

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.

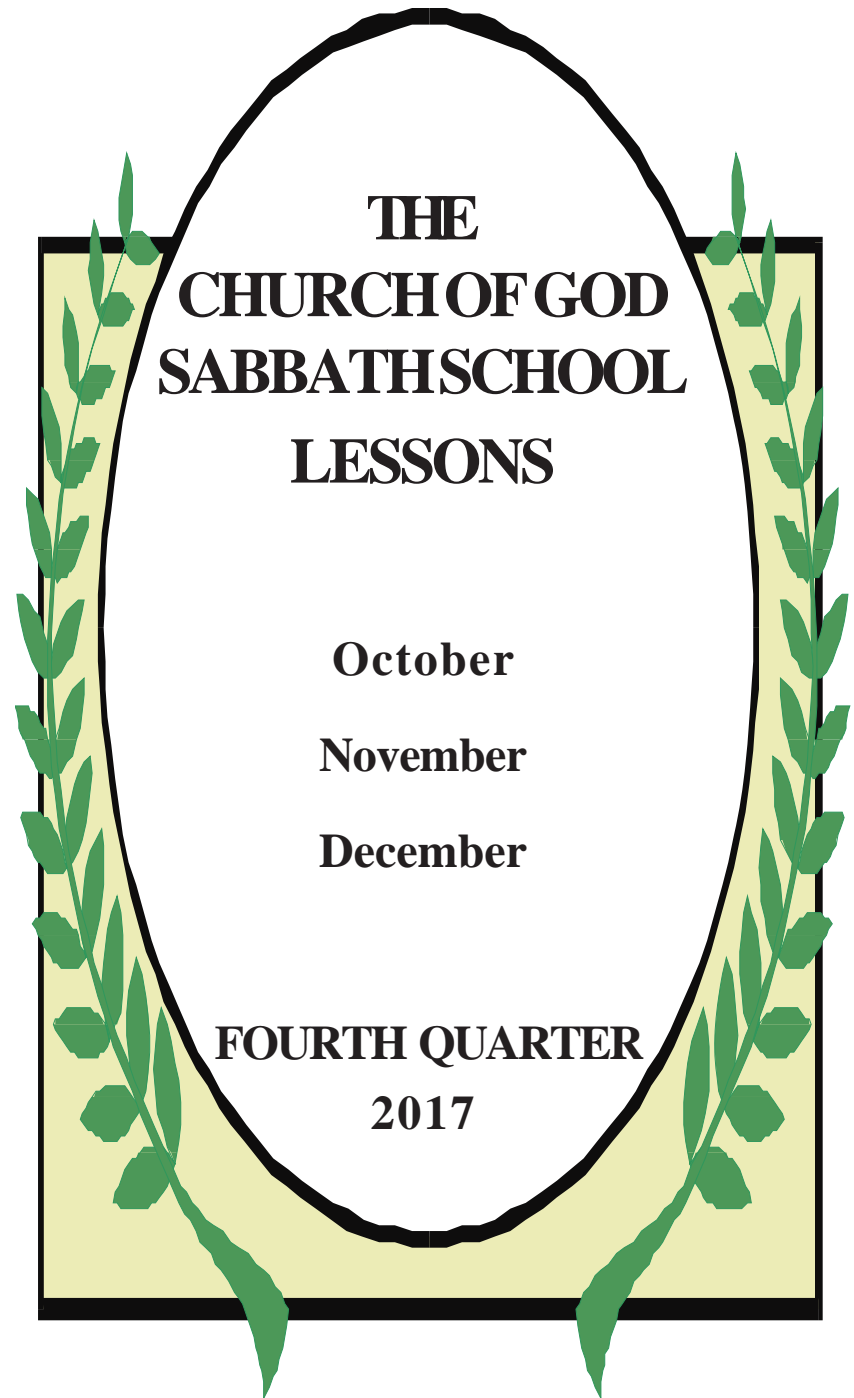
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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 Quarterly we will continue to study various ways of receiving blessings from God. At first, the walk may seem hard, but once we realize that all these instructions are for our benefit the choices become easier.

It has been said that if we choose the behavior we choose the consequences. Is that really any different than Moses' final warning in Deuteronomy 30:19? Are you telling, or showing, the Lord you want to live or die by your actions?

BLESSINGS FROM GIVING

Scripture Reading: I Peter 4.

Golden Text: Acts 20:35.

1. How can we rob God? Malachi 3:8.
2. What had happened during Nehemiah's time? Nehemiah 13:10-14.
3. How are we to treat each other? I Peter 4:8-10; II Corinthians 9:6-7.
4. When Jesus sent the disciples out, what instruction did He give them? Matthew 10:7-8.
5. How are we to give or present ourselves? Romans 12:1-8.
6. What else are we told about giving alms? Matthew 6:1-4.
7. How do we know how much each of us is to give? Deuteronomy 16:17; 14:22.
8. To what limit is our responsibility? Luke 12:42-48.
9. What must be the basis of giving? I Corinthians 13:3.
10. How does Paul instruct the Galatians? Galatians 6:7-10.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 14, 2017

BLESSINGS BEING IN THE FAMILY OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1:1-31.

Golden Text: Jeremiah 3:14.

1. What instructions were given to Israel with regard to children? Deuteronomy 6:6-7.
2. What did the Lord know about Abraham? Genesis 18:19.
3. How does Paul express the blessings of being obedient? Ephesians 6:1-4.
4. Are we supposed to train children today? Proverbs 22:6.
5. Paul tells us of the faith that was in Timothy's family. II Timothy 1:5.
6. How did the nation of Israel start? Genesis 32:28; 46:27; Exodus 12:37.
7. Why were they chosen? Deuteronomy 7:7-9.
8. How does Moses encourage the children of Israel? Deuteronomy 28:9-14.
9. What were the Israelites to do when they got to the promised land? Exodus 12:21-27.
10. What would happen if they were not diligent in teaching their children? Deuteronomy 28:15-23.

NOTE: It is important that we teach future generations. Remember what we are told in the second commandment, "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."

Lesson For Sabbath, October 21, 2017

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT BELIEVE

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31.

Golden Text: John 20:29.

1. What was Moses afraid of when he was called by the Lord? Exodus 4:1.
2. How did the Lord handle this situation? Exodus 4:2-5.
3. What else did the Lord do to Moses? Exodus 4:6-9.
4. After the report of the spies, why was the Lord angry at the Israelites, and what did He propose to do to them? Numbers 14:1-2, 11-12.
5. What incident happened with the Apostle Peter? Matthew 14:26-31.

NOTE: Doubt can lead to disbelief.

6. How did Thomas react when the other disciples told him they had seen the resurrected Christ? John 20:24-25.
7. Were the other apostles any better than Thomas in their belief? Matthew 17:16-20; Mark 4:35-41; 16:14.
8. What should we learn from the following momentary doubts? Genesis 18:10-15; Judges 6:17-23; 36-40; Luke 1:18-20.

NOTE: Remember Jesus's words in Matthew 19:26, "with God all things..."

9. If we are doubters, how can we remedy this problem? James 1:5-6.
10. How are we to continue in faith and belief and dispel doubtings? Hebrews 10:23-25.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 28, 2017

BLESSED IS HE THAT HEARETH

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-23.

Golden Text: Revelation 1:3.

1. To whom were we told to listen? Matthew 17:5; Proverbs 8:22-25,34-35.

2. What did Jesus say about hearing? Matthew 11:15; 13:9,13,16-17.

3. In Romans 10, Paul tells us in verse 13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." How can this happen? Romans 10:14.

4. What does the "ear of the wise" seek? Proverbs 18:15. Remember Matthew 7:7-8.

5. Where does the "ear that heareth" abide? Proverbs 15:31.

6. What were some of the things said about Jesus? Luke 2:46-47, 52; 4:22; John 7:46.

7. After continued refusal to hear the truth what happens to that person? II Timothy 4:4; 3:8; Hebrews 6:4-6.

8. What admonition does James give us? James 1:19.

9. Is hearing the law all that is necessary? Romans 2:10; James 1:22-24.

NOTE: Hearing can bring knowledge, wisdom and understanding. However, if we do not act upon this information, we are lost.

10. How does Jesus express this thought? Luke 11:27-28.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 4, 2017

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT SHOW THEMSELVES FRIENDLY

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-22.

Golden Text: John 15:15.

1. How can we be called friends by Jesus? John 15:14.

2. If we are friends of Jesus, who is our enemy? Revelation 12:17; I Peter 5:8.

3. If we are in the flesh, can we please God? Romans 8:5-8.

4. Can we serve God and mammon at the same time? Matthew 6:19-24.

NOTE: All too often we try to straddle the fence, so we will not appear to be too spiritual or too worldly.

5. What does God say about being lukewarm? Revelation 3:15-16.

6. What are we told about loving the world? I John 2:15-17.

7. How did God speak to Moses? Exodus 33:11.

NOTE: Face to face denotes intimacy, not a real meeting since "No man hath seen God at any time" (I John 4:12).

8. When Boaz spoke to Ruth, what did Ruth say about it? Ruth 2:13.

9. When a man has friends, what must he do? Proverbs 18:23.

10. How did Jesus show great love for His friends? John 15:12-13.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 11, 2017

BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT WALKETH NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY

Scripture Reading: I Kings 12:1-19.

Golden Text: Psalm 1:1.

1. Why is seeking counsel in the Word (Bible) important? Proverbs 11:14; 15:22.
2. Is seeking more than one person's counsel valuable? Proverbs 13:10; 12:15.
3. Did Moses pay attention to his father-in-law Jethro? Exodus 18:19-26.
4. Did Rehoboam hearken to the counsel of the old men? I Kings 12:6-8 (first part).
5. What did the young men tell him to do? I Kings 12:8-11.
6. What happened as the result of paying attention to the young men of the kingdom? I Kings 12:12-17.
7. As believers, with what does the Holy Spirit help us? I Corinthians 12:7-11.
8. If we allow the Holy Spirit to help and lead us, what do we become? Romans 8:14-16.
9. What will this allow us to recognize? II Peter 1:19-21.
10. What else will become evident? Deuteronomy 18:22.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 18, 2017

BLESSED ARE THE DEAD

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 15:12-34.

Golden Text: Revelation 14:13.

1. What is said of the death of a saint? Psalm 116:15.
 2. What do the dead know? Ecc. 9:5-6; Psalm 6:5; 146:1-4.
 3. What are they waiting for? Hebrews 11:13,39-40; Revelation 20:6.
 4. How will this be accomplished? I Thessalonians 4:16-17.
- NOTE: To be caught up means to be raptured or carried away by force.*
5. Will everyone receive eternal life? John 5:28-29.
 6. Where will the wicked go? Revelation 20:11-15.
 7. What did Jesus say about His own death and resurrection? John 16:20.
 8. How does Paul express his concern about ignorance regarding death? I Thessalonians 4:13.
 9. How can we receive eternal life? Romans 6:19-23.
 10. What words are dead saints waiting to hear? Ephesians 5:14. Live saints? Matthew 25:21.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 25, 2017

BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE CALLED

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1-14.

Golden Text: John 15:16.

1. What are the true sayings of God? Revelation 19:9.
2. Who is the lamb marrying? Revelation 21:9-11.
3. With what is the bride arrayed? Revelation 19:7-8.

NOTE: Our righteousness is worthless (Isaiah 64:6). It is only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ that we are cleansed from all unrighteousness I John 1:9; Isaiah 1:18.

4. In Matthew 22:14 we are told, "Many are called but few are chosen." What are the chosen few told to do?
 - a. choose life - Deuteronomy 30:19.
 - b. choose whom ye will serve - Joshua 24:14-15.
 - c. choose the way - Psalm 25:12.
 - d. choose the fear of the Lord - Proverbs 1:27-29.
5. Who else is blessed? Psalm 65:4.
6. What are the Spirit and the bride saying? Revelation 22:17.
7. What happened to Israel because they would not answer the call? Psalm 81:11; Isaiah 65:12; Jeremiah 7:13.

NOTE: Be ready to hear the call. Revelation 18:4.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 2, 2017

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT WILL DWELL IN THY HOUSE

Scripture Reading: Revelation 14:14 to 15:8.

Golden Text: Psalm 23:6.

1. What did John see coming down from God out of heaven? Revelation 21:1-3.
2. How did Jesus tell us about this tabernacle? John 14:1-3.
3. In Psalm 84, what are we told about the house of our God? Psalm 84:10.
4. What else does the Psalmist tell us? Psalm 91:1-2,5-8.
5. How is this expressed in Isaiah? Isaiah 26:20-21.
6. What texts tell us that Jesus will come for the saints? Revelation 14:14-16; I Thessalonians 4:16-17; Mark 4:29; Matthew 13:30,41-42.
7. Why are the saints reaped from the earth and taken to the New Jerusalem? I Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9.
8. What is the wrath of God? Revelation 15:1; 16:1.
9. After the plagues are poured out, what will happen? Revelation 19:11-16.
10. After He smites the nations and rules them with a rod of iron, what will the saints do? Revelation 20:4-6; 5:9-10.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 9, 2017

BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT ENDURETH

**Scripture Reading: I Peter 2.
Golden Text: Revelation 2:10.**

NOTE: To endure means to hold up (under pain and fatigue) to put up with or tolerate.

1. How does Paul express endurance to Timothy? II Timothy 4:7.
2. What did Paul have to do to be able to say that to Timothy? I Corinthians 9:25-27.
3. Even though Paul fought this good fight, what did he say about the trip? Romans 7:15-25.
4. What were some other things that Paul endured? II Corinthians 11:22-28.
5. Was this suffering predicted? Acts 9:13-16.
6. How did Jesus learn obedience? Hebrews 5:7-9.
7. If we follow Jesus, will our life be easier? John 15:18-21; II Timothy 3:12.

NOTE: While striving to please God, we may experience hatred, persecution, and jealousy. We have to be Christ-like and ask the Father to forgive them.

8. What happened to the seed that fell on stony places? Matthew 13:5-6,20-21.
9. What will those who endure receive? II Timothy 4:8.

Lesson for Sabbath, December 16, 2017

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE FORGIVEN

**Scripture Reading: Romans 4.
Golden Text: Psalm 32:1.**

NOTE: Webster's indicates to forgive is to give up resentment against or the desire to punish.

1. How important is forgiveness? Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25-26; Luke 6:37; 11:4.
2. Forgiveness comes from God, but Jesus is also an integral part. Acts 5:31; 13:38; James 5:15.
3. How often are we to forgive an erring brother? Matthew 18:21-22; Luke 17:4.
4. Even if others are not repenting, or asking for forgiveness, what are we instructed to do? Matthew 5:44.
5. What parable did Jesus use concerning the subject of forgiveness? Matthew 18:23-27.
6. After the king had forgiven his servant, what did the servant do? Matthew 18:28-30.
7. What was the outcome of the parable? Matthew 18:31-34.
8. Of what are we warned? Matthew 18:35.
9. An important part of forgiving is forgetting. If we say we forgive but will not forget, our mindset is improper. Hebrews 8:12; Isaiah 43:18,24-25.
10. What has been promised to the one who confesses his sin? I John 1:7; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 23, 2017

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 10.

Golden Text: Revelation 22:14.

1. What does the Lord require of His people? Deuteronomy 8:2; 10:12-13.
2. How does Jesus respond when asked "what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life"? Matthew 19:16-21.
3. How does Paul express a similar thought? Romans 13:8-10.
4. When Moses was given the 2nd set of tablets (Exodus 34:1), where was he told to put them? Exodus 40:1-2,17-20.
5. Where was the Mosaic law written and where was it placed? Deuteronomy 31:24-26.
6. Is there any other lawgiver such as Abraham, Moses, Ezekiel or Paul? James 4:11-12.
7. Was it the intention of Jesus to change any part of the Law of God? Matthew 5:17-18; Hebrews 10:5-7.
8. How can any one say one or two of the Ten Commandments are not necessary? Matthew 7:21; 5:19.
9. Is a murderer to receive a harsher punishment than one that takes God's name in vain? James 2:8-13.
10. What happiness (or blessing) comes to those who keep the commandments of God? Revelation 22:14; Matthew 25:34; Revelation 14:12.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 30, 2017

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE STRENGTH IS IN THE LORD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63.

Golden Text: Psalm 84:5.

1. How does Job pay tribute to the Lord? Job 26:7-14.

NOTE: God accomplished everything through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ accomplished everything with the power of God or the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:18; John 1:1-5.

2. Did Jesus keep this Power all to Himself? John 1:11-13.
3. How did Jesus display this Power or strength?
 - a. heals a leper - Matthew 8:2-3.
 - b. stills waves - Matthew 8:23-27.
 - c. feeds the people - Mark 6:38-44.
 - d. raises Lazarus - John 11:14,38-44.
4. The Power of God cannot be utilized where there is sin or unbelief.
 - a. Israel - Leviticus 26:14-17; Joshua 7:4.
 - b. Samson - Judges 16:17.
 - c. disciples - Matthew 17:15-20.
5. How can we receive this Power? Acts 2:38-39.