THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, 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.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

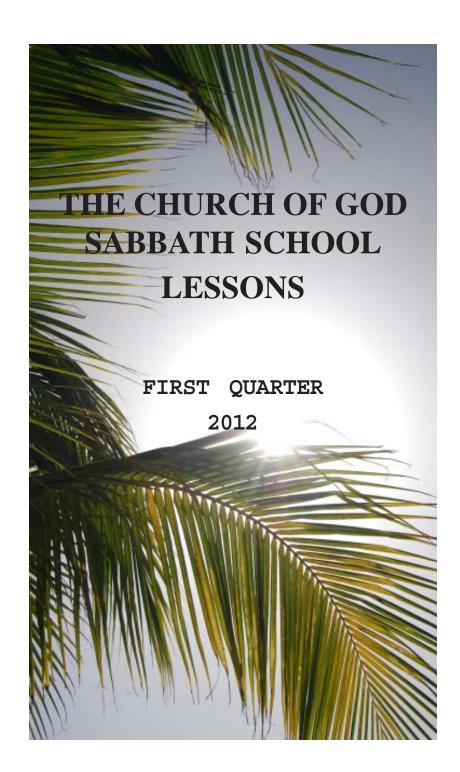
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.



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IN THIS QUARTERLY

In this quarter we will be looking into signs, symbols and wonders. While the words sound mysterious, we have looked at them many times but maybe not dwelt on their significance. Mysteries are another area we will cover and you will see how the Lord reveals these truths and fulfills prophecy (see Ephesians 3:1-5).

Remember, it is important that we let our light shine so we can remain a beacon for the Lord. Let us continue to be a "symbol" that represents true discipleship.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 7, 2012

TOKENS AND SIGNS

Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:1-19. Golden Text: Genesis 9:13.

1. What will God remember when He looks upon the rainbow? Genesis 9:14-16.

2. What was the rainbow called by God? Genesis 9:17.

NOTE: Strongs says that the word "token" is a sign or signal.

3. What do we find around the throne in heaven? Revelation 4:3.

4. When a mighty angel comes down from heaven, what is on his head? Revelation 10:1.

5. How does Ezekiel describe the "glory" around the throne? Ezekiel 1:26-28.

NOTE: It seems that the rainbow is around God's throne as a reminder of His promise.

6. When Moses kept the flock for Jethro, his father-in-law, what happened? Exodus 3:1-5.

7. How did the Lord introduce Himself? Exodus 3:6.

8. What did the Lord see, hear, and propose to do for His people? Exodus 3:7-10.

9. When Moses questioned the Lord, what was he told? Exodus 3:11-12.

NOTE: This sign or token was the mountain.

10. How were the people to prepare when the Lord was to speak to them? Exodus 19:9-13, 17-23.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 14, 2012

TOKENS AND SIGNS, CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17. Golden Text: Genesis 17:11.

1. What was circumcision called? Genesis 17:9-10.

NOTE: A covenant is an agreement or compact. The sign or token was the actual cutting, or the circumcision, itself.

2. Did Abraham keep this covenant? Genesis 21:1-4.

3. Why did the Lord seek to kill Moses? Exodus 4:19-26.

4. Who can eat the Passover? Exodus 12:43-48.

NOTE: Since baptism has replaced circumcision, it is strongly urged that one be properly baptized before partaking of the Lord's body (see I Corinthians 11:26-28).

5. What was Joshua told to do and why? Joshua 5:1-5.

6. Will all circumcised people go unpunished? Jeremiah 9:23-26.

7. Was Jesus circumcised? Luke 2:21.

- 8. How about His cousin John? Luke 1:57-60.
- 9. Did circumcision take place on the Sabbath? John 7:23-24.

10. How does the apostle Paul explain to those of the circumcision not to trust in the physical? Romans 2:24-29.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 21, 2012

THE SABBATH AND THE PASSOVER

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:1-30. Golden Text: Exodus 31:17.

NOTE: While the Lord was working with Israel at that time, the Gentiles will stand in their place (see Romans 11:18-20). Therefore, the Sabbath remains a sign between God and His obedient servants.

1. Are only God's people to rest on the Sabbath? Exodus 20:10.

2. How serious is the Lord about us keeping the Sabbath? Exodus 31:12-14.

3. What happened to the man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day? Numbers 15:32-36.

4. When Israel put the blood on their door posts what was it called? Exodus 12:12-13.

NOTE: It was a token or a sign. No blood brought the plague; displaying the blood, or sign, equaled life for the firstborn.

5. Were the Israelites to continue to observe the Passover and explain it to their children? Exodus 12:25-28.

6. When Nehemiah came to Jerusalem what did he find? Nehemiah 13:15-16.

7. Of what did he remind the nobles of Judah? Nehemiah 13:17-18.

8. Did Jesus keep the Sabbath? Luke 4:16.

9. Did He celebrate the Passover? Matthew 26:17-19.

10. Does Jesus talk about the Sabbath in the future? Matthew 24:3,15-20.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 28, 2012

SUN AND MOON

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104. Golden Text: Psalm 24:1.

1. Why are there lights in the firmament? Genesis 1:14-18, Psalm 136:1, 8-9.

NOTE: They were for signs, seasons, days and years.

2. After the flood what did Noah do and what are we told about the earth? Genesis 8:20-22.

3. What warning is given about the sun and the moon? Deuteronomy 4:15-19; 17:2-5.

4. What miracle was performed during the days of Joshua concerning the sun and moon? Joshua 10:12-14.

5. After Josiah made a covenant to the Lord, what did he do? II Kings 23:4-5.

6. What does David say of the moon and parts of creation? Psalm 8:3-9.

7. Why was the moon appointed? Psalm 104:19 (first part).

8. What does the sun know? Psalm 104:19 (last part to 22).

9. What does the Psalmist say the sun, moon and stars will do? Psalm 148:1-3.

NOTE: The creation bears witness of a Creator (see Romans 1:18-20).

10. Will we always have a sun and moon? Revelation 21:22-23; Isaiah 60:19-20.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 4, 2012

PHARAOH, MOSES AND JOSHUA

Scripture Reading: Exodus 6:1-13. Golden Text: Exodus 7:3.

NOTE: God was using Pharaoh to show the Egyptians who He was (see Exodus 14:18).

1. When God told Moses to take the rod, what did He say it would accomplish? Exodus 4:17.

2. What were some of the things we learn about this rod? Exodus 4:2-4, 20; 7:9-12, 20; 8:5,16.

3. Why did God sever in that day the land of Goshen? Exodus 8:20-23.

4. When the grevious murrain came upon the land, were Israel's cattle affected? Exodus 9:3-6.

5. For what purpose was Pharaoh raised? Exodus 9:13-16.

6. After the rebellion of Korah, what was Moses told to do? Numbers 17:1-5,8.

7. Of what was the "rod that budded" a reminder? Numbers 17:9-10.

8. Was there a specific order to Israels camp? Numbers 2:1-2, 17.

NOTE: A standard is a banner or flag. Also, the ensign was to denote their father's house.

9. When the Israelites passed over Jordan, what were they told to do with the twelve stones and why? Joshua 4:1-7.

10. What else did Joshua say about this miracle? Joshua 4:19-24.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 11, 2012

SOME PARABLES

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-16. Golden Text: Matthew 13:17.

1. In this parable, what does the seed represent? Matthew 13:23.

2. What is the Word all about? Matthew 13:19 (first part).

NOTE: Jesus spoke about the kingdom all the time (see Matthew 13:24,31,44-45,47).

3. Before He was taken up to heaven, what did Jesus tell about? Acts 1:1-3.

4. In the parable of the tares among the wheat, what does the "good seed" represent? Matthew 13:36-43.

NOTE: In this parable the good seed are the children of the kingdom, but please notice it is still about the kingdom to come.

5. When certain scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign, what did He tell them? Matthew 12:38-40; Jonah 1:17.

6. How was Israel baptized? I Corinthians 10:1-2.

7. What happens when we are baptized? Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-29.

8. What do we receive at that time? Acts 2:38.

9. How is this gift manifested in each of us? Galatians 5:22-23.

10. By what trait, or sign, shall all men know we are Jesus' disciples? John 13:35.

NOTE: Fruitage of the Spirit, especially love, will help us to know we are growing properly and showing the right sign.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 18, 2012

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

Scripture Reading: Daniel 2:1-24. Golden Text: Daniel 4:3.

NOTE: Keep in mind, in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, different symbols mean the same thing.

1. How does Daniel describe the image in the dream? Daniel 2:31-35.

2. Who is the head of gold? Daniel 2:36-38.

3. When Daniel had his dream, what did he envision? Daniel 7:1-4.

4. After the head of gold, what did the king see? Daniel 2:32, middle part, and verse 39, first part.

5. How does this compare to Daniels dream? Daniel 7:5.

NOTE: Silver is inferior to gold, and the world empire of Media-Persia overthrew Babylon.

6. What did the King see after the silver breast and arms? Daniel 2:32 last part, 39 last part.

7. What does Daniel describe for us? Daniel 7:6.

NOTE: The brass and the leopard with four wings represent the empire of Greece under Alexander.

8. How is the last part of the image described? Daniel 2:33,40.

9. What did Daniel see in his dream? Daniel 7:7.

NOTE: The fourth kingdom is Rome.

10. What are we told about in Daniel 2:34-35? (See Daniel 2:44-45; I Peter 2:6-8).

Lesson For Sabbath, February 25, 2012

VARIOUS SYMBOLS

Scripture Reading: Numbers 21:1-9. Golden Text: Psalm 78:22.

1. Why did God send the fiery serpents among the people? Numbers 21:5-6.

2. If the people looked upon the uplifted serpent would they live or die? Numbers 21:8-9.

- 3. What did the fiery serpent represent? John 3:14-15.
- 4. What became of this brass serpent? II Kings 18:4.

NOTE: Something that was used to represent Christ had now become an idol.

5. What does John write about the seven churches? Revelation 1:9-16.

- 6. What are the seven stars? Revelation 1:20, first part.
- 7. What do the candlesticks represent? Revelation 1:20 last part.
- 8. What is the two-edged sword? Hebrews 4:12.

9. When we read about the whole armour of God, what are we told about the sword we are to take with us? Ephesians 6:17 (last part).

10. What accompanies the Word?

Ephesians 6, Verse 14--loins girt with truth; breastplate of righteousness. Verse 15--feet shod with gospel of peace. Verse 16--shield of faith. Verse 17--helmet of salvation.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 3, 2012

BLINDNESS AND ISRAEL

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:1-12. Golden Text: Romans 11:25.

- 1. Was Paul the apostle of the Gentiles? Romans 11:13.
- 2. What did he hope would happen? Romans 11:14-15; 1:16.
- 3. What mystery does Paul write about? Romans 11:25.
- 4. Why are there mysteries? Mark 4:11-12.
- 5. Who was Christ talking about? Acts 28:25-27.
- 6. Who was going to hear about the salvation of God? Acts 28:28.
- 7. Did this happen? Acts 10:34-35; 11:1,15,18.
- 8. Why was Israel "broken off"? Romans 11:20; Hebrews 3:12-19.

9. Was Jesus believed by most of the Israelites? John 8:37-45.

10. When will Israel finally understand who Jesus is? Zechariah 12:10; 13:6; 14:4.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 10, 2012

A MYSTERY

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 2. Golden Text: Romans 12:2.

1. If the princes of this world had understanding, what would they have failed to do? I Corinthians 2:8.

2. What was one of the things Jesus said after He was crucified? Luke 23:33-34.

NOTE: Truly, if they had recognized Him as the Son of God, they would have rejoiced.

3. What did Jesus say about Abraham? John 8:56-58, 39-44.

4. How does Paul express a mystery to the Romans? Romans 16:25-26.

5. What is the mystery he is writing about? Ephesians 3:1-6.

6. What else does he tell us? Ephesians 3:8-9; Hebrews 1:1-2; Colossians 1:15-17.

7. Who is the head of the church, the body? Colossians 1:18-19; Ephesians 1:19-23.

8. Is this another mystery that Paul explains? Ephesians 5:30-32.

NOTE: The church is part of Christ's body, of which He is the head. It is not a separate entity.

9. What else do we learn about Jesus? Colossians 1:23-29.

10. Where are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge? Colossians 2:1-3.

Lesson for Sabbath, March 17, 2012

BOOKS

Scripture Reading: Revelation 20. Golden Text: Revelation 21:27.

1. What is the book about that is mentioned in Genesis 5:1, 2-5.

2. Why did God tell Moses to write about Amalek in a book? Exodus 17:13-14.

3. Who wrote the book of the covenant? Exodus 24:4-8; Hebrews 9:19-20.

NOTE: The commandments were written on tablets of stone by the finger of God.

4. What book did Moses talk to the Lord about? Exodus 32:30-33.

NOTE: We must be reading about the book of life.

5. What does the Psalmist call the same book? Psalm 69:28.

NOTE: If our name is not in the book, we cannot inherit eternal life.

6. When Moses finished writing the law in a book, where was he instructed to keep it? Deuteronomy 31:24-26.

NOTE: The tablets of stone were in a different location under the mercy seat.

7. What was the book, Moses wrote, called by Jesus? Mark 12:24-27.

8. What did Paul say about some of his fellow labourers? Philippians 4:1-3.

9. What do we read about the church in Sardis? Revelation 3:4-6.

10. Who will be worshipped by those whose name is NOT in the book of life? Revelation 13:1,8-9.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 24, 2012

SECRETS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-18. Golden Text: Psalm 25:14.

1. While He used parables for a reason, what was Jesus revealing? Matthew 13:34-35.

2. Did Jesus say anything in secret? John 18:19-20.

3. Was Joseph of Arimathaea a disciple of Jesus? John 19:38; 7:13; 12:42.

4. Is it necessary to confess Jesus? Matthew 10:31-33.

5. What does the Apostle Paul tell us that everyone will do in the future? Philippians 2:9-11; (see Isaiah 45:23).

6. What group of people will understand the Lord's secrets? Proverbs 3:31-32.

7. What will Jesus tell restored Israel? Isaiah 48:16-18; 45:19.

8. Did Daniel take credit for interpreting the king's dream? Daniel 2:30,19.

9. What does the prophet Amos say about secrets? Amos 3:7; Hebrews 1:1-2 (first part).

10. What will a talebearer reveal? Proverbs 11:13; 20:19.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 31, 2012

NAMES AND TITLES

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:1-12. Golden Text: Acts 2:36.

1. What did the Angel of the Lord tell Joseph? Matthew 1:20-25.

NOTE: "Jesus" is the Greek form of Jehoshua, meaning Saviour.

2. What are some of the names Isaiah attributes to Jesus? Isaiah 9:6.

3. How does John the Baptist identify Jesus? John 1:29.

4. When Nathanael meets Jesus, what does he call Him? John 1:49.

5. How did the other disciples refer to Jesus? John 1:40-41; 6:67-69.

NOTE: Christ means "the anointed" (see John 4:25-26).

6. Did many of the Samaritans believe on His Word? John 4:40-42.

7. What are some other things that Jesus called Himself? John 6:35,48; John 10:11,7; 15:5; Revelation 22:16.

8. Where else do we find this morning star? Revelation 2:25-29; II Peter 1:19-21.

NOTE: Jesus is full of light and truth and we want to be enlightened by Him.

9. In Revelation 15, what is Jesus called? Revelation 15:1-3.

10. By Revelation 19, we find different titles. What are they? Revelation 19:11-16.