

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.

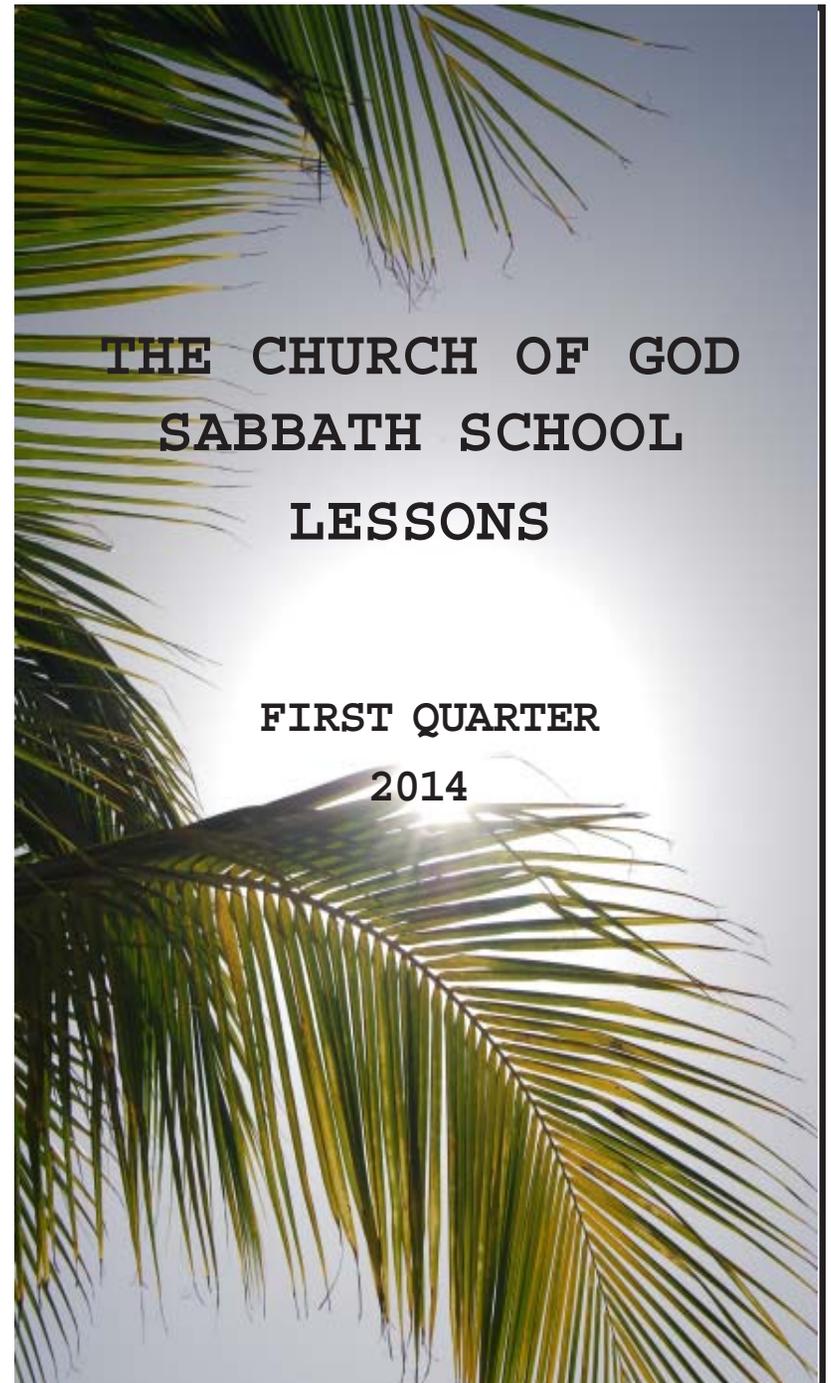
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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

We read about various people and their characters in Scripture, some good, some not so good. While some are mentioned briefly, we look at these lives and should consider what we would do under the same circumstances. God has preserved His Word, the Bible, for us so let us maximize the benefit from it while we can. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Lesson For Sabbath, January 4, 2014

CALEB

Scripture Reading: Numbers 13:1-25.

Golden Text: Proverbs 9:10.

1. Did Caleb encourage the people to possess the land? Numbers 13:30.
2. Who else rent his clothes when the people wanted to return to Egypt? Numbers 14:1-6.
3. What did Caleb and Joshua say to the congregation? Numbers 14:7-9.
4. How did the congregation react? Numbers 14:10 (first part).
5. What happened next? Numbers 14:10 (second part) - vs. 12.
6. While the Lord listened to Moses, what was His decision? Numbers 14:20-23, 28-29, 31,34.
7. What did the Lord say about Caleb? Numbers 14:24, 30; 26:63-65.
8. Did Caleb receive an inheritance? Numbers 14:6-14.
9. When Caleb offered his daughter to wife, who do we learn about? Joshua 15:14-17.
10. What kind of leader was Othniel? Judges 3:9-11.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 11, 2014

ABSALOM

Scripture Reading: II Samuel 13:1-22.

Golden Text: Proverbs 14:12.

1. What did Absalom plan to do to Amnon? II Samuel 13:23-28.
 2. After Amnon was murdered, did Absalom flee? II Samuel 13:37-39.
 3. Does King David send for Absalom? II Samuel 14:21-24.
 4. How does Samuel describe Absalom? II Samuel 14:25-26.
- NOTE: "Polled" means cut or trimmed.*
5. After David finally sees Absalom, what happens? II Samuel 14:33; 15:5-6.
 6. Did Absalom rebel against his father, King David? II Samuel 15:7-12.
 7. Does David flee from Jerusalem? II Samuel 15:13-14.
 8. After David flees Jerusalem, what does Absalom do? II Samuel 16:15-16.
 9. Was there a battle in Ephraim? II Samuel 18:1-6.
 10. How did Absalom die? II Samuel 18:9-17.
 11. Was David grief stricken over his death? II Samuel 18:33.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 18, 2014

ELIJAH

Scripture Reading: I Kings 17.

Golden Text: I Kings 18:21.

1. What was Elijah's prediction? I Kings 17:1.
2. In the third year of the drought, what was Elijah told? I Kings 18:1-2.
3. What kind of a man was Obadiah? I Kings 18:3-4; 7-13.
4. How does Ahab greet Elijah? I Kings 18:17.
5. Does Elijah back away from Ahab? I Kings 18:18.
6. What did Elijah say to the people? I Kings 18:21.
7. After the miracle at Carmel, what did Elijah do to the prophets of Baal? I Kings 18:38-40.
8. What message did Jezebel send to the prophet? I Kings 19:1-2.
9. How did he act after receiving the message? I Kings 19:3-4.
10. The angel told Elijah he had a great journey to take. What do we read? I Kings 19:5-8.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 25, 2014

JEZEBEL

Scripture Reading: I Kings 18:1-19.

Golden Text: Proverbs 12:4.

1. Who took Jezebel as his wife? I Kings 16:28-31.
2. What else did Ahab do to provoke the Lord? I Kings 16:32-33.
3. What did Jezebel do to the prophets of the Lord? I Kings 18:4, 13; II Kings 9:1-2, 6-7.
4. After Elijah slew her prophets, what message did Jezebel send to him? I Kings 19:1-2.
5. How did Elijah react? I Kings 19:3-4.
6. When Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard, what did Jezebel do for him? I Kings 21:5-10.
7. Was she able to “steal” the vineyard? I Kings 21:14-16.
8. What message did the prophet bring to Ahab and Jezebel? I Kings 21:17-26.
9. Did Ahab repent? I Kings 21:27-29.
10. Was the prophecy fulfilled regarding Jezebel? II Kings 9:30-37.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 1, 2014

ELISHA

Scripture Reading: I Kings 19:1-18.

Golden Text: Proverbs 3:13.

1. Who is Elisha supposed to assist? I Kings 19:16.
2. Where did Elijah find Elisha and what was he doing? I Kings 19:19-21.
3. What did Elisha ask Elijah? II Kings 2:9.
4. Was his request granted? II Kings 2:10-11.
5. After he “took up the mantle,” what did Elisha do? II Kings 2:14.
6. What did Elisha do for the widow? II Kings 4:1-7.
7. Who was Naaman? II Kings 5:1.
8. What did the prophet tell him to do for his leprosy? II Kings 5:10.
9. What did Naaman think about what he was told to do? II Kings 5:11-12.
10. When his servants came near to Naaman, what did they say? II Kings 5:13-14.
11. What miracle occurred after Elisha died? II Kings 13:20-21.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 8, 2014

EZRA

Scripture Reading: Ezra 1.
Golden Text: Luke 1:37.

NOTE: Ezra is a post captivity book that deals with the remnant returning from Babylon.

1. What did Cyrus the king proclaim? Ezra 1:1-4.
2. How many people returned? Ezra 2:64-65.
3. What do we read about Ezra? Ezra 7:1,6,10.
4. Does Artaxerxes give a letter to Ezra? Ezra 7:11-17, 21.
5. How does Ezra react? Ezra 7:27-28.
6. Why did Ezra proclaim a fast? Ezra 8:21-23.
7. After he delivered the king's commissions, what did Ezra learn? Ezra 9:1-4.
8. How does he pray before the Lord? Ezra 9:5-15.
9. What did the people do? Ezra 10:1.
10. Did the people make a covenant with God? Ezra 10:2-3.
11. What did Ezra make the chief priests and Levites swear? Ezra 10:5, 9-12, 17.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 15, 2014

NEHEMIAH

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 2.
Golden Text: Ecclesiastes 9:10.

NOTE: Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem about fourteen years after the return of Ezra.

1. What did Hanani tell Nehemiah? Nehemiah 1:1-3.
 2. When he learned about the situation in Jerusalem, what did Nehemiah do and say? Nehemiah 1:4-11.
- NOTE: Like Ezra, Nehemiah recognized and confessed his sins.*
3. Did Nehemiah encourage the people to build the wall? Nehemiah 2:17-18.
 4. What do we read about Sanballat? Nehemiah 4:1-2, 7-9.
 5. Were the people discouraged from rebuilding the walls? Nehemiah 4:15-18.
 6. In what state of readiness were the workers? Nehemiah 4:19-23.
 7. How did Nehemiah set an example of unselfishness? Nehemiah 5:14-15.
 8. Did Sanballat continue to bother Nehemiah? Nehemiah 6:1-5.
 9. What instructions were given to Hanani and Hananiah? Nehemiah 7:1-4.
 10. When Ezra got together with Nehemiah, what was read? Nehemiah 8:1-6.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 22, 2014

MORDECAI & ESTHER

Scripture Reading: Esther 2:5-20.

Golden Text: Proverbs 3:6.

1. What is the genealogy of Mordecai? Esther 2:5-6.
2. Who else was carried away at that time? Daniel 1:1; 3-4, 6.
3. While we learn that Mordecai was from the tribe of Benjamin, who else was from that family? I Samuel 9:1,3; Romans 11:1.
4. How did Mordecai save the king's life? Esther 2:21-23.
5. What did Haman tell King Ahasuerus? Esther 3:1-8.
6. What was proposed by Haman? Esther 3:9-15.

NOTE: Everything was put in place to destroy the Jews. They were just waiting for the thirteenth day of the twelfth month.

7. How did Mordecai and the rest of the Jews react to the decree? Esther 4:1-3.
8. Who told Esther about the decree? Esther 4:4.
9. What did Mordecai ask Esther to do? Esther 4:6-8.
10. How did she respond? Esther 4:10-11.
11. What was Mordecai's appeal to Esther? Esther 4:13-14.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 1, 2014

MORDECAI & ESTHER

Scripture Reading: Esther 5.

Golden Text: Proverbs 3:5.

1. After Mordecai asked Esther not to think only of herself but all the Jews, what did she propose? Esther 4:15-16.
2. Even though she was not summoned by the king, did Esther receive favor? Esther 5:1-2.
3. Did the king grant her petition? Esther 5:3-5, 6-8.
4. How did Haman interpret this invitation? Esther 5:10-14.
5. When the king could not sleep, of what was he reminded? Esther 6:1-3.
6. Who was asked about rewarding Mordecai without realizing it? Esther 6:4-9.
7. What occurred at the banquet? Esther 7:1-6, 10.
8. After King Ahasuerus repealed his decree, what do we learn? Esther 8:13-17.
9. Why did the rulers of the provinces help the Jews? Esther 9:2-4.
10. Who ended up next to the king? Esther 10:1-3.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 8, 2014

ELIHU

Scripture Reading: Job 32.

Golden Text: Job 36:2.

NOTE: While Job was getting advice from his other three friends Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, Elihu is more realistic in his approach.

1. Where does Elihu say his words came from? Job 33:1-3.
2. What does he say about the Spirit of God? Job 33:4. See also Genesis 2:7.
3. Why did the other three men cease answering Job? Job 32:1; 34:5.
4. What did this do to Elihu? Job 32:2.
5. Did Job speak with knowledge and wisdom? Job 34:35; 35:16.
6. What did Elihu hear Job say? Job 33:8-9.

NOTE: Job fell into believing that if he was good he should not suffer. His other friends think he has some hidden sin, but Elihu sets them straight.

7. What did Elihu say about himself? Job 32:6-7.
8. From whom did Elihu claim to get his message? Job 32:8. Why? Verse 9.
9. What does Elihu say about God's might? Job 36:1-5.
10. After the Lord speaks, what does Job say? Job 38:1-4; 40:3-4; 42:1-6.
11. After all was spoken, what was Eliphaz told to do? Job 42:7-9.

Lesson for Sabbath, March 15, 2014

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3.

Golden Text: Matthew 3:11.

1. Who were John's parents? Luke 1:5-7, 13-14.
2. What was prophesied by the angel of the Lord concerning John? Luke 1:15-17.
3. How is John related to Jesus? Luke 1:26-27, 36.
4. What did Christ say about his cousin John? Matthew 11:2-11.
5. What was John's message? Matthew 3:2-11.
6. Was Christ's message the same? Matthew 4:17.
7. Why was John put in prison? Matthew 14:1-4; Mark 6:18-20.
8. When the daughter of Herodias danced for Herod, what did he say? Matthew 14:6-7; Mark 6:22-23.
9. For what did she ask of the king? Mark 6:24-25.
10. Do we read that the king was sorry? Mark 6:26 (first part). Did it stop him? Mark 6:26 (last part)-27.
11. What did the disciples do where his body was concerned? Matthew 14:12; Mark 6:29.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 22, 2014

NICODEMUS AND JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-15.

Golden Text: John 14:6.

1. Who was Nicodemus? John 3:1.

NOTE: The word "Pharisee" means separated, thought to be called so by their adversaries. The Pharisees associated themselves with the law in order to observe it strictly in opposition to the encroachment of Hellenism, ie: adopting the Greek language and culture.

2. Did Nicodemus come to Jesus in the day? John 3:2.

3. After Jesus said a man must be born again, what did Nicodemus ask him? John 3:4.

4. What was the answer? John 3:5.

5. When there was a discussion concerning Christ, what do we read about Nicodemus? John 7:40-53.

6. After Jesus died, what part did Nicodemus play? John 19:39-40.

7. Did Joseph of Arimathaea follow Jesus openly? John 19:38. Why? Fear of the Jews.

8. Was he waiting for the kingdom? Mark 15:42-43; Luke 23:50-51.

9. What was he going to do with Christ's body? Matthew 27:57-60.

10. Was this prophesied by Isaiah? Isaiah 53:8-9.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 29, 2014

APOLLOS

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 3.

Golden Text: I Corinthians 3:6.

1. Where was Apollos born? Acts 18:24.

2. Was he familiar with Christ's baptism or only John's? Acts 18:25.

3. Who helped him with his message? Acts 18:26-28.

4. Where did he go after Ephesus? Acts 19:1.

5. Who followed Apollos, and what did he do? Acts 19:1-7.

6. What situation does Paul find with some of the believers? I Corinthians 1:10-12; 3:4.

7. How does Paul address this issue? I Corinthians 1:13-17; 3:5-8.

8. What else does Paul say about himself and Apollos? I Corinthians 4:1-6.

9. In his closing instructions to the Corinthians, what does Paul write about Apollos? I Corinthians 16:12-13.

10. What does Paul write to Titus? Titus 3:12-15.