

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.

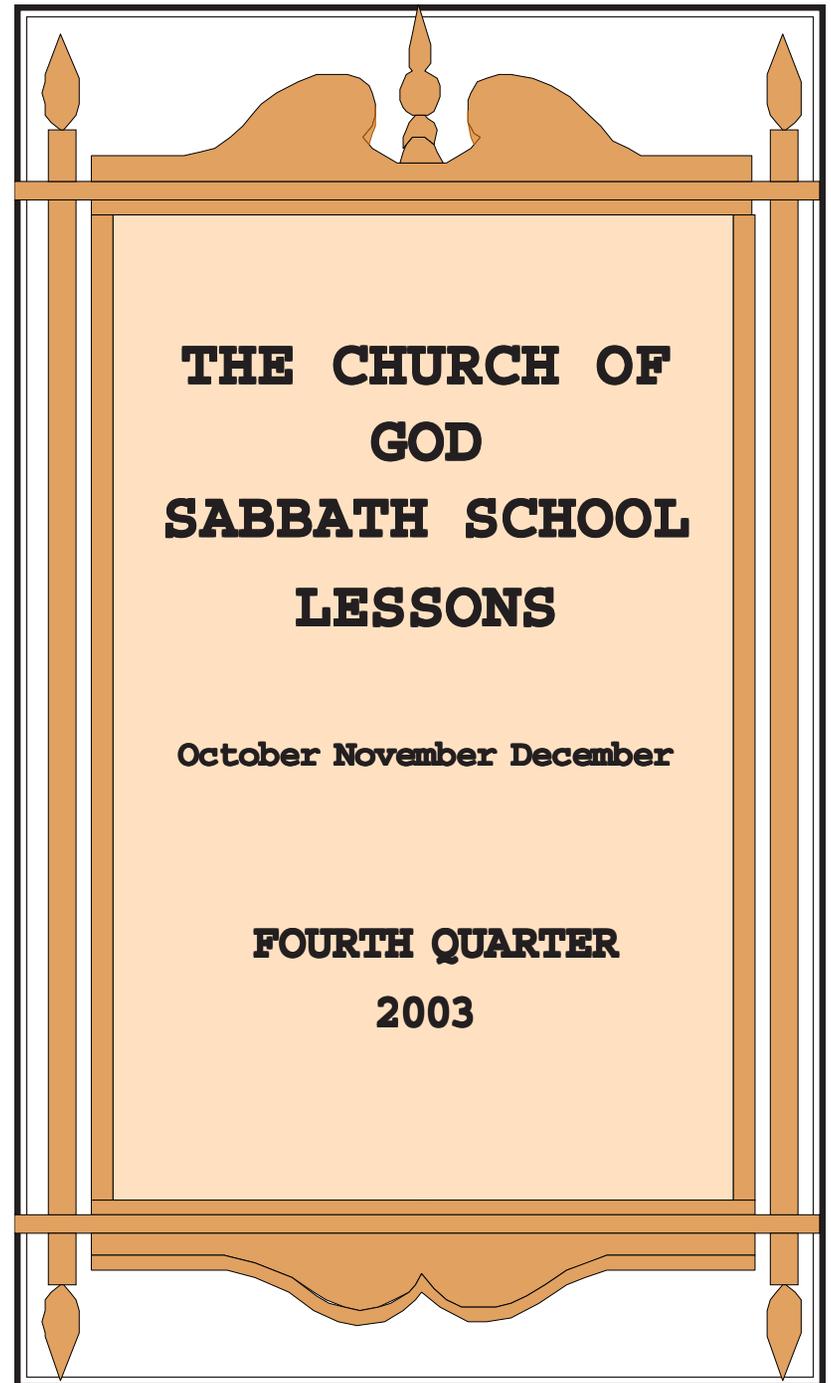
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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

The things of God have always been a mystery to the world. Many great men have failed to learn the mysteries of God, because they missed the "Key" to the knowledge of God. That "Key" is God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 1:22-24, "For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14.

Golden Text: Matthew 13:11.

1. Does the Bible tell us of the "Mystery of godliness?" I Timothy 3:16.

NOTE: Included in this verse are found the points of doctrine concerning the Son of God. Many say they believe on the Lord Jesus, however, they do not accept all that the Bible teaches about Him. Therefore, He still remains a mystery to them.

2. What is one of the greatest events concerning Jesus? John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14-16; I John 4:2.

3. What is one called who denies Jesus came in the flesh? I John 4:3.

4. Was Jesus "justified in the Spirit" as mentioned in I Timothy 3:16? Matthew 3:13-17.

5. Do the scriptures tell us our Lord was "seen of angels"? Matthew 4:11; Acts 1:10-11.

6. Was Jesus aware of angels and what they could do? Matthew 26:52-53.

7. Did Jesus "preach unto the Gentiles? Matthew 15:21; Mark 3:8; 7:24.

8. Were there people who believed on the Lord Jesus? Matthew 8:5-8; Matthew 16:13-16.

9. What will Jesus do when He puts all enemies under His feet? I Corinthians 15:24-28.

10. Who will He be in the New Jerusalem? Revelation 21:22-23.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 11, 2003

THE MYSTERIES THAT TEST THE FAITH OF MAN

Scripture Reading: Amos 4.

Golden Text: Psalm 37:35.

1. How can we understand the prosperity of the wicked? Jeremiah 12:1-4; Job 12:6; Psalm 73:3,12.
2. Will they always prosper? Psalm 73:16-20.
3. How did the Psalmist feel when he realized the reward of the wicked? Psalm 73:21-28.
4. A great mystery is becoming a new creature in Christ. John 3:3-4,7; II Corinthians 5:17; I Peter 1:23; I John 2:29; 4;7.
5. How else is this accomplished? II Corinthians 3:1-3; I Corinthians 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6.
6. Why is the providence of God such a great mystery? Psalm 31:19; Psalm 23:5; 34:17-19; Isaiah 55:8-9.
7. In whom should we trust? Proverbs 3:5; Psalms 2:12.
8. Why do we have suffering? This should not be a mystery to a child of God. Hebrews 12:11; I Corinthians 13:12; Hebrews 12:6-7.
9. How did Jesus learn obedience? Hebrews 5:5-9.
10. Who can help us in our hour of need? Hebrews 2:16-18; 7:25; I Timothy 2:5.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 18, 2003

THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5.

Golden Text: Ephesians 3:9.

1. What was hid in the beginning regarding the Gentiles? Ephesians 3:6-9.
 2. Why was the gospel hid from the Gentiles? Hosea 1:9; Romans 9:25-26; I Corinthians 12:1-3; Ephesians 4:17-19.
 3. What advantage was there for the Jew? Romans 3:1-2; 9:4-5.
 4. What happened? Romans 11:7-10.
 5. What did their stumbling do for the Gentiles? Romans 11:11-14.
 6. Why were the Israelites broken off from the olive tree? Romans 11:20,23.
 7. If Israel represents the natural branches and the Gentiles represent a "wild" olive tree (Romans 11:17), who is the olive tree or the source of life? John 15:1-2, 4-5.
- NOTE: There are those that teach Israel is the vine. Nothing could be further from the truth.*
8. What is Jesus's relationship to the church? Colossians 1:18-19; Ephesians 1:22-23.
 9. Since this relationship exists, of what are we warned? Romans 11:21-22.
 10. When we are tempted, what can we do? Hebrews 2:9,16-18.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 25, 2003

THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH (CONTINUED)

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3.
Golden Text: Ephesians 3:21.

1. How much did Christ love the church? Ephesians 5:23-25; Acts 20:28.
2. What else did His sacrifice accomplish? Ephesians 2:11-13,19.
3. What was the middle wall of partition that needed to be broken down? Ephesians 2:14-16.
4. What did Jesus become after He accomplished breaking down that wall? I Timothy 2:1-5.
5. In addition to becoming a mediator, what other position does Christ hold? Hebrews 7:15-17.
6. As our High Priest, what did He do? Hebrews 7:19-22; 8:6.
7. How was this new covenant or testament accomplished? Romans 5:8-11.
8. What does the future hold for a child of God? Revelation 5:9-10.
9. What else will be enjoyed by His brethren? Revelation 20:6.
10. How can a member of His church ensure his place in the kingdom? I John 2:3; Revelation 22:14.

Lesson for Sabbath, November 1, 2003

THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

Scripture Reading: Revelation 17.
Golden Text: Revelation 18:4.

1. What did John see that was a mystery to him? Revelation 17:3-5,7.
2. Who else knew of this mystery of iniquity? II Thessalonians 2:7.

NOTE: In the book of Daniel, we learn of the great world empires: namely Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. While these empires no longer exist, their influence still remains in our religious, social and commercial areas of life. Remember "the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field" (Genesis 3:1).
3. After the flood what did man do? Genesis 11:1-4.
4. What did God think about this tower? Genesis 11:5-9.
5. How is Babylon referred to in Revelation? Revelation 18:1-2.
6. How does John describe this mystery? Revelation 17:8-9.
7. What is the political form of Babylon? Revelation 18:12-13.
9. When this system is destroyed, who will mourn? Revelation 18:9,11,17,22.
10. What are we told to do with regard to this system? Revelation 18:4; 14:9-10.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 8, 2003

THE MYSTERY OF THE BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-21.

Golden Text: John 3:8.

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples about the mysteries? Matthew 13:10-11.
 2. What else did He tell them? John 14:16-17, 25-26.
 3. How do we receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:38-39.
 4. When we get baptized, what do we do? Romans 6:1-6.
 5. Once we receive the Spirit of God, what will it allow us to do? John 3:3.
- NOTE: The Holy Spirit will allow us to see or envision the kingdom of God.*
6. When we are "born of the water" can we still sin? Galatians 2:11,13,17; II Peter 3:17.
 7. What will happen if we overcome in this life with the help of the Spirit? I Corinthians 15:51-54.
 8. How did the Apostle Paul state this to the Thessalonians? I Thessalonians 4:13-18.
 9. How was Christ resurrected? Romans 8:11.
 10. When a child of God is born of the water and the spirit, what will they be allowed to do? John 3:5.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 15, 2003

THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: John 9.

Golden Text: John 9:39.

1. What was the first angel's message? Revelation 14:6-7.
2. What proof do we have that this message started with Christ? Matthew 4:17; John 9:39.
3. With what did the judgment start? John 12:31-32.
4. Where did judgment start? I Peter 4:15-18.
5. How did Paul emphasize the first angel's message? Acts 17:22-31.
6. How did an angel testify to this message? Revelation 19:10.
7. How did Peter stress this message? Acts 10:34-38.
8. What did Paul stress to Timothy? II Timothy 4:1-2.
9. What accusation was brought against Paul? Acts 18:12-13.
10. How do we show that we worship or love God? I John 5:2-3.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 22, 2003

THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Revelation 17.

Golden Text: II Thessalonians 2:7.

1. What was the second angel's message? Revelation 14:8.
2. What did Babylon become? Revelation 18:2.
3. How many nations escaped her fallen condition? Revelation 18:3.
4. What is she called in her fallen condition? Revelation 17:1-2.
5. Was this condition starting in Paul's day? II Thessalonians 2:7.
6. What is her name in this condition? Revelation 17:5.
7. With what is she drunken? Revelation 17:6; 16:4-7; 18:24.
8. What would the man of sin do so that he would be revealed to the world? II Thessalonians 2:3-4.
9. When and how will he actually be revealed? II Thessalonians 2:8-9.
10. What will be the end of Babylon and why? Revelation 18:5-6.

NOTE: Babylon (Greek form of "Babel") is identified in Revelation 17:9. Rome is the city that sets on seven hills. It was not only a political power but a religious one as well. She has become the mother of harlots, because although many churches "protested" against this church, they accepted her teachings.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 29, 2003

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Revelation 14.

Golden Text: Revelation 22:14.

1. What is the third angel's message? Revelation 14:9-11.
2. What is the wrath of God? Revelation 15:1.
3. How shall we escape this wrath? Revelation 14:12.
4. How is the call defined? Revelation 18:4.
5. Does God have a place of escape prepared? Revelation 15:2.
6. What is this called in Isaiah 26:20-22?
7. Of what shall we not be afraid? Psalm 91:5-7.
8. Will the righteous see the reward of the wicked? Psalm 91:8-9.
9. How much evil will affect the saints? Psalm 91:10.
10. With whom will the righteous be at Armageddon? Revelation 17:14.

NOTE: The third angel's message is a distinct call for God's people to come out of Babylon. Let us make sure we are not like Lot's wife, and receive of her (Babylon's) plagues.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 6, 2003

MYSTERIES OF NATURE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139.

Golden Text: Psalm 139:14.

1. What are children of God to seek first? Matthew 6:33-34.
2. What do unbelievers seek? Matthew 6:31-32.
3. Does God continue to oversee His creation, and take care of it? Matthew 6:25-26.
4. In one of the mystery parables of the kingdom of heaven, what did Jesus declare? Mark 4:26-32; Matthew 13:13-17.
5. How does Solomon describe the mysteries of nature? Ecclesiastes 11:4-10; 12:9-10.
6. What did the Lord do to get Jonah to Nineveh? Jonah 1:4, 17 (first part).
7. How long was Jonah in the great fish before he prayed? Jonah 1:17 (last part); 2:1, 9-10.
8. We may not be able to understand the ways of God but whose mind are we to have? I Corinthians 2:16, Philippians 2:5.
9. How "in control" is man? Matthew 5:36; 6:27; James 4:14.
10. What did Job say when he realized how small he was in comparison to the Lord? Job 42:1-6.

Read: Isaiah 55:7-9 and Romans 11:33.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 13, 2003

THE MYSTERY OF BEING CAUGHT UP

Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 4.

Golden Text: Colossians 3:2.

1. Of what does the Apostle Peter wish to remind us? I Peter 1:11-12,16; Philippians 3:20-21.
 2. On the night He was betrayed, what did Jesus promise His disciples? John 14:1-3.
 3. After His resurrection, where did Jesus go? Luke 24:51; Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1.
 4. What does the place Jesus is preparing look like? Revelation 4:1,3,6-11.
 5. Who are awaiting entrance into this city? Hebrews 11:8-10,13-16.
 6. What resurrection will have part in this city? Revelation 20:6.
 7. What mystery does Paul refer? I Corinthians 15:51.
- NOTE: The word sleep refers to death. Therefore Paul is indicating some saints would be dead, some would be alive, but all of them would obtain a change and immortality.*
8. How fast does this happen? I Corinthians 15:52-53.
 9. Is there an order to this wonderful event? I Corinthians 15:20; I Thessalonians 4:16-18.

10. To where will the saints be "caught up"? Revelation 15:1-5.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 20, 2003

THE MYSTERY OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21.

Golden Text: Galatians 4:26.

1. What did Jesus say the kingdom of heaven was like? Matthew 22:1-2.
2. How were guests invited? Matthew 22:3-10.
3. What happened when the king arrived? Matthew 22:11-14.
4. Why is a certain wedding garment so necessary? Revelation 19:7-9.

NOTE: Only those who are to be there will be there. No imposters will be able to fool the Lord (Revelation 21:27).

5. In Revelation 21, John sees the new Jerusalem. What is the new city prepared as? Revelation 21:1-2.
6. Whose bride is the new Jerusalem? Revelation 21:9-10.
7. How was the city arranged? Revelation 21:11-14.
8. How big is the new Jerusalem? Revelation 21:15-17.
9. What else are we told of this bride? Revelation 21:18-21.
10. Who will be allowed to enter this beautiful city? Revelation 22:14-15, 18.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 27, 2003

BEING CHILDREN OF GOD

Scripture Reading: John 15.

Golden Text: John 15:5.

1. Is it possible for the unregenerated man to live the Christian life? Romans 8:5-7.
2. What does a child of God need to please God? Romans 8:3-4.
3. What is our hope of glory? Colossians 1:27.
4. What empowers us as children of God? Galatians 2:20.
5. What will one who has truly been converted do? Titus 3:8-11, 14.
6. How are we able to do these good works? Hebrews 13:20-21.
7. What can a child of God always say? Philippians 4:13.
8. What has the child of God crucified in order to produce the fruit of the Spirit? Galatians 5:22-24.
9. What do we need to be as this fruit? John 15:4.
10. How are we to live and labor? Romans 12:1; I Corinthians 15:58.