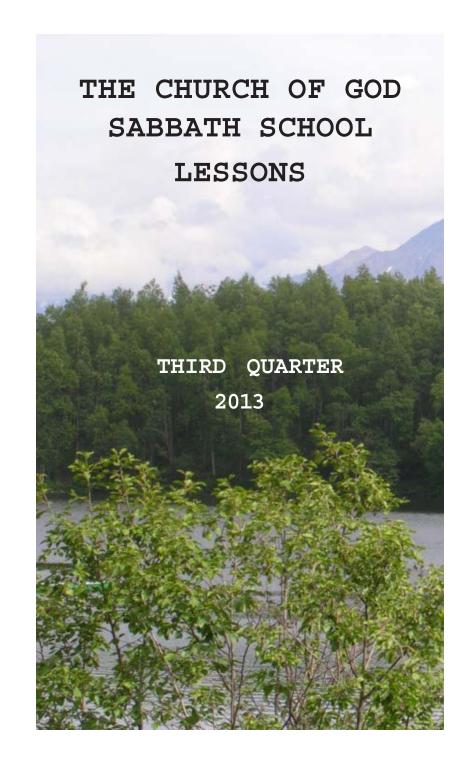
#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 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 the Bible we are introduced to two main priesthoods, the Melchisedec and the Levitical. The Melchisedec priesthood was temporarily interrupted by the Levitical to show us the larger picture of blood sacrifices, but was always pointing to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. When Jesus finished the work He was sent here to do, He brought an end to the sacrificial system and its failing priesthood. Jesus is now our High Priest "after the order of Melchisedec."

# Lesson For Sabbath, July 6, 2013

#### **EARLY SACRIFICES**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 50. Golden Text: Proverbs 3:6.

1. What do we learn about Cain and Abel? Genesis 4:1-5.

*NOTE:* In verse three, it says Cain brought an offering.

- 2. What belongs to the Lord? Leviticus 27:26, 30.
- 3. Without the shedding of blood, what are we told? Hebrews 9:22.
- 4. How was Adam and Eve's sin remitted? Genesis 3:21.

NOTE: Adam would have instructed his sons in bringing a proper sacrifice to the Lord. Cain shows his self will and contempt by offering what he wants. Without shedding blood He displays an impenitent attitude.

- 5. When Noah went forth from the ark, what did he do? Genesis 8:18-22.
- 6. After the Lord appeared to Abram, what did Abram build? Genesis 12:7-8.
- 7. Does he return to this altar after going to Egypt? Genesis 13:1-4.
- 8. Abraham asks the Lord God, "...whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it (the land)?" Genesis 15:7-21.
- 9. What was Abraham told to do with his son, Isaac? Genesis 22:1-2.
- 10. Did Abraham obey God? Genesis 22:9-12, 15-17; James 2:21-24.

## Lesson For Sabbath, July 13, 2013

#### SACRIFICES, CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23. Golden Text: I Samuel 15:22.

- 1. When the Lord appeared to Isaac and confirmed the covenant, what did Isaac build? Genesis 26:24-25.
- 2. Did Jacob build an altar? Genesis 33:18-20.

NOTE: The Patriarchs knew to worship God. While we do not sacrifice animals today, it is up to us to sacrifice ourselves in the service of the Lord (Romans 12:1).

- 3. Why should we sacrifice ourselves? Romans 12:2.
- 4. What did God tell Moses to say to the children of Israel? Exodus 3:15-18.
- 5. Were they told ahead of time that Pharoah would not let them go? Exodus 3:19-22.
- 6. How did Pharaoh respond to the first demand? Exodus 5:1-2.
- 7. When Pharaoh started to relent, what did he demand? Exodus 8:20-25.
- 8. Did Moses compromise? Exodus 8:26-27.

NOTE: We cannot compromise. When the Lord tells us to do something, we must be His obedient servants.

- 9. When darkness came over Egypt, what did Pharaoh say to Moses? Exodus 10:21-24.
- 10. Again, did Moses compromise? Exodus 10:25-26.
- 11. What are the Israelites to tell their children? Exodus 12:24-27.

*NOTE:* Now Christ is our Passover (I Corinthians 5:7).

## Lesson For Sabbath, July 20, 2013

#### **MELCHIZEDEK**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 14. Golden Text: Psalm 110:4.

1. What do we learn about Melchizedek in Genesis 14:18?

*NOTE:* Salem means peace, so we are told he is a King of Peace. The bread and wine foreshadow the emblems for the Lord's Supper.

- 2. After receiving a blessing, what does Abram do? Genesis 14:19-20; Hebrews 7:1-3.
- 3. What does the writer of Hebrews say about tithing? Hebrews 7:4-10.
- 4. Did the Levitical priesthood bring perfection? Hebrews 7:11,19.
- 5. If the priesthood changed, then what else changed? Hebrews 7:12.
- 6. Was Jesus from the tribe of Levi? Hebrews 7:13-17.
- 7. Did Jesus glorify Himself? Hebrews 5:5-10.
- 8. The Levitical priests changed because they died, but what is said of Jesus? Hebrews 7:23-25.
- 9. What has Jesus become? Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-5; Hebrews 3:1; 2:17.
- 10. What is said of the saints? Revelation 1:4-6; 5:8-10; I Peter 2:5, 9.

## Lesson For Sabbath, July 27, 2013

#### LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 9:1-15. Golden Text: Hebrews 9:10.

1. Why was there a Levitical Priesthood in the first place? Hebrews 7:11, 19; Galatians 3:19; Exodus 25:8; 28:1.

NOTE: Galatians 3:19 says that the law (Mosaic) was added. A law (Ten Commandments) had to be in existence for another law (Mosaic) to be added to it.

- 2. What are we told about the Levitical Priesthood? Hebrews 9:6-10; 10:5-7; I Samuel 15:22; Jeremiah 7:22-23.
- 3. Was the shedding of blood necessary? Hebrews 9:22.
- 4. What did the High Priest have to do each year? Hebrews 9:6-7.
- 5. Did the sacrifices offered by this Priesthood accomplish anything? Hebrews 10:4.
- 6. Did the shedding of blood make the High Priest perfect? Hebrews 9:8-10.
- 7. What did the Mosaic law represent? Hebrews 10:1.
- 8. Jesus is the mediator of what? Hebrews 9:15-17.
- 9. What did Christ accomplish that the Levitical Priesthood could not? Hebrews 9:23-28; 10:9-12.
- 10. What do we learn about the blood of Jesus? Acts 20:28; I Peter 1:16-19; Revelation 1:5.

## Lesson For Sabbath, August 3, 2013

#### ANIMAL SACRIFICE

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 16. Golden Text: Leviticus 16:30.

1. On what day in ancient Israel did the Day of Atonement occur? Levitical 23:26-28; 25:9; Numbers 29:7.

NOTE: The word afflict means to fast.

- 2. How was this day observed? Hebrews 9:7-8, 19, 22.
- 3. What else happened on this day? Leviticus 16:5-10.

NOTE: Both goats represent Jesus.

- 4. When the High Priest waved the sheaf, what else was offered? Leviticus 23:9-12.
- 5. Were there animal sacrifices offered on Pentecost? Leviticus 23:15-18.
- 6. How about on the Feast of Trumpets? Leviticus 23:23-25.
- 7. What are we told in conclusion about these ancient feasts? Leviticus 23:23-37.

NOTE: Remember, these feasts and these sacrifices pointed toward Jesus. Jesus' sacrifice fulfilled everything.

- 8. What was done to hallow the Priests? Exodus 29:1-7, 10-12, 16, 19-20.
- 9. When the Tabernacle was set in order, what did the Lord tell Moses to do? Leviticus 1:1-5.
- 10. Were the people able to offer fowl? Leviticus 1:14-17.

# Lesson For Sabbath, August 10, 2013

#### **DAVID**

Scripture Reading: II Samuel 6. Golden Text: Psalm 89:3.

- 1. What did David seek to do about the ark of the covenant? II Samuel 6:1-2.
- 2. What happened when they started to move the ark? II Samuel 6:3-7.
- 3. Did they prepare to move the ark the way they were instructed? Numbers 4:1-15.
- 4. How was the ark designed? Exodus 37:1-5.

NOTE: The ark was to be carried by the staves and not to be put on a cart. Uzzah would not have had to try and steady the ark if it was being carried properly.

- 5. What happened after the death of Uzzah? II Samuel 6:8-11.
- 6. Did David finally bring the ark to Jerusalem? I Chronicles 15:25-28.
- 7. What did they do along the way? II Samuel 6:13-15.
- 8. When David placed the ark in the midst of the tent, what did he do? I Chronicles 16:1-2.
- 9. After the sacrifices were made, what else did he do? I Chronicles 16:4-6.
- 10. What do we read in his Psalm of Thanksgiving? I Chronicles 16:7-12.

# Lesson For Sabbath, August 17, 2013 SOLOMON

Scripture Reading: I Chronicles 17:1-15. Golden Text: Isaiah 55:8.

- 1. What did David desire to do? II Samuel 7:1-3.
- 2. What was he told? II Samuel 7:8-13.
- 3. After David numbers the people and Israel is punished, what did God tell David? II Samuel 24:18-21, 24-25.
- 4. While Solomon loved the Lord, what does he do? I Kings 3:1-4.
- 5. When he dreams and the Lord appears to him, what is Solomon granted? I Kings 3:5-10.
- 6. Does Solomon prepare to build a temple? I Kings 5:1-5; 6:1.
- 7. The word of the Lord came to Solomon. What do we learn? I Kings 6:11-14.
- 8. When the ark was brought into the temple, what did they sacrifice? I Kings 8:1-5.
- 9. After praying, does Solomon bless the people? I Kings 8:54-57.
- 10. What else happened at this time? II Chronicles 7:1-3.
- 11. Did they also offer more sacrifices? II Chronicles 7:4-11.

## Lesson For Sabbath, August 24, 2013

#### IT IS FINISHED

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5. Golden Text: John 19:30.

- 1. What are some of the things finished at Calvary? Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:14, 18.
- 2. What else ended at the same time? Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14-15; John 12:31.
- 3. Because of His victory, what else do we learn? Romans 6:5-6, 11, 14.
- 4. What does Paul write about Israel? Romans 10:1-3.
- 5. Who does he say is the end of the law? Romans 10:4-5.

NOTE: Christ's sacrifice officially ends the Mosaic law. There is no need for further sacrifice since Jesus paid it all.

- 6. While He finished the work He was sent to do, what else was included? John 17:4; Acts 20:28; I Peter 1:18-19.
- 7. Who was now given an opportunity for accepting Christ's death on the tree? Romans 11:25; 10:18-20.
- 8. What happened at the temple when Jesus died? Luke 23:45; Matthew 27:51.
- 9. What did the tearing of the veil represent? Ephesians 2:11-15.
- 10. What priesthood began at Calvary again? Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:15-17.

## Lesson For Sabbath, August 31, 2013

#### THE TWO LAWS CONTRASTED

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5. Golden Text: Galatians 3:19.

There is always harmony in the Bible. Therefore the only conclusion we can come to is that there are two Laws along with the two Priesthoods. There are 22 differences in these laws.

#### MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

#### The Ten Commandments God's Laws Exodus 20:1

- 1. Spoken by God. Exodus 20:1; Deuteronomy 5:22.
- 2. Written by God. Exodus 24:12; 31:18; 32:15, 16.
- 3. Written on tables of stone. Deuteronomy 9:10; Deuteronomy 5:22.
- 4. Contained Ten Commandments. Deuteronomy 4:13.
- 5. Placed in the top of the Ark. Deuteronomy 10:1-2; Hebrews 9:4.
- 6. Called "His" (God's) covenant. Deuteronomy 4:13; Exodus 19:5.
- 7. Remained on two tables of stone. Deuteronomy 9:9, 11, 15.
- 8. Perfect, converting the soul. Psalm 19:7; Jas. 2:12.
- 9. Is holy, spiritual and good. Romans 7:12, 14.
- 10. Defines sin. Romans 3:20-23.
- 11. Violation is sin. I John 3:4.

#### LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD The Laws of Moses

# Ceremonial Laws

John 1:17

- 1. Spoken by Moses to the people. Deuteronomy 1:1.
- 2. Written by Moses. Exodus 24:3,
- 4; Deuteronomy 31:9.
- 3. Written in a book. Deuteronomy 31:24; Galatians 3:10.
- 4. The Laws contained in ordinances. Ephesians 2:15; Deuteronomy 4:14.
- 5. Placed in the side of the Ark. Deuteronomy 31:26.
- 6. Called the "handwriting of ordinances." Colossians 2:14.
- 7. Written on many stones. Joshua 8:30-35; II Corinthians 3:7.
- 8. Made nothing perfect. Hebrews 7:19
- 9. Was a carnal law. Hebrews 9:10; 7:16.
- 10. Provided penalties and atonement for sin. Leviticus 20:10; Exodus 29:36.
- 11. Violation is not sin. Galatians 5:1-3: Colossians 2:16.

## Lesson For Sabbath, September 7, 2013

### THE TWO LAWS CONTRASTED (CONTINUED)

**Scripture Reading: Galatians 3.** Golden Text: Galatians 3:19.

- 1. What necessitated the change in the priesthoods? Hebrews 7:15-17: Psalm 110:3-4: Hebrews 7:24-27. Who was this man who was able to save us? Hebrews 6:20.
- 2. Could salvation or perfection be attained under the Levitical Priesthood? Hebrews 7:11; Galatians 2:19-21.
- 3. Did God then disannul the "Added Law" Levitical Priesthood? Hebrews 7:18-22. Our Hope is in Christ Jesus who is the Priest for the age of the Judgment.

#### **MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD**

The Ten Commandments God's Laws **Exodus 20:1** 

- 12. Not grievous. I John 5:2-3.
- 13. Contains no shadow. Psalm 119:105.
- 14. To stand fast forever. Psalm 111:7-8. 15. This Law magnified by Christ. Isaiah
- 42:21: Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28.
- 16. Transferred to tables of the heart. II Corinthians 3:3: Romans 2:15.
- 17. Not destroyed by Christ. Matthew 5:18-20; Luke 16:16.
- 18. Is a royal (Kingly) Law. Jas. 2:8-12.
- 19. Leads to eternal life. Matthew 19:17; Revelation 12:17: 22:14.

#### LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

#### The Laws of Moses **Ceremonial Laws** John 1:17

- 12. Is a yoke of bondage. Acts 15:5-11; Galatians 5:1.
- 13. Shadow and Tutor. Galatians 3:24-25: Colossians 2:17.
- 14. Would remain till the seed "Christ" should come. Galatians 3:16-19; Romans 9:7-9.
- 15. Blotted out by Christ and nailed to the cross. Colossians 2:14; II Corinthians 3:7, 13.
- 16. Passed with ministration of Moses. II Corinthians 3:9-11; Hebrews 8:13.
- 17. Abolished by Christ. Philippians 3:9; Ephesians 2:15.
- 18. Is a law of servitude and bondage. Galatians 4:1-5, 9; 5:1.
- 19. Observers of this law are fallen from grace. Galatians 5:4.

## Lesson for Sabbath, September 14, 2013

## THE TWO LAWS CONTRASTED (CONTINUED)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:16-30. Golden Text: Matthew 19:17.

- 1. Since we have never been under this Schoolmaster of the Levitical Priesthood (Galatians 3:24-25), what is difficult for us to comprehend? Jude 4-5, 8.
- 2. We must understand and accept Jesus Christ and what He came to do. Isaiah 42:21. Why was this so necessary? Psalm 119:126. People of today accept I John 3:4. But few of them understand which Law it means. Romans 7:12-14. They claim the law is Matthew 22:37-39. These are direct quotations of Jesus from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 and are the first and second tables of stone.

#### MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

The Ten Commandments God's Laws **Exodus 20:1** 

- Ezekiel 20:11, 13, 21.
- 21. Is the perfect law of liberty. Jas. 2:12. 22. Is called the royal law of the 22. Was a law of death and Scriptures. Jas. 2:8.

This wonderful Law of God was first spoken by God and then written by God's own finger, and God added no more. Deuteronomy 5:22.

done away in Christ Jesus. II veil is still on the face of the reader. II Corinthians 3:14.

#### **LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD**

The Laws of Moses **Ceremonial Laws** John 1:17

- 20. Is a law that causes death. Ezekiel 20:25.
- 20. Is a law by which man can live. 21. Is the law of a carnal commandment. Hebrews 7:16. (For clarification read verses 17-20).
  - persecution. Hebrews 10:28-29. Leaders of Israel had to add more rules and regulations to this law as they progressed in their land. It was such an imperfect law. Matthew 19:7; John 7:22-23; Acts 13:39.

When the law of God is read, the veil is When the law of Moses is read, the Corinthians 3:15.

## Lesson For Sabbath, September 21, 2013

#### **SACRILEGE**

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 10. Golden Text: I Corinthians 3:17.

NOTE: Webster's Dictionary defines sacrilege as violating what is consecrated to God or religion.

- 1. Were Nadab and Abihu consecrated priests? Exodus 28:1,4,41.
- 2. How severe was their sin? Leviticus 10:2,5-7; Numbers 3:4.
- 3. What is a good rule to remember when we worship? Ecclesiastes 5:1-2; Psalm 50:7-8, 14-15; Proverbs 15:8; 21:27.
- 4. What kind of worship is required of us? I Peter 2:5; Psalm 4:3-5; Malachi 3:3.
- 5. How will true worshippers worship the Father? John 4:21-24.

*NOTE:* If we don't do things properly and in good order we may be guilty of committing a sacrilege.

- 6. What are some other examples of sacrilege? I Samuel 2:12, 17; II Kings 21:1-2, 7-9; II Chronicles 24:4-7.
- 7. Will the Lord be pleased with our offering and worship if sin lies at our door? Genesis 4:5-7; Matthew 5:21-24.
- 8. We cannot hide sin from God. What are we told about our condition before God? II Samuel 7:20; Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9-10; Luke 16:15.
- 9. If we neglect to pay our tithes and offerings, are we not guilty of sacrilege? Malachi 3:7-9.
- 10. If we break one commandment, are we not guilty of breaking them all? James 2:8-10.
- 11. If we partake of the Lord's Supper improperly is this not sacrilegious? I Corinthians 5:6-8; 10:19-21; 11:29-30.

## Lesson For Sabbath, September 28, 2013

#### THE FINAL RULE

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:1-18. Golden Text: I Corinthians 15:28.

- 1. What does Jesus have to do before the final rule? I Corinthians 15:24.
- 2. How long will Jesus reign? I Corinthians 15:25-26; Revelation 20:4.
- 3. Who will reign with Christ? Revelation 20:6; 5:8-10.
- 4. Does everything come under Jesus' rule? I Corinthians 15:27.
- 5. When Jesus has accomplished all things, what happens then? I Corinthians 15:28; 3:23; 11:3.
- 6. Will Christ's kingdom be destroyed? Daniel 7:13-14.
- 7. Before the seven last plagues, what is Jesus called? Revelation 15:1-3.
- 8. When the ten kings made war with the Lamb, what is He called, and what is said of those with Him? Revelation 17:12-14.
- 9. How is the second coming depicted in the book of Revelation? Revelation 19:11-16.
- 10. While we learned about Melchizedec and the Levites, what do we learn about the children of God? I Peter 2:9-10.