

## ***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

Just as the Bible is made up of many books, it also contains many stories. While most of us are familiar with Noah, Samson and Daniel, we will look into some less known tales and parables. Jesus was wonderful in giving us subjects to consider and spark our intellect. However, it is the Holy Spirit that leads us to all truth and keeps us on the straight and narrow path. In Scripture we are told to seek first the kingdom and all else will be added unto us.

Let's keep seeking!

## *Lesson For Sabbath, April 7, 2012*

### MESSAGE AGAINST THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL

**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 6.**

**Golden Text: Psalm 78:58.**

1. How does God describe Himself? Exodus 20:5 (first part); 34:14.
2. Why did He tell them not to worship other gods? Exodus 20:1-2.

*NOTE: Egypt is a type of sin, and God removed them from its bonds and took them for His people.*

3. What instructions were given to Israel concerning the promised land? Exodus 23:23-25.
4. Were they to be given the promised land all at once? Exodus 23:26-30.
5. What else were they told? Exodus 23:31-33.
6. Did Israel listen to these instructions? Ezekiel 6:3-4.
7. Will there be any that escape the sword? Ezekiel 6:8.
8. What are those that escape supposed to do and think? Ezekiel 6:9; 12:14-16.
9. Why did God do this? Ezekiel 6:10; 14:10-11.
10. What else are we told about the land? Ezekiel 14:12-14.

*NOTE: Except for Jesus, no other man, woman, or child will save us. Paul tells us correctly when he writes in Philippians 2:12 the last part, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."*

## *Lesson For Sabbath, April 14, 2012*

### **VALLEY OF DRY BONES**

**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14.**

**Golden Text: Ezekiel 36:28.**

*NOTE: There are some who teach God is finished with Israel. However, we read, "I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live".*

1. Now, what is the message to the mountains of Israel? Ezekiel 36:1-8.

2. What else will happen? Ezekiel 36:9-11.

3. What is the Son of man told by way of review? Ezekiel 36:16-20.

4. Why are we told all of this was done? Ezekiel 36:21-23.

*NOTE: While Israel was punished and is being restored, it is all for God's honor and glory.*

5. What else will happen? Ezekiel 36:24-27; Hebrews 8:8-10.

6. What do we read about in Ezekiel 37? Ezekiel 37:1-2.

7. Do these bones represent anything in particular? Ezekiel 37:11.

8. "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel 37:3-6,12-14.

*NOTE: Israel was in a "dead" state while they were dispersed. They are being restored physically and will be restored spiritually.*

9. When Jesus returns, what will happen to Israel? Zechariah 12:8-10; 13:6.

10. Will they continue to live there in Jerusalem? Ezekiel 36:28-38.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, April 21, 2012*

### **THE SIGN OF THE TWO STICKS**

**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:15-28.**

**Golden Text: Matthew 12:25.**

1. Who reigned in Israel after Solomon? I Kings 11:41-43.

2. What was he asked to do for the people? I Kings 12:1-4.

3. How was Rehoboam advised by the old men? I Kings 12:5-7.

4. Did he do what they suggested? I Kings 12:8-13.

5. What happened as a result of answering the people roughly? I Kings 12:16-20.

*NOTE: Rehoboam's actions caused a split in the kingdom of Israel.*

6. What do the two sticks represent? Ezekiel 37:16-17.

7. After Israel is regathered, what will happen? Ezekiel 37:22.

*NOTE: There is a teaching that says there were ten lost tribes. They were not lost, but scattered or dispersed.*

8. Where did Jesus send his disciples? Matthew 10:5-6.

*NOTE: Lost in this verse refers to their spiritual condition.*

9. When Israel is regathered, who will be their king, and who will be their shepherd? Ezekiel 37:24-25.

10. Who is this shepherd? John 10:11-16.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, April 28, 2012*

### **JOSHUA**

**Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:1-15.**

**Golden Text: Joshua 23:11.**

1. Of what did Joshua remind the children of Israel? Joshua 1:1-5.

2. What else did he say to them? Joshua 1:6-9.

*NOTE: It seemed the closer Israel got to the promised land, the more afraid they became.*

3. When two spies were sent to Jericho, where did they stay? Joshua 2:1, 12-14; 6:17; Hebrews 11:31.

4. What happened when they crossed over the Jordan river? Joshua 3:11-17; 4:19-24.

5. What was kept after the “reproach of Egypt” was rolled away from the Israelites? Joshua 4:19; 5:2-6, 9-10.

6. Did the children of Israel continue to eat manna? Joshua 5:11-12.

7. How did Israel “conquer” Jericho? Joshua 6:1-5, 20.

8. While Gibeon was a great city, what did the Lord do when they fled from before Israel? Joshua 10:1-2, 8-11.

9. What other miracle occurred? Joshua 10:12-14.

10. Even though Joshua was old and stricken in years, what else did he have to do for Israel? Joshua 13:1, 7-8, 14.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, May 5, 2012*

### **JUDGES**

**Scripture Reading: Judges 2.**

**Golden Text: Judges 2:10.**

1. When an angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, what did Gideon ask of the Lord? Judges 6:11-12, 15-17.

2. What came up out of a rock when the angel touched the offering with his staff? Judges 6:20-21.

3. After Gideon built an altar to the Lord, what was he told to tear down? Judges 6:24-25.

*NOTE: Israel was constantly serving other gods. When they had the right judge things were good, but with the wrong judge, they suffered.*

4. What else did Gideon ask of God? Judges 6:36-40.

5. Another miracle is associated with Gideon. What was it? Judges 7:1-7.

*NOTE: With God all things are possible. He will fight our battles if we let Him.*

6. What parable is connected with Abimelech? Judges 9:8-19, 23, 55-57.

7. How did Samson kill a young lion? Judges 14:5-6.

8. What did Samson do with the three hundred foxes? Judges 15:3-5.

9. Samson slew a thousand Philistines with an unusual weapon. What was it? Judges 15:14-16.

10. What else did this jawbone provide? Judges 15:17-20.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, May 12, 2012*

### **JUDGES, PART II**

**Scripture Reading: Judges 17.**

**Golden Text: Judges 17:6.**

1. Had the Danites received all their inheritance? Judges 18:1.
2. Were they, the Danites, guilty of idolatry? Judges 18:30-31.
3. What happened to a certain Levite? Judges 19:1-2.
4. When they left her father's house, where did they go? Judges 19:9-10, 13-14.
5. Were they left in peace? Judges 19:21-25.
6. What happened to the concubine? Judges 19:26-28.

*NOTE: These sons of Belial abused her to death.*

7. What did the Levite do with the body? Judges 19:29-30.

*NOTE: He was bearing witness against them to all the tribes (12 pieces).*

8. Would the children of Benjamin listen? Judges 20:11-13.
9. What happened to the tribe of Benjamin? Judges 20:43-45, 47.
10. How was this tribe repopulated? Judges 21:10-14, 19-23.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, May 19, 2012*

### **TRANSITION**

**Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-21.**

**Golden Text: Matthew 25:34.**

1. What was preached until John (The Baptist)? Luke 16:16 (first part).

*NOTE: the expression, "law and the prophets," refers to the Old Testament (see Luke 24:44).*

2. What did Jesus say was preached since that time? Luke 16:16 (second part).
3. Do the Israelites understand this change? II Corinthians 3:12-16.
4. What did Philip tell Nathanael? John 1:45.
5. What did Jesus say about Himself? John 5:41-46, 39.
6. Why was Jesus sent to dwell among us? John 5:30,36.
7. Did He come to destroy the law and the prophets? Matthew 5:17; Isaiah 53:1-5.

*NOTE: To fulfill also means to complete. Jesus completed or ended the "Old Testament" with His sacrifice.*

8. What message did John the Baptist preach? Matthew 3:1-2.
9. How about Jesus? What was His message? Matthew 4:17; 5:3,10.
10. What message did Jesus tell his disciples to deliver? Matthew 10:1-7.
11. How does the Apostle Paul tie this information all together? Acts 28:17-23.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, May 26, 2012*

### PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 78:1-22.**

**Golden Text: Matthew 13:35.**

*NOTE: A parable is a short, simple story from which a moral or religious lesson may be drawn (Websters).*

1. Why did Jesus use parables? Matthew 13:10-13.
2. What happened when the man sowed good seed in his field? Matthew 13:24-30.
3. Did Jesus explain this parable to His disciples? Matthew 13:36-43.
4. Is the Kingdom like the grain of a mustard seed? Matthew 13:31-32.

*NOTE: While the body of believers is small, it has great strength from the Lord. It will “shelter” all those that seek refuge in its truths.*

5. How is the Kingdom described in the next parable? Matthew 13:33.

*NOTE: The leaven, while unseen, causes growth.*

6. What else is the Kingdom likened to? Matthew 13:44.
7. How does the merchant man respond when he finds the pearl of great price? Matthew 13:45-46.

*NOTE: Think of the treasure and the pearl as truth.*

8. What will happen at the “end of the world.” Matthew 13:47-50.
9. Concerning the patriarch Abraham, what was he looking forward to in the future? Hebrews 11:8-10.
10. What about the rest of the faithful? Hebrews 11:13-16.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, June 2, 2012*

### THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

**Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31.**

**Golden Text: Matthew 8:11-12.**

*NOTE: This is an allegory. According to the Webster's Dictionary, an allegory is a description of one thing under the image of another.*

1. How was the rich man clothed? Luke 16:19.

*NOTE: The rich man represents Israel who enjoyed untold blessings.*

2. How is Lazarus described? Luke 16:20.

*NOTE: Lazarus represents the Gentiles.*

3. What did Lazarus desire? Luke 16:21; Matthew 15:21-28.

4. Where did they go when they died? Luke 16:22-25.

*NOTE: Remember, Jesus is using this allegory to show the fall of the Israelites and ascension of the Gentiles.*

5. When does Paul realize this? Acts 28:26-28.

6. Does Paul warn the Gentiles that the same thing can happen to them? Romans 11:13-21.

7. What is the “great gulf fixed?” Luke 16:26; I Corinthians 1:22-23.

8. What does the rich man request? Luke 16:27-28.

9. How does Abraham answer him? Luke 16:29-31.

10. Did Jesus try to convince the Jews? John 8:31-44.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, June 9, 2012*

### THE TRANSFIGURATION

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-13.**

**Golden Text: Revelation 19:11.**

1. What did Jesus say before this miraculous event? Mark 9:1.
2. Who was Jesus talking about? Revelation 1:1; 11:15; 19:12-16; 21:23.
3. Who accompanied Jesus to this high mountain? Luke 9:28.
4. Who was with Him at the garden of Gethsemane? Matthew 26:36-37; 10:2.
5. While Jesus cautioned them not to say anything until He rose from the dead, what was their purpose? Matthew 17:9; II Corinthians 13:1; Deuteronomy 19:15.
6. Who else appeared with Jesus? Mark 9:4.  
  
*NOTE: Moses represents the law, and Elias (Elijah) represents the prophets.*
7. Did Moses write about Jesus? Deuteronomy 18:15-18; Acts 3:19-22.
8. What did the prophets have to say? Acts 3:24-25.
9. What will happen to those who will not hear Jesus? Acts 3:26; Deuteronomy 18:18-19.
10. How will Jesus look when He returns in glory? Revelation 19:11-16.

## *Lesson for Sabbath, June 16, 2012*

### THE UNJUST JUDGE

**Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8.**

**Golden Text: II Chronicles 7:14.**

*NOTE: The widow was persistent and would not quit asking.*

1. If we lack wisdom, what are we to do? James 1:5.
2. Are there conditions to our request? James 1:6-8.
3. What is another reason given for unanswered prayer? James 4:3.

*NOTE: The word "amiss" is translated "evily". In other words, we are asking, praying for all the wrong reasons. Let us pray for others.*

4. How did Jesus pray? John 17:1,9,15-17,20-22.

*NOTE: Jesus was concerned about others.*

5. How did He express these same thoughts before in His ministry? Matthew 6:25-32.

6. What did the twelve-year-old, Jesus, tell His parents? Luke 2:41-49.

*NOTE: Let us be about our Father's business while there is still time. John 9:4.*

7. How are we to pray? John 16:23-24.
8. Of what can we have confidence? I John 3:18-22, 5:14.
9. What other results can happen when we pray? Matthew 7:7-11.

*NOTE: While the widow got the unjust judge to help her, how much more will the just Judge answer and assist His children?*

10. What can the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplish? James 5:16.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, June 23, 2012*

### **THE BEATITUDES**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12.**

**Golden Text: Psalm 1:1.**

*NOTE: According to Strongs, the word "blessed" can mean "fortunate" or "well off".*

1. While Jesus speaks of the poor, what did He have to say about the rich? Matthew 19:21-24.
2. What does the Apostle Paul tell us about mourning "them which are asleep"? I Thessalonians 4:13-14; I Corinthians 15:20-23.
3. In what will the meek delight themselves? Psalm 37:11; 22:26; 25:9.
4. Whose righteousness shall we seek? Matthew 6:33; Romans 14:17.
5. Why? Isaiah 64:6.
6. What does the Psalmist say about the merciful? Psalm 18:25.

*NOTE: This Psalm was written about 1000 years before Jesus spoke the Beatitudes.*

7. How about the pure in heart? Psalm 18:26.

*NOTE: God will treat us according to the way we live our lives.*

8. How does David write about this relationship with the Lord? Psalm 18:20-24; I Samuel 26:23 (first part); Romans 2:1-6.
9. How are we to treat others? Matthew 5:38-44; Romans 12:20-21.
10. Why will people hate and persecute us? John 15:18; 15:20-25; Luke 6:22.

## *Lesson For Sabbath, June 30, 2012*

### **THE KINGDOM**

**Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-21.**

**Golden Text: Luke 17:21.**

*NOTE: The word "within" means "in the midst of". Jesus the King, and His disciples, were among the Pharisees but they did not understand.*

1. What is necessary to enter the Kingdom? Matthew 5:20.
2. Will everyone enter the Kingdom? Matthew 7:21-23; 24:24,5.
3. What did Jesus tell the centurion? Matthew 8:11-12.

*NOTE: The children of the Kingdom was Israel, but Jesus was explaining that others, meaning the Gentiles, would take their place.*

4. How does Jesus present this in the parable of the householder demanding fruit from his vineyard? Mark 12:1-9.
5. Who do the servants represent in the parable? Matthew 5:12.
6. Who is the well beloved son in the story? Hebrews 1:1-2.

*NOTE: the vineyard represents the Kingdom.*

7. What happened to the stone which the builders rejected? Matthew 21:42; Psalm 118:22-23.
8. What else did this rejection cause? Matthew 21:43.
9. How can we produce more fruit? John 15:1-5.
10. Should we worry or show fear about the future? Luke 12:32.