

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.

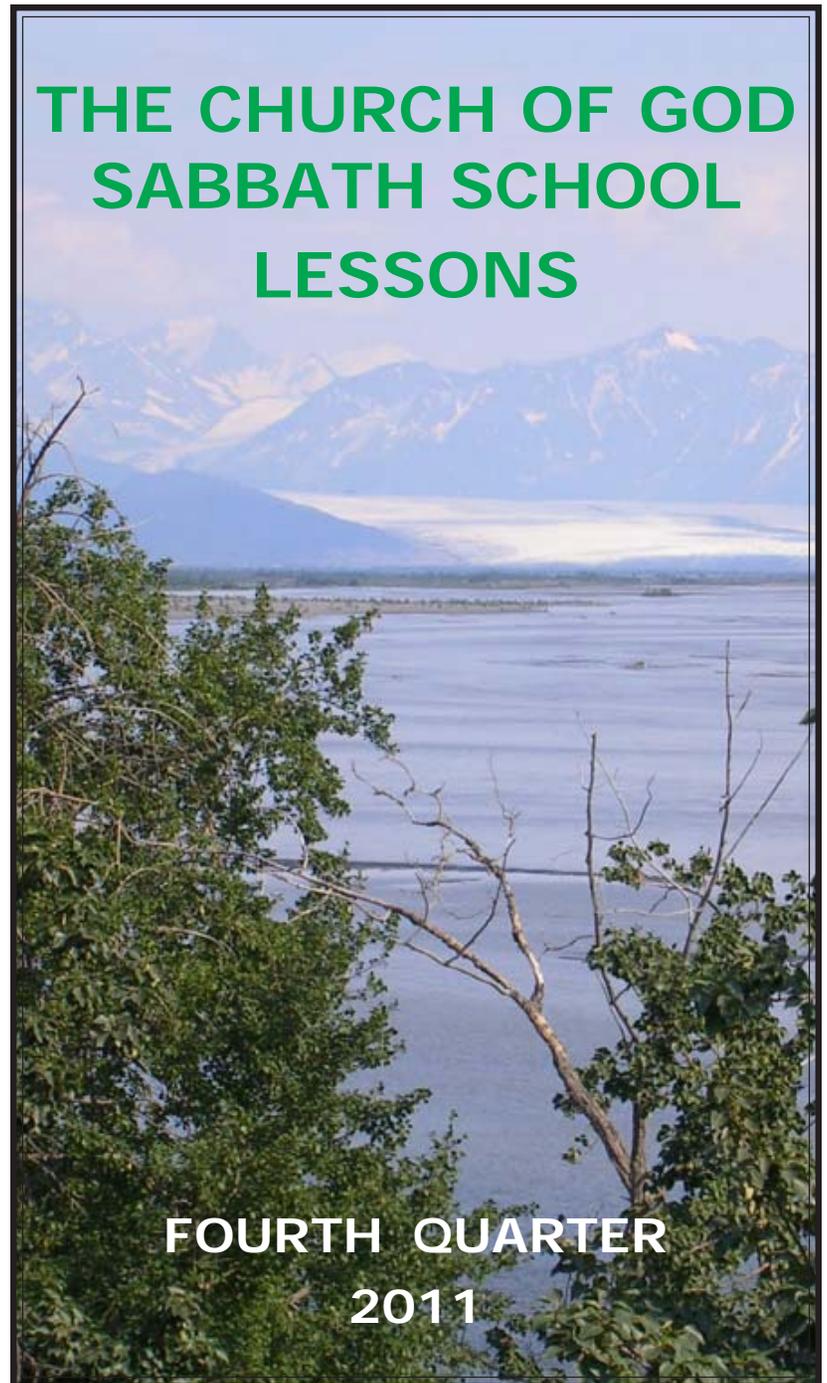
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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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Lesson for Sabbath, October 1, 2011 **THE WORK OF A PROPHET**

Scripture Reading: Acts 3.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 18:15.

1. What was said of the works of a certain prophet? Deuteronomy 18:16-18.

2. What will happen to those who will not hearken or listen? Deuteronomy 18:19.

NOTE: The word hearken also implies obedience.

3. Who was this Prophet? Acts 3:19-23.

4. What preparation was made for His Word? Matthew 3:1-3.

5. While John baptized with water, with what was Jesus going to baptize? Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:1-5.

6. The water cleansed, but what will the Spirit do for us? John 14:17; 16:13-14.

7. Did Jesus have a greater witness than John? John 5:33-37, 3:17.

8. What else did Jesus tell us about God? John 4:21-24.

NOTE: While Jesus was the "Lamb of God," He had to tell us about the Power of God, the Holy Spirit, and about God, Himself. Only those who receive the Spirit can understand. See John 6:63.

9. How does Peter confirm this statement? John 6:67-68.

10. What else will the follower of Jesus find? John 8:12; 10:10,28; 11:25.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 8, 2011

BEING PROPERLY DRESSED

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1-14.

Golden Text: Revelation 16:15.

NOTE: The King is God, the Son is Jesus and the servants are the prophets. The former invited guests are Israel, and the latter represent the Gentiles.

1. When the servants were sent to "...call them that were bidden to the wedding...", what happened? Matthew 22:3.

2. What happened the second time? Matthew 22:4-5.

3. What did the remnant do to the servants? Matthew 22:6.

4. How did the King react? Matthew 22:7-8.

5. Did Jesus mention something about this before? Matthew 8:10-12; Luke 11:45-50; Matthew 23:37-38.

6. Why was the wedding guest cast into outer darkness? Matthew 22:11-13.

7. What was Israel's problem? Romans 10:1-3.

NOTE: Israel placed more emphasis on the physical than the spiritual.

8. To what is our righteousness compared? Isaiah 64:6.

9. How do our robes become white? Revelation 7:9-14.

10. Will we be allowed at the wedding? Revelation 19:7-8.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 15, 2011

PRAYER

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-15.

Golden Text: Psalm 51:2.

1. How does David start the 51st Psalm? Psalm 51:1.

NOTE: Since David knew sin could bring death, he starts off by asking for mercy.

2. How does Hezekiah start a prayer? Isaiah 37:14-17 (first part).

3. When the Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah concerning the death (drought), what did Jeremiah pray? Jeremiah 14:7-9.

NOTE: Recognizing God and admitting our sins seem to be necessary parts of prayer.

4. How does Ezekiel start a prayer? Ezekiel 9:8.

5. Daniel? Daniel 9:4-19.

NOTE: Heartfelt praying is necessary--not vain repetition which our prayers can become if we do not pay attention.

6. What did Jonah pray? Jonah 2:1-10.

7. When Habakkuk prayed, how did he start? Habakkuk 3:1-2.

8. What example did Jesus give us before His arrest and trial? Matthew 26:36-46.

9. After His resurrection, how did the Emmaus disciples recognize Jesus? Luke 24:27-31.

10. What can the prayer of faith do for the sick? James 5:13-16.

11. What are we told about Elias? James 5:17-18.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 22, 2011

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-12.

Golden Text: Matthew 7:12.

1. What did Jesus say concerning our feelings toward one another? Matthew 7:1-2.

2. Why should we not judge? Romans 14:10.

3. Where will judgment begin? I Peter 4:17-19.

4. How are we to treat our fellow man? John 13:34-35.

5. How should we treat our enemies? Matthew 5:43-44; Romans 12:17-21.

6. Why? Matthew 5:45-48.

7. How should we “love our neighbor?” Matthew 22:39; Leviticus 19:18.

8. What other examples are given in the Old Testament? Leviticus 19:9-17.

9. What are some verses given to help us love our neighbor? Exodus 20:17; Romans 13:10, Galatians 6:10.

10. Can helping another help us? James 5:19-20; Proverbs 10:12.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 29, 2011

THE TWO PATHS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:15-29.

Golden Text: Luke 6:46.

1. What does Jesus tell us about the two ways or paths? Matthew 7:13-14.

2. How does the Psalmist write about these two paths? Psalm 1.

NOTE: There are only two choices, life or death.

3. What was included in Moses' final warning to Israel? Deuteronomy 30:15-20.

4. When Jesus spoke about the strait gate, what did he mean? Matthew 7:13.

NOTE: Strait means narrow. Therefore verse 14 could be read "Because narrow is the gate, and narrow is the way..."

5. Where does the "narrow" way lead? Matthew 7:14.

6. What other clue does Jesus give us? John 14:1-6.

7. How are we to think of our lives in this world? John 12:25-26.

8. Did Jesus send peace on the earth? Matthew 10:34-39.

9. Where will the wise man build his house? Matthew 7:24-25; 21:42-44; Acts 4:11.

10. Who is the Rock? I Corinthians 10:1-4.

NOTE: While a stumblingblock to many, Christ built His church upon Himself being the chief cornerstone. A strong foundation is necessary for a strong church. Let us look for the strait door.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 5, 2011

HE THAT DOEST THE WILL OF MY FATHER

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-16.

Golden Text: Zechariah 8:16.

1. Who did Jesus say would enter the kingdom? Matthew 7:21.

2. Does Paul and James say something similar? Romans 2:13; James 1:25.

3. How do these words compare with writers of the Old Testament? Deuteronomy 30:11-14; Psalm 15:1-5.

4. The "law of commandments contained in ordinances" required constant repetition. Was this repetition satisfactory to God? Jeremiah 6:20; Amos 5:21-22.

5. What do we read was satisfactory to God? Jeremiah 7:22-23; 11:1-7.

6. In what way was this lesson brought to Saul? I Samuel 15:17-22.

7. What caused Saul to sin? I Samuel 15:23-24.

8. Is there danger in following man rather than following the Lord? Matthew 10:37-39.

NOTE: While we are to have love and concern for others, we need to be careful that our emotions do not lead us astray.

9. How may we know what is the "will of God"? Romans 12:2; I Thessalonians 5:14-18.

10. What contrast is made concerning those that "do" and those that "will not" do the will of the Father? I John 2:15-17.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 12, 2011

ANOTHER GOSPEL!

Scripture Reading: Galatians 1:1-20.
Golden Text: Galatians 3:1.

1. Why did Paul marvel at the Galatians? Galatians 1:6.
2. Is there another gospel? Galatians 1:7; II Corinthians 2:17.

NOTE: There is only one gospel. However, there are those who would have us believe there are several different roads to the kingdom.

3. How does Paul express this “oneness?” Ephesians 4:1-6.
4. Did Jesus tell us about false Christs and false prophets? Matthew 24:24; 7:22-23.
5. Are we to believe every spirit? I John 4:1.

NOTE: Try means to prove.

6. How will we know the “Spirit of God?” I John 4:2; Hebrews 2:14.
7. How will we know the “spirit of Antichrist?” I John 4:3, II John 7.
8. What does Peter say about false prophets? II Peter 2:1.
9. Will only a small group follow those false teachers? II Peter 2:2-3.
10. What did Jesus say about this description? Matthew 24:5,11.

NOTE: We need to be careful that we are not carried away by false teachings.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 19, 2011

THANKSGIVING

Scripture Reading: Psalm 66.
Golden Text: Psalm 48:1.

NOTE: While we set aside a particular day in the United States for Thanksgiving, we should always be thankful toward God for His mercy and provision.

1. What did Judah and Israel enjoy under the reign of Solomon? I Kings 4:25.
2. What was one of the feasts that Israel celebrated? Exodus 23:16.
3. What were they to do during this celebration? Deuteronomy 16:13-15.
4. For what did Solomon and his people give thanks? II Chronicles 5:1,13.
5. What example did David give us? I Chronicles 29:13-14.
6. How does the Psalmist express a similar thought? Psalm 24:1.

NOTE: All things are God's including us. It is up to us to learn we are just users and sojourners. (See Leviticus 27:30).

7. Why are we told to tithe? Malachi 3:10. (Read I Chronicles 29:13-14 again.)
8. For what great reason do we have to be thankful? I Peter 1:3-6.
9. How are we to regard our needs? Philippians 4:4-6; Matthew 6:25-32.
10. What are we to seek first? Matthew 6:33-34.
11. What will be said around the throne of God? Revelation 7:9-12.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 26, 2011

PAUL TO THE HEBREWS

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1.

Golden Text: Psalm 65:4.

1. Who were the Hebrews? Genesis 14:12-13; II Corinthians 11:22.
2. How did God speak to them in time past? Hebrews 1:1; Exodus 12:1-3,21; Deuteronomy 31:1-3; Joshua 1:1-3, 10-11.
3. Did the Hebrew people place any confidence in the words of the prophets? John 9:28-29; Acts 7:1-3.
4. How does the writer of Hebrews present Jesus to them? Hebrews 1:2; 2:9.
5. At the birth of the Son, how did the angels regard Him? Hebrews 1:6; Luke 2:8-14.
6. What did Moses say about Jesus? Deuteronomy 18:15-19.

NOTE: The writer of Hebrews, (some believe it was Paul), was trying to help the Israelites transition from the "schoolmate," to the freedom that Christ brought. Like most of us, they were not comfortable and needed to hold on to the "crutch" they were used to holding.

7. What great prophet does Nehemiah refer to? Nehemiah 1:8-9; Hebrews 3:1-6.
8. Jesus is now our High Priest. To whom was He compared? Hebrews 5:5-10.
9. Has He (Christ) obtained a more excellent ministry? Hebrews 8:6-13.
10. What does the writer say about strange doctrines? Hebrews 13:9-14.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 3, 2011

SO GREAT A SALVATION

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2.

Golden Text: Psalm 92:13.

1. After praising Jesus as the Son of God and exalting Him above angels, prophets, and ministers (last week's lesson), of what are we warned? Hebrews 2:1.
2. What was the result of disobedience to the message given through angels? Hebrews 2:2; Leviticus 5:17.
3. What did the writer say about neglecting this salvation? Hebrews 2:3.

NOTE: Neglect means to be careless of or make light of. Could we neglect to learn, believe and act?

4. What happened to Israel in the wilderness? Hebrews 3:7-11.
 5. What should they have done while there was time? Hebrews 3:13-19.
- NOTE: We should do the same, exhort one another.*
6. How understanding is Jesus? Hebrews 4:14-16 (Understanding).
 7. Did He bear the sins of many or just a few? Hebrews 9:25-28.
 8. What do we learn about the previous sacrifices? Hebrews 10:1-3.
 9. Was it possible for those sacrifices to take away sin? Hebrews 10:4-10.

10. How does his sacrifice compare with the priest's? Hebrews 10:11-12.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 10, 2011

WHAT IS MAN.....?

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8.

Golden Text: Psalm 107:8.

1. In whose image was man created? Genesis 1:27.
2. What authority was given to this creation? Genesis 1:26,28.
3. Where did God place this creation? Genesis 2:8,15.
4. What two trees grew in this garden? Genesis 2:9,16-17.
5. While this creation was perfect, what happened? Genesis 3:8-13.
6. After they sinned, what did God do to keep them from the tree of life? Genesis 3:22-24.

NOTE: Sinful man cannot inherit eternal life. They do not go hand and hand. Sin brings death.

7. How does Paul relate this thought to us? Romans 5:12,18 (first part).
8. Because of sin, a plan of salvation was needed. How long was it in place? I Peter 1:18-20; Revelation 13:8.
9. What are we told about the first Adam and the last Adam? I Corinthians 15:45-49; 15:20-23.
10. In addition to redeeming man, what else will Jesus accomplish? I Corinthians 15:24-26; I John 3:8.
11. How does Job feel about himself after God confronts him? Job 42:1-6.

NOTE: Thank God He does remember us and has a plan for us.

Lesson for Sabbath, December 17, 2011

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12.

Golden Text: I Corinthians 12:31.

1. Of what did Paul say, "...brethren, I would not have you ignorant?" I Corinthians 12:1.
2. Of what did Paul remind them? I Corinthians 12:2-3. See also I Corinthians 6:9-11.

NOTE: He was explaining the difference between their old way of life and their new one. He did not want them trying to mix the two.
3. How does one receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:38-39.
4. Can one draw near to Jesus on his or her own? John 6:44.
5. How can Jesus raise one up "at the last day"? Romans 8:11.
6. What is another reason why the Holy Spirit is given? I Corinthians 12:7.
7. Are there many Spirits and many Lords? I Corinthians 12:4-6.
8. How does Paul describe these gifts? I Corinthians 12:8-10.
9. How is the "body of Christ" explained? I Corinthians 12:12-14.
10. What else did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do for the believer? John 14:13-17; 15:26, 16:13.

NOTE: The Holy Spirit is an integral part of the believer's walk. To deny oneself of this wonderful gift, would be a tragedy.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 24, 2011

CHARITY

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 13.

Golden Text: I Corinthians 13:4.

1. Is it wrong to covet? Romans 7:7.
2. Are there any exceptions? I Corinthians 12:31; 14:1.
3. What is the purpose of the gifts? Ephesians 4:8,12.
4. Why? Ephesians 4:13.
5. What is the goal of all the pieces working and joined together? Ephesians 4:15-16.
6. What does charity, or love, do for each and every one of us? I Corinthians 13:4-7.
7. Are we able to see clearly now? I Corinthians 13:12.
8. How did Paul encourage the Colossians about charity, or love? Colossians 3:14.
9. How can we be perfect like our Heavenly Father? Matthew 5:43-48.
10. What else are we told to do for our enemies? Romans 12:17-21; Luke 6:27.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 31, 2011

JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-15.

Golden Text: John 3:16.

1. Why did God send His Son into the world? John 3:17; Matthew 1:21.
 2. How did Isaiah express Jesus' birth? Isaiah 9:6.
 3. Will His government come to an end? Isaiah 9:7; Jeremiah 23:5-6.
 4. Who else is mentioned with the words judgment and justice? Genesis 18:19; II Samuel 8:15; I Kings 10:1,9.
- NOTE: It is important to God that men and women be treated justly.*
5. Why were the Proverbs written and given to us? Proverbs 1:1-3.
 6. What are more important than sacrifice? Proverbs 21:3.
 7. What does the preacher say about our subject? Ecclesiastes 5:8.
 8. With "my salvation...near", what does the Lord say to us? Isaiah 56:1.
 9. What are the princes of Israel exhorted to do? Ezekiel 45:9-10.
 10. What will happen if we take care of our brethren? Matthew 25:34-40.