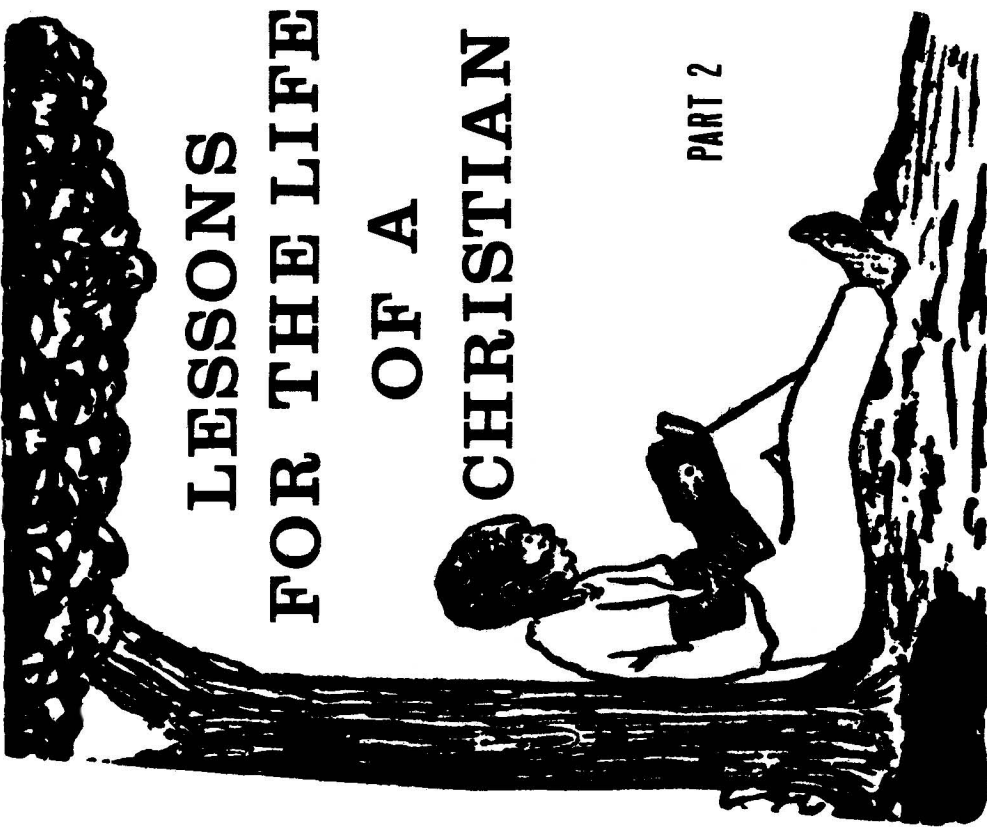




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LESSON 1

ADULTERY

READ: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32; Psalms 119:11

MEMORY VERSE: *"But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."*

Matthew 5:28

INTRODUCTION:

Our lesson today says: do not commit adultery. And the Word of God says that you should not look at a woman or at a man lustfully. In our lesson today we shall learn about some things which God said to the Israelites about adultery. We shall again learn the teachings of Jesus to Christians. Read from the book of 1 Corinthians 6:12-19.

Let us look at these very closely. These verses teach us that we must refrain from evil things. We learn that if a woman or a man commits adultery, he or she defiles or sins against their own body. The body that we have is the spiritual temple of God. Physical bodies are not of our own, but they belong to God. This teaching is for us also just as the Israelites were taught.

As parents we love our children. We become unhappy when one of our children does things in the wrong way because of the love that we have for them. We learn to walk in the right way.

God loved the Israelites, this is why he gave them the ten rules for living so that God could show them His right way. Committing adultery is a sin in God's eyes. God told them not to commit adultery. The nation Israel thought that Jesus Christ came to destroy the law, but Jesus did not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill the law. Read Matthew 5:7. Continue to read from the book of Matthew 5:18-19. In these verses we learn that whoever breaks one of these ten commandments will be called least in the kingdom of God, but he who will keep them and teach them to others, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

In Matthew 5:27-28 Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, you shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has committed adultery with her in his heart."

Adultery is a sin God speaks of in one of the ten commandments. The Israelites were given these laws but they failed to keep them. In the same way, we too may fail to keep them with our own power. But with the power of Jesus, we can keep the law. There are many people today who call themselves Christians, but their way of living is contrary. They do not identify themselves as Christians. They do not grow spiritually as Christians in their hearts.

We must realize though that we are witnesses of Jesus Christ here on earth. Others witness for the evil. If we received

HOW HIS RETURN WILL BE

1. He will be seen by all men.
Matthew 24:37.
2. He will have the same appearance
that he had when he went.
3. He will come with the clouds.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-16;
Revelation 1:7.

HOW WE SHOULD WAIT FOR HIS RETURN

1. We must be watchful. Matthew 24:42.
2. We must be prepared. Matthew 24:44.
3. We must not sleep in the spirit.
1 Thessalonians 5:6.

TEACHER: Ask the students to discuss or ask questions concerning the lesson about the "Return of Christ."

Jesus Christ in our hearts, then he will give us power to keep today's commandment. Just as Jesus Himself said in John 14:15 that "If you love me, you will keep my commandment." In our way of living, if we show love to a friend, we will try to please him. If we only talk about loving him without showing it in good works, our friend will only say that we lie.

It is the same with Jesus Christ. If we say that we love Him but we do not keep this commandment which we have learned today and indeed other commandments, we deceive ourselves that we are Christians. Today you will find that some of the Christians commit adultery. Christians are supposed to show good examples to others who are not Christians.

Some people who are not married and cannot keep themselves morally upright should marry. As Christians to do this, we must pray so that if we want to marry, God can give us the right partner in our Christian marriage. To do as instructed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:1-5 and 8:10.

These verses speak of the people to us as Christians both married and unmarried. Some of the people say that if you are unmarried, you can unite with another woman who actually is not your wife. Someone may be staying with a woman whom he wants to marry, but he sleeps with her before wedding. This is also sin.

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THIS LESSON

1. We have seen from this lesson that committing adultery is sin in the eyes of God. The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
2. We must remember that if we have Jesus Christ in our lives, He will give us power to overcome sin.

QUESTIONS:

1. Are you tied by the Devil because of adultery?
2. Have you been helped with today's lesson?
3. Are you prepared to let Jesus lead your life?
4. Did Jesus come to destroy the law?
5. When we commit adultery do we feel happy within our hearts?
6. Is Jesus Christ happy with someone who commits adultery?

7. Many Christians will fall away or backslide and people will betray one another and hate one another.
8. There will be many false prophets.
9. The love of many people will grow cold.
10. The gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world.

Read Matthew 24:3-4. Discuss these things. Do you think some of these things have already taken place?

THE TIME OF HIS RETURN

According to what we have experienced there are some denominations which teach differently about the time of his return. These people mention the time and year when they think Jesus is due. Unfortunately Jesus does not come in these periods. What does Jesus say about his return?

1. Nobody knows the time except God the Father. Read Matthew 24:36.
2. The return of Jesus Christ will be unexpected. Matthew 24:37.
3. The coming of Jesus will be just like that of a robber. 1 Thessalonians 5:2. Discuss how a robber comes to rob the house

THE PROMISE OF HIS RETURN

When the Lord was in the world he told his disciples that there would come a day when he would die by the hands of men. He would be buried and rise up from the dead on the third day. He promised the world that he will be coming back again. Read Matthew 26:64 and John 14:1-3.

When the Lord was ascending to heaven his angel spoke to the disciples about his second coming. Read Acts 1:11.

SIGNS OF HIS RETURN

When the disciples asked Jesus about his second coming, he gave them the following signs by which they would know that he would soon return to earth:

1. There will be wars and rumours of wars.
2. Nation will rise against nation.
3. Kingdom will rise against kingdom.
4. There will be famine and earthquakes.
5. Christians will be delivered up to tribulation and many will be killed.
6. Christians will be hated because of having believed in the name of Jesus.

LESSON 2

STEALING

READ: Exodus 20:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15
Luke 3:10-14

MEMORY VERSE: *"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labour, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need."*

Ephesians 4:28

INTRODUCTION:

We all know what stealing is all about. Stealing is taking someone's property which is not yours or something which you did not work for. Sometimes you may take it by force. There are so many ways in which a person may steal things from other people. But today we learn what the Bible says about stealing. Our memory verse for today teaches us that anyone guilty of stealing must stop and begin to do honest work with his hands so that he may be able to give to those in need. We need to help others who are not in employment.

Maybe you should like to ask a question and say: Who are the needy people? They are orphan children, the aged and the crippled. All of these are needy people.

Let us read together 1 John 3:16-18. In verse 16 we read that Jesus Christ showed love to us by giving His life. We too must show our love by helping those who are in need. It is not enough to be feeling only pity for them, but our words must have action.

There are many Christians who just talk about love with their mouth but they do not want to help in any problem. The Bible teaches us that this kind of love is false; true love goes with action.

Let us again read the word of God in Luke 3:10-14. The verses 11 and 12 speak to us who are being blessed each day but fail to help others who lack some things. God says this is also stealing. The last 13 and 14 verses speak to some of us who sell things at high price. When we count we must stand on the truth, we must not rob a person when speaking.

Today there may be some who are guilty of this kind of sin. We read in the last verses that we can ask Jesus Christ to help to overcome the sin of stealing. Some other people may steal things from the stores and from the banks and from the homes of people and steal some from them, indeed this is true, but we must realize with all of our hearts that this is wrong in the eyes of God. We must do things which our Lord Jesus Christ wants us to do. God knew that stealing is sin in Exodus 20:15. It is a thing which does not please God at all.

WHAT THIS LESSON TEACHES US:

1. Stealing is when we take things which do not belong to us.
2. We steal when God blesses us with things such as clothes or food but

4. What is the most important truth found in the promise of God about the birth of Jesus?

LESSON 14

THE RETURN OF CHRIST

READ: Matthew 26:64, Luke 21:27, Acts 1:11;
Matthew 24:5-14; Mark 13:32 and
1 Thessalonians 4:13-16.

MEMORY VERSE: *"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

Acts 1:11

INTRODUCTION:

We often learn more about things that we can see and are well acquainted with. One example of this is the moon. When the moon shines, people rejoice because they can now walk in the light. When it disappears they no longer rejoice because darkness does not allow them to do many things. When the moon disappears, this does not mean that it goes away for ever. But they still hope that it will soon come and give them that important light very much needed. This example can be compared with this lesson which teaches about the "Return of Christ."

ago. It did not matter. Time was not important. Eventually Jesus was born and the promise was fulfilled. Remember two things concerning the birth of Jesus when you think of God's promise. The first thing: Isaiah prophesied about the way the birth of Jesus would take place. "Behold, a young woman shall conceive." Isaiah 7:14. This promise was fulfilled. "His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph but before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 1:18. Again read Luke 1:34-35 and chapter 2:4-7.

The second thing about the birth of Jesus was mentioned by Micah when he prophesied about the place of the birth of Jesus. Read Micah 5:2. And again read Matthew 2:5-6. God's promise of salvation for the people of the earth. This promise came down to men through the birth of Jesus. A person therefore finds salvation simply by receiving Christ, who was God's promise, as his or her personal Saviour.

QUESTIONS:

1. Does the news about the birth of Jesus come from the New Testament only?
2. Does God sometimes fail to fulfil his promises?
3. Mention the names of two prophets who prophesied about the birth of Jesus Christ.

we fail to help those who are in need.

3. The other way in which we steal is by selling things at a high price. There are several ways in which a Christian may steal things from others.

CONCLUSION:

Let us look at one of the Israelites who stole. God did not lead them at all. They were defeated during the war. Read Joshua 7:1-26 at home.

QUESTIONS:

1. Is a Christian happy to steal?
2. Are there any Christians who steal?
3. Is laziness good? Read Ephesians 4:28, what does it say?

LESSON 3

LYING

READ: Acts 5:1-11, Ephesians 4:25;
Colossians 3:9

MEMORY VERSE: *"Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices."*

Colossians 3:9

INTRODUCTION:

We all know the story of Ananias and his wife Sapphira. Their sin was not that they kept part of the money, but because they lied. Do not lie is one of the commandments which God gave to his people. Today it has been given to us as Christians. When God wrote this commandment He said that you should not lie to your friend (Exodus 20:16). Our memory verse for today says that you should not lie to a person who has just received Jesus Christ, as His Saviour, a person who has just changed his way of living.

Many people seem to be Christians outwardly but right deep in their hearts are hypocrites. They look to be clever. Let us read the word of God in Acts 5:1-11. When Ananias and Sapphira were together they showed how clever they were. They forgot that God was looking in their hearts. They came to the church and lied saying that the money they had was the only money which they received as payment for the field which was

the nature and physical appearance of the coming Christ. Students should be allowed to discuss Christ and his character as seen from the book of Isaiah 9:6. The prophet Micah prophesied about the place of the birth of Jesus. And the prophet Isaiah preached of how his birth (Jesus) would be. We therefore conclude that the Old Testament was filled with promises concerning the birth of Jesus.

THE NEWS CONCERNING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The difference between the birth of Christ and that of earthly men is this: Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit. The birth of Jesus was proclaimed to Mary and Joseph by angels before he was born. Read Luke 1:26-32, Matthew 1:18-25.

TEACHER: Ask the students to discuss the birth of Jesus.

THE PROMISE FULFILLED

As men of the flesh, we often find ourselves making a lot of promises. Sometimes we make promises with our wives and children that we shall do many things for them. But we sooner or later discover that we fail to fulfil our promises because of time and circumstance beyond our control. God's promise never fails. Let us read Matthew 2:1-5.

Remember how long it took for the birth of Jesus to take place in accordance with what the prophets prophesied many many years

LESSON 13

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

READ: Matthew 2:1-15; Matthew 1:18-25;
Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14

MEMORY VERSE: *"They told him, In Bethlehem of
Judea; for so it is written by the
prophet: And you, O Bethlehem, in
the land of Judah, are by no means
least among the ruler of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who
will govern my people Israel."*

Matthew 2:5-6

INTRODUCTION:

The good news concerning the birth of Jesus is the most important message throughout the world. Many people's hearts are filled with joy when we celebrate Christmas day because this is the day in which we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus who is our Saviour. In this lesson we want to learn more about the birth of Jesus, according to what was said to the shepherds by the angel of the Lord.

THE PROMISE OF HIS BIRTH

The birth of Jesus did not find its origin in the New Testament, but it is also mentioned in form of a promise in many books of the Old Testament. Prophets prophesied the birth of Jesus. Read Isaiah 9:6 and Micah 5:2.

Isaiah's prophesy mainly talked about

sold. In verse 3 Peter said, "Why did you let Satan take control of your heart and make you lie to the Holy Spirit?" In verse 4 we see that they did not lie to any person but to God. When Ananias heard these words he fell down and died. It was the same to his wife, she also died. Read verses 7 and 10. Ananias and his wife were punished because they sinned.

Paul wrote to the Christians of Colossae that they should stop lying to one another because when they became Christians, they became one body. Read Colossians 3:9. This letter is for Christians living in Zambia today. We all know the parts of our bodies. Hands do not lie to legs because they are one body. It is the same with us as Christians. Jesus is the head and we are the parts of His body. We must respect one another.

When David sinned before God, he confessed his sins to God so that he could be forgiven and to ask God not to take away His Spirit from him. David knew that God is happy when we are pure within ourselves. Can this not be our prayer today so that God cleanses our hearts from the sin of lying so that His spirit does not come out of us? Brethren, let us read from the book of Revelation 21:8 to see what kind of punishment will be given to those who do not want to leave their bad ways of the past. This verse says that their wages will be death eternal in the lake burning with fire, which is the second death. We have the freedom of

choice here, whether we want the second death or to be with our Lord Jesus Christ in His Kingdom.

QUESTIONS:

1. What have we learnt today?
2. Can a lie be found in love?
3. Are we the kind of Christians who are doing the past things which we once did before we became Christians?

53:1-12. If there is no time to read these verses now in the class, ask your pupils to read these verses at home this week.. The prophet who talks about Jesus tells us in Micah 5:2 about His place of birth. The verse in Hosea 11:1 tells us that He would go to Egypt. Now we can see that the history about the birth of Jesus began a long time ago but His birth will not benefit us if people do not walk in His great light.

Read Genesis 3:15 to all the pupils in your class. Remind them that the serpent is the Devil, the serpent began to cheat people long ago. God said the seed of a woman is Jesus. Jesus will kill this very serpent. There was no child who was born without the seed of a man but Jesus Christ alone. Jesus killed the serpent on the cross but God has not burned you up, buried you in a ditch like you are to do the serpent. This is why the serpent is still giving us problems even though it was destroyed on the cross.

Read Genesis 12:1-3 to the people. We are told in verse 3 that the families of the earth would be blessed through Abraham. Because Jesus was born from Abraham's lineage. We were all blessed. Those words found in verses 3 were repeatedly said to Isaac and Jacob.

The hymn book for the Old Testament people was called Psalms. In this hymn book, we find the history of Jesus. We will see in one place that Jesus began to sing or to cry in Psalms 22:1 at the cross. This song spoke of His death and it appeals to people that they ought to know God. Read Psalms 22:27 to everyone.

Read again Isaiah 7:14. Immanuel means "God with us" just as we are told in Matthew 1:23. Read Isaiah 9:2 and Isaiah 9:6 and ask the class to discuss these verses. The specific places in Isaiah that talk about Jesus are: Isaiah 52:13-15 and Isaiah

LESSON 4

COVETOUSNESS

READ: Exodus 20:17; 2 Peter 2:3;
James 4:1-4

MEMORY VERSE: *"Be sure of this, that no immoral or impure man, or one who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God."*
(Ephesians 5:5)

INTRODUCTION:

Let us first learn the word "covet." This is a difficult word to explain. However, others say that to covet is to seek with a strong desire things which belong to your neighbour so that they can be yours. In other words this word means jealous. We all know the meaning of the word jealous. Jealous is to hate your neighbour because you do not want him to have things which you do not have.

Let us all take our Bibles and read from the book of Exodus 20:17. God gave this commandment to the Israelites. He said do not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox and other possessions.

These words are for us today. So often when we see our neighbour who is rich with money. we covet in our hearts. Then we begin to say: this person is very proud because he has many things, he is rich. We

put him in the class of "Apanwamba" not common man, and we always add on to say, he always talks about us because we are poorer than he is.

God knows that if a person has a covetousness heart, there can be no peace. This is the reason why He gave this commandment to His people. Let us read in James 4:1-4.

In James 4:1-4 the Scriptures show us the effects of jealousy or covetousness. "What causes fighting among you? Is it your passions that are at war in your members?" Verse 2 says you want things, but you cannot have them, so you quarrel and fight because you do not ask.

You will see that the things which we have heard are exactly the things which are happening in the lives of the Christians. Remember that stealing, fighting, killing and telling a lie come from this. These things are bad to be in Christians because as Christians we ought to show a good example to the outside people just as the Word of God says we are the light of the world. We will show the light to people by our way of living, not just witnessing to them alone. At times, we do things which are bad in the eyes of God just because we desire to please people. Look up in verse 4, it says to be the world's friend means to be God's enemy. These who want to be the world's friend are God's enemies. If our desire is to be the world's friend, what will be the results at the end? In Ephesians 5:5 we read that a

LESSON 12

THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

MEMORY VERSE: *"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."*

(Isaiah 7:14)

INTRODUCTION:

Last week we learned about the history of the Old Testament from the book of Genesis up to Malachi. All of this happened before the birth of Jesus. There was nobody who lived in the Old Testament who witnessed the birth of Jesus. In the New Testament we learn about the life of Jesus, his death, resurrection, preaching and his work of the church. The books of the New Testament were written for the purpose of teaching and encouraging the Christians of the Christians of the period and to help us today. From the time when the book of Matthew was written up to Revelation, not more than a hundred years passed. You saw during our study of last week's lesson that several thousand years had passed.

The history of Jesus did not begin with Matthew. It began in Genesis. When people sinned, God promised them that He would send the Saviour. The Saviour is Jesus Christ.

their way to the promised land. They also received the word of God. Joshua also gave them instructions about their entering into the promised land.

There was no leader after the death of Joshua, but God was their king. They were also helped by the judges during this period. The book of Judges tells us so, but people complained that they needed a king to lead them just like other nations. Therefore, the last judges agreed that they should have a king and Saul was anointed to be king. In the books of Samuel read that King Saul rebelled against God and David was made to be king in his place. Solomon was made to be king after King David but he did not work properly, he messed up the work and his people were divided after his death. There were two kings. This was because king Solomon did not teach the Word of God like the early leaders. Thereafter, God sent prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Amos and many others. But people did not turn away from their sins and God punished the nation. There were only few people who were faithful and God worked with them until God sent Jesus.

Therefore, our work is to teach people so that they may know about this history and to read the books that are related to this kind of history.

person who chooses to do this will never receive a share in the kingdom of God. We must make a choice ourselves as to whether we want to be an enemy of God or to do things that please God in our daily living.

When we received Jesus Christ, we arose with Him. The life we now have, we live by faith in Christ Jesus who is in us because we surrendered our old nature. We must live as our Lord Jesus Christ who lives in us.

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT:

1. To covet is to desire the things of your neighbour to be yours; this is wrong in the eyes of God.
2. Covetousness brings fighting, stealing, jealousy, lying and killing.
3. As Christians, we must pray so that God can give us power to overcome every temptation and covetousness.

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you covet?
2. Is it good for a Christian to be jealous?
3. If your friend has a good thing, is it bad for you to let him know that he really has a good thing?

4. What does our memory verse say about people who covet?

LESSON 5

THE LAW AND THE GRACE

READ: Romans 6:14; 6:1-3; Galatians 5:18
Matthew 5:17

MEMORY VERSE: *"For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace."*

Romans 6:14

TEACHER: In the Bible, there are two things that we often fail to understand. The first one is "the Law." The second one is "Grace."

Today, many people think in the same way as the Jews did that a man can only be saved by keeping the law. How true is this? In our lesson today I want the class to examine truths concerning the keeping of the law and that of Grace. We shall, then, try to see how the two differ concerning the plan of God for salvation.

THE LAW SHOWS US SIN IN OUR LIVES

Every morning when we wake up, we always look into the looking glass to make sure our

was the length of period in between Abraham and Moses. Let us see here that God did many different things in order to make the people become His. There are 66 books in the Bible which were written by different people. At the beginning, they were not written on papers, but in the hearts of people. From the book of beginnings up to last book of the Bible, many years passed. People wrote the books of the Bible with the guidance of the Spirit of God. There is no word which God forgot and there is no word which God did not want to be written.

1. In the book of Genesis we read about the creation of the earth and the people-Genesis 1:1-2:25.
2. Sins-- Genesis 3:1-24
3. Noah and the flood --Genesis 6:1-10:32
4. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob--Genesis 12:1-35:29
5. Joseph--Genesis 37:1-45:28
6. Sons of Jacob in Egypt--Genesis 46:1-50:26

In the book of Exodus, we read about Moses and his birth. We also read about the time he ran away, his call and his work of leading the sons of Jacob from the land of Egypt.

Books such as Leviticus, Numbers Deuteronomy and Joshua teach us about the problem which the Israelites encountered on

why we do not have catechism. In all the Baptist churches, their teachings, leadership and judgements, all of these come from the Bible alone.

Our class lesson is to learn in brief about the Bible history. God did not give us another book or a place where we can find Him. We can find God in the Bible. Only in this book can we know God.

The Bible is the history of God. It shows how God worked here on earth with sinners. Firstly, it tells us that in the beginning God created heaven and man so that we can look up to God and to look after one another. But people rebelled against God and they brought death on earth. They forgot God and his purpose. God began again teaching His people that they would know him and be able to share with others about Himself. The Bible tells us how God worked with sinners, through His son Jesus Christ. He is still using it with all of His power. Today, Jesus is saving people from their sins and teaching them to walk in the way of God so that they can receive eternal life.

Our work now is the to begin to teach the history which is given to every Christian who is capable to know it in a more effective way. The history is found only in this book, the Bible. Every Christian must realize that several years passed since the times of Noah up to the call of Abraham. After the call of God to Abraham, Moses came and five hundred years

faces are clean. If the face is not clean, it is not the responsibility of the glass to see that the dirt is cleaned off the face. It just makes it easy for us to see how our faces are every morning. It shows us where the dirt is. This is exactly what the law does, it shows us where we go wrong. It shows us that we have sinned but it does not have the power to cleanse us of the sin it-self.

1. There are ten laws or commandments. If a person breaks anyone of these laws then he has broken every one of them. Read James 2:10.

2. There will never be any person who will be justified by keeping the law, because the law is just our teacher. Read Galatians 3:24.

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD OVERCAME THE POWER OF SIN

When the whole world was lost in sin, the grace of God came to us through the birth of Jesus. Because of this, everyone who has believed in the name of Jesus, is under the grace of God the father. And sin has no power over such a person. Read Romans 6:14 and 8:3. Is sin still ruling inside our hearts? Students should be able to answer this question. Therefore, who ever has believed in the Lord Jesus as their personal saviour must not go back to his or her old sinful ways again. Read Romans 6:1-3.

CHRISTIANS LIVE UNDER THE GRACE OF GOD

Anyone who has believed in Jesus lives under the grace of his Lord. He has been saved from the power of sin. Read Ephesians 2:8. This is free salvation for which we cannot do anything so that we can earn it. We must simply believe in Jesus. Read Acts 15:11.

Can a Christian, who is under the grace of God, keep the law?

DISCUSS THIS QUESTION: Jesus said; "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them." Matthew 5:17. As Christians, who are under God's grace, we must live a life which is more righteous than those under the law.

WHAT IS THE LESSON TEACHING US?

1. This lesson is teaching us that the law has no power to save.
2. The law reveals the sin that is within us.
3. The grace of God destroys the power of sin and the law.

QUESTIONS:

1. Can a person be saved by keeping the law?

5. When Jesus comes and finds us intoxicated with beer, will he be happy with us?

LESSON 11

BIBLE HISTORY

READ: John 20:30-31; 21:25 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

INTRODUCTION:

A long time ago before we knew how to read, we learned the history of our own and some other different stories which our parents taught us. In this way, we learned about some things which happened long time ago and some thing which have happened recently. As Christians, we have our history of long long time ago and of the recent in the Bible. God taught in many different ways according to His own time. Long time ago He taught few things. Since then, He revealed His purpose to us and it is now ours to keep all things. God changed few things such as the day of worship, the right food to eat and some of the customs.

The words of the Bible are God's commandments to Baptists. There are no other words that surpass the Bible. This is

his stomach. During this period, Timothy suffered from stomach trouble frequently. Now, to those who say we only drink a little, do you drink that little with a teaspoon like medicine? Because this is how we drink some medicine when we are sick. To conclude our lesson, let us read from the book of Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." A person cannot honour God with beer. When we try to do anything we must ask ourselves this question, can Christ to whom I bear witness do this kind of a thing?

WHAT WE HAVE LEARN'T?

1. In beer there is no peace, no happiness neither righteousness.
2. We cannot honour God with beer.

QUESTIONS:

1. What profit is there in drinking beer?
2. When a person drinks beer, can he be able to follow the laws?
3. Is beer good?
4. Have you witnessed a person's death caused by beer?

2. Who is under the grace of God?

3. Should we indulge ourselves in sin just because we are under the grace of God?

LESSON 6

FORGIVENESS

READ: 1 John 2:9-11; Matthew 6:12

MEMORY VERSE: *"But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."*

1 John 2:11

INTRODUCTION:

Today we want to see the meaning of forgiving. We only know how to speak but most of us do not forgive other people. The Scriptures tell us that we must forgive one another.

A person may not do this on his own, but through the love of God. Our memory verse for today says that, he who says that he walks in the light, but hates his brother,

he is still in darkness. A person who loves his brother is in the light and in him there is no darkness. Everyone who walks in darkness does not know where he goes. As Christians if we do not know that we shall go to heaven, this means that we are in darkness. Doubting is not good. We must be determined that we walk in the light. If there is light in our heart of love, then we can be able to forgive one another. In the churches today, there is hatred and the people do not forgive one another. How can we identify ourselves as Christians in this way? Jesus Christ was a man of mercy and He forgave the people who did not like Him. When Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross He said, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." Jesus Christ had no sin of any kind, this is why he spoke these tender words in love.

If there is love in our lives, we will be able to love our friends as we love ourselves and we can forgive others when they wrong us. To know more about the fruits of love, let us read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Do you have this kind of love which we have read in Corinthians? If we lack this kind of love, let us ask God to give us His love. "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but if I have not love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or clanging bell." In the Book of Matthew 18:15-22, Peter asked Him (Jesus) this Question. "Lord, how many times can my brother sin against me and I have to

only please God by serving Him faithfully and with gladness in the Holy Spirit. It is good for us not to eat or to drink beer if it can hinder some other people.

Let us now see what the apostle Paul said about the body. The body is the temple of God. He also said that all of us are members of His body. God gave man the freedom of choice, to choose between evil and good. We all know what causes the respect to be taken away from a person. It is beer which we are learning about. Some other people die after being intoxicated with beer. This means that many children become fatherless. Many people misuse their money by buying some beer, sometimes a husband and a wife begin to fight each other and marriages break from time because of beer. Beer does not help to forget some problems. But it adds some more problems to the families.

When a person drinks beer, he does not follow the laws of the government neither does he follow the Commandments of God. He becomes very lazy to do his work, not with all of his power. Most of the Christians drink some beer because of the scripture verse that is found in the book of 1 Timothy 5:23. In this book we read in part as follows: "But use a little wine." These people do not read the entire chapter of the story. If we look back, you will see that long time ago there were no hospitals or some medicine as we have today. In these verses, Paul told Timothy to use a little wine as medicine for

forgive him? Seven times?" Our Lord answered, "No, not seven times but seventy times seven." Let us look at the Christians today. If someone has wronged us, who actually is a friend, we want him to go away from our presence, we do not want to see him anymore with our own eyes. Is this all right? Did you know or have you read about things that we wrong God with each day we live?

Do you think there can be Christians here on earth if God does not forgive us? All of us who received Jesus Christ became the children of God. Read in 1 John 3:1-3. If your children do not listen to you as parents, you cannot be happy at all. If one of your children wants to do away with another child, you will want to help them in their dispute so that they can live in peace as children of the same family. As Christians, we must know that we are all children of the same family in spite of the different languages and the skin of the person.

God feels sad when we do not show love to our fellow Christians. If our friend has wronged us, we must talk it over between ourselves only and if we agree, then it is good. But if we do not understand each other, we must call on two or three people to come and help us. If he still refuses to listen, let us take him to the church, if even before the church he shows not to be listening then we can treat him as a foreigner, but we must not stop to show our love to him which we have in Jesus Christ. Because if we do this we may help him to come in the right way.

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LESSON 10

B E E R

READ: Romans 14:17-23; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

MEMORY VERSE: *"Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."*

{Romans 14:19}

INTRODUCTION:

The aim of today's lesson is to see how bad beer is. There are many things which happen when a person starts to drink beer. We want to see also what the Bible says about beer.

Today we see a problem of beer in some families and in their working places. In the verses which we have just read from the book of Romans, we have heard that the kingdom of God does not mean food and drink. Man can

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The Bible leads us because it is the Word of God. We must follow it in all the things we do. If we take away other words from it or add some, God will punish us. Read Revelation 22:18-19.

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT

1. Every Christian must have a forgiving heart.
2. We have learnt that we are all God's children.
3. We must love one another and pray for those who wrong us?
4. We can do this by committing ourselves completely to Christ and as we pray.

QUESTIONS:

1. Can God forgive us if we do not forgive our friends who wrong us?
2. Are there people whom God does not love? (Read Matthew 5:45).
3. If our brother wrongs us, what must we do?
4. How many times must we forgive one another? Read Matthew 18:21.
5. What does Revelation 22:18-19 say?

the brethren in Christ and Nymphas who gave her house for the church to worship in. We have a good example which reminds us that everything belongs to God and that we are just His stewards.

We should be good in the visitation programme. Read James 1:27 and Matthew 25:35-45. In the book of James we have read that praying to our God the Father and to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering is genuine religion. When our Lord Jesus Christ was here on earth he visited people. For example he visited Martha and Mary several times (John 11:35). He visited the sick as well (Mark 1:29-30). He gave food to those who were hungry (John 6:11). You may know many other good things which Jesus Christ did. The Word of God teaches us that it is our duty to visit the orphans, the sick and the prisoners for our Lord Jesus Christ. We must show love in our jobs.

Stewardship involves not only money. We must also give our time, our home for the church to meet in for prayer, and visit. Allow time to ask questions or to talk about things which they have learned today.

care of our things. In Acts 9:36-39 we read about a woman who gave her time and her things. In verse 36 we read about a certain woman by the name of Tabitha who was full of good works and acts of charity which she did. Today many women are blessed. They can sew, or work in the garden and sell the produce at the market. God blesses us in all the jobs we do for Him. Do we see other people who lack something? As Christians, we need to take our time and help our friends who do not know Jesus Christ or those who may lack some of the body materials such as food and clothes. Let us see what Tabitha did in verse 39. When Tabitha died, many people came with some things which she had made and showed them to Peter. When we come to our memory verse in Acts 10:4, the last verse is that your prayers, offerings and your acts of charity become as a memorial before God. The acts of this lady became a memorial before God. If we read all the verses, you will find out that Peter prayed for Tabitha and she came back to life. Brethren, we must also give our time and our things to help those who lack them.

We should be good stewards over our homes. Let us read Acts 16:14-15 and Colossians 4:15. This woman was one of the listeners who heard the message which Paul the apostle preached. The name of this woman was Lydia who was a worshipper of God. Sometimes the believers do not find a place of worship, but a Christian knows that it is God who blessed him with his house. In Colossians 4:15 we read about how Paul greeted

6. When we refuse to forgive others, do they feel happy?

LESSON 7

A STEWARD

READ: Leviticus 27:30

MEMORY VERSE: *"Silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts."*
Haggai 2:8

INTRODUCTION:

The aim of this lesson is that, we must realize that all things which we have belong to God. For example: Money, our fields, cattle, goats, pigs, sheep, hens and many other tamed animals. Let us therefore, remember that God is the owner of everything. The things that we have have just been entrusted to us as stewards. We must use these things in the way that pleases God.

We have a big problem today. Some of the people claim that the money they have is theirs because it is they who work for it. And in villages some of the people say that all things that are in my field also belong to me.

Now, you as a teacher, allow one of your pupils to read from the book of Haggai 2:8.

We are told here that silver and gold do not belong to us but belong to God.

We have again heard from the Holy Bible that God commanded His people to give one tenth to His storehouse. Allow one member of your class again to read from the book of Leviticus 27:30. We are told in this book that all the produce of the field is the Lord's and it is holy.

Now then because the Bible says that the things we claim to be ours do not actually belong to us; we must therefore use the things we possess according to God's will.

Every Christian today ought to give his offerings and tithes to his local church where he belongs so that God can use the money to pay the pastor of the church and to buy the Sunday School books and many other essential things for the church. Every dedicated Christian must know that this is the commandment of God which we must do. Read again from the book of Malachi 3:8-10.

WHAT THIS LESSON TEACHES US:

1. All things that we have belong to God.
2. Every Christian is a steward.
3. We have learnt that this is the commandment of God.

gave us power to dominate all things that God created and to care for them.

Who is a steward? A steward is every Christian who has given himself to God with all of his heart in everything. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. This is an example which Paul wrote to the church of Corinth about how the Christians in Macedonia did it. God's people did a great thing giving themselves to God and to the apostles according to God's will. Read 2 Corinthians 8:5 again. We cannot be good stewards if we do not give ourselves to God first and do His will.

Concerning our tithe, let us read Malachi 3:10, "Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you an overflowing blessing." A person may not know that sugar or honey both taste nice if he has not eaten before. He must eat some first if he is to know how sweet sugar or honey are. This is the same with every Christian, if he has never tried to tithe or to give the offering to God, he cannot know the blessings of God. There are many Christians who complain when they hear the pastor or a preacher talking about a tithe or offerings. They begin to say our church only demands money. Brethren, you should not complain. If you and I are to grow as Christians, we must follow God's way. God's Word is our spiritual food.

Our being stewards is more than taking

A STEWARD

READ: Acts 16:14-15; Acts 9:36-39

MEMORY VERSE: *"Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God."*

Acts 10:4b

INTRODUCTION:

In our lesson today we will learn about a steward. Christians need to grow spiritually. We can only grow when we follow God's way. The Bible is the book which can teach us God's way and how to live as Christians. There are many verses in the Bible which talk about a steward. This is why we should read all the Scripture verses that are in this lesson of today.

Ask one of the pupils to read. Learn the memory verse as a teacher and teach it to your class. Ask your pupils if they pray every day.

First of all let us learn the word "Steward." What does this word mean? This word means someone who watches the things of another person. This person is like a watchman. All of us know that a watchman is a person who watches the things of another person. He takes care of them so that the owner may find them well when he comes. We are the same way as Christians. We are stewards over God's things in this world. Let us read Genesis 1:26. This verse teaches us that God created us in His own image and

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is a steward?
2. How much does God want us to give to His storehouse?
3. Which is the Scripture verse in the Bible which tells us that all what we have belongs to God?
4. What is this lesson teaching today?

LESSON 8

P O L Y G A M Y

READ: Genesis 2:18-24

MEMORY VERSE: "What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder."

Marko 10:9

INTRODUCTION:

The aim of today's lesson is to see the teaching from the Holy Bible about polygamy. Right from the beginning God's aim was for man to have one wife and not two wives. Even though some of the Old Testament men married two wives or more than this, it was not God's will at all.

When God gives the Commandments, He gives those commandments to everyone. It is God's will that a man must have only one wife and the woman must also have only one husband.

Now, you as a teacher, divide your members of the class into two groups. Ask one group to discuss about some bad experience found in polygamy. Allow the other group to discuss the advantages found in polygamy. Now look, do bad things surpass the good things, or the good things surpass what is experienced in polygamy?

Teacher, allow one of your pupils to read from the book of Genesis 2:24. We are taught here that a man will cleave to one

wife not to many wives.

WHAT THIS LESSON TEACHES US:

1. It was God's will that a man must have only one wife.
2. Men who married more than one wife broke the commandment of God.
3. There are many bad effects that come out of polygamy.
4. God is not happy with polygamy.

QUESTIONS:

1. How many wives did God give to Adam?
2. How many wives does God want you to have?
3. Mention some of the bad things that are found in polygamy?
4. Is it good for a husband and wife to divorce?