

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.

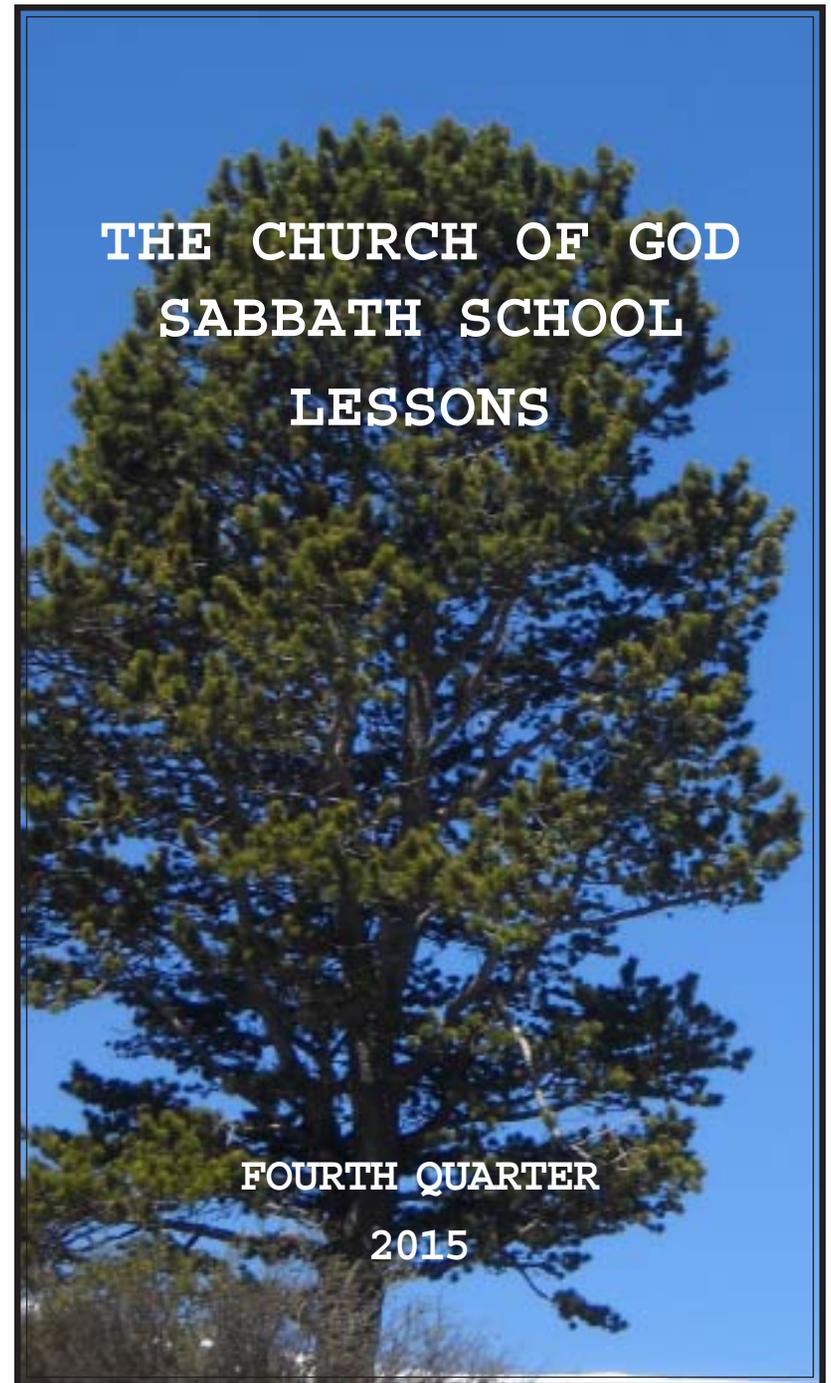
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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 Bible is full of valuable things in that we read about gold, silver and beautiful jewels. When the instructions were given for the tabernacle, the Israelites were also told to use blue, purple, scarlet (usually a sign of royalty), and fine linen. Solomon spared no expense when he built the temple.

Some believe money is the root of all evil (see I Timothy 6:10). Actually, the Bible says that the LOVE of money is the problem and caused some to err from the faith.

Finally, the most precious gift, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is going to return with the everlasting kingdom which will be a spectacle beyond measure.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 3, 2015

GOLD

Scripture Reading: Exodus 25:1-22.

Golden Text: Haggai 2:8.

1. Where is gold first mentioned in the Bible? Genesis 2:8-12.
2. What do we read about Abram's wealth? Genesis 13:1-2; 24:35.

NOTE: It was not just gold and silver, as cattle was mentioned as part of his net worth.

3. What promise did Abraham's eldest servant have to swear? Genesis 24:1-4.
4. When the servant found Rebekah, what did he give her? Genesis 24:15, 22, 53.
5. Since the Israelites were reduced to slavery, where did they get gold, silver and jewels? Exodus 3:17-22; 12:30-32, 34-36.
6. Had the children of Israel been warned before they built the golden calf? Exodus 20:4-6, 22-23.
7. What else do they receive a warning about? Deuteronomy 8:10-17.
8. Of what does the Psalmist remind all of us? Psalm 24:1; 50:10-12.
9. What is to be more desired than gold? Psalm 19:7-11.
10. How is a word fitly spoken written about in Proverbs? Proverbs 25:11-12.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 10, 2015

SILVER

Scripture Reading: Exodus 26:14-25.

Golden Text: Psalm 12:6.

1. What did King Abimelech give to Abraham? Genesis 20:14-16.
 2. When Sarah died, what did Abraham buy with silver? Genesis 23:1-4, 13-17.
 3. How much did Joseph's brothers receive when they sold him to the Midianites? Genesis 37:28.
- NOTE: Joseph, a type of Christ, was sold for silver like the Lord was sold for money (Matthew 26:15).*
4. Was silver used in the original tabernacle? Exodus 26:19-21; 27:17.
 5. If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, what were they to do? Leviticus 5:15.
 6. What are we to seek like silver? Proverbs 2:1-5; 16:16.
 7. What does the Psalmist say about the people who made idols? Psalm 135:15-18.
 8. How does the tongue of the just compare with the heart of the wicked? Proverbs 10:20.
 9. Why is it good to take away the dross from the silver? Proverbs 25:4-5; II Timothy 2:20-21.

10. What does the preacher say about silver? Ecclesiastes 5:10.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 17, 2015

BRASS

Scripture Reading: Exodus 38:1-17.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 28:23.

NOTE: While not as valuable as gold and silver, brass was an important part of the tabernacle.

1. Where do we first read about brass? Genesis 4:16-22.
2. What was the laver of brass? Exodus 30:17-21.
3. How did the Lord ensure that what He instructed Moses to build would be done correctly? Exodus 31:1-4.
4. Where did the precious metals come from to use for the tabernacle? Exodus 35:5; 21-24; 12:35-36.
5. Besides the brass laver, what else was made of the same metal? Exodus 27:1-6, 19.
6. Another verse in Leviticus is similar to our golden text. How does it read? Leviticus 26:18-20.
7. Why did Moses make a serpent of brass? Numbers 21:6-9.
8. How is Goliath described when David went to meet him? I Samuel 17:4-6.
9. What did the Apostle Paul caution against with regard to charity? I Corinthians 13:1.
10. How is Christ described by John in the first chapter of Revelation? Revelation 1:10-15.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 24, 2015

IRON

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-20.

Golden Text: Psalm 2:9.

1. After a battle with the Midianites, what did they have to do with the various metals? Numbers 31:21-23.
2. While there were cities of refuge, what happened to those who killed with an instrument of iron? Numbers 35:15-16.
3. What do we learn about Og, King of Bashan? Deuteronomy 3:11.
4. Besides milk and honey, how else is the Promised Land described? Deuteronomy 8:6-9.
5. When Israel crossed the Jordan what instructions were given and what caution was made? Deuteronomy 27:1-5; Exodus 20:25; Joshua 8:31.
6. In the cursing portion of Deuteronomy 28 how will iron be used? Deuteronomy 28:45-48.
7. How is Goliath's spear described? I Samuel 17:7.
8. What can a man do for a friend? Proverbs 27:17.
9. How is the lower portion of the image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream described? Daniel 2:33-35, 40-43; 7:7.

NOTE: Iron represented the Roman empire.

10. When Christ returns, how shall He rule? Revelation 2:27; 19:15.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 31, 2015

BREASTPLATE

Scripture Reading: Exodus 28:15-28.

Golden Text: Exodus 28:29.

1. What else was put in the breastplate? Exodus 28:30.

NOTE: The Urim and Thummim, meaning "lights and perfections," were used to inquire the will of the Lord.

2. Before Saul went to the woman at En-dor, what did he do? I Samuel 28:3-6.

NOTE: Because he did not receive an answer from the Lord, Saul went to see a woman with a familiar spirit, knowing it was wrong.

3. How were the stones on the breastplate to be set? Exodus 28:17-20.

4. What was engraved on each stone? Exodus 28:21.

5. Was the high priest allowed to go into the holy place without the breastplate? Exodus 28:29.

6. How was Aaron dressed when he was consecrated? Leviticus 8:1-9.

7. When Moses blessed the children of Israel before his death, what did he say to Levi? Deuteronomy 33:1, 8.

8. How is the one who brings salvation described in Isaiah 59:15-17?

9. What does our armor include? Ephesians 6:13-14.

10. How is the breastplate described in Thessalonians? I Thessalonians 5:7-8.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 7, 2015

WISDOM

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 8:1-17.

Golden Text: Proverbs 16:16.

1. What can accompany wisdom? Proverbs 2:1-5.
2. Who gives us this wisdom? Proverbs 2:6-7; Job 28:20-28.
3. How is wisdom compared to gold, silver and rubies? Proverbs 3:13-15; 8:11.
4. What is the beginning of wisdom? Proverbs 9:10.

NOTE: This fear is a reverential trust or respect. It starts with believing God exists and that He will bring about all that He said He would. See Hebrews 11:6.

5. While we read that wisdom is better than gold, silver and rubies, what else is inferior to it? Ecclesiastes 9:16-18.
6. Is wisdom part of the sevenfold Spirit of the Lord? Isaiah 11:1-2.
7. How was the world established? Jeremiah 10:12; 51:15.
8. Why was the Prince of Tyrus rebuked? Ezekiel 28:1-5.
9. Were Daniel and his friends wise? Daniel 1:1-4, 17.
10. Does Daniel tell us where he got his wisdom? Daniel 2:20-25.
11. If we lack wisdom, what should we do? James 1:5.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 14, 2015

SOLOMON

Scripture Reading: I Kings 3:1-15.

Golden Text: I Kings 4:29.

1. After Solomon judged between the two women, how did the people of Israel react? I Kings 3:28.
 2. Who did Solomon appoint to see to his household? I Kings 4:7.
 3. How was life in Israel and Judah during his reign? I Kings 4:20-25.
 4. What do we read about his horsemen and his horses? I Kings 4:26-28.
 5. How wise was Solomon? I Kings 4:29-34.
 6. What does Solomon say is the reason why his father David could not build the temple? I Kings 5:1-3.
 7. What do we read in Chronicles? I Chronicles 22:6-8; 28:3.
 8. Solomon made a league (compact or covenant) with Hiram. What was it? I Kings 5:5-12.
 9. How were they able to accomplish the work? I Kings 5:13-18.
- NOTE: This was a huge undertaking, but Solomon had the wisdom, wealth and man power from the Lord to build the temple.*
10. When the ark was brought to the temple, what did they do? I Kings 8:1-5, 9.
 11. Was the Queen of Sheba impressed with Solomon? I Kings 10:1-7.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 21, 2015

LAW

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:97-112.

Golden Text: Psalm 119:72.

1. After the Lord gave the children of Israel manna to eat and water to drink, what else were they given? Exodus 19:3-8; 20:1-2.

NOTE: After taking care of their basic needs, He gives them the Ten Commandments to show them how to serve Him and their fellowman.

2. If the people paid attention to the Lord, how would they benefit? Deuteronomy 28:1-9.

3. What else will happen? Deuteronomy 28:10.

4. In his final warning, what does Moses say to the people? Deuteronomy 30:19-20.

5. How does the Psalmist describe the law? Psalm 19:7.

6. When our eyes are opened, what are we able to see? Psalm 119:17-18.

7. What will the law help us to have? Proverbs 6:23; 7:2; 13:14.

8. What does Paul write about the law? Romans 7:12, 14 (first part).

9. How do we fulfill the royal law? James 2:8.

10. Paul explains it to the Romans. Romans 13:8-10.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 28, 2015

LUCIFER/SATAN

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 28:1-14.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 28:15.

NOTE: Many people think that Satan is horrible looking, but our Scripture reading informed us that he was created perfectly and every precious stone was his covering.

1. What caused Lucifer to fall? Isaiah 14:13-14.

2. Did his fall weaken the nations? Isaiah 14:12.

3. When the seventy returned, what did Jesus say to them? Luke 10:17-18.

4. How does John record this in Revelation? Revelation 12:7-10, 12.

5. During the time Satan was trying to tempt Jesus, what was one of his offers? Matthew 4:8-10.

NOTE: Satan has great power, and he tried to tempt Christ with things he has control over. Jesus did not yield to the temptation, but we need to be careful.

6. What title does Jesus use when referring to Satan? John 12:31; 14:30; 16:7-11.

7. When writing to the Ephesians, Paul gives Satan another title. What do we read? Ephesians 2:1-2.

8. In Genesis 3:1, we read that the serpent was more subtle than any beast in the field. What else can he do? II Corinthians 11:13-14.

9. Do we wrestle against flesh and blood? Ephesians 6:12.

10. How will Satan be destroyed? Ezekiel 28:16-19.

NOTE: This beautiful creation will be destroyed because of sin.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 5, 2015

MANNA

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:1-22.

Golden Text: Revelation 2:17.

1. Why did the Lord say he would rain bread from heaven? Exodus 16:4.

2. Did Moses reinforce what the Lord had said? Exodus 16: 23-26.

NOTE: The sixth day was to be used as a preparation day for the Sabbath. God wanted all of us to enjoy this wonderful seventh day.

3. Were all the people obedient to this instruction? Exodus 16:27.

4. Was the Lord happy about this? Exodus 16:28-30.

NOTE: Remember what we learned from question #1. Exodus 16:4.

5. Did some of the people complain about the manna? Numbers 11: 4-9.

6. What did the Lord do for the people? Numbers 11:31-32.

7. What happened when they ate the quail? Numbers 11:33.

NOTE: The Lord was seeing to their every need, yet they still complained.

8. When did the Lord stop supplying manna to the children of Israel? Joshua 5:10-12.

9. How long did the Lord supply manna for the people? Exodus 16: 35.

10. How does Jesus compare Himself to the manna? John 6: 32-35, 48-51, 58.

NOTE: Just as the manna was important to Israel in the desert, Jesus is more valuable as the "bread of life."

Lesson for Sabbath, December 12, 2015

MONEY

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22.

Golden Text: I Timothy 6:10.

NOTE: As our golden text indicates, it is not money but the love of it that can get us in trouble.

1. During Joshua's time, why was the anger of the Lord kindled against Israel? Joshua 7:1, 11.

2. What did Achan confess to Joshua? Joshua 7:19-21.

NOTE: Achan saw, coveted, took, and hid.

3. How did Samuel's sons conduct themselves when they were judges in Beer-sheba? I Samuel 8:1-3.

4. What is listed as one of the qualifications for a bishop? I Timothy 3:3.

5. Deacon? I Timothy 3:8.

6. Where should we store our treasure? Matthew 6:19-20.

7. Why? Matthew 6:21.

8. Can we serve God and mammon? Matthew 6:22-24.

NOTE: We need to seek the Kingdom and God's righteousness, not money (Lucre, treasure, mammon).

9. Why was the widow's mite more valuable? Mark 12:41-44.

10. Why did Jesus throw certain people out of the temple? Matthew 21:12-13; John 2:13-16.

11. After the resurrection of Christ, why were the soldiers paid money? Matthew 28:10-15.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 19, 2015

JEWELS & RAIMENT

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 16:1-17.

Golden Text: Isaiah 61:10.

1. Besides gold and silver, what else did Rebekah receive from Abraham's servant? Genesis 24:52-53.
2. When the Israelites spoiled the Egyptians, what did it include? Exodus 3:21-22; 11:2; 12:35-36.
3. What happened to the children of Ammon, Moab and mount Seir during Jehoshaphat's time? II Chronicles 20:20-25.
4. Was Hezekiah wealthy? II Chronicles 32:27-30.
5. With what does Job compare wisdom? Job 28:12-19.
6. To what is a fair woman without discretion compared? Proverbs 11:22.
7. Lips of knowledge are what? Proverbs 20:15.
8. What will become of those listed in the book of remembrance? Malachi 3:16-17.
9. Should we worry about anything? Matthew 6:25-34.
10. How will overcomers be clothed? Revelation 3:5-6.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 26, 2015

THE NEW JERUSALEM

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:9-21.

Golden Text: Mark 14:58.

NOTE: The Tabernacle was a temporary, moveable structure. The Temple, while a more permanent place of worship, was still pointing to the future and the everlasting Kingdom.

1. What was Abraham "waiting" for? Hebrews 11:8-10.
2. What does Paul write about Abraham's two sons? Galatians 4:22-26, 31.
3. How does Isaiah describe Christ's government and kingdom? Isaiah 9:6-7; Psalm 103:19.
4. What will happen to the heathen and the kingdoms that have not called upon the Lord? Psalm 79:6; Isaiah 60:12.
5. When Daniel writes about the final world empire, what do we read? Daniel 2:44-45.
6. What did Jesus say after He was asked to heal the Centurion's servant? Matthew 8:10-13.
7. Before His ascension into heaven, what was Jesus speaking to His disciples about? Acts 1:1-3.
8. How does John describe the New Jerusalem in the early part of Revelation 21? Revelation 21:1-2.
9. What will happen to the overcomer? Revelation 3:11-13.