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The Divinity



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SC - Steps to Christ
TDG- This Day with God
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GC - The Great Controversy
OFC - Our Father Cares
DA - The Desire of Ages
ED - Education
LHU - Lift Him Up
HP - In Heavenly Places
LDE - Last Day Events
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SD - Sons and Daughters of God
SR - Story of Redemption
MH - Ministry of Healing
MYP - Messages to Young People
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EW - Early Writings
PP - Patriarchs and Prophets
COL - Christ's Object Lessons
RH - Review and Herald
YRP - Ye Shall Receive Power
ST - Signs of the Times
SW - The Southern Review
TM - Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers
YI - The Youth's Instructor

1 God the Father

LESSON 1



ADDITIONAL READING:

The Wisdom of God by Adrian Ebens

(For this and the next lesson)

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/wisdom-of-god>

Suggested Videos:

Who is God - Lester: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kOMDtCZ05s>

God, Father of all – Bradley Mock

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=RMpu50pnxSo&si=EnSlkaIECMiOmarE>

Hymns:

- Great is the Lord
- Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord



LESSON

1. How does the word "God" or "god" appear in the original Hebrew language of the Bible? What does it mean? Is it singular or plural? Does it apply only to one person? See Note 1

2. In Deuteronomy 6:4 we are told that Elohim is ONE and the word used is echad. What does it mean that God is one? Let's see the definition and application in Note 2.

MEMORY VERSE:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

3. Who is God to us? 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; See Note 3.

4. Who did Jesus say was the only true God? John 17:1-3.

5. How else does Jesus refer to His Father? John 20:17; Revelation 3:12.

Let's look at some characteristics of God the Father.

6. If God is truly a Father, how many and what kind of children does He have? Ephesians 4:6; Hebrews 1:5-6; Job 2:1; Ephesians 1:1-6. See Note 4.

7. Besides being referred to as a Father how else does the Bible describe God? 1 Samuel 8:6,7; Isaiah 40:28; Isaiah 43:15; 1 John 4:7-9.

8. Does God have a form? Daniel 7:9; John 5:37. See Note 5

9. God has a form and yet how does Jesus describe His Father in John 4:24? Does this description contradict what Daniel says in Daniel 7:9? How does God have a form and is also a Spirit? For more understanding on this subject see lesson 6 The Spirit of God.

10. Can God die? 1 Timothy 6:13-16

11. How does God view sin and death? Isaiah 59:2; 1 Corinthians 15:55,56; Proverbs 8:36; John 14:6; 2 Samuel 14:14; Psalm 68:20; Hosea 13:14; Hebrews 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:26.

12. What is God's relationship to evil and darkness? Psalm 5:4; Proverbs 8:13; 1 Corinthians 13:5; Jeremiah 29:11; 1 John 1:5-7; John 3:20; James 3:11-12.
See Note 6

13. Have any human beings ever seen God? Who can see Him? John 1:18 ; 1 John 4:12; 1 Timothy 6:14-16; Matthew 18:10, Job 2:1.

14. How many things does God know and what is His understanding? 1 John 3:20; Hebrews 4:13; Psalm 44:21; Psalm 147:5, Isaiah 40:28.

15. What is God's power like and is there anything He cannot do? Psalm 62:11; Job 42:1-2; Revelation 19:6; Genesis 17:1; Job 37:23; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Numbers 23:19. See Note 7 (He will not use force).

16. Where does God live, how much does He encompass with His presence, and is He limited to His throne? Amos 9:6; Psalm 73:25; Philippians 3:20; Psalm 139:7-10; Isaiah 66:1. See note 8.

NOTES //

1. elohim: God, god

Original Word: **אלהים**

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Phonetic Spelling: (el-o-heem')

Definition: God, god

NASB Translation

divine (1), divine being (1), exceedingly (1), God (2326), god (45), God's (14), goddess (2), godly (1), gods (204), great (2), judges (3), mighty (2), rulers (1), shrine* (1).

Below we can read some verses where the word Elohim is used strictly in the singular:

A.) Exodus 7:1 And the Lord said unto Moses, "See, I have made thee a **god** to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet."

B.) 1 Kings 11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the **goddess** of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

C.) Judges 16:23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their **god**, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

2. אחד

Transliteration 'echad.

Cardinal adjective: One, 1.

Source: <https://es.wiktionary.org/wiki/אחד>

Biblical example: Genesis 27:38 And Esau said unto his father, "Hast thou but **one** blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

Paul and his fellow workers proclaimed the doctrine of righteousness by faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ. They presented Christ as the one who, seeing the helpless condition of the fallen race, came to redeem men and women by living a life of obedience to God's law and by paying the penalty of disobedience. And in the light of the cross many who had never before known of the true God, began to comprehend the greatness of the Father's love. AA 207.2

3. The Lord is our **judge**, the Lord is our **law-giver**, the Lord is our king, and parents and children are to be obedient to him. There is to be no oppression on the part of the parents, no disrespect and disloyalty on the part of the children. Both are to be guided by the **laws** of our Heavenly Father, who gave Jesus to be the propitiation

for our sins. RH, October 1, 1895, Par. 2

Let the missionaries of the cross proclaim that there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, who is Jesus Christ the Son of the Infinite God. This needs to be proclaimed throughout every church in our land. Christians need to know this, and not put man where God should be, that they may no longer be worshipers of idols, but of the living God. Idolatry exists in our churches.

1888, p. 886, 1891, Par. 3

Jehovah, the **eternal**, **self-existent**, uncreated One, **Himself** the Source and Sustainer of all, is alone entitled to supreme reverence and worship.

PP, 305.4, 1890

4. A complete offering has been made; for "God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,"—not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. - {ST May 30, 1895 Par. 3}

5. I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, "If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist." - {EW 54.2}

6. God destroys no man. Everyone who is destroyed will have destroyed himself. - {COL 84.4}

7. The **greatness** of **God** is to us incomprehensible. "The Lord's throne is in heaven" (Psalm 11:4); yet by His Spirit He is everywhere present. He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand. - {Ed 132.2}

God could have destroyed Satan and his sympathizers as easily as one can cast a pebble to the earth; but He did not do this. Rebellion was not to be overcome by force. Compelling power is found only under Satan's government. The Lord's principles are not of this order. His authority rests upon goodness, mercy, and love; and the presentation of these principles is the means to be used. God's government is moral, and truth and love are to be the prevailing power. DA 759.1

The earth was dark through misapprehension of God. That the gloomy shadows might be lightened, that the world might be brought back to God, Satan's deceptive power was to be broken. This could not be done by force. The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God's government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him; His character must be

manifested in contrast to the character of Satan. This work only one Being in all the universe could do. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it known. Upon the world's dark night the Sun of Righteousness must rise, "with healing in His wings." Malachi 4:2. DA 22.1

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2 THE SON OF GOD

LESSON 2



ADDITIONAL READING:

The Wisdom of God by Adrian Ebens

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/wisdom-of-god>

Suggested Videos:

The Son of God - Lester: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vH6LD0MP07M>

What Does Begotten Mean in relation to Jesus Christ - Lester: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPOK8Kwe420>

Divinity of Jesus Christ - Lester: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjxTdL7WCFo>

Only Begotten Son of God – Bradley Mock <https://youtube.com/>

Hymns:

- Hymn 165: Look, You Saints! the Sight Is Glorious
- Lamb of God (by Twila Paris)



LESSON



1. Who is Christ? John 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 1:1-2; Luke 4:41. Note 1.

2. What does the name "Christ" mean? Matthew 16:13-17; John 20:31.

3. What does it mean that Christ is the Son of God? Is He the Son in the full sense of the word? Hebrews 1:5-6; John 8:42. Note 2 and 3.

MEMORY

VERSE:

1 John 5:4-5

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

4. Who is speaking in Proverbs 8:12? How is this possible and what connection is there with 1 Corinthians. 1:24, 30? What is said about His origin in Proverbs 8:22 to 30? See also Micah 5:2. Compare with other versions.

5. Is being begotten the same as being created? What is the difference? Compare Genesis 2:7 with John 8:42 and John 16:27-30. Note 4.

6. What work did Christ carry out in the creation of the universe? Hebrews 1:2-3; Proverbs 8:26-30; Colossians 1:15-16. Note 5.

7. Is Christ "God"? In what sense is He? In what sense is He not? What other expression is used to speak of God's nature? John 1:1-2; Philippians 2:5-7; Hebrews 1:8-9; John 5:18; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 2:8-9. Note 6.

8. Why does "in Christ" dwell all the fullness of the Godhead? Colossians 1:19

9. What other things did Christ receive from the Father, and why did He give them to Him? John 5:22, 26; Hebrews 1:3-4; 2 Peter 1:17; 1 Corinthians 15:25-28; Luke 4:18; John 3:35. Note 7.

10. What is the Father's testimony about Christ? Matthew 3:17; Mark 9:7; Matthew 17:5; 2 Peter 1:17-18; John 3:35; John 5:20; 1 John 5:10-12. Note 8.

11. If we are children of God by adoption, what kinship do we have with Christ? Hebrews 2:10-11; Ephesians 1:5; Gal 4:5-7.

12. What else is Christ to us? John 14:6; 1 Corinthians 1:24 and 30; John 8:12,36; John 14:16,18,21; 1 John 2:1 Romans 6:23, 1 John 5:20.

Peace." Isaiah 9:6. His "goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2. And the Son of God declares concerning Himself: "The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting.... When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him." Proverbs 8:22-30. - {PP 34.1}

The Father wrought by His Son in the creation of all heavenly beings. - {PP 34.2}

6. The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is **truly God in infinity, but not in personality**. He has wrought out the righteousness that enables human beings to overcome every assault of Satan. He will impute His righteousness to the believing saint who walks as He walked when on earth. - {UL 367.4}

7. "God is love." His matchless love for fallen man, expressed in the gift of his beloved Son, amazed the holy angels. Christ was the heir of all things, by whom also the worlds were made. He was the brightness of the Father's glory, and the "express image of his person." He upheld "all things by the word of his power." In himself he possessed divine excellence and greatness; **for it pleased the Father that in him all fullness should dwell**. And Christ "thought it not robbery to be equal with God." Yet he "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." - {BEcho January 1, 1887 Par. 2}

8. Never before had angels listened to such a prayer as Christ offered at his baptism, and they were solicitous to be the bearers of the message from the Father to his Son. But, no! direct from the Father issues the light of his glory. The heavens were opened, and beams of glory rested upon the Son of God and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold. The dove-like form was emblematical of the meekness and gentleness of Christ. While the people stood spell-bound with amazement, their eyes fastened upon Christ, from the opening heavens came these words: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The words of confirmation that Christ is the Son of God were given to inspire faith in those who witnessed the scene, and to sustain the Son of God in his arduous work. **Notwithstanding the Son of God was clothed with humanity, yet Jehovah, with his own voice, assures him of his sonship with the Eternal**. In this manifestation to his Son, God accepts humanity as exalted through the excellence of his beloved Son. - {RH January 21, 1873 Par. 5}

3 SOURCE AND CHANNEL OF BLESSINGS

LESSON 3



ADDITIONAL READING:

The Divine Pattern, by Adrian Ebens (Chapters 1-4, 16-19)

Suggested Videos:

Divine Pattern series - Adrian:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL46eY1RJ_dJ5_tlkm23IW2dEYvuAutmLI

Divine Pattern book series - Adrian:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL46eY1RJ_dJ4m1IF11n3pb-LfLJD5_4RZ

Hymns:

- Hymn 560: Let All Things Now Living
- Hymn 114: There's a Wideness
- Hymn 529: Under His Wings



LESSON



1. Why is it important to know the relationship between the Father and the Son? Colossians 2:2-3; John 17:3

2. Who is the great source of everything, and who is the channel through which all things flow? 1 Corinthians 8:6; Hebrews 1:1-2; Colossians 1:16-20; Ephesians 3:9-12 (verse 9 see in KJV). Note 1.

3. How does the knowledge of God come to us? Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3-4, John 1:18; John 14:9; 1 John 5:20; 2 Corinthians 4:4, 6.

MEMORY

VERSE:

1 Corinthians 8:5-6

For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

4. In the previous lesson we have seen that God gives His Son life, the fullness of the Godhead, the name, the image, the glory and the inheritance of everything. What does Jesus do with all these things? John 17:4; John 6:38; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28.

5. Is this Divine Pattern replicated in the family? How? Genesis 1:27, 2:22; 5:2, 3; 1 Corinthians 11:3, 7-10 (compare v. 7 "glory" with John 1:14 and Hebrews 1:3); Ephesians 5:22-25; Exodus 20:12. Note 2.

6. Is this Divine model replicated in society? How? Romans 13:1-7; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:20-24. Note 3.

7. Is this Divine Pattern replicated in the Church? How? Colossians 1:17-18; Ephesians 4:11-13; Matthew 10:41, 42; 1 Timothy 5:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.

8. Is this Divine Pattern of source and channel replicated in the Bible as a book? How? Matthew 5:17-19; John 1:17, Romans 5:20. Reflect on the following outlines: Old - New Testament. The Law and The prophets - The gospels. Ten Commandments and the Law of Moses. Bible - Testimonies/ Spirit of Prophecy. Bible - Pastors / Churches. See Note 4.

9. How does the Divine Pattern reveal to us the things that happen in heaven?
Hebrews 8:1-7

10. Who wanted and wants to attack this Divine Pattern? How does he do it? Why?
Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:15-19. Note 5 and 6.

11. What seed did he plant in the human being to break the Divine Pattern? Genesis
3:4-6; Ezekiel 16:1-22.

12. How should we act when someone who should be our source of blessing fails
or becomes corrupt? 1 Samuel 1:8-18; 1 Samuel 24:2-22; 1 Samuel 25:9-13, 23-35.

13. Reflect on the ways in which the enemy has partially achieved his purpose
on this matter, and the consequences that this generates: co-equal gods of a
trinity, co-equal marriages, co-equal parents and children, co-equal citizens to
the authorities or security forces, co-equal church members to the ecclesiastical
authorities, and co-equal human beings to God. Think of co-equal in the context
of what it means for these relationships? Will this engender peace, trust, respect,
love, and intimacy or competition, tension, disrespect, and worthlessness?

 **NOTES** //////////////////////////////////////

1. But turning from all lesser representations, we behold God in Jesus. Looking unto Jesus we see that it is the glory of our God to give. "I do nothing of Myself," said Christ; "the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father." "I seek not Mine own glory," but the glory of Him that sent Me. John 8:28; 6:57; 8:50; 7:18. In these words is set forth the **great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give.** So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life.
- {DA 21.2}

2. Parents are entitled to a degree of love and respect which is due to no other person. God Himself, who has placed upon them a responsibility for the souls committed to their charge, has ordained that during the earlier years of life, parents shall stand in the place of God to their children. And he who rejects the rightful authority of his parents is rejecting the authority of God. The fifth commandment requires children not only to yield respect, submission, and obedience to their parents, but also to give them love and tenderness, to lighten their cares, to guard their reputation, and to succor and comfort them in old age. It also enjoins respect for ministers and rulers and for all others to whom God has delegated authority.
- {PP 308.2}

3. Society is composed of families, and is what the heads of families make it. Out of the heart are "the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23); and the heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation is the household. The well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences.
- {MH 349.1}

4. In the KJV version the conjunction "but" that separates Moses and the law from Jesus and grace is in italics which means it is a supplied word and not found in the Greek manuscripts. With this understanding the law and grace are no longer in opposition with one another. To support this see Romans 5:20 which is referenced in the same question above. Rightly understood we see that without the law there can be no grace. The law is what shows us our need (Rom 3:20).

5. In heaven itself this law was broken. Sin originated in self-seeking. Lucifer, the covering cherub, desired to be first in heaven. He sought to gain control of heavenly beings, to draw them away from their Creator, and to win their homage to himself. Therefore he misrepresented God, attributing to Him the desire for self-exaltation. With his own evil characteristics he sought to invest the loving Creator. Thus he deceived angels. Thus he deceived men. He led them to doubt the word of God, and to distrust His goodness. Because God is a God of justice and terrible majesty, Satan caused them to look upon Him as severe and unforgiving. Thus he

drew men to join him in rebellion against God, and the night of woe settled down upon the world. – {DA 21.3}

6. Now the perfect harmony of heaven was broken. Lucifer's disposition to serve himself instead of his Creator aroused a feeling of apprehension when observed by those who considered that the glory of God should be supreme. In heavenly council the angels pleaded with Lucifer. The Son of God presented before him the greatness, the goodness, and the justice of the Creator, and the sacred, unchanging nature of His law. **God Himself had established the order of heaven; and in departing from it, Lucifer would dishonor his Maker and bring ruin upon himself** [design law]. But the warning, given in infinite love and mercy, only aroused a spirit of resistance. Lucifer allowed his jealousy of Christ to prevail, and became the more determined. – {PP 35.3}

To dispute the supremacy of the Son of God, thus impeaching the wisdom and love of the Creator, had become the purpose of this prince of angels. To this object he was about to bend the energies of that master mind, which, next to Christ's, was first among the hosts of God. But He who would have the will of all His creatures free, left none unguarded to the bewildering sophistry by which rebellion would seek to justify itself. Before the great contest should open, all were to have a clear presentation of His will, whose wisdom and goodness were the spring of all their joy. – {PP 36.1}

The King of the universe summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth the true position of His Son and show the relation He sustained to all created beings. The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both. About the throne gathered the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng—"ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (Revelation 5:11.), the most exalted angels, as ministers and subjects, rejoicing in the light that fell upon them from the presence of the Deity. Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven **the King declared that none but Christ, the Only Begotten of God, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will.** The Son of God had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due. Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants. But in all this He would not seek power or exaltation for Himself contrary to God's plan, but would exalt the Father's glory and execute His purposes of beneficence and love. – {PP 36.2}

The angels joyfully acknowledged the supremacy of Christ, and prostrating themselves before Him, poured out their love and adoration. Lucifer bowed with them, but in his heart there was a strange, fierce conflict. Truth, justice, and loyalty were struggling against envy and jealousy. The influence of the holy angels seemed for a time to carry him with them. As songs of praise ascended in melodious strains, swelled by thousands of glad voices, the spirit of evil seemed

vanquished; unutterable love thrilled his entire being; his soul went out, in harmony with the sinless worshippers, in love **to the Father and the Son**. But again he was filled with pride in his own glory. His desire for supremacy returned, and envy of Christ was once more indulged. The high honors conferred upon Lucifer were not appreciated as God's special gift, and therefore, called forth no gratitude to his Creator. He gloried in his brightness and exaltation and aspired to be equal with God. He was beloved and revered by the heavenly host, angels delighted to execute his commands, and he was clothed with wisdom and glory above them all. Yet the Son of God was exalted above him, as one in power and authority with the Father. He shared the Father's counsels, while Lucifer did not thus enter into the purposes of God. "Why," questioned this mighty angel, "should Christ have the supremacy? Why is He honored above Lucifer?" - {PP 36.3}

There had been no change in the position or authority of Christ. Lucifer's envy and misrepresentation and his claims to equality with Christ had made necessary a statement of the true position of the Son of God; but this had been the same from the beginning. Many of the angels were, however, blinded by Lucifer's deceptions. - {PP 38.1}

...Although they had heretofore been in perfect harmony with the order which God had established, they were now discontented and unhappy because they could not penetrate His unsearchable counsels; they were dissatisfied with His purpose in exalting Christ. These stood ready to second Lucifer's demand for equal authority with the Son of God. But angels who were loyal and true maintained the wisdom and justice of the divine decree and endeavored to reconcile this disaffected being to the will of God. Christ was the Son of God; He had been one with Him before the angels were called into existence. He had ever stood at the right hand of the Father; His supremacy, so full of blessing to all who came under its benignant control, had not heretofore been questioned. The harmony of heaven had never been interrupted; wherefore should there now be discord? The loyal angels could see only terrible consequences from this dissension, and with earnest entreaty they counseled the disaffected ones to renounce their purpose and prove themselves loyal to God by fidelity to His government. - {PP 38.3}

4 ONE GOD ONE LORD

LESSON 4



ADDITIONAL READING:

Theos Book, Gary Hullquist

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/theos>

Suggested Videos:

THEOS series: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL46eY1RJ_dJ6PkFeTig8YEPYhPW_7Uybd

Hymns:

- Grace, love and Fellowship (Tom Fettke)



LESSON



1. Who is the only being that is God by hierarchy? Who is the absolute sovereign of the universe? John 17:3; Ephesians 1:17; Ephesians 4:4-6; John 20:17; Romans 15:6; 1 Timothy 2:5. Note 1

2. Speaking of hierarchy, what place does Christ occupy with respect to the Father and the rest of the universe? 1 Corinthians 8:5-6; Philippians 2:8-11; 2 Corinthians 4:5-6; John 13:16; John 14:28. Note 2.

3. What is the relationship of the Sovereign of the universe with His Son? Hebrews 1:1-9; Proverbs 8:26-30; Note 3.

MEMORY

VERSE:

John 17:3

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4. In what sense is Christ equal to the Father? John 1:1; John 5:18; John 14:8-11; Hebrews 1:8-9; Note 4.

5. What is the relationship of the Sovereign of the universe with His creation? John 3:16; John 15:1-2; John 16:27; Matthew 10:29; Ephesians 1:3-14. Note 5.

6. After the Father and the Son, who was next in heaven's hierarchy? Ezekiel 28:11-15. Note 6.

7. After the rebellion in heaven, who took Lucifer's place? Daniel 9:21-22 and 10:10-14. Note 7.

8. Once sin is eradicated in the universe, will there be changes in the heavenly hierarchy? 1 Corinthians 15:24-28

9. To whom do we owe praise and adoration? John 4:23-24; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 Timothy 6:14-16; Hebrews 1:5-6; Revelation 5:11-12. Note 8.

10. Understanding the exalted position of Christ and all that He has done for us, who does He want to lead us to? Who is our destiny? Matthew 11:27; John 14:6; Revelation 3:11-12; Revelation 21:1-4

11. Meditate in what is the difference between Christ being co-equal with the Father by His own right / power, merit and self-existence, and Christ being equal with His Father because God was pleased to elevate his Son to the most exalted position and seat Him at His right hand on the throne. Reflect on the following passages: Revelation 5:13-14 and 22:1-5. Note 9.

 **NOTES** //////////////////////////////////////

1. God, as the supreme ruler of the universe has ever required prompt and unquestioning obedience. Even Christ, in the days of his flesh, was obedient to the law of the Father. - {ST July 22, 1886 Par. 2}

2. The Son of God was next in authority to the great Lawgiver. He knew that his life alone could be sufficient to ransom fallen man. He was of as much more value than man as his noble, spotless character, and exalted office as commander of all the heavenly host, were above the work of man. He was in the express image of his Father, not in features alone, but in perfection of character. - {RH December 17, 1872 Par. 1}

3. As legislator, Jesus exercised the authority of God; his commands and decisions were supported by the Sovereignty of the eternal throne. The glory of the Father was revealed in the Son; Christ made manifest the character of the Father. He was so perfectly connected with God, so completely embraced in his encircling light, that he who had seen the Son, had seen the Father. His voice was as the voice of

God. Mark Christ's prayer before his crucifixion: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." Again he says, "I am in the Father, and the Father in me." "No man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." - {RH January 7, 1890 Par. 2}

4. The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that He might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon His Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. The Father then made known that it was ordained by Himself that Christ, His Son, should be equal with Himself; so that wherever was the presence of His Son, it was as His own presence. The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son He had invested with authority to command the heavenly host. Especially was His Son to work in union with Himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth. His Son would carry out His will and His purposes but would do nothing of Himself alone. The Father's will would be fulfilled in Him. - {SR 13.2}

5. But turning from all lesser representations, we behold God in Jesus. Looking unto Jesus we see that it is the glory of our God to give. "I do nothing of Myself," said Christ; "the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father." "I seek not Mine own glory," but the glory of Him that sent Me. John 8:28; 6:57; 8:50; 7:18. In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life. - {DA 21.2}

6. Lucifer in heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, next in honor to God's dear Son. His countenance, like those of the other angels, was mild and expressive of happiness. His forehead was high and broad, showing a powerful intellect. His form was perfect; his bearing noble and majestic. A special light beamed in his countenance and shone around him brighter and more beautiful than around the other angels; yet Christ, God's dear Son, had the pre-eminence over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created. Lucifer was envious of Christ, and gradually assumed command which devolved on Christ alone. - {SR 13.1}

7. The words of the angel, "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God," show that he holds a position of high honor in the heavenly courts. (...) Wonderful thought—that the angel who stands next in honor to the Son of God is the one chosen to open the purposes of God to sinful men. - {DA 99.1}

8. The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted. – {YI July 7, 1898 Par. 2}

9. Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit—the Spirit of Christ—is to bring unity into their ranks. – {9T 189.3}

5 CONTROVERSY AND CREATION

LESSON 5



ADDITIONAL READING:

Key to Empowering the 3rd Angel's Message, Adrian Ebens

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/key-to-empower-the-third-angels-message>

Suggested Videos:

The Fall of Satan and the War Against Christ - Gavin:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuSGCmmh42c>

Lucifer's Cage - Adrian:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7p230vLHtl>

The rebellion of Lucifer - Ben:

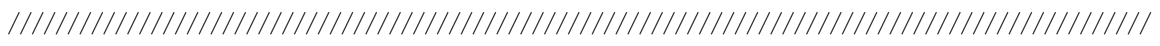
<https://www.youtube.com/>

Hymns:

- Hymn 506: A Mighty Fortress
- Hymn 92: This Is My Father's World
- Hymn 2: All Creatures of Our God and King



LESSON



1. Who is the great creator of all things? John 1:1-4; Hebrews 3:4; Acts 17:24-27. Note 1.

2. Through whom did he create all things? Hebrews 1:1-2; Ephesians 2:8-10; Colossians 1:16.

3. What created being manifested his discontent? Why? Isaiah 14:12-14; Zechariah 6:12-13. Note 2.

MEMORY

VERSE:

Proverbs 30:4

Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

4. What did the fallen angels forget because of pride and the search for self-glory? Colossians 1:15-17. Note 3.

5. What is the nature of God? John 4:24. Therefore, what is the nature of His Son? 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Juan 3:6.

6. Genesis 1:2 tells us that the Spirit of God moved over the face of the waters at the creation of this world. Is this Spirit another being different from the Father and the Son? Job 32:8; 33:4; Proverbs 8:26-30; 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30; Note 4.

7. What was special about the creation of the human race? Genesis 1:27; Genesis 5:1-2; James 3:8-9.

8. To whom did God say: "Let us make man in our image"? Who is the only being that is the image and likeness of God, to whom he could have said "Let us make"? Proverbs 30:1-4; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:2-3. Note 5.

9. In what sense is the creation of Adam and then Eve an image of the Father and the Son? Compare Genesis 2:21-23 with Proverbs 8:22-25. And compare 1 Corinthians 11:7-9 with Hebrews 1:2-3.

10. What was the position given to Adam when the world was created? Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:8, 19,20. Note 6.

11. How did Lucifer, who had become Satan, get the position that had been given to Adam? Genesis 3:1-7; John 12:31; John 14:30; 2 Peter 2:19.

12. In what position was the human race after the entrance of sin? What are some of the consequences? How did Christ rescue the human race? John 8:34; 1 John 3:8; Genesis 3:16-19; Titus 2:13-14. Note 7.

13. When will we see the Father and the Son again in the work of creation? 2 Peter 3:13; Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22-23; Revelation 21:1, 5-7. Note 8.

NOTES //////////////////////////////////////

1. God, in counsel with His Son, formed the plan of creating man in their own image.

RH, February 24, 1874, Par.3.

2. When Satan learned the purpose of God, he was envious at Christ, and jealous because the Father had not consulted him in regard to the creation of man. Satan was of the highest order of angels; but Christ was above all. He was the commander of all Heaven. He imparted to the angelic family the high commands of his Father. The envy and jealousy of Satan increased. Until his rebellion all Heaven was in harmony, and perfect subjection to the government of God. Satan commenced to insinuate his dissatisfied feelings to other angels, and a number agreed to aid him in his rebellion. Satan was dissatisfied with his position. Although very exalted, he aspires to be equal with God; and unless the Lord gratifies his ambition, determines to rebel, and refuse submission. He desires, yet dare not at once venture to make known his envious, hateful feelings. But he contents himself with gaining all he can to sympathize with him, as though deeply wronged. He relates to them his thoughts of warring against Jehovah. - {3SG 36.1}

3. Angels were expelled from heaven because they would not work in harmony with God. They fell from their high estate because they wanted to be exalted. They had come to exalt themselves, and they forgot that their beauty of person and of character came from the Lord Jesus. This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ. - {TDG 128.2}

One angel began the controversy and carried it on until there was rebellion in the heavenly courts, among the angels. They were lifted up because of their beauty. - {TDG 128.3}

4. "In the beginning God." Genesis 1:1. Here alone can the mind in its eager questioning, fleeing as the dove to the ark, find rest. Above, beneath, beyond, abides Infinite Love, working out all things to accomplish "the good pleasure of His goodness." 2 Thessalonians 1:11. - {Ed 134.2}

"The invisible things of Him since the creation of the world are ... perceived through the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divinity." Romans 1:20, R.V. But their testimony can be understood only through the aid of the divine Teacher. "What man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." 1 Corinthians 2:11. - {Ed 134.3}

"When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth." John 16:13. Only by the aid of that Spirit who in the beginning "was brooding upon the face of the waters;" of that Word by whom "all things were made;" of that "true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," can the testimony of science be rightly interpreted. Only by their guidance can its deepest truths be discerned. - {Ed 134.4}

Only under the direction of the Omniscient One shall we, in the study of His works, be enabled to think His thoughts after Him. - {Ed 134.5}

5. After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, the Father and Son carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. And now God said to His Son, "Let us make man in our image." - {SR 20.2}

6. Before the fall of Satan, the Father consulted his Son in regard to the formation of man. They purposed to make this world, and create beasts and living things upon it, and to make man in the image of God, to reign as a ruling monarch over every living thing which God should create. - {3SG 36.1}

7. The highest angel in heaven had not the power to pay the ransom for one lost soul. Cherubim and seraphim have only the glory with which they are endowed by the Creator as His creatures, and the reconciliation of man to God could be accomplished only through a mediator who was equal with God, possessed of attributes that would dignify, and declare him worthy to treat with the infinite God in man's behalf, and also represent God to a fallen world. Man's substitute and surety must have man's nature, a connection with the human family whom he was to represent, and, as God's ambassador, he must partake of the divine nature, have a connection with the Infinite, in order to manifest God to the world, and be a mediator between God and man. - {1SM 257.1}

8. Let all that is beautiful in our earthly home remind us of the crystal river and green fields, the waving trees and the living fountains, the shining city and the white-robed singers, of our heavenly home—that world of beauty which no artist can picture, no mortal tongue describe. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." - {Mar 351.6}

6 THE SPIRIT OF GOD

LESSON 6



ADDITIONAL READING:

Struggle over the Spirit, by Gary Hullquist

<https://maranathamedia.com/download/view/theos-part-5-struggle-over-the-spirit>

The Comparison, Niklas Smars

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/the-comparison>

Suggested Videos:

The Eternal Spirit - Gavin:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogzapLsVT_M

Hymns:

- Hymn 260: Hover O'er Me, Holy Spirit
- Hymn 195: Showers of Blessing



LESSON

1. What does the Bible mean when it talks about the spirit? Let's look at the definition of the word spirit in both Hebrew and Greek. Note 1.

2. How does the Bible compare the Spirit of God with the spirit of man? 1 Corinthians 2:10-16.

MEMORY

VERSE:

1 Corinthians 2:11

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

3. What does the Bible teach us about the spirit of man? Job 32:8; Isaiah 42:5; Ecclesiastes 12:7; John 11:33; Luke 23:46; Acts 7:59-60

4. What is man's own spirit in relation to himself? Daniel 2:1; 1 Corinthians 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 2:13; Psalm 77:6; Proverbs 16:2; Psalm 51:10-12. Note 2.

5. What is God's own Spirit in relation to Himself? Genesis 6:3; Ephesians 4:30; Psalm 139:7-10; Rom 8:9-11. Notes 3, and 4.

6. What does it mean to have the Spirit of God? How is it obtained? 1 Corinthians 1:10 and 2:16; Ephesians 4:20-24; John 3:6-7.

7. What Spirit does Christ have? Isaiah 61:1-3. Note 5.

8. What Spirit do we have? Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:9. Note 6.

9. How many Spirits are there?; Ephesians 4:1-5. Note 7.

The Holy Spirit in a personal form in the Bible.

10. Who does Paul say is the Jehovah of hosts who appears in Isaiah 6:1-9? What about when this verse is quoted in Acts 28:25-27?

11. Who made man? Genesis 1:2, 26; 2:7. Compare with Job 33:4.

12. Who will give us words in times of trial? Matthew 10:19-20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11-12; Luke 21:14-15.

13. Who intercedes for us? 1 Timothy 2:5; Romans 8:26-27; Hebrews 7:22, 25.

14. Who is the Holy Spirit personally according to the Apostle Paul? 2 Corinthians 3:16-17; John 8:36. Note 8.

15. Who inspired the Biblical writers according to the apostle Peter? 1 Peter 1:10-11; 2 Peter 1:20-21. Note 9.

16. In Jeremiah 31:27-33 Jehovah announces a new covenant. With whom does the apostle Paul identify Jehovah? Hebrews 10:15-17.

NOTES

1. Strong's Concordance Hebrew **ruach**: breath, wind, spirit

Original Word: רוּחַ

Part of Speech: Noun Feminine

Phonetic Spelling: (roo'-akh)

Definition: breath, wind, spirit, air, anger, blast, breath, cool, courage, mind, quarter,

From ruwach; wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. A sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions) -- air, anger, blast, breath, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, spirit((-ual)), tempest, X vain, ((whirl-))wind(-y).

NASB Translation

air (2), anger (1), blast (2), breath (31), breathless* (1), cool (1), courage (1), despondency* (1), exposed (1), grief* (1), heart (1), inspired (1), mind (3), motives (1), points (1), quick-tempered* (1), side (4), sides (2), Spirit (76), spirit (127), spirits (3), strength (1), temper (2), thoughts* (1), trustworthy* (1), wind (98), winds (7), windy (2), wrath (1).

Strong's Concordance Greek **pneuma**: wind, spirit

Original Word: πνεῦμα, ατοϛ, τό

Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter

Phonetic Spelling: (pnyoo'-mah)

Definition: wind, spirit

Usage: wind, breath, spirit.

4151 pneúma - properly, spirit (Spirit), wind, or breath. The most frequent meaning (translation) of 4151 (pneúma) in the NT is "spirit" ("Spirit"). Only the context however determines which sense(s) is meant.

[Any of the above renderings (spirit-Spirit, wind, breath) of 4151 (pneúma) is always theoretically possible (spirit, Spirit, wind, breath). But when the attributive adjective ("holy") is used, it always refers to the Holy Spirit. "Spirit" ("spirit") is by far the most common translation (application) of 4151 (pneúma).

The Hebrew counterpart (rûach) has the same range of meaning as 4151 (pneúma), i.e. it likewise can refer to spirit/Spirit, wind, or breath.]

NASB Translation

breath (3), Spirit (241), spirit (101), spirits (32), spiritual (1), wind (1), winds (1).

2. Our **personal identity** is preserved in the resurrection, though not the same particles of matter or material substance as went into the grave. The wondrous works of God are a mystery to man. The spirit, the character of man, is returned to God, there to be preserved. In the resurrection every man will have his own character. God in His own time will call forth the dead, giving again the breath of life, and bidding the dry bones live. The same form will come forth, but it will be

free from disease and every defect. It lives again bearing the same individuality of features, so that friend will recognize friend. There is no law of God in nature which shows that God gives back the same identical particles of matter which composed the body before death. God shall give the righteous dead a body that will please Him. – {Mar 301.2}

3. The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. “The Lord’s throne is in heaven” (Psalm 11:4); yet by His Spirit He is everywhere present. He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand. – {Ed 132.2}

4. The Lord encourages all who seek Him with the whole heart. He gives them His Holy Spirit, the manifestation of His presence and favor. But those who forsake God in order to save their lives will be forsaken by Him. In seeking to save their lives by yielding the truth, they will lose eternal life. – {9T 230.3}

5. The Father gave His Spirit without measure to His Son, and we also may partake of its fullness. Jesus says, “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?” Luke 11:13. “If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it.” “Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.” John 14:14: 16:24. – {GC 477.1}

6. The only way in which we can gain a more perfect apprehension of truth is by keeping the heart tender and subdued by the Spirit of Christ. The soul must be cleansed from vanity and pride, and vacated of all that has held it in possession, and Christ must be enthroned within. – {DA 494.4}

7. Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit—the Spirit of Christ—is to bring unity into their ranks. – {9T 189.3}

8. “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:57, 63). Christ is not here referring to His doctrine, but to His person, the divinity of His character. – {1SM 249.3}

9. Who, but Jesus Christ by his Spirit and divine power, guided the pens of the sacred historians that to the world might be presented the precious record of the sayings and works of Jesus Christ? – {3SM 137.2}

Notes with reference to the Holy Spirit at Jesus’ baptism.

10. Never before had angels listened to such a prayer as Christ offered at his baptism, and they were solicitous to be the bearers of the message from the Father to his Son. But, no! direct from the Father issues the light of his glory. The heavens were opened, and beams of glory rested upon the Son of God and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold. The dove-like form was emblematical of

the meekness and gentleness of Christ. While the people stood spell-bound with amazement, their eyes fastened upon Christ, from the opening heavens came these words: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The words of confirmation that Christ is the Son of God were given to inspire faith in those who witnessed the scene, and to sustain the Son of God in his arduous work. Notwithstanding the Son of God was clothed with humanity, yet Jehovah, with his own voice, assures him of his sonship with the Eternal. In this manifestation to his Son, God accepts humanity as exalted through the excellence of his beloved Son. - {RH January 21, 1873 Par. 5}

11. Upon coming up out of the water, Jesus bowed in prayer on the river bank. - {DA 111.3} ... The Saviour's glance seems to penetrate heaven as He pours out His soul in prayer. Well He knows how sin has hardened the hearts of men, and how difficult it will be for them to discern His mission, and accept the gift of salvation. He pleads with the Father for power to overcome their unbelief, to break the fetters with which Satan has enthralled them, and in their behalf to conquer the destroyer. He asks for the witness that God accepts humanity in the person of His Son. - {DA 111.6}

Never before have the angels listened to such a prayer. They are eager to bear to their loved Commander a message of assurance and comfort. But no; the Father Himself will answer the petition of His Son. Direct from the throne issue the beams of His glory. The heavens are opened, and upon the Saviour's head descends a dovelike form of purest light,—fit emblem of Him, the meek and lowly One. - {DA 112.1}

7 CHRIST'S HUMAN NATURE

LESSON 7



ADDITIONAL READING:

The Word was made Flesh, by Ralph Larson - Sections V - VII

One Like the Son of Man, Deyan Delchev and Adrian Ebens

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/one-like-the-son-of-man>

Suggested Videos:

In the Days of His Flesh - Adrian:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHJDO-_s9pU

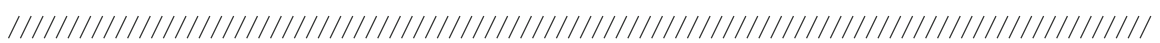
The Veil of His Flesh - Adrian:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUCm4E63qaY>

Hymns:

- Hymn 499: What a friend we have in Jesus
- Hymn 057: No, not one



LESSON



1. What was Adam's nature like when he came out of the Creator's hands? Genesis 1:26-27, 31. Note 1.

2. What were the consequences after he sinned? Genesis 2:16-17; 3:2-7,19. Note 2.

3. What is the nature of all of us who were born after Adam? Psalm 51:5; 58:3; Galatians 5:19-21; Romans 7:14-21.

MEMORY

VERSE:

Hebrews 2:16

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

4. What is sin? What makes us guilty sinners? 1 John 1:8-10; 3:4. Note 3.

5. What is imputed to us as sin? The condition of birth or specific actions of the mind and body? 1 John 3:6-10; James 4:17.

6. When Jesus was born into this world as a human being, did He come with the nature of Adam before the fall, or with that of Adam's descendants? Romans 1:3; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 4:15-16. Note 4.

7. Does Jesus being born with fallen human nature automatically make Him a sinner? 1 Peter 2:21-24; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:5; Isaiah 53:9. Note 5.

8. In what did God's plan for man to overcome sin consist? Romans 8:3; Hebrews 2:14-18; John 1:1-5,14; 5:20-21. Note 6.

9. What relationship became evident that we have with Jesus since His incarnation? Hebrews 2:11,17. Note 7.

and temptations, and to give us the example of a sinless life. – {DA 48.6}

5. Though He had all the strength of passion of humanity, never did He yield to temptation to do one single act which was not pure and elevating and ennobling. – {HP 155.7}

6. He took our nature upon him that he might become acquainted with our trials and sorrows, and, knowing all our experiences, he stands as Mediator and Intercessor before the Father. – {ST November 24, 1887 Par. 10}

7. He was made like unto his brethren, with the same susceptibilities, mental and physical. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin; and he knows how to succor those who are tempted. Are you harassed and perplexed? So was Jesus. Do you feel the need of encouragement? So did Jesus. As Satan tempts you, so he tempted the Majesty of heaven. Jesus, as your representative and substitute, did not yield on the field of conflict; and in his strength you may resist and conquer. Every fallen son and daughter of Adam may rejoice that they are prisoners of hope, and that Satan can be vanquished. – {RH February 10, 1885 Par. 7}

8. Christ was the ladder that Jacob saw. Christ is the link that binds earth to Heaven, and connects finite man with the infinite God. This ladder reaches from the lowest degradation of earth and humanity to the highest heavens. – {ST July 29, 1889 Par. 11}...

He came into the world that he might understand all the needs of fallen humanity. – {ST July 29, 1889 Par. 14}

9. The change of heart represented by the new birth can be brought about only by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.... Pride and self-love resist the Spirit of God; every natural inclination of the soul opposes the change from self-importance and pride to the meekness and lowliness of Christ. But if we would travel in the pathway to eternal life, we must not listen to the whispering of self. In humility and contrition we must beseech our heavenly Father, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. As we receive divine light, and cooperate with the heavenly intelligences, we are "born again," freed from the defilement of sin by the power of Christ. – {OFC 74.1}

8 GOD MANIFESTED TO THE WORLD

LESSON 8



ADDITIONAL READING:

Principles of the character of God, chapter "Christ, the image of the Father", Daniel Bernhardt

Christ's Mission to the World, Adrian Ebens of mainly Ellen White quotes

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/christs-mission>

Suggested Videos:

Christ's mission to the world - Adrian:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbCaQH_5a1l

Hymns:

- The Love of God
- Great is Thy Faithfulness
- For God So Loved the World
- My Jesus Loves Me



LESSON

1. Whom did Christ come to reveal? Matthew 11:27; John 1:18. Note 1.

2. What was His special mission? 1 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 40:9; John 17:4-6, 26. Note 2.

3. What does it mean that God was manifested in the flesh? John 5:19; John 14:9-11. Note 3.

MEMORY

VERSE:

John 17:26

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

4. What does it mean that seeing Christ is the same as seeing the Father? Hebrews 1:3; 1 John 5:20; John 14:7. Note 4.

5. Did Christ act on His own? John 5:30; 6:40; Matthew 26:42.'

6. How does Christ ask us to act? According to whose will? Matthew 6:9-10; Matthew 7:21; Mark 3:35.

7. To whom does Christ want to lead us? Who is the way and who is the destination? John 14:1-6. Note 5.

8. For whom does Christ want us to bear fruit? John 15:1-10.

9. What is produced in us as Christ reveals to us the character of the Father? Matthew 5:48; 19:21; 1 John 3:5-9.

10. How are we transformed into the image of God? 2 Corinthians 3:18; John 17:3. Note 6.

"even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations." - {ST April 15, 1897 Par. 10}

5. But this great sacrifice was not made in order to create in the Father's heart a love for man, not to make Him willing to save. No, no! "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son." John 3:16. The Father loves us, not because of the great propitiation, but He provided the propitiation because He loves us. Christ was the medium through which He could pour out His infinite love upon a fallen world. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." 2 Corinthians 5:19. God suffered with His Son. In the agony of Gethsemane, the death of Calvary, the heart of Infinite Love paid the price of our redemption. - {SC 13.2} ... None but the Son of God could accomplish our redemption; for only He who was in the bosom of the Father could declare Him. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it manifest. Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man could express the Father's love to lost humanity. - {SC 14.2}

6. The love and honor and perfection revealed in the Gospel are a revelation to man of the character of God. The justice and goodness and benevolence that were seen in the character of Christ are to be repeated in the lives of those who accept the privileges of the Gospel. By a study of the word, we are to see Him as He is, and, charmed with the view of His divine perfection, we are to grow into the same image. We need to understand that the Gospel fully reveals the glory of the Lord. It is the mirror that reveals the character of God to the converted soul. The likeness of God is revealed in the perfect character of His Son, that we may understand what it means to be made in the likeness of the image of God, and what we may become if by constantly beholding we allow ourselves to be changed from "glory to glory." - {ST February 24, 1909 Par. 3}

7. All that man needs to know or can know of God has been revealed in the life and character of His Son. - {8T 286.1}

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." John 1:18. - {8T 286.2}

Taking humanity upon Him, Christ came to be one with humanity and at the same time to reveal our heavenly Father to sinful human beings. He was in all things made like unto His brethren. He became flesh, even as we are. He was hungry and thirsty and weary. He was sustained by food and refreshed by sleep. He shared the lot of men, and yet He was the blameless Son of God. He was a stranger and sojourner on the earth—in the world, but not of the world; tempted and tried as men and women today are tempted and tried, yet living a life free from sin. - {8T 286.3}

Tender, compassionate, sympathetic, ever considerate of others, He represented the character of God, and was constantly engaged in service for God and man. - {8T 286.4}

8. He spoke of God, not as an avenging judge, but as a tender father, and He

revealed the image of God as mirrored in Himself. His words were like balm to the wounded spirit. Both by His words and by His works of mercy He was breaking the oppressive power of the old traditions and man-made commandments, and presenting the love of God in its exhaustless fullness. – {DA 204.4}

9. Christ came to represent the Father in his true character. He showed that he was not an arbitrary judge, ready to bring judgments upon men, and delighting in condemning and punishing them for their evil deeds. – {ST November 18, 1889 Par. 6}

9 THE COMFORTER

LESSON 9



ADDITIONAL READING:

Suggested Videos:

The Spirit of God by Bradley Mock
<https://youtube.com/>

Hymns:

- He Lives
- Trust and Obey
- Open My Eyes That I May See

MEMORY

VERSE:

Isaiah 51:12-13

I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?



LESSON

1. Why does Jesus promise His disciples the presence of another Comforter? John 14:25-28; John 16:5-7. Note 1.

2. Who was this Comforter? John 14:16-17.

3. Was the Comforter or Holy Spirit already with men before Jesus' personal coming? What was His identity? Compare Genesis 1:2 and Job 33:4 with Isaiah 51:12-13 (Genesis 6:3, Genesis 41:38; Exodus 31:3, 35:31). Note 2.

4. Why then did Jesus say He would send "another" Comforter from the Father? Would it really be someone different or would it be Jesus Himself in a different form? John 14:18-21. Note 3, and 4.

5. What did Judas (not Iscariot) understand about who it was that was to be manifested to them? Was he confused about who or how it was to be manifested? John 14:22-23. Note 5.

6. In John 14:17 the Holy Spirit is mentioned as the Spirit of Truth. Who is Spirit and who is the Truth? John 4:23-24; Hebrews 1:3; John 14:6. Note 6.

7. The word Comforter in Greek is *Parakletos*. Let us see its definition in Note 7.

8. In what other biblical text does the word *Parakletos* appear translated in a different way? 1 John 2:1-2 (Here the word *Parakletos* is translated as 'Advocate').

9. What would be the mission of the Comforter when Jesus has gone to the Father? John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7-15.

10. What happens to this day when Moses is read? What is the remedy for the problem? What wonderful truth can be seen when that happens? 2 Corinthians

3:13-18. Note 8.

11. What promise did Jesus make to his disciples which always encompasses all mankind? Matthew 28:20; Revelation 3:20-21. Note 9.

12. How did the apostle Paul express the fulfillment of this wonderful promise? Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:26-27.

13. When was Jesus' promise to His disciples first fulfilled? Acts 2:1-4, 32-33.

14. According to the teaching of the early disciples, what must one do to receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:1, 38; 3:19-20.

15. According to Hosea 6:1-3, who will come to us as the early and latter rain? How does this happen? Note 10.

person? – {TM 137.2}

5. That Christ should manifest Himself to them, and yet be invisible to the world, was a mystery to the disciples. They could not understand the words of Christ in their spiritual sense. They were thinking of the outward, visible manifestation. They could not take in the fact that they could have the presence of Christ with them, and yet He be unseen by the world. They did not understand the meaning of a spiritual manifestation. – {SW September 13, 1898 Par. 2}

6. The Holy Spirit is constantly at work, teaching, reminding, testifying, coming to the soul as a divine comforter, convincing of sin as an appointed judge and guide. – {SW October 25, 1898 Par. 1}

Christ was the spirit of truth. The world will not listen to His pleadings. They would not accept Him as their guide. They could not discern unseen things; spiritual things were unknown to them. But His disciples see in Him the Way, the Truth, and the Life. And they shall have His abiding presence. They shall have an experimental knowledge of the only true God and of Jesus Christ whom He hath sent. To them He says: You will no more say, I cannot comprehend. No longer shall you see through a glass darkly; you shall comprehend with all saints what is the length and depth and breadth and height of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. The honor of God, the honor of Jesus Christ, is involved in the perfection of your character. Your work is to co-operate with Christ, that you may be complete in Him. In being united to Him by faith, believing and receiving Him, you become a part of Himself. Your character is His glory revealed in you. And when you shall appear in His presence, you will find the benediction awaiting you, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things: I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." – {SW October 25, 1898 Par. 2}

7. Strong's Concordance:

paraklétos: called to one's aid

Original Word: παράκλητος, ου, ὁ

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: paraklétos

Phonetic Spelling: (par-ak'-lay-tos)

Definition: called to one's aid

Usage: (a) an advocate, intercessor, (b) a consoler, comforter, helper, (c) Paraclete.

NASB Translation

Advocate (1), Helper (4).

8. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering." [James 1:5, 6.] "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." [1 John 3:22.]

"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children keep yourselves from idols." [1 John 5:20, 21.] The Lord is soon to come. We want that complete and perfect understanding which the Lord alone can give. It is not safe to catch the spirit from another. We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ. If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency. 9LtMs, Lt 66, 1894, par. 18

9. There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. His Spirit speaks to the heart. Circumstances may separate us from our friends; the broad, restless ocean may roll between us and them. Though their sincere friendship may still exist, they may be unable to demonstrate it by doing for us that which would be gratefully received. But no circumstances, no distance, can separate us from the heavenly Comforter. Wherever we are, wherever we may go, he is always there, one given in Christ's place, to act in his stead. He is always at our right hand, to speak soothing, gentle words; to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer. The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. This Spirit works in and through every one who receives Christ. Those who know the indwelling of this Spirit reveal its fruit,—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. — {RH October 26, 1897 Par. 15}

10. ...if we keep our minds stayed upon Christ, He will come unto us as the rain, as the former and latter rain upon the earth. As the Sun of righteousness, He will arise with healing in His wings. We may grow as the lily, revive as the corn, and grow as the vine. By constantly looking to and patterning after Christ as our personal Saviour, we shall grow up into Him in all things. Our faith will grow, our conscience will be sanctified. We will more and more become like Christ in all our works and words. Thank God, we shall believe His Word. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." [Galatians 5:22, 23.]. — {23LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 17}

10 ABBA FATHER!

LESSON 10



ADDITIONAL READING:

Father and Son: Foundational Articles, Adrian Ebens

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/father-and-son-foundational-articles>

Suggested Videos:

Spirit of His Son - Gary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0vM0SwvuHg>

Hymns:

- Behold What Manner of Love



LESSON

1. How did God manifest His love for us? John 3:16; 1 John 4:8-10

2. Did Christ agree to be born again as a human being in this world? Why did He do so? Philippians 2:5-11; Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 John 3:16; John 17:4. Note 1.

3. Of what is Christ not ashamed? Hebrews 2:10-12.

4. What were we before we became Christ's brethren? John 8:34-36, 41-44; Galatians 4:8. Note 2.

MEMORY

VERSE:

Galatians 4:6

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

5. What condemnation was upon us when we were slaves? Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 6:23.

6. By what process are we considered children of God? Romans 8:14-16; John 1:12-13. Note 3.

7. Why does God seek to make us His children 1 John 3:1-3.

8. What spirit do we receive when we are adopted as sons? What do we cry by receiving it? Galatians 3:26; Galatians 4:6-7. Note 4.

9. What are the immense implication of being made children of God? 2 Peter 1:3-11. Note 5.

10. What do we receive along with the adoption? Romans 8:17-18.

11. What condemnation was upon us when we were slaves? Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 6:23.

12. How did Adam's condemnation of God cause him to feel condemned and not accept responsibility? Genesis 3:12, Romans 8:7, Romans 5:16-18

13. What happened to the condemnation that weighed upon us? Romans 5:6-11; Romans 8:1-4; 1 John 5:11-13; 2 Corinthians 3:17. Note 6.

14. With what we are sealed in advance of the promise? Ephesians 1:11-14; 4:30. Note 7.

15. What is the mystery hidden from ages? What is the hope of glory? Why? Colossians 1:26-27. Note 8.

into the heart, have everlasting life. It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of the life eternal. – {DA 388.1}

7. The seal of the living God will be placed upon those only who bear a likeness to Christ in character. – {OFC 83.1}

As wax takes the impression of the seal, so the soul is to take the impression of the Spirit of God and retain the image of Christ. – {OFC 83.2}

8. The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. We do not now see Christ and speak to Him, but His Holy Spirit is just as near us in one place as another. It works in and through every one who receives Christ. Those who know the indwelling of the Spirit reveal the fruits of the Spirit,—"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." – {BEcho June 17, 1901 Par. 6}

"At that day," said Christ, "ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you." Christ sought to impress the minds of the disciples with the distinction between those who are of the world, and those who are of Christ. He was about to die, but He would imprint on their minds the fact that He would live again. And although after His ascension He would be absent from them, yet by faith they might know and see Him. And He would have the same loving interest in them that He ever had. – {BEcho June 17, 1901 Par. 7}

11 THE RANSOM WORK

LESSON 11



ADDITIONAL READING:

Cross Examined, Cross Encountered,
Adrian Ebens

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/cross-examined-and-cross-encountered>

Atonement, **Adrian Ebens**

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/at-one-ment>

Suggested Videos:

What is the Gospel - Adrian:

https://www.youtube.com/live/of5fzOTQ_Ko?feature=share

MEMORY

VERSE:

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Hymns:

- O Solemn Thought
- They Come From the East and West
- Sweet Promise is Given



LESSON

1. Where did the work of rescuing man from sin begin? Ephesians 1:3-6; Zechariah 6:12-13. Note 1.

2. Was Christ present with His people before He came as a man into this world? Genesis 18:1-3; Exodus 13:21-22; 23:20-22; Judges 6:11-14; Daniel 3:24-25 (NKJV); Isaiah 49:13-16. Note 2.

3. In what does the mystery of godliness consist of? 1 Timothy 3:16. Note 3.

4. Who is the focal point of the plan of salvation? 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. Note 4.

5. What is implied in His resurrection? Acts 13:37-38; Romans 6:8-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22.

6. What happened in heaven after His ascension? Revelation 5:1-14.


7. What office is Christ performing and where does John see Him? Revelation 1:12-13; Hebrews 6:19-20; 7:24-27; 9:24-28 (See YLT for 9:26).

8. What are His functions in the judgment taking place in heaven? What does the Father do? John 5:22-23; 1 John 2:1; 1 Timothy 2:5; Acts 13:46; John 12:48. Note 5.

9. What does He do in the meantime in us with His Divine personality? Revelation 3:20; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 28:20; John 14:18-21. Note 6.

10. How will He appear at His second coming before men? Revelation 17:14; 19:11-16. Note 7.

11. What will He do to those whom He has rescued from sin? Revelation 2:7, 10, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 11-12; 21. Note 8.

 **NOTES** //////////////////////////////////////

1. Before the Father He pleaded in the sinner's behalf, while the host of heaven awaited the result with an intensity of interest that words cannot express. Long continued was that mysterious communing—"the counsel of peace" (Zechariah 6:13) for the fallen sons of men. The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth; for Christ is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8); yet it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe, to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race. But "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Oh, the mystery of redemption! the love of God for a world that did not love Him! Who can know the depths of that love which "passeth knowledge"? Through endless ages immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery of that incomprehensible love, will wonder and adore. - {PP 63.3}

2. The typical sacrifice and offerings of that dispensation represented Christ, who was to become the perfect offering for sinful man. Besides these mystic symbols and shadowy types pointing to a Saviour to come, there was a present Saviour to the Israelites. He it was, who, enshrouded in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, led them in their travels; and he it was who gave direct words to Moses to be repeated to the people. Those who sneer at the old dispensation, and professedly accept Christ in the new, do not discern that this same Christ was the ancient leader of Israel, and that from his lips came all the commands, all the rules and regulations, to govern more than a million of people. He who was equal with the Father in the creation of man was commander, lawgiver, and guide to his

ancient people. - {RH March 2, 1886 Par. 2}

3. "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?" Isaiah 63:1. With assurance comes the answer: "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." 1 Timothy 3:16. "Being in the form of God," He "thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:6-11. - {CT 262.2}

4. Jesus Christ laid hold on humanity, that with His human arm He might encircle the race, while with His divine arm He grasped the throne of the Infinite. He planted His cross midway between earth and heaven, and said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." The cross was to be the center of attraction. - {MYP 137.3}

It was to speak to all men, and draw them across the gulf that sin had made, to unite finite man with the infinite God. It is the power of the cross alone that can separate man from the strong confederacy of sin. Christ gave Himself for the saving of the sinner. Those whose sins are forgiven, who love Jesus, will be united with Him. They will bear the yoke of Christ. This yoke is not to hamper them, not to make their religious life one of unsatisfying toil. No; the yoke of Christ is to be the very means by which the Christian life is to become one of pleasure and joy. The Christian is to be joyful in contemplation of that which the Lord has done in giving His only-begotten Son to die for the world, "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - {MYP 138.1}

5. Jesus is our Advocate, our High Priest, our Intercessor. Our position is like that of the Israelites on the Day of Atonement. When the high priest entered the Most Holy Place, representing the place where our High Priest is now pleading, and sprinkled the atoning blood upon the mercy seat, no propitiatory sacrifices were offered without. While the priest was interceding with God, every heart was to be bowed in contrition, pleading for the pardon of transgression. - {LHU 319.2}

Type met antitype in the death of Christ, the Lamb slain for the sins of the world. Our great High Priest has made the only sacrifice that is of any value in our salvation. When He offered Himself on the cross, a perfect atonement was made for the sins of the people. We are now standing in the outer court, waiting and looking for that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. No sacrifices are to be offered without, for the great High Priest is performing His work in the Most Holy Place. In His intercession as our advocate, Christ needs no

man's virtue, no man's intercession. He is the only sin-bearer, the only sin-offering. Prayer and confession are to be offered only to Him who has entered once for all into the Most Holy Place. He will save to the uttermost all who come to Him in faith. He ever liveth to make intercession for us.... - {LHU 319.3}

The mightiest created intellect cannot comprehend God; words from the most eloquent tongue fail to describe Him.... Men have only one Advocate, one Intercessor, who is able to pardon transgression. Shall not our hearts swell with gratitude to Him who gave Jesus to be the propitiation for our sins? Think deeply upon the love that the Father has manifested in our behalf, the love that He has expressed for us. We can not measure this love; for measurement there is none. Can we measure infinity? We can only point to Calvary, to the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.... - {LHU 319.4}

No middleman comes between the sinner and Christ.... Christ Himself is our Advocate. All that the Father is to His Son He is to those whom His Son in humanity represented. In every line of His work Christ acted as a representative of the Father. He lived as our substitute and surety. He labored as He would have His followers labor, unselfishly, appreciating the value of every human being for whom He suffered and died (The Signs of the Times, June 28, 1899). - {LHU 319.5}

6. To Christ's followers today, no less than to the first disciples, these words are spoken: - {MH 106.5}

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Matthew 28:18, 19; Mark 16:15. - {MH 106.6}

And for us also is the promise of His presence, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20. - {MH 107.1}

Today no curious multitudes flock to the desert places to see and hear the Christ. His voice is not heard in the busy streets. No cry sounds from the wayside, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." Luke 18:37. Yet this word is true today. Christ walks unseen through our streets. With messages of mercy He comes to our homes. With all who are seeking to minister in His name, He waits to co-operate. He is in the midst of us, to heal and to bless, if we will receive Him. - {MH 107.2}

7. The King of kings descends upon the cloud, wrapped in flaming fire. The heavens are rolled together as a scroll, the earth trembles before Him, and every mountain and island is moved out of its place. "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people." Psalm 50:3, 4. - {GC 641.2}

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Revelation 6:15-17. - {GC 642.1}

8. Then I saw a very great number of angels bring from the city glorious crowns—a crown for every saint, with his name written thereon. As Jesus called for the crowns, angels presented them to Him, and with His own right hand the lovely Jesus placed the crowns on the heads of the saints. In the same manner the angels brought the harps, and Jesus presented them also to the saints. The commanding angels first struck the note, and then every voice was raised in grateful, happy praise, and every hand skillfully swept over the strings of the harp, sending forth melodious music in rich and perfect strains. – {SR 413.1}

Then I saw Jesus lead the redeemed company to the gate of the city. He laid hold of the gate and swung it back on its glittering hinges and bade the nations that had kept the truth enter in. Within the city there was everything to feast the eye. Rich glory they beheld everywhere. Then Jesus looked upon His redeemed saints; their countenances were radiant with glory; and as He fixed His loving eyes upon them, He said, with His rich, musical voice, "I behold the travail of My soul, and am satisfied. This rich glory is yours to enjoy eternally. Your sorrows are ended. There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." I saw the redeemed host bow and cast their glittering crowns at the feet of Jesus, and then, as His lovely hand raised them up, they touched their golden harps and filled all heaven with their rich music and songs to the Lamb. – {SR 413.2}

I then saw Jesus leading His people to the tree of life, and again we heard His lovely voice, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, saying, "The leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations. Eat ye all of it." Upon the tree of life was most beautiful fruit, of which the saints could partake freely, in the city was a most glorious throne, from which proceeded a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal. On each side of this river was the tree of life, and on the banks of the river were other beautiful trees bearing fruit which was good for food. – {SR 414.1}

Language is altogether too feeble to attempt a description of heaven. As the scene rises before me, I am lost in amazement. Carried away with the surpassing splendor and excellent glory, I lay down the pen, and exclaim, "Oh, what love! what wondrous love!" The most exalted language fails to describe the glory of heaven or the matchless depths of a Saviour's love. 415 – {SR 414.2}

12 CONFESSION OF FAITH AND THE ANTICHRIST

LESSON 12



ADDITIONAL READING:

Return of Elijah (Section 7-9) - Adrian Ebens

<https://maranathamedia.com/book/view/the-return-of-elijah>

Suggested Videos:

Equality of the Father and Son - Adrian
<https://www.youtube.com/>

Hymns:

- For God So Loved the World

MEMORY

VERSE:

1 John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?



LESSON

1. What are the characteristics of the overcoming saints? Revelation 12:17; 14:12.

2. What is God's commandment? 1 John 3:22-24. Note 1.

3. What is the fundamental belief of the saints of the family of God? Ephesians 2:19-22; Matthew 16:16-17; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 9:20-22.

4. What do we know and should testify? 1 John 4:9,14-15. Note 2.

5. Who are born of God? 1 John 5:1.

6. What is our faith that overcomes the world? 1 John 5:4-5. Note 3.

7. What is the testimony that God has given about Jesus? 1 John 5:6-12. (NKJV77 - NKJV 2015 - NIV)

8. What is the main characteristic of the antichrist, what does he deny? 1 John 2:22-23; 2 John 1:7. Note 4.

9. What do those who are of God confess? Whose are those who do not confess? 1 John 4:2-3. Note 5.

10. What does he that is born of God cease to practice? Who keeps him? 1 John 5:18. Note 6.

Father. He was envious of the position that was held by Christ and the Father, and he turned from his allegiance to the Commander of heaven and lost his high and holy estate. Though the angels had a knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ, though they were happy in the glorious service which they did for the King of heaven, yet, through his crooked representations of Christ and the Father, the evil one deceived a great company of angels, drew them into sympathy with himself, and associated them with himself in rebellion. Satan and his sympathizers became the avowed antagonists of God, established their own infernal empire, and set up a standard of rebellion against the God of heaven. All the principalities and powers of evil rallied to the work of overthrowing the government of God. – {RH October 22, 1895 Par. 1}

5. Angels were expelled from heaven because they would not work in harmony with God. They fell from their high estate because they wanted to be exalted. **They had come to exalt themselves, and they forgot that their beauty of person and of character came from the Lord Jesus. This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ.** – {TDG 128.2}

One angel began the controversy and carried it on until there was rebellion in the heavenly courts, among the angels. They were lifted up because of their beauty. – {TDG 128.3}

6. "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not." **God has power to keep the soul who is in Christ, when that soul is under temptation.** "Whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." That is, every one who is a true believer is sanctified through the truth, in life and character. "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth [not professeth to do] righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous." "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; ... because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil." Now mark where the distinction is made: "Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither is he that loveth not his brother." "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." [39] – {SD 297.4}

7. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering." [James 1:5, 6.] "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." [1 John 3:22.] "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children keep yourselves from idols." [1 John 5:20, 21.] The Lord is soon to come. We want that complete and perfect understanding which the Lord alone can give. It is not safe to catch the spirit from another. We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ. If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency. 9LtMs, Lt 66, 1894, par. 18

8. 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. - 2 John 7-11.

13 AT THE END

LESSON 13



ADDITIONAL READING:

Hymns:

- In a Little While We're Going Home
- If You Sing a Song of a City
- Firmly Stand for God

MEMORY

VERSE:

1 Corinthians 15:28

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.



LESSON

1. With whom does Christ come at the second coming, and in whose glory? Matthew 16:27; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26. Note 1.

2. Whose name or character will the 144,000 have? For whom will they be first fruits? Revelation 14:1,4-5. Note 2.

3. Where will Jesus take us, and who is the owner of that place? John 14:2.

4. Before whom shall we be recognized? Revelation 3:5

5. How many Divine beings do we find seated on the throne at the end of history? Who are they? Revelation 22:1-4. Note 3.

6. To whom is all praise, honor, glory and power given forever and ever? Revelation 5:11-14. Note 4.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:24-28 and answer questions 7 - 10.

7. Who is identified as God?

8. Who is the one who is reigning during the history of mankind? How long must he reign?

9. Who holds the enemies under his feet and who is the only one who is exempt?

10. What does the Son return to the Father? Who is God in all forever?

11. Who gives us the victory and through whom? 1 Corinthians 15:57.

12. What happens to those who add to or take away from what is written? Revelation 22:18-19.

a foundation of burnished gold, is a throne, high and lifted up. Upon this throne sits the Son of God, and around Him are the subjects of His kingdom. The power and majesty of Christ no language can describe, no pen portray. **The glory of the Eternal Father is enshrouding His Son.** The brightness of His presence fills the City of God, and flows out beyond the gates, flooding the whole earth with its radiance. - {GC 665.1}

6. There is the New Jerusalem, "having the glory of God," her light "like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal." Revelation 21:11. Saith the Lord, "I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people." Isaiah 65:19. "The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:3, 4. - {SR 431.2}

7. "I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." Revelation 21:22. The people of God are privileged to hold open communion with the Father and the Son. "Now we see through a glass, darkly." 1 Corinthians 13:12. We behold the image of God reflected, as in a mirror, in the works of nature and in His dealings with men; but then we shall see Him face to face, without a dimming veil between. We shall stand in His presence and behold the glory of His countenance. - {GC 676.4}

8. And the years of eternity, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of God and of Christ. As knowledge is progressive, so will love, reverence, and happiness increase. The more men learn of God, the greater will be their admiration of His character. As Jesus opens before them the riches of redemption and the amazing achievements in the great controversy with Satan, the hearts of the ransomed thrill with more fervent devotion, and with more rapturous joy they sweep the harps of gold; and ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of voices unite to swell the mighty chorus of praise. - {GC 678.1}


"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Revelation 5:13. - {GC 678.2}

The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love. - {GC 678.3}



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