord before them, and by beholding have been changed into the same image. Their spirit burns within them as they speak of His character, telling what Christ is to them, and what they are to Christ. But these searchers have not exhausted these grand and holy themes. Thousands more may engage in the work of searching out the mysteries of salvation. As the life of Christ and the character of His mission are dwelt upon, rays of light will shine forth more distinctly at every attempt to discover truth. Each fresh search will reveal something more deeply interesting than has yet been unfolded. The subject is inexhaustible. The study of the incarnation of Christ, His atoning sacrifice and mediatorial work, will employ the mind of the diligent student as long as time shall last; and looking to heaven with its unnumbered years, he will exclaim, 'Great is the mystery of godliness.' "—"Christ's Object Lessons," pages 133, 134.

Creator and Redeemer

1. Who was associated with our heavenly Father in creation? For whom were all things made? John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15, 16.

2. How are they associated in the plan of salvation? 2 Cor. 5:18, 19; Zech. 6:12, 13.

NOTE.—"It was a costly sacrifice that the Lord of heaven made. Divine benevolence was stirred to its unfathomable depths; it was impossible for God to give more."—*Testimonies,* vol. 9, pp. 59, 60.

"Christ would reach to the depths of misery to rescue the ruined race. Before the Father He pleaded in the sinner's behalf, while the host of heaven awaited the result with an intensity of interest that words cannot express. Long continued was that mysterious communing,—'the counsel of peace' for the fallen sons of men. The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth; for Christ is 'the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world;' yet it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe, to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race. But 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' Oh, the mystery of redemption! the love of God for a world that did not love Him! Who can know the depths of that love which 'passeth knowledge'? Through endless ages, immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery of that incomprehensible love, will wonder and adore."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* pages 63, 64.

What Jesus Is to the Christian

3. What steps in humility did Jesus take in order to redeem man? Phil. 2:6-8; Heb. 2:14, 15.

NOTE.—"The Son of God could not have shown greater condescension than He did; He could not have stooped lower."—*Testimonies,* vol. 7, p. 29.

"As the Son of man, He gave us an example of obedience; as the Son of God, He gives us power to obey."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 24.

4. What relation does Jesus sustain to the Christian? Heb. 2:11, 12.

5. After His ascension, what did Christ become to the Christian? Heb. 8:1, 2; 2:17.

NOTE.—"As a priest, Christ is now set down with the Father in His throne. Upon the throne with the eternal, self-existent One, is He who 'hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows,' who 'was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin,' that He might be 'able to succor them that are tempted.' 'If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father.' His intercession is that of a pierced and broken body, of a spotless life. The wounded hands, the pierced side, the marred feet, plead for fallen man, whose redemption was purchased at such infinite cost."—*The Great Controversy,* page 416.

6. In this capacity, what is He able to do for the Christian? Why? Heb. 2:18; 7:25.

NOTE.—"The Elder Brother of our race is by the eternal throne. He looks upon every soul who is turning his face toward Him as the Saviour. He knows by experience what are the weaknesses of humanity, what are our wants, and where lies the strength of our temptations; for He was 'in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.' He is watching over you, trembling child of God. Are you tempted? He will deliver. Are you weak? He will strengthen. Are you ignorant? He will enlighten. Are you wounded? He will heal. The Lord 'telleth the number of the stars;' and yet 'He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.' "—*The Ministry of Healing,* page 71.

7. Why are we safe in His keeping? John 10:28, 29.

Privileges of the Believer

8. Under what conditions may we enjoy these wonderful blessings? Rom. 12:1; 6:13, 14.

9. What change takes place after a complete surrender? Rom. 6:17, 18; Phil. 2:13.

NOTE.—" 'The prince of this world cometh,' said Jesus, 'and hath nothing in Me.' There was in Him nothing that responded to Satan's sophistry. He did not consent to sin. Not even by a thought did He yield to temptation. So it may be with us. Christ's humanity was united with divinity; He was fitted for the conflict by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And He came to make us partakers of the divine nature. So long as we are united to Him by faith, sin has no more dominion over us. God reaches for the hand of faith in us to direct it to lay fast hold upon the divinity of Christ, that we may attain to perfection of character."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 123.

10. How may we enjoy sweet fellowship with Jesus? John 14:23; Rev. 3:20.

NOTE.—"Those who take Christ at His word, and surrender their souls to His keeping, their lives to His ordering, will find peace and quietude. Nothing of the world can make them sad when Jesus makes them glad by His presence. In perfect acquiescence there is perfect rest. The Lord says, 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.' Our lives may seem a tangle; but as we commit ourselves to the wise Master

Worker, He will bring out the pattern of life and character that will be to His own glory. And that character which expresses the glory—character—of Christ will be received into the Paradise of God. A renovated race shall walk with Him in white, for they are worthy."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 331.

11. How do we reveal our love for Jesus and our trust in Him? John 14:21; 1 John 4:16-18.

NOTE.—"All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service. When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience. Through an appreciation of the character of Christ, through communion with God, sin will become hateful to us."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 668.

12. If such an intimate relationship is sustained, of what may we be assured? John 15:7; 1 John 3:21, 22.

13. What will be the result of such intimate association with Jesus? John 15:5, 8, 16, 11.

NOTE.—"If men will but humble themselves before God, if they will not exalt their judgment as the all-controlling influence, if they will make room for the Lord to plan and work, God will use the qualifications He has given them in a way that will glorify His name. He will purify His workers from all selfishness, cutting off the branches that would entwine around undesirable objects, pruning the vine so that it will produce fruit. God is the great Husbandman. He will make everything in the lives of those who are laborers together with Christ subservient to His great purpose of growth and fruit bearing. It is His plan, by conforming His servants day by day to the image of Christ, by making them partakers of the divine nature, to cause them to bear fruit abundantly."—*Testimonies,* vol. 8, p. 186.

Results to the Christian

14. How only can the heart be calm and peaceful amid the trials, hardships, and dangers of these last days? Matt. 11:28-30; Isa. 26:3.

NOTE.—"Let us be hopeful and courageous. Despondency in God's service is sinful and unreasonable. He knows our every necessity. To the omnipotence of the King of kings our covenant-keeping God unites the gentleness and care of the tender shepherd. His power is absolute, and it is the pledge of the sure fulfillment of His promises to all who trust in Him. He has means for the removal of every difficulty, that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs may be sustained. His love is as far above all other love as the heavens are above the earth. He watches over His children with a love that is measureless and everlasting."—*The Ministry of Healing,* pages 481, 482.

15. What will it mean to know Jesus? How only can we become acquainted with Him? John 17:3; 5:39.

NOTE.—"Transformation of character, purity of life, efficiency in service, adherence to correct principles, all depend upon a right knowledge of God. This knowledge is the essential preparation both for this life and for the life to come."—*The Ministry of Healing,* page 409.

Lesson 4, for April 25, 1942

The Christian's Relation to the Holy Spirit

MEMORY VERSE: "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Eph. 4:30.

STUDY HELPS: "The Desire of Ages," pages 172-177, 669-672; "The Acts of the Apostles," pages 47-56, 529-533.

SEED THOUGHT: "Never will the human heart know happiness until it is submitted to be molded by the Spirit of God. The Spirit conforms the renewed soul to the model, Jesus Christ. Through the influence of the Spirit, enmity against God is changed into faith and love, and pride into humility. The soul perceives the beauty of truth, and Christ is honored in excellence and perfection of character. As these changes are effected, angels break out in rapturous song, and God and Christ rejoice over souls fashioned after the divine similitude."—"Messages to Young People," pages 55, 56.

Office of the Holy Spirit

1. What part did the Spirit of God have in the creation of the world? Gen. 1:2.

2. How did the Holy Spirit operate in giving us the Scriptures? 2 Peter 1:21.

NOTE.—"The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to exalt the Lord alone, and guided the pens of the sacred historians, that the record of the words and works of Christ might be given to the world."—*Gospel Workers*, page 286.

3. During Christ's earthly sojourn, how did the Spirit co-operate with Him in service? Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38.

4. After Christ's ascension, who became His successor on earth? John 14:26; 16:7, 14.

NOTE.—"The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 669.

5. In what ways does the Holy Spirit help the individual? John 16:8, 13; 3:5.

What the Holy Spirit Does for the Christian

6. What assurance have we of the Holy Spirit's help and of His interest in our salvation? Luke 11:13; Rom. 8:26, 27.

NOTE.—"The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the

Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 671.

7. After convicting of sin, what transformation will He make in the surrendered life? Titus 3:5, last part; 2 Cor. 3:18.

NOTE.—"God takes men as they are, and educates them for His service, if they will yield themselves to Him. The Spirit of God, received into the soul, quickens all its faculties. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mind that is devoted unreservedly to God, develops harmoniously, and is strengthened to comprehend and fulfill the requirements of God. The weak, vacillating character becomes changed to one of strength and steadfastness. Continual devotion establishes so close a relation between Jesus and His disciples that the Christian becomes like his Master in character. He has clearer, broader views. His discernment is more penetrative, his judgment better balanced. So quickened is he by the life-giving power of the Sun of Righteousness, that he is enabled to bear much fruit to the glory of God."—*Gospel Workers,* pages 285, 286.

8. What work of grace is wrought in our hearts by the Spirit? How will this enable us to live a righteous life? Rom. 5:5; Matt. 22:37-40.

NOTE.—"God's law is fulfilled only as men love Him with heart, mind, soul, and strength, and their neighbor as themselves. It is the manifestation of this love that brings glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to men. The Lord is glorified when the great end of His law is attained. It is the work of the Holy Spirit from age to age to impart love to human hearts; for love is the living principle of brotherhood."—*Testimonies,* vol. 8, p. 139.

9. How does the Spirit enable Christians to understand the Bible? John 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:9, 10, 13.

NOTE.—"The Holy Spirit, sent from heaven by the benevolence of infinite love, takes the things of God, and reveals them to every soul that has an implicit faith in Christ. . . . As we study the Scriptures, we should pray for the light of God's Holy Spirit to shine upon the word, that we may see and appreciate its treasures."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 113.

"Christ promised that the Holy Spirit should abide with those who wrestle for victory over sin, to demonstrate the power of divine might by endowing the human agent with supernatural strength and instructing the ignorant in the mysteries of the kingdom of God."—*Gospel Workers,* page 286.

10. What is the Christian's secret of success in service? Acts 1:8; Luke 12:12.

NOTE.—"Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive."—*Gospel Workers,* page 285.

Evidences of Submission to the Holy Spirit

11. How will the spiritually minded person think and act? Rom. 8:6, 8, 9; Gal. 5:16, 22, 23, 25.

12. What results were seen in the early church when the Holy Spirit controlled the hearts of the believers? Acts 4:31-33; 11:22-24.

NOTE.—"The presence of the Spirit with God's workers will give the presentation of the truth a power that not all the honor or glory of the world could give. The Spirit furnishes the strength that sustains striving, wrestling souls in every emergency, amidst the unfriendliness of relatives, the hatred of the world, and the realization of their own imperfections and mistakes."—*Testimonies,* vol. 8, p. 22.

The Grieving of the Spirit

13. What are some of the things the Christian must do in order not to grieve the Holy Spirit?

a. Must open the heart's door. Rev. 3:20.
b. Must receive the Spirit. John 20:22.
c. Must turn away from sin. Eph. 4:31.
d. Must be kind to others. Eph. 4:32.
e. Must be His witnesses. Acts 1:8.

14. Why is it so all-important for the Christian not to grieve the Holy Spirit? Eph. 4:30. (Rev. 7:3; 14:1, 5.)

NOTE.—"Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven. Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour."—*Testimonies* vol. 5, p. 216.

15. What are two things we must avoid in order not to sin against the Holy Spirit? 1 Thess. 5:19; Acts 7:51.

NOTE.—"Precious light is to shine forth from the word of God, and let no one presume to dictate what shall or what shall not be brought before the people in the messages of enlightenment that He shall send, and so quench the Spirit of God. . . . It was from pursuing this very course that the popular churches were left in partial darkness, and that is why the messages of heaven have not reached them."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work,* page 65.

"There is not an impulse of our nature, not a faculty of the mind or an inclination of the heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* page 421.

Thirteenth Sabbath "Overflow"

The "overflow" of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter is to establish the gospel work in the North African Union, where live nearly 14,000,000 people. About 3,000,000 of these are Europeans, the others are Arabs. A serious handicap to the work is that we do not possess one chapel in all this field. Our largest church membership is in the city of Algiers, and a representative place of worship is greatly needed. Our people ask for your loyal support on the Thirteenth Sabbath to help meet this need.

Lesson 5, for May 2, 1942

The Christian's Relation to the Bible

MEMORY VERSE: "Search the scriptures; for . . . they are they which testify of Me." John 5:39.

STUDY HELP: "Steps to Christ," chapter, "A Knowledge of God."

SEED THOUGHT: "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test, Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand. Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?"—"The Great Controversy," pages 593, 594.

The Supreme Book

1. How were the Scriptures given to man? 2 Tim. 3:16.

NOTE.—"The union of the divine and the human, manifest in Christ, exists also in the Bible. The truths revealed are all 'given by inspiration of God;' yet they are expressed in the words of men, and are adapted to human needs. Thus it may be said of the Book of God, as it was of Christ, that 'the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.' And this fact, so far from being an argument against the Bible, should strengthen faith in it as the word of God. Those who pronounce upon the inspiration of the Scriptures, accepting some portions as divine, while they reject other parts as human, overlook the fact that Christ, the divine, partook of our human nature, that He might reach humanity. In the work of God for man's redemption, divinity and humanity are combined." —*Testimonies,* vol. 5, pp. 747, 748.

2. What part did man have in its preparation? 2 Peter 1:21.

3. What assurance have we of the perpetuity of the word of God? Isa. 40:8; Matt. 24:35.

NOTE.—"The empire of Caesar is gone; the legions of Rome are moldering in the dust; the avalanches that Napoleon hurled upon Europe have melted away; the pride of the Pharaohs is fallen; the pyramids that they raised to be their tombs are sinking every day in the desert sands; Tyre is a rock for bleaching fishermen's nets; Sidon has scarcely left a wreck behind; but the word of God still survives. All things that threatened to extinguish it have only aided it; and it proves every day how transient is the noblest monument that man can build, how enduring is the least word that God has spoken. Tradition has dug for it a grave; intolerance has lighted for it many a fagot; many a Judas has betrayed it with a kiss; many a Peter has denied it with an oath; many a Demas has forsaken it: but the word of God still endures."—*Dr. Cummings.*

4. How has its purity been preserved through the ages? Ps. 12:6, 7.

NOTE.—"Satan had urged on the papal priests and prelates to bury the word of truth beneath the rubbish of error, heresy, and superstition; but in a most wonderful manner it was preserved uncorrupted through all the ages of darkness. It bore not the stamp of man, but the impress of God. Men have been unwearied in their efforts to obscure the plain, simple meaning of the Scriptures, and to make them contradict their own testimony; but like the ark upon the billowy deep, the word of God outrides the storms that threaten it with destruction."—*The Great Controversy,* page 69.

The Vaudois sometimes are called "the Israel of the Alps." "For a thousand years," these "witnesses for the truth maintained the ancient faith." Like a huge pipeline that carries the pure mountain water to a distant city, protecting it from all contamination along the way, those fearless heroes of the cross carried God's blessed word in its purity down from the early Christian era to the Reformation of the sixteenth century, shielding it from all heathen adulterations with their own lifeblood. A portion of the pledge taken by the Vaudois reads as follows:

" 'We promise to maintain the Bible, whole and without admixture, according to the usage of the true apostolic church, persevering in this holy religion, though it be at the peril of our life, in order that we may transmit it to our children, intact and pure, as we received it from our fathers.' "—J. A. Wylie, *History of Protestantism,* vol. 2, p. 462.

5. What illustrations of the power of this word are given? Heb. 4:12; Jer. 23:29; Isa. 55:10, 11.

6. How do the things of nature bear witness to the mighty power of the word of God? Heb. 1:3.

The Bible and Salvation

7. What should be our attitude toward the Bible? Why are we commanded to study it? 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:14, 15.

NOTE.—"The word of the living God is not merely written, but spoken. The Bible is God's voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realized this, with what awe would we open God's word, and with what earnestness would we search its precepts! The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an audience with the Infinite One."—*Testimonies,* vol. 6, p. 393.

"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts on your hearts and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for the progress made in civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future."—*U. S. Grant.*

8. What is one reason Christ's followers fail to reach the highest standard of Christian living? Matt. 22:29; Acts 17:11.

NOTE.—"If we would live a true Christian life, the conscience must be quickened by constant contact with the word of God. All the precious things which at infinite cost God has provided for us, will do us good; they cannot strengthen us and produce spiritual growth unless we appropriate them. We must eat the word of God,—make it a part of ourselves."—*Testimonies,* vol. 7, p. 195.

9. How is Bible study related to the new birth and to Christian growth? 1 Peter 1:23; 2:2.

NOTE.—"Those who will put on the whole armor of God, and devote some time every day to meditation and prayer, and to the study of the Scriptures, will be connected with Heaven, and will have a saving, transforming influence upon those around them. Great thoughts, noble aspirations, clear perceptions of truth and duty to God, will be theirs. They will be yearning for purity, for light, for love, for all the graces of heavenly birth. Their earnest prayers will enter into that within the veil. This class will have a sanctified boldness to come into the presence of the Infinite One. They will feel that Heaven's light

and glories are for them, and they will become refined, elevated, ennobled by this intimate acquaintance with God. Such is the privilege of true Christians." —*Testimonies,* vol. 5, pp. 112, 113.

Methods of Study

10. What must be our attitude toward truth if we would understand the Bible? John 8:31, 32; 7:17.

NOTE.—"Whoever will prayerfully study the Bible, desiring to know the truth, that he may obey it, will receive divine enlightenment. He will understand the Scriptures."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 459.

11. Who alone is the infallible interpreter of divine truth? John 16:13, 14; 1 Cor. 2:10, 13.

NOTE.—"We should carefully study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand His word."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 390.

For Every Present Need

12. What is the nature of the Christian's warfare and of the weapons needed in it? To what is the word of God likened? Eph. 6:12-17.

13. Give two illustrations of Christ's use of the Scriptures. Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; Luke 24:27.

NOTE.—"Jesus met Satan with the words of Scripture. 'It is written,' He said. In every temptation the weapon of His warfare was the word of God." —*The Desire of Ages,* page 120.

14. How did Job regard the word of God? Job 23:12.

15. How is Bible study woven into successful service? 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15.

16. At what period in the world's history will it be true that only those who have hidden God's word in their hearts will have access to its promises? Amos 8:11, 12; Ps. 119:11.

NOTE.—"Those who had not prized God's word were hurrying to and fro, wandering from sea to sea, and from the north to the east, to seek the word of the Lord. Said the angel, 'They shall not find it. There is a famine in the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but for hearing the words of the Lord. What would they not give for one word of approval from God! but no; they must hunger and thirst on. Day after day have they slighted salvation, prizing earthly riches and earthly pleasure higher than any heavenly treasure or inducement. They have rejected Jesus and despised His saints. The filthy must remain filthy forever.'"—*Early Writings,* pages 281, 282.

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Lesson 6, for May 9, 1942

The Christian's Relation to Prayer

MEMORY VERSE: "Ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13.

STUDY HELPS: "Steps to Christ," chapter, "The Privilege of Prayer;" "Education," pages 260, 261.

SEED THOUGHT: "The reason why so many are left to themselves in places of temptation is that they do not set the Lord always before them. When we permit our communion with God to be broken, our defense is departed from us. Not all your good purposes and good intentions will enable you to withstand evil. You must be men and women of prayer. Your petitions must not be faint, occasional, and fitful, but earnest, persevering, and constant. It is not always necessary to bow upon your knees in order to pray. Cultivate the habit of talking with the Saviour when you are alone, when you are walking, and when you are busy with your daily labor. Let the heart be continually uplifted in silent petition for help, for light, for strength, for knowledge. Let every breath be a prayer."—"The Ministry of Healing," pages 510, 511.

Holding Converse With God

1. How comprehensive is God's invitation to sinners? By what title are we to address Him? Jer. 29:11-13; Luke 11:2.

2. What is He able to do for us? Eph. 3:20, 21.

NOTE.—"Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears, before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to the wants of His children. 'The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.' His heart of love is touched by our sorrows, and even by our utterance of them. Take to Him everything that perplexes the mind. . . . The relations between God and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were not another soul for whom He gave His beloved Son."—*Steps to Christ,* pages 104, 105.

3. How has God revealed to us His desire to have us come to Him for help? Rom. 8:32; Isa. 55:1.

Requests We May Bring to Him

4. Name some of the personal blessings we are invited to request of God:

a. Forgiveness. 1 John 1:9; Matt. 6:12.
b. Daily necessities. Matt. 6:11.
c. Wisdom to do right. James 1:5.
d. Keeping power. Matt. 6:13.
e. Deliverance in time of trouble. Ps. 50:15; 34:6.
f. Great faith. Matt. 15:28; Luke 17:5.
g. For health when sick. James 5:14-16.

NOTE.—"Although there may be a tainted, corrupted atmosphere around us, we need not breathe its miasma, but may live in the pure air of heaven. We may close every door to impure imaginings and unholy thoughts by lifting the soul into the presence of God through sincere prayer. Those whose hearts are

open to receive the support and blessing of God will walk in a holier atmosphere than that of earth, and will have constant communion with Heaven."—*Steps to Christ*, page 104.

5. For whom are we admonished to pray? Eph. 6:18; Matt. 5:44; 2 Thess. 3:1; 1 Tim. 2:1.

6. What special request should we make for rulers? Why? 1 Tim. 2:2, 3.

7. What great needs should we spread daily before our heavenly Father? Matt. 9:37, 38.

Conditions to Be Met

8. Name some features of acceptable prayer. 1 Cor. 14:15; Phil. 4:6.

NOTE.—"We must not only pray in Christ's name, but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This explains what is meant when it is said that the Spirit 'maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered.' Such prayer God delights to answer. When with earnestness and intensity we breathe a prayer in the name of Christ, there is in that very intensity a pledge from God that He is about to answer our prayer 'exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.'"—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 147.

9. What are two essentials to effectual prayer? James 1:6; Heb. 11:6; Mark 11:24.

NOTE.—"Faith is the gift of God, but the power to exercise it is ours. Faith is the hand by which the soul takes hold upon the divine offers of grace and mercy."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 431.

"There are certain conditions upon which we may expect that God will hear and answer our prayers. One of the first of these is that we feel our need of help from Him. He has promised, 'I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground.' Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, who long after God, may be sure that they will be filled. The heart must be open to the Spirit's influence, or God's blessing cannot be received."—*Steps to Christ*, page 99.

10. What besides faith does sincere, effectual prayer require? 2 Chron. 7:14; 1 John 3:22.

NOTE.—"Instead of releasing man from obedience, it is faith, and faith only, that makes us partakers of the grace of Christ, which enables us to render obedience. We do not earn salvation by our obedience; for salvation is the free gift of God, to be received by faith. But obedience is the fruit of faith."—*Steps to Christ*, pages 65, 66.

11. How does our relation to others affect our prayers? Matt. 6:14, 15; Job 42:10.

NOTE.—"Nothing can justify an unforgiving spirit. He who is unmerciful toward others shows that he himself is not a partaker of God's pardoning grace. In God's forgiveness the heart of the erring one is drawn close to the great heart of Infinite Love."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 251.

12. In group prayer, what is an all-important element? Matt. 18:19; Acts 4:31, 32, first part.

NOTE.—"Let Christians put away all dissension, and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them ask in faith for the promised blessing, and it will come. The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the 'former rain,' and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant."—*Testimonies,* vol. 8, p. 21.

13. In what reverential attitude should we approach the Ruler of the universe when we come to Him in prayer? Ps. 95:6.

NOTE.—"While engaged in our daily work, we should lift the soul to heaven in prayer. These silent petitions rise like incense before the throne of grace; and the enemy is baffled. The Christian whose heart is thus stayed upon God cannot be overcome."—*Gospel Workers,* page 254.

In his regular seasons of prayer, the most appropriate way for the Christian to approach his heavenly Father is reverently to kneel in the presence of his Maker. Jesus set us this example (Luke 22:41), as did also Daniel (Dan. 6:10), Peter (Acts 9:40), Paul (Eph. 3:14), and others.

"Both in public and in private worship, it is our privilege to bow on our knees before the Lord when we offer our petitions to Him."—*Gospel Workers,* page 178.

Examples of Victorious Prayer

14. How does the life of Christ on earth demonstrate the efficacy of prayer? Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12; Heb. 5:7.

NOTE.—"Let your heart break for the longing it has for God, for the living God. The life of Christ has shown what humanity can do by being partaker of the divine nature. All that Christ received from God we too may have. Then ask and receive. With the persevering faith of Jacob, with the unyielding persistence of Elijah, claim for yourself all that God has promised."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 149.

15. What experiences in the lives of Elijah and Daniel show the great possibilities in prayer? James 5:17, 18; Dan. 6:10, 22.

16. In order to be overcomers, what must be our attitude toward prayer during the troubles of these last days? 1 Peter 4:7; Luke 21:36.

NOTE.—"Their only hope is in the mercy of God; their only defense will be prayer. As Joshua was pleading before the Angel, so the remnant church, with brokenness of heart and earnest faith, will plead for pardon and deliverance through Jesus their Advocate. . . .

"But while the followers of Christ have sinned, they have not given themselves to the control of evil. They have put away their sins, and have sought the Lord in humility and contrition, and the divine Advocate pleads in their behalf."—*Testimonies,* vol. 5, pp. 473, 474.

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Lesson 7, for May 16, 1942

The Christian in His Home

MEMORY VERSE: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." Rom. 12:10.

STUDY HELP: "The Ministry of Healing," pages 349-355, 388-394.

SEED THOUGHT: "The mission of the home extends beyond its own members. The Christian home is to be an object lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon human hearts and lives. As the youth go out from such a home, the lessons they have learned are imparted. Nobler principles of life are introduced into other households, and an uplifting influence works in the community."—"The Ministry of Healing," page 352.

Two Institutions From Eden

1. What two institutions have come down to fallen man from beyond the gates of paradise? Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 2:27, 28.

NOTE.—" 'Marriage is honorable;' it was one of the first gifts of God to man, and it is one of the two institutions that, after the fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gates of Paradise. . . .

"In six days the great work of creation had been accomplished. And God 'rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.' . . .

. "Following the example of the Creator, man was to rest upon this sacred day, that as he should look upon the heavens and the earth, he might reflect upon God's great work of creation; and that as he should behold the evidences of God's wisdom and goodness, his heart might be filled with love and reverence for his Maker."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* pages 46, 47.

2. What was the origin of the home? Gen. 2:18; 1:27.

NOTE.—"Among all the creatures that God had made on the earth, there was not one equal to man. And 'God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an helpmeet for him.' Man was not made to dwell in solitude; he was to be a social being. Without companionship, the beautiful scenes and delightful employments of Eden would have failed to yield perfect happiness. Even communion with angels could not have satisfied his desire for sympathy and companionship. There was none of the same nature to love, and to be loved.

"God Himself gave Adam a companion. He provided 'an helpmeet for him,' —a helper corresponding to him,—one who was fitted to be his companion, and who could be one with him in love and sympathy. Eve was created from a rib taken from the side of Adam, signifying that she was not to control him as the head, nor to be trampled under his feet as an inferior, but to stand by his side as an equal, to be loved and protected by him."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* page 46.

3. Who celebrated the first marriage and what was it designed to do? Mark 10:6-9.

NOTE.—"God celebrated the first marriage. Thus the institution has for its originator the Creator of the universe. . . . When the divine principles are recognized and obeyed in this relation, marriage is a blessing; it guards the

purity and happiness of the race, it provides for man's social needs, it elevates the physical, the intellectual, and the moral nature."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* page 46.

Characteristics of the Christian Home

4. What daily prayer service in the sanctuary was designed to serve as an example for the Christian home today? Ex. 30:1, 7, 8.

NOTE.—"Fathers and mothers, however pressing your business, do not fail to gather your family around God's altar. Ask for the guardianship of holy angels in your home. Remember that your dear ones are exposed to temptations. Daily annoyances beset the path of young and old. Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives must pray. Only by receiving constant help from God can we gain the victory over self."—*The Ministry of Healing,* page 393.

5. What is to reign in the Christian home? Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:4.

NOTE.—"Parents, let the sunshine of love, cheerfulness, and happy contentment enter your own hearts, and let its sweet, cheering influence pervade your home. Manifest a kindly, forbearing spirit; and encourage the same in your children, cultivating all the graces that will brighten the home life. The atmosphere thus created will be to the children what air and sunshine are to the vegetable world, promoting health and vigor of mind and body."—*The Ministry of Healing,* page 387.

6. Where there is not perfect unity in the home, how are the prayers affected? 1 Peter 3:7, last part.

The Home Builders

7. How close should be the tie binding husband and wife together? What relationship is this union designed to represent? Eph. 5:25-33.

NOTE.—"The spirit that Christ manifests toward us is the spirit that husband and wife are to manifest toward each other. . . . Neither the husband nor the wife should attempt to exercise over the other an arbitrary control. Do not try to compel each other to yield to your wishes. You cannot do this and retain each other's love. Be kind, patient, and forbearing, considerate, and courteous. By the grace of God you can succeed in making each other happy, as in your marriage vow you promised to do."—*The Ministry of Healing,* page 361.

8. How only can marriage prove the mutual blessing that God desires it to be to the home builders? Eph. 4:1-3.

NOTE.—The following ten excellent suggestions for home builders will be found on pages 360-362 of *The Ministry of Healing:*

1. "Determine to be all that it is possible to be to each other."
2. "Continue the early attentions."
3. "In every way encourage each other in fighting the battles of life."
4. "Study to advance the happiness of each other."
5. "Let there be mutual love, mutual forbearance."
6. "Let each give love rather than exact it."
7. "Cultivate that which is noblest in yourselves."
8. "Be quick to recognize the good qualities in each other."
9. "Remember that true joy can be found only in unselfish service."
10. "Make Christ first and last and best in everything."

9. What promise of God's help in saving their children may devoted parents claim? Isa. 49:24, 25.

NOTE.—"Brought up under the wise and loving guidance of a true home, children will have no desire to wander away in search of pleasure and companionship. Evil will not attract them. The spirit that prevails in the home will mold their characters; they will form habits and principles that will be a strong defense against temptation when they shall leave the home shelter and take their place in the world."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 394.

The Christian Family and Its Influence

10. What should be the attitude of children toward their parents? Eph. 6:1-3; Ex. 20:12.

NOTE.—"Our youth profess to be among those who keep the commandments of God, and yet many of them neglect and break the fifth commandment; and the rich blessing promised to those who observe this precept, and honor father and mother, cannot be fulfilled to them. Unless they repent of their sin, and reform their practices and character through the grace of Christ, they will never enter into the new earth, upon which they may live eternally. Those who do not respect and love their parents will not respect and honor God. Those who fail to bear the test, who fail to honor their God-fearing parents, fail to obey God, and therefore cannot expect to come into the land of promise."—*Messages to Young People*, pages 331, 332.

11. How did the great Exemplar of youth bless the humble home in which He grew up? Luke 2:51, 52.

NOTE.—"The importance and the opportunities of the home life are illustrated in the life of Jesus. He who came from heaven to be our example and teacher spent thirty years as a member of the household at Nazareth. . . .

"In an unobtrusive way, from His very childhood, He ministered to others, and because of this, when He began His public ministry, many heard Him gladly."—*The Ministry of Healing*, pages 349, 350.

12. What kind of home did Abraham have? How did it affect others? Gen. 18:19, 18.

NOTE.—"Abraham's affection for his children and his household led him to guard their religious faith, to impart to them a knowledge of the divine statutes, as the most precious legacy he could transmit to them, and through them to the world."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 142.

13. What influence should the Christian home exert outside its own boundary? Gen. 26:4, 5; Isa. 61:6, 9. (Ps. 128:1-4)

NOTE.—"A well-ordered Christian household is a powerful argument in favor of the reality of the Christian religion,—an argument that the infidel cannot gainsay. . . . If the homes of professed Christians had a right religious mold, they would exert a mighty influence for good. They would indeed be the 'light of the world.' "—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 144.

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Lesson 8, for May 23, 1942

The Christian in the Church

MEMORY VERSE: "I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day." Isa. 27:3.

STUDY HELP: "The Acts of the Apostles," pages 9-16, 593-602.

SEED THOUGHT: "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to 'the principalities and powers in heavenly places,' the final and full display of the love of God."—"The Acts of the Apostles," page 9.

God's Family on Earth

1. Where are the members of God's great family? For whom are they named? Where is the family record kept? Eph. 3:14, 15; Heb. 12:23.

2. What does God call the members of His family? 2 Cor. 6:17, 18.

3. Mention another figure used to represent the church and Christ's intimate relation to it. Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18.

Privileges and Responsibilities

4. How does God regard His church, and how tenderly does He care for it? Isa. 5:7; 27:3.

NOTE.—"Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard. It is the theater of His grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts."—*The Acts of the Apostles,* page 12.

5. What is the high privilege and great mission of God's family, or church, on earth? Matt. 28:18-20.

6. What is the chief business of each member of God's church? 1 Peter 2:9, 10; Isa. 62:1, 2.

7. What provision has God made to enable His church to do its appointed work? Acts 1:8; Eph. 4:11-13.

NOTE.—"When we are endowed with the Spirit, we take hold by faith of infinite power. There is nothing lost of that which comes from God. The Saviour of the world sends His messages to the soul, that the darkness of error may be dispelled. The work of the Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God."—*Gospel Workers,* page 289.

Characteristics of God's Family

8. After joining God's family through the new birth (John 3:3, 7), whose nature will the children manifest? 2 Peter 1:4.

9. What strong evidence of true discipleship did Jesus pray that His followers might possess? John 17:11; 13:35.

NOTE.—"When Christ's prayer is fully believed, when its instruction is brought into the daily life of God's people, unity of action will be seen in our

ranks. Brother will be bound to brother by the golden bonds of the love of Christ. The Spirit of God alone can bring about this oneness. He who sanctified Himself can sanctify His disciples. United with Him, they will be united with one another in the most holy faith. When we strive for this unity as God desires us to strive for it, it will come to us."—*Testimonies,* vol. 8, p. 243.

10. How should the members of the church relate themselves to one another? 1 Cor. 12:25-27; Col. 3:12-15.

11. In order that we as members of God's family on earth may be prepared for the supreme crisis in the great controversy, what must we do? 2 Cor. 7:1.

NOTE.—"The requirements of God must be brought home to the conscience. Men and women must be awakened to the duty of self-mastery, the need of purity, freedom from every depraving appetite and defiling habit. They need to be impressed with the fact that all their powers of mind and body are the gift of God, and are to be preserved in the best possible condition for His service."—*The Ministry of Healing,* page 130.

The Assembly of the Saints

12. What is the place of worship called? How are we commanded to regard it and why? Isa. 56:7; Lev. 19:30; Hab. 2:20.

NOTE.—"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him." Ps. 89:7. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth." Ps. 96:8, 9. 1 Chron. 16:29 bears out a similar thought.

"The reverence which the people had anciently for the sanctuary where they met with God in sacred service, has largely passed away. Nevertheless, God Himself gave the order of His service, exalting it high above everything of a temporal nature. . . .

"If some have to wait a few minutes before the meeting begins, let them maintain a true spirit of devotion by silent meditation, keeping the heart uplifted to God in prayer that the service may be of special benefit to their own hearts, and lead to the conviction and conversion of other souls. They should remember that heavenly messengers are in the house. We all lose much sweet communion with God by our restlessness, by not encouraging moments of reflection and prayer."—*Testimonies,* vol. 5, pp. 491, 492.

13. Against what are God's children admonished in these last days? Heb. 10:25.

NOTE.—"Never entertain the thought that you can be Christians and yet withdraw within yourselves. Each one is a part of the great web of humanity, and the nature and quality of your experience will be largely determined by the experiences of those with whom you associate. Jesus says, 'Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst.' Matt. 18:20. Then let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhort one another; and so much the more, as we see the day approaching."—*Testimonies,* vol. 7, p. 190.

14. When will all the earthly members of God's family be with Jesus forevermore? John 14:2, 3; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.

NOTE.—When that happy day comes, the earthly members of God's family

—purified, beautified, glorified—will have finished their course in this sin-cursed earth, and will meet around the throne of God.

"Christ is coming with clouds and with great glory. A multitude of shining angels will attend Him. He will come to raise the dead, and to change the living saints from glory to glory. He will come to honor those who have loved Him, and kept His commandments, and to take them to Himself. He has not forgotten them nor His promise."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 632.

Lesson 9, for May 30, 1942

The Christian in the World

MEMORY VERSE: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15.

STUDY HELPS: "Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," pages 63-72; "Testimonies," vol. 5, pp. 202-207.

SEED THOUGHT: "Christ's followers are to be more than a light in the midst of men. They are the light of the world. Jesus says to all who have named His name, You have given yourselves to Me, and I have given you to the world as My representatives. As the Father had sent Him into the world, so, He declares, 'have I also sent them into the world.' As Christ is the channel for the revelation of the Father, so we are to be the channel for the revelation of Christ."—"Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," page 66.

"You cannot affiliate with the world without becoming a partaker of its spirit, without becoming guilty of treason against the Lord who has bought you."—Mrs. E. G. White in "Review and Herald," Aug. 26, 1890.

The Christian's Aims and Prospects

1. What prospects are before the Christian? Matt. 5:5; James 2:5.

NOTE.—"After a recital of many of the beautiful visions of future glory for the Christian, the inspired pen addresses the Christian living today thus:

"He who died for the sins of the world, is opening wide the gates of paradise to all who believe on Him. Soon the battle will have been fought, the victory won. Soon we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence the trials and sufferings of this life will seem as nothingness. . . .

"Look up, look up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed." —*Prophets and Kings*, page 732.

2. With such prospects, what should be the Christian's constant aim? 1 Thess. 5:23.

NOTE.—"As you live His life, showing self-sacrifice at every step, constantly revealing a stronger sympathy for those in need of help, you will gain victory after victory. Day by day you will learn better how to conquer self and how to strengthen your weak points of character. The Lord Jesus will be your light, your strength, your crown of rejoicing, because you yield your will to His will. . . .

"The Saviour calls upon you to deny self and take up the cross. Then nothing will prevent the development of the whole being. The daily experience will reveal healthy, harmonious action."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 49.

3. Because of the dangers before the Christian, what does his heavenly Father counsel him to do? 2 Peter 3:14; 1:10.

NOTE.—"If man lays hold of the divine nature, working upon the plan of addition, adding grace to grace in perfecting a Christian character, God will work upon the plan of multiplication."—*Testimonies,* vol. 6, p. 148.

Worldly Aims and Ambitions

4. What three forms of worldly aims and ambitions are listed? 1 John 2:16.

5. How do worldly ambitions affect the Christian's prospects for spiritual advancement? Mark 4:19 (Luke 18:22-24); 1 John 4:5.

NOTE.—"Those who profess to serve God, and yet make no advancement in knowledge and piety, are Christians only in name. The soul temple is filled with desecrated shrines. Frivolous reading, trifling conversation, and worldly pleasure, occupy the mind so completely that there is no room left for the entrance of God's word. Worldliness, frivolity, and pride take the place which Christ should occupy in the soul."—*Messages to Young People,* page 66.

The Christian's Privileges and Duties

6. What great privilege and responsibility has God given to every one of His children? 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

NOTE.—"The service of God demands all the powers of our being, and we fail of meeting the design of God unless we bring these powers to a high state of cultivation, and educate the mind to love to contemplate heavenly things, and strengthen and ennoble the energies of the soul by right actions, operating to the glory of God."—*Testimonies,* vol. 2, p. 187.

7. What is the Christian's responsibility in his relation to others? 1 Tim. 4:12.

NOTE.—"Every day of life is freighted with responsibilities which we must bear. Every day, our words and acts are making impressions upon those with whom we associate. How great the need that we set a watch upon our lips and guard carefully our steps! . . .

"The true follower of Christ strengthens the good purposes of all with whom he comes in contact. Before an unbelieving, sin-loving world, he reveals the power of God's grace and the perfection of His character."—*Prophets and Kings,* page 348.

8. In the Christian's relation to life, whose will and example should he follow? John 6:38; 17:18.

Warnings to the Christian

9. What definite command is given concerning the Christian's attitude toward the world? How did Christ pray for His followers? 1 John 2:15; John 17:14, 15.

NOTE.—"There are many whose hearts are aching under a load of care because they seek to reach the world's standard. They have chosen its service, accepted its perplexities, adopted its customs. Thus their character is marred, and their life made a weariness. . . . Our Lord desires them to lay aside this yoke of bondage. He invites them to accept His yoke; He says, 'My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.' He bids them first seek the kingdom of God and

His righteousness, and His promise is, that all things needful to them for this life shall be added. Worry is blind, and cannot discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 330.

10. How must the Christian guard his social activities? Eph. 5:11.

NOTE.—"Christ did not refuse to mingle with others in friendly intercourse. When invited to a feast by Pharisee or publican, He accepted the invitation. On such occasions every word that He uttered was a savor of life unto life to His hearers; for He made the dinner hour an occasion of imparting many precious lessons adapted to their needs."—*Testimonies,* vol. 6, p. 173.

"Especially should those who have tasted the love of Christ develop their social powers, for in this way they may win souls to the Saviour."—*Id.,* page 172.

11. How will the destiny of every professed Christian be determined? Gal. 6:7, 8.

NOTE.—"Satan leads many to believe that God will overlook their unfaithfulness in the minor affairs of life; but the Lord shows in His dealings with Jacob that He will in nowise sanction or tolerate evil. All who endeavor to excuse or conceal their sins, and permit them to remain upon the books of heaven, unconfessed and unforgiven, will be overcome by Satan. The more exalted their profession, and the more honorable the position which they hold, the more grievous is their course in the sight of God, and the more sure the triumph of their great adversary. Those who delay a preparation for the day of God cannot obtain it in the time of trouble, or at any subsequent time. The case of all such is hopeless."—*The Great Controversy,* page 620.

Secret of Overcoming

12. What is God's counsel to him who would overcome the love of the world? Col. 3:1-4.

13. What provision has God made whereby the Christian may have all needed help for overcoming the world? 1 John 4:4; 5:4.

NOTE.—"He [God] knows there are trials and dangers, and He deals with us plainly. He does not propose to take His people out of a world of sin and evil, but He points them to a never-failing refuge."—*Steps to Christ,* page 128.

14. Then what must be the steadfast attitude of the Christian toward the world? Rom. 13:11-14.

NOTE.—"You cannot mingle with worldlings, and partake of their spirit, and follow their example, and be at the same time a child of God."—*Testimonies,* vol. 2, p. 44.

"Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them out from the quarry of the world, and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives, and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world."—*Testimonies,* vol. 7, p. 138.

Lesson 10, for June 6, 1942

The Christian's Call to Service

MEMORY VERSE: "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matt. 20:28.

STUDY HELP: "Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," pages 119-150.

SEED THOUGHT: "However short our service or humble our work, if in simple faith we follow Christ, we shall not be disappointed of the reward. That which even the greatest and wisest cannot earn, the weakest and most humble may receive. Heaven's golden gate opens not to the self-exalted. It is not lifted up to the proud in spirit. But the everlasting portals will open wide to the trembling touch of a little child. Blessed will be the recompense of grace to those who have wrought for God in the simplicity of faith and love."—"Christ's Object Lessons," page 404.

Called to Service

1. In what way is Christ's life an example of helpfulness to others? Matt. 20:27, 28; Acts 10:38.

NOTE.—"As the rays of the sun penetrate to the remotest corners of the globe, so God designs that the light of the gospel shall extend to every soul upon the earth. If the church of Christ were fulfilling the purpose of our Lord, light would be shed upon all that sit in darkness and in the region and shadow of death. Instead of congregating together and shunning responsibility and cross bearing, the members of the church would scatter into all lands, letting the light of Christ shine out from them, working as He did for the salvation of souls, and this 'gospel of the kingdom' would speedily be carried to all the world."—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, pages 69, 70.

2. With whom is the Christian united in service? What is his work? 1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:17-20.

NOTE.—"Angels of heaven are commissioned to co-operate with the efforts of God's appointed messengers on earth."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 35.

3. To how many has an individual work been assigned? Mark 13:34.

NOTE.—"Christ's followers have been redeemed for service. . . . He gives 'to every man his work.' Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pages 326, 327.

Kinds of Work to Be Done

4. What are important features of our missionary work? 1 Peter 4:9, 10; Isa. 58:6, 7.

5. What emphasis does God place on Christian help work? James 1:27; 2:14, 17.

NOTE.—"In placing among them the helpless and the poor, to be dependent upon their care, Christ tests His professed followers. By our love and service for His needy children we prove the genuineness of our love for Him. To neglect them is to declare ourselves false disciples, strangers to Christ and His love."—*Ministry of Healing*, page 205.

6. How should the Christian work for his neighbors and friends? John 1:40-42.

NOTE.—"Let the members of every church feel it their special duty to labor for those in their neighborhood. Let each one who claims to stand under the banner of Christ feel that he has entered into covenant relation with God, to do the work of the Saviour. Let not those who take up this work become weary in well-doing. When the redeemed stand before God, precious souls will respond to their names who are there because of the faithful, patient efforts put forth in their behalf, the entreaties and earnest persuasions to flee to the Stronghold. Thus those who in this world have been laborers together with God will receive their reward."—*Testimonies,* vol. 8, pp. 196, 197.

Secret of Success

7. To be pre-eminently successful in service, what must the Christian do? Matt. 4:19.

NOTE.—"Learning, talents, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner be won to Christ. On the other hand, if they are connected with Christ, if the gifts of the Spirit are theirs, the poorest and most ignorant of His disciples will have a power that will tell upon hearts. God makes them the channel for the outworking of the highest influence in the universe."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 328.

Speaking of the work of the apostles, we read, "So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail."—*The Acts of of the Apostles,* page 29.

8. What spirit permeates all true service? 2 Cor. 5:14, first part; 12:15.

NOTE.—"Love will be revealed in sacrifice. The plan of redemption was laid in sacrifice,—a sacrifice so broad and deep and high that it is immeasurable. Christ gave all for us, and those who receive Christ will be ready to sacrifice all for the sake of their Redeemer. The thought of His honor and glory will come before anything else."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 49.

9. How deep was Paul's love for his brethren? Rom. 9:1-3.

NOTE.—"The value of a soul, who can estimate? Would you know its worth, go to Gethsemane, and there watch with Christ through those hours of anguish, when He sweat as it were great drops of blood. Look upon the Saviour uplifted on the cross. Hear that despairing cry, 'My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?' Look upon the wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet. Remember that Christ risked all. For our redemption, heaven itself was imperiled. At the foot of the cross, remembering that for one sinner Christ would have laid down His life, you may estimate the value of a soul.

"If you are in communion with Christ, you will place His estimate upon every human being. You will feel for others the same deep love that Christ has felt for you. Then you will be able to win, not drive, to attract, not repulse, those for whom He died."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* pages 196, 197.

Heaven's Interest and Rewards

10. What great reward awaits the faithful soul winner in the hereafter? Dan. 12:3; Luke 18:29, 30.

11. How deeply interested is heaven in the salvation of the lost? Luke 15:6, 7.

NOTE.—"Divine love has been stirred to its unfathomable depths for the sake of men, and angels marvel to behold in the recipients of so great love a mere surface gratitude. Angels marvel at man's shallow appreciation of the love of God. Heaven stands indignant at the neglect shown to the souls of men." —*The Desire of Ages,* page 825.

12. How does Christ regard even the humblest service? Matt. 25:35-40.

NOTE.—"It is not the length of time we labor, but our willingness and fidelity in the work, that makes it acceptable to God. In all our service a full surrender of self is demanded. The smallest duty done in sincerity and self-forgetfulness, is more pleasing to God than the greatest work when marred with self-seeking. He looks to see how much of the spirit of Christ we cherish, and how much of the likeness of Christ our work reveals. He regards more the love and faithfulness with which we work than the amount we do."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 402.

The Call of the Hour

13. What cry comes today with increasing urgency from every part of the earth? Acts 16:9; John 12:20, 21; Isa. 60:3, 4.

NOTE.—"The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld, must be given under the fiercest opposition from enemies of the faith."—*Testimonies,* vol. 5, p. 463.

14. What call comes to each member of the church today? Matt. 21:28-31.

NOTE.—"The word is given from the throne of God, 'Every man to his work, each to do his best.' "—*Special Testimonies,* No. 11, p. 30.

"No district is to be neglected. Any region that is left in darkness testifies to our unfaithfulness."—Mrs. E. G. White, *An Appeal for Missions,* pages 15, 16.

Lesson 11, for June 13, 1942

The Christian as a Steward

MEMORY VERSE: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

STUDY HELP: "The Acts of the Apostles," pages 335-345.

SEED THOUGHT: "The real character of the church is measured, not by the high profession she makes, not by the names enrolled upon the church book, but by what she is actually doing for the Master, by the number of her persevering, faithful workers. Personal interest, and vigilant, individual effort will accomplish more for the cause of Christ than can be wrought by sermons or creeds."—Mrs. E. G. White, in the "Review and Herald," Sept. 6, 1881.

God's Ownership and Goodness

1. How extensive is God's ownership in this world? Ps. 24:1; Haggai 2:8; Ps. 50:10-12.

NOTE.—"All things are God's, not only by creation, but by redemption. All the blessings of this life and of the life to come, are delivered to us stamped with the cross of Calvary."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 362.

2. To whom do the people of the earth, with their time, talent, and strength, belong? 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Isa. 43:1.

3. How is God ever demonstrating His loving care for man and beast? Acts 14:15-17; Ps. 145:15, 16.

NOTE.—" 'God is love,' is written upon every opening bud, upon every spire of springing grass. The lovely birds making the air vocal with their happy songs, the delicately tinted flowers in their perfection perfuming the air, the lofty trees of the forest with their rich foliage of living green,—all testify to the tender, fatherly care of our God, and to His desire to make His children happy."—*Steps to Christ,* page 10.

4. How are men enabled to acquire means and succeed in their undertakings? Deut. 8:17, 18; Prov. 10:22.

5. What great truth are many of God's professed people prone to forget? Deut. 8:11-14, 18.

NOTE.—"Too often those who possess worldly treasure forget that it is God who gives them power to get wealth. They say, 'My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.' Their riches, instead of awakening gratitude to God, lead to the exaltation of self. They lose the sense of their dependence upon God and their obligation to their fellow men. Instead of regarding wealth as a talent to be employed for the glory of God and the uplifting of humanity, they look upon it as a means of serving themselves. Instead of developing in man the attributes of God, riches thus used are developing in him the attributes of Satan. The seed of the word is choked with thorns."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 52.

Reminders of God's Ownership

6. In the garden of Eden, what constant reminder of God's ownership did Adam and Eve have? Gen. 2:16, 17.

NOTE.—"The Lord created every tree in Eden pleasant to the eyes and good for food, and He bade Adam and Eve freely enjoy His bounties. But He made one exception. Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they were not to eat. This tree God reserved as a constant reminder of His ownership of all. Thus He gave them opportunity to demonstrate their faith and trust in Him by their perfect obedience to His requirements."—*Testimonies,* vol. 6, p. 386.

7. How were the patriarchs asked to acknowledge God's ownership and His loving care? Lev. 27:30; Prov. 3:9.

NOTE.—"The tithing system reaches back beyond the days of Moses. Men were required to offer to God gifts for religious purposes before the definite system was given to Moses, even as far back as the days of Adam. In complying with God's requirements, they were to manifest in offerings their appreciation of His mercies and blessings to them. This was continued through successive generations, and was carried out by Abraham, who gave tithes to Melchisedec, the priest of the most high God. The same principle existed in the days of Job. Jacob, when at Bethel, an exile and penniless wanderer, lay down at night, solitary and alone, with a rock for his pillow, and there promised the Lord, 'Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto

Thee.' God does not compel men to give. All that they give must be voluntary. He will not have His treasury replenished with unwilling offerings."—*Testimonies,* vol. 3, p. 393.

The Christian's Relation to God's Work

8. Aside from his prayers (Luke 10:2) and his personal service (2 Cor. 5:20; 1 Cor. 10:31) how may the Christian co-operate with God for the finishing of His work on earth? Mal. 3:10, first part; 1 Cor. 9:7-14.

NOTE.—"Very precious to God is His work in the earth. Christ and heavenly angels are watching it every moment."—*Counsels to Teachers,* page 532. In order that His work may prosper and move forward with speed and power, God has required of His children that they return to Him for the work to which He has dedicated it, the tithes and offerings, an acknowledgment that all things here on earth are His. The tithes and offerings He not only requires at the hands of His children, but their willing service as His witnesses (Isa. 43: 10, 12; Matt. 28:18-20) as well. Every man who receives of the bounties of God is by his receiving of God's gifts in debt to both his Maker and to every man in need. God supplies the spiritual and physical needs of men through our tithes and offerings and through our willing and loyal service in behalf of others.

9. What is the divine standard for individual giving? Against what are we warned? 2 Cor. 8:12; 1 Cor. 16:2; Luke 12:15.

NOTE.—"Many would be surprised to see how much could be saved for the cause of God by acts of self-denial. The small sums saved by deeds of sacrifice will do more for the upbuilding of the cause of God than larger gifts will accomplish that have not called for denial of self."—*Counsels on Health,* page 131.

"God has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and the gifts of His people. Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the Lord's work."—*The Acts of the Apostles,* page 74.

The Call of the Hour

10. What arousing call comes to the stewards of God's blessings in this last dark hour? Isa. 60:1, 2.

NOTE.—"Vigilance and fidelity have been required of Christ's followers in every age; but now that we are standing upon the very verge of the eternal world, holding the truths we do, having so great light, so important a work, we must double our diligence. Everyone is to do to the very utmost of his ability. My brother, you endanger your own salvation if you hold back now. God will call you to account if you fail in the work He has assigned you."—*Testimonies,* vol. 5, pp. 460, 461.

11. What words of Christ to His disciples are particularly applicable to God's children today? John 4:35.

NOTE.—"Never was there greater need of earnest, self-sacrificing labor in the cause of Christ than now, when the hours of probation are fast closing, and the last message of mercy is to be given to the world. My soul is stirred within me as the Macedonian cry comes from every direction."—*Testimonies,* vol. 5, p. 732.

12. What will be the reward of the steward who renders faithful, sacrificial service for God during this closing hour? Matt. 25:23.

NOTE.—"While the great final reward is given at Christ's coming, true-

hearted service for God brings a reward, even in this life. Obstacles, opposition, and bitter, heartbreaking discouragements, the worker will have to meet. He may not see the fruit of his toil. But in face of all this he finds in his labor a blessed recompense. All who surrender themselves to God in unselfish service for humanity are in co-operation with the Lord of glory. This thought sweetens all toil, it braces the will, it nerves the spirit for whatever may befall."—*Testimonies,* vol. 6, pp. 305, 306.

Lesson 12, for June 20, 1942

The Christian and the Sabbath

MEMORY VERSE: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Ex. 20:8-11.

STUDY HELP: "Testimonies," vol. 6, pp. 349-360.

SEED THOUGHT: "It means eternal salvation to keep the Sabbath holy unto the Lord. God says, 'Them that honor Me I will honor.' 1 Sam. 2:30."—"Testimonies," vol. 6, p. 356.

Creation and Its Memorial

1. What great act distinguishes the true God from all false gods? Jer. 10:10-12.

2. Who was associated with the Father in this great act of creation? John 1:1-3, 10.

NOTE.—"The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate,—a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.' Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, in purpose, —the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* page 34.

3. What memorial was erected at the close of creation week, designed to preserve man's knowledge of and his loyalty to the true God? Gen. 2:1-3.

NOTE.—"In Eden, God set up the memorial of His work of creation, in placing His blessing upon the seventh day. The Sabbath was committed to Adam, the father and representative of the whole human family. Its observance was to be an act of grateful acknowledgment, on the part of all who should dwell upon the earth, that God was their creator and their rightful sovereign; that they were the work of His hands, and the subjects of His authority. Thus the institution was wholly commemorative, and given to all mankind. There was nothing in it shadowy, or of restricted application to any people."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* page 48.

4. For whom was the Sabbath made? Which day is the Lord's day? Mark 2:27, 28; Ex. 20:10.

5. In making the Sabbath, what three specific things were done? Gen. 2:3.

NOTE.—1. God rested from *all* His work; 2. He sanctified the Sabbath; 3. He blessed the Sabbath. God "rested, not as one weary, but as well pleased with the fruits of His wisdom and goodness and the manifestations of His glory." He "sanctified it or set it apart, as a day of rest for man." "God set up the memorial of His work of creation, in placing His blessing upon the seventh day."

6. What evidence have we that God ceased His labors in creation, and that He was not physically or mentally weary? Isa. 40:28.

7. Besides rest, what experience came to God on the Sabbath of the new creation? Ex. 31:17.

NOTE.—*"Was refreshed."* "The Sabbath was hallowed at the creation. As ordained for man, it had its origin when 'the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.' Peace brooded over the world; for earth was in harmony with heaven. 'God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good;' and He rested in the joy of His completed work."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 281.

The Sabbath a Sign of God's Power

8. Of what was the Sabbath a sign? Ezek. 20:20, 12; Ex. 31:13.

NOTE.—"Because He had rested upon the Sabbath, 'God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it'—set it apart to a holy use. He gave it to Adam as a day of rest. It was a memorial of the work of creation, and thus a sign of God's power and His love."—*The Desire of Ages,* page 281.

"The observance of the Sabbath is the sign between God and His people. Let us not be ashamed to bear the sign that distinguishes us from the world. . . .

"The Sabbath is ever the sign that distinguishes the obedient from the disobedient. With masterly power Satan has worked to make null and void the fourth commandment, that the sign of God may be lost sight of."—*Testimonies,* vol. 7, p. 105.

9. By what divinely appointed instrument is the knowledge of God revealed and the work of sanctification accomplished? Heb. 8:8, 10-12.

NOTE.—"The covenant of grace was first made with man in Eden, when after the fall, there was given a divine promise that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. To all men this covenant offered pardon, and the assisting grace of God for future obedience through faith in Christ. It also promised them eternal life on condition of fidelity to God's law. Thus the patriarchs received the hope of salvation."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* page 370.

10. Before the law of God is written in the heart, what takes place? By what means is the writing accomplished? Ezek. 36:26, 27; 2 Cor. 3:3.

11. How is the Sabbath related to the new, or perpetual, covenant? Ex. 31:16, 17.

NOTE.—"To us as to Israel the Sabbath is given 'for a perpetual covenant.' To those who reverence His holy day the Sabbath is a sign that God recognizes them as His chosen people. It is a pledge that He will fulfill to them His cove-

nant. Every soul who accepts the sign of God's government places himself under the divine, everlasting covenant. He fastens himself to the golden chain of obedience, every link of which is a promise."—*Testimonies,* vol. 6, p. 350.

True Sabbathkeeping

12. How is the Sabbath to be kept? What will the Sabbath be to the one who honors God by keeping it holy? Ex. 20:8-11; Isa. 58:13.

NOTE.—"God requires that His holy day be as sacredly observed now as in the time of Israel. The command given to the Hebrews should be regarded by all Christians as an injunction from Jehovah to them. The day before the Sabbath should be made a day of preparation, that everything may be in readiness for its sacred hours. In no case should our own business be allowed to encroach upon holy time."—*Patriarchs and Prophets,* page 296.

13. What will be the results to the true Sabbathkeeper? Isa. 58:14.

NOTE.—"To all who receive the Sabbath as a sign of Christ's creative and redeeming power, it will be a delight. Seeing Christ in it, they delight themselves in Him. The Sabbath points them to the works of creation as an evidence of His mighty power in redemption. While it calls to mind the lost peace of Eden, it tells of peace restored through the Saviour. And every object in nature repeats His invitation, 'Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.' "—*The Desire of Ages,* page 289.

The Supreme Test

14. In God's last message to the world, what startling announcement is made? What appeal for worship is sounded everywhere? Rev. 14:6, 7.

NOTE.—" 'The importance of the Sabbath as a memorial of creation is that it keeps ever present the true reason why worship is due to God,'—because He is the Creator, and we are His creatures. 'The Sabbath, therefore, lies at the very foundation of divine worship; for it teaches this great truth in the most impressive manner, and no other institution does this. The true ground of divine worship, not of that on the seventh day merely, but of all worship, is found in the distinction between the Creator and His creatures. This great fact can never become obsolete, and must never be forgotten.' . . . The keeping of the Sabbath is a sign of loyalty to the true God, 'Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.' It follows that the message which commands men to worship God and keep His commandments, will especially call upon them to keep the fourth commandment."—*The Great Controversy,* pages 437, 438.

15. On pain of death, what opposing worship and mark will be decreed? Rev. 13:15-17.

16. What warning is sent from God against such false worship? What glorious victory is won by those who heed God's message? Rev. 14:9, 10; 15:2, 3.

NOTE.—"Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that all, 'both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,' shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death. On the other hand, the law of God

enjoining the Creator's rest day demands obedience, and threatens wrath against all who transgress its precepts.

"With the issue thus clearly brought before him, whoever shall trample upon God's law to obey a human enactment, receives the mark of the beast; he accepts the sign of allegiance to the power which he chooses to obey instead of God."—*The Great Controversy*, page 604.

Lesson 13, for June 27, 1942

Walking With Jesus

MEMORY VERSE: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3.

STUDY HELP: "The Ministry of Healing," pages 469-482, 503-516.

SEED THOUGHT: "Many fail of imitating our holy Pattern, because they study so little the definite features of that character. So many are full of busy plans, always active, and there is no time or place for the precious Jesus to be a close, dear companion. They do not refer every thought and action to Him, inquiring, 'Is this the way of the Lord?' If they did, they would walk with God, as did Enoch."—"Testimonies," vol. 6, p. 393.

Standard for God's Children

1. In order to reach the exalted standard set for the children of God (Matt. 5:48), what must the Christian do? Micah 6:8; Gen. 5:24.

NOTE.—"Enoch's walk with God was not in a trance or a vision, but in all the duties of his daily life. He did not become a hermit, shutting himself entirely from the world; for he had, in the world, a work to do for God. In the family and in his intercourse with men, as a husband and father, a friend, a citizen, he was the steadfast, unwavering servant of God.

"In the midst of a life of active labor, Enoch steadfastly maintained his communion with God. The greater and more pressing his labors, the more constant and earnest were his prayers. He continued to exclude himself at certain periods from all society."—*Gospel Workers*, pages 51, 52.

2. What unfailing demonstration do we have of this true Christian life—this humble walk with God? 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6.

NOTE.—"Christ, the true temple for God's indwelling, molded every detail of His earthly life in harmony with God's ideal."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 209.

"His perfect humanity is that which all His followers may possess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was."—*Id.*, page 664.

3. What do the Scriptures say of the life of Jesus?

ANSWER:

1. He walked with His heavenly Father. 2 Cor. 5:19; Acts 10:38, last part.
2. He purposed to do His Father's will. John 6:38.
3. He was often in prayer. Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16.
4. He studied the Bible plan for His life. Luke 24:27.
5. He was fully absorbed in God's business. John 4:34.
6. He accepted power from the Holy Spirit for service. Acts 10:38; Matt. 3:16.
7. He sacrificed ALL to save sinners. 2 Cor. 8:9.
8. He got His daily program from God every morning. Isa. 50:4.

NOTE.—"From hours spent with God He came forth morning by morning,

to bring the light of heaven to men. Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the early hours of the new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers, and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace, that He might impart to others. His words were given Him fresh from the heavenly courts, words that He might speak in season to the weary and oppressed."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 139.

Companionship With Jesus

4. What will Jesus do for those who choose His companionship through the walk of life, and upon what conditions? John 14:23.

NOTE.—"The spell of a stronger, a perfect, mind will be over us; for we have a living connection with the source of all-enduring strength. In our divine life we shall be brought into captivity to Jesus Christ. We shall no longer live the common life of selfishness, but Christ will live in us. His character will be reproduced in our nature."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 61.

5. How fully will Jesus satisfy the hungry, lonely hearts of His followers? John 15:11.

NOTE.—"The Lord would have all His sons and daughters happy, peaceful, and obedient. . . . Christians may have the joy of communion with Christ; they may have the light of His love, the perpetual comfort of His presence. Every step in life may bring us closer to Jesus, may give us a deeper experience of His love, and may bring us one step nearer to the blessed home of peace. Then let us not cast away our confidence, but have firm assurance, firmer than ever before."—*Steps to Christ,* page 130.

6. What special victory does Jesus promise to His companions? 2 Cor. 10:5, last part; Phil. 4:7.

NOTE.—"By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments. When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us, He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 312.

7. Why can the Christian who walks faithfully with Jesus face life's problems courageously? Phil. 4:19; 2 Tim. 1:12.

NOTE.—"Jesus does not call on us to follow Him, and then forsake us. If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend. If in our ignorance we make missteps, Christ does not leave us. His voice clear and distinct, is heard, saying, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.' "—*Gospel Workers,* page 263.

Evidences of Walking With Jesus

8. What evidence was seen in Paul's life of his close walk with Jesus? Phil. 3:7-10; Gal. 2:20.

NOTE.—"Paul carried with him the atmosphere of heaven. All who as-

sociated with him felt the influence of his union with Christ. The fact that his own life exemplified the truth he proclaimed, gave convincing power to his preaching. Here lies the power of the truth. The unstudied, unconscious influence of a holy life is the most convincing sermon that can be given in favor of Christianity. Argument, even when unanswerable, may provoke only opposition; but a godly example has a power that it is impossible wholly to resist." —*Gospel Workers,* page 59.

9. How did Paul manage to keep step with Jesus when he was hemmed in by seemingly insurmountable obstacles? Phil. 3:13, 14.

NOTE.—Of Paul it is said, "His faith, made strong by effort and pure by sacrifice, upheld and strengthened him."—*Gospel Workers,* page 108.

"Amidst the constant storm of opposition, the clamor of enemies, and the desertion of friends, the intrepid apostle almost lost heart. But he looked back to Calvary, and with new ardor pressed on to spread the knowledge of the Crucified. He was but treading the bloodstained path that Christ had trodden before him. He sought no discharge from the warfare till he should lay off his armor at the feet of his Redeemer."—*The Acts of the Apostles,* page 297.

10. What will be the all-absorbing concern of those who walk with Jesus? 1 John 2:6; Acts 10:38.

NOTE.—"Jesus did not consider heaven a place to be desired while we were lost. He left the heavenly courts for a life of reproach and insult, and a death of shame. He who was rich in heaven's priceless treasure became poor, that through His poverty we might be rich. We are to follow in the path He trod.

"He who becomes a child of God should henceforth look upon himself as a link in the chain let down to save the world, one with Christ in His plan of mercy, going forth with Him to seek and save the lost."—*The Ministry of Healing,* page 105.

11. How will the Christian's words as well as his service reveal his companionship with Jesus? Ps. 145:10-12.

NOTE.—"Angels are listening to hear what kind of report you are bearing to the world about your heavenly Master. Let your conversation be of Him who liveth to make intercession for you before the Father. When you take the hand of a friend, let praise to God be on your lips and in your heart. This will attract his thoughts to Jesus."—*Steps to Christ,* page 124.

The End of the Way

12. What will a continued walk with Jesus do for the Christian? 1 John 1:7; 3:1, 2.

NOTE.—"In His prayer to the Father, Christ gave to the world a lesson which should be graven on mind and soul. 'This is life eternal,' He said, 'that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.' This is true education. It imparts power. The experimental knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent, transforms man into the image of God. It gives to man the mastery of himself, bringing every impulse and passion of the lower nature under the control of the higher powers of the mind. It makes its possessor a son of God and an heir of heaven. It brings him into communion with the mind of the Infinite, and opens to him the rich treasures of the universe."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* page 114.

13. What inheritance awaits the friends of Jesus who have followed Him faithfully? Rev. 21:7.

NOTE.—"Tell it over and over again. We may become the sons of God, members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. Let it be known that all who accept Jesus Christ and hold the beginning of their confidence firm to the end, will be heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ, 'to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.' 1 Peter 1:4, 5."—*Testimonies,* vol. 6, p. 60.

14. What will be the grand climax of a walk on earth with Jesus? John 17:24; 1 Thess. 4:17, last part.

NOTE.—"Enoch had temptations as well as we. He was surrounded with society no more friendly to righteousness than is that which surrounds us. The atmosphere he breathed was tainted with sin and corruption, the same as ours; yet he lived a life of holiness. He was unsullied with the prevailing sins of the age in which he lived. So may we remain pure and uncorrupted. He was a representative of the saints who live amid the perils and corruptions of the last days. For his faithful obedience to God, he was translated. So, also, the faithful, who are alive and remain, will be translated. They will be removed from a sinful and corrupt world to the pure joys of heaven."—*Testimonies,* vol. 2, p. 122.

Sabbath School Lessons---Third Quarter

The Sabbath school lessons for the third quarter in the senior and youth's divisions will be a study of "The Epistle of James." This epistle contains helpful instruction to the members of the church at this time, and we feel the study of this book will be much appreciated by our people.

Lesson Scripture for Lesson 1: James 1:1-8.

Study Helps include several denominational books. Among these are "Steps to Christ," "Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," "The Desire of Ages," "Christ's Object Lessons," and "Patriarchs and Prophets." You will be greatly benefited in your daily lesson study by reading the assignments designated from week to week.

Any of these books may be purchased through

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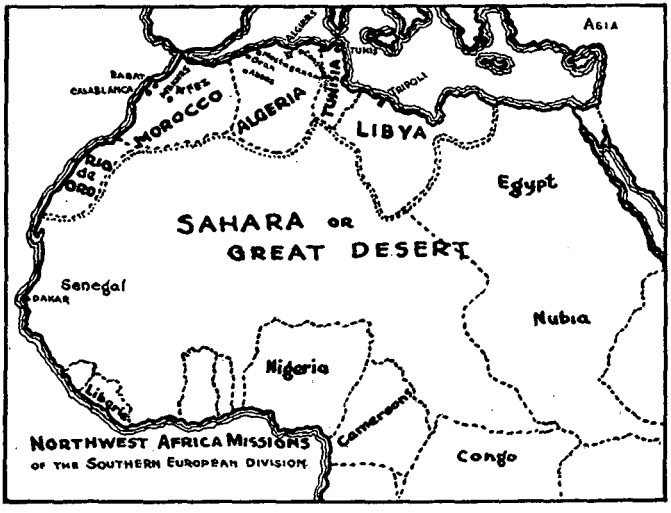

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING, June 27

THE recipients of the "overflow" for the second quarter are the missions of the Southern European Division—those of North Africa. This field is a difficult one, the majority of the population being Mohammedans, but among them are many honest people who must be reached with the gospel message. A good work has been established, but their greatest need is the construction of chapels where our people may meet to worship. In the city of Algiers our people meet in a hall, but it is like an oven in summer and an icebox in winter, with no way for ventilation during the summer months, and no way to heat the hall during the cold.

In 1940, when last we gave to the missions of the Southern European Division, the "overflow" of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering amounted to $8,118.75. This was greatly appreciated in that field, and helped to meet urgent needs in Madagascar, Mauritius, etc.

Our Sabbath school members should rally in giving a large offering to this field on June 27, that the hopes of our people for the construction of a suitable place of worship in Algiers and other places may be realized. "As God hath prospered" should be your goal, but at least a dollar a church member is anticipated!

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