Subject: Salt of the Earth and Light of the World

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 13 - 20

Memory Verse: Matthew 5: 20

Objective: To inspire believers to fulfill their God-given purpose on earth.

Introduction: Understanding is a prerequisite to acceptance. In order for the Church to fulfill her role as <u>salt</u> and <u>light</u>, she must understand and accept that God makes the standard of righteousness. He gives us every opportunity to show how much we understand this. Let us take a deeper dive into His words to solidify the reality of our true purpose.

1. Describe the behavior of the scribes and Pharisees in Luke 18: 9 - 14, Matthew 23: 1 - 7, 13 - 16 & 23 - 28?

Note: It must have been disturbing to those who 'believed' they knew the law back then (scribes and Pharisees), to be told the truth by Christ. Neither the length of their fasts, the size of their tithes nor the weight of the coins tossed in the treasury amounted to anything, if sincerity, mercy and justice were lacking. What is written and preserved is for our learning. When we understand this, let us accept and practice righteousness.

- 2. What considerations do *salt* and *light* give to each other and their impact on others looking on? 1 Thessalonians 5: 11 15; John 13: 34 & 35
- 3. How does Peter express this same thought? 1 Peter 2: 11 17
- 4. Were the Philippians in receipt of this same message? **Philippians 2:** 14 & 15

5. What was Peter's address to all those striving to be salt and light? 1 Peter 4: 1-8

Note: It is of utmost importance that we live in God's will, that we be the true demonstrators of godliness and holiness in the earth.

- 6. What two important roles do we play as stated in **Matthew 5: 13 16?**
- 7. Describe the end of those who have lost either or both their savour or light? Luke 12: 47 & 48



Subject: The Greatest Moment Scripture Reading: Genesis 1 Memory Verse: Genesis 1: 1



Objective: To remind us that what we see and enjoy now did not happen by chance.

After God created heaven and earth, what was its state? Genesis 1: 1
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- 2. How was God's awesome power demonstrated? **Genesis 1: 2** (*last part*) & 3
- 3. State the significance of the lights in and what God did in **Genesis 1:** 4

Note: As we follow this passage thoroughly, we realize light and darkness came into existence by the power of God. This is rather significant, as most if not all human experiences, may be summed up in this. Our whole life is a demonstration of God's light or darkness.

4. Are we able to identify the entities in **Genesis 1: 5** today, and give their relevance to mankind?

Note: The bible categorically states that God created the evening and the morning. This gives us two periods: dark and light. The evening, *(darkness)*, and the morning, *(light)*, completes a full *twenty-four hour* day cycle. Let's destroy the theory that a new day starts at midnight. Accept the words of God and acknowledge the true start of a day. The day starts and ends at sunset, as prescribed in the bible.

5. How did God clarify to Israel the start and end of a day? **Leviticus** 23: 32

Thought Provoking Question: Whose report do you believe?



Lesson No. 3

Subject: Why Sabbath – (Saturday), not Sunday?

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4: 1 – 10

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4: 4

Objective: To develop the understanding that God's words stand forever.

Introduction: Media today carries or promotes the fiction presented to humanity by the papacy. Many persons accepted and are accepting this lie without consulting the authority of worship. The Christian faith is founded in Christ Jesus, with all instructions and directives encapsulated in the Holy Bible. Let us hear the truth in the word from God.

- 1. How long has the Sabbath been kept? Genesis 2: 2 3
- 2. Apart from being called the Sabbath, what day of the week is this? Genesis 2: 3
- 3. Which of seven days is sanctified and blessed? Genesis 2: 3

Note: Let this be crystal clear to all. To complete our acquaintance with God, we must be keepers of the Sabbath. It is not only blessed and sanctified, but is also *holy*.

- 4. From the evidence above, discuss who the Sabbath was initially given to.
- 5. The Sabbath is a part of the law. Should a true worshipper leave this out of their actions? **Matthew 5: 18, James 2: 10**

Note: Some would argue that the commandments recorded in <u>Exodus 20</u>: 1-17, were given to the Jews only by Moses. There is absolutely no evidence in the scriptures to substantiate that claim. We must believe God's words and comply with them.

6. Is anyone exempt from the observance of this law? Isaiah 56: 2-6

Something to think about: If you believe the bible is the word of God, follow its instructions.



Subject: Call the Sabbath a Delight

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 56: 1 - 7 & Exodus 31: 12 - 18

Memory Verses: Isaiah 58: 13 & 14

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Objective: To understand that keeping the Sabbath is more than to cease from physical work.

- 1. How is the Sabbath to be observed and what is the benefit to us? **Isaiah 58: 13 & 14**
- 2. With what mindset should we come together on the Sabbath? **Psalm** 100: 2 4
- 3. On this Holy day what other acts of comradery/brotherly love are often experienced? **James 5: 13 16**

Note: It is not good enough to simply be present at church on Sabbath. Show up to be engaged in all aspects of worship, yearning for that enriched feeling.

- 4. How successful were Paul and Barnabas in delivering God's promises on the Sabbath and how eager were the hearers? **Acts 13: 42 43**
- 5. According to *Exodus 16:23-28; Numbers 15:32-36* Israel did not enter the land of Canaan *(their physical rest)* because they engaged in Sabbath breaking and idolatry. What are we being warned against today regarding God's permanent promise of eternal rest? **Hebrews 4: 1 10**
- 6. What crucial element of respect should crown the Sabbath?

 Leviticus 19:30, And how did Nehemiah chide Sabbath breakers?

 Nehemiah 13: 17 & 18
- 7. What were the actions of Nehemiah in restoring the sanctity of the Sabbath in Jerusalem? **Nehemiah 13:15 22**

Note: The word *delight* as used in the text, (*Isaiah 58:1*) means to savour, to revel in or to totally enjoy. We are required to make every effort to find the joy of Sabbath observance, instead of just waiting it out or enduring it.



Subject: Worshipping with Reverence in The House of God

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3 Memory Verse: Leviticus 26: 2

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Objective: To remind believers of the sanctity of God's sanctuary.

Why did the Lord desire the children of Israel to build a sanctuary?
 Exodus 25: 8

2. How were the people taught to regard the sanctuary built in the wilderness? **Leviticus 19: 30**

Note: The church building and property was dedicated to the LORD for holy purpose. The building today is the sanctuary for the congregation. There are rules regarding the time, and manner of worship. Nothing that is sanctified, for the worship of God, should be treated with carelessness or indifference. Gum chewing, nail filing, unnecessary movements and such like activities, shows a spirit of disrespect for the Lord God in the place or worship.

- 3. Describe the presence of God as manifested in the Temple. 2 Chronicles 5: 13 14
- 4. What should be our attitude when we come into the sanctuary? Psalm 89: 7; Psalm 96: 1 & 6
- 5. Who will be in our very midst when we conduct ourselves according to God's word? **Matthew 18: 20**

6. How is the unseen One to be regarded? **Revelation 4: 11;** Revelation 5: 12

Note: If some persons are to wait a few minutes before the service begins, let them maintain a true spirit of devotion, keeping their hearts lifted up to God in prayer. They should be anticipating that the service may be of special benefit to their hearts. Worship should lead to the conviction and conversion of souls.

- 7. What is said about the name of the Lord? Psalm 111: 9; Luke 1: 49
- 8. State the instruction Solomon gives concerning proper conduct in the house of God, and Paul's take on this matter. Ecclesiastes 5: 1 2; 1 Timothy 3: 15



Subject: Keeping Our Conversation Aright

Scripture Reading: James 3 Memory Verse: Psalm 50: 23

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Objective: To remind believers of the danger of using unchecked words.

1. State the source and importance of our words? Matthew 12: 34-37

Note: King David understands the impact of words and thoughts on the spiritual man. He was conscious of the words he used. This is probably the driving force behind his prayer in *Psalm 19: 14*.

- 2. What does the ninth commandment forbid and what admonition was given to Israel? Exodus 20: 16; Leviticus 19: 16
- 3. To what are the words of a talebearer likened? **Proverbs 26: 22; Proverbs 17: 9**
- 4. Identify the effect of restraining talebearing on strife? **Proverbs 26:** 20
- 5. What did Solomon say about the spoken words? **Proverbs 25: 11**
- 6. Identify the difference between the speeches that are controlled by the Lord and those that are not? **Isaiah 57: 19 21**; And what is one called who can control his tongue? **James 3: 2**

7. Why should Christians be very careful about their speech, and does the Lord know about words? **Matthew 12: 36 - 37; Psalms 139: 4**

Note: The one thing that seems so easy and natural for many people is to talk foolishly. There are so many things to say that will amuse people and make them laugh. This is one of the chief forms of entertainment in the world. It is out of place for believers to participate in such foolish idle chatter. Christians have a higher and greater joy than this. We must be engaged in conversations to the edification of the body of Christ.

8. List some sins the Apostle Paul warns the brethren of in **Ephesians** 5: 3 - 4

Something to think about: Pay close attention to your audience whenever you engage in a conversation.



Lesson No. 7

Subject: Pleasing God

Scripture Reading: Luke 19: 1 - 27 Memory Verse: Philippians 1: 27

Objective: To highlight the danger of not doing God's commands.

- 1. What must we all do to enter the Kingdom of God? John 3: 5
- 2. Is there any other way? John 10: 1, 2 & 9; Acts 4: 12
- 3. What is God's expectation of the believers, and what is said of His patience? Matthew 3: 10; Matthew 7: 19; Luke 13: 6 9

Note: He gives us every opportunity and the nutrients bear good fruits.

- 4. State the consequences for those who do not yield to the Lord?

 Daniel 5: 27; Matthew 8: 10 12; Romans 11: 17 20
- 5. What incident brought great fear upon all the church? Acts 5: 4 11
- 6. What should children of God strive for in order to please God, and what is said of the half-hearted? 1 Corinthians 9: 25; Revelation 3: 14 16
- 7. How should we live and what will happen to those who overcome? Titus 2: 12 1; Revelation 2: 17, 26 28; Revelation 3: 5



Subject: Integrity, a more Valuable Asset

Scripture Reading: Ruth 2 Memory Verse: Proverbs 11: 3

Objective: To remind us that integrity should guide our actions and cultivate glory to our Christ.

1. Even though Ruth may have been a beautiful woman, what other attributes won Boaz's heart? **Ruth 2: 10 - 12**

Note: Boaz demonstrated a high value and respect for Ruth. He did not take advantage of her, though he knew she was available. He honoured the position of the kingsman and showed he clearly understood God's words.

2. How does the scripture speak to his (Boaz) integrity? Ruth 3: 8 - 14

Note: It is interesting to note that Boaz, a wealthy landowner, was still single at middle age. It is even more interesting that it was not Ruth's outer attributes that intrigued him but the fact that she not only cared deeply for her widowed and aging mother-in-law but that she was willing to forsake her people and her familiar culture to live in obedience to the true God.

- 3. From the narrative of 1 Samuel 25: 23 35 & 39 42, state how the content of character triumphs over external achievements and the blessings that followed.
- 4. While Samuel looked on the outward appearance of Jesse's sons, what was of greater value to God? 1 Samuel 16: 6 17
- 5. Where did Jacob place emphasis when he prophesied over his sons? Genesis 49: 1-10
- 6. What was the criterion on which blessings were bestowed upon Abraham? Romans 4: 17 25
- 7. How well did King Lemuel speak to the inner beauty of the virtuous woman? **Proverbs 31: 10 12 & 29 31**

Note: There is a unique kind of wisdom that is not found in seminaries, colleges or universities. We have been told that 'wisdom is a principal thing.' If we are to avoid making costly mistakes, we cannot be hung-up on statuses, financial standings, physical beauty and affiliations etc. Let us seek godly wisdom.

Subject: More Than a Benediction

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19 Memory Verse: Psalm 19: 14

Objective: To appreciate *Psalm 19:14* as more than a sentence repeated after a religious session, but as a meaningful request.

Note: God is intentionally in His instructions to man. In many instances the verse 14 of Psalm 19 is repeated as a parting blessing at the end of a service. We are however, armed with the knowledge that our thoughts become words and subsequently, actions. Our words and meditation will truly defile us when they are not guided and guarded by God.

- 1. How essential did the psalmist consider the request in **Psalm 19:12 14**?
- 2. Why is it vital to make these prayer requests very early? 2 Timothy 2: 21 & 22; James 1: 14 & 15
- 3. What sin did Judas allow to have dominion over him and what did this lead him to do? John 12: 1 6; Luke 22:1 6, 21 & 22

Note: The reality is that Judas was called by Jesus, walked in His company, heard His teachings, experienced the power of His very presence, and yet remained unconverted is unbelievably sad. The fearful thought is, 'If it happened then, it can happen now.'

- 4. How was Cain admonished in **Genesis 4: 6 & 7**, and what ensued when he failed? **Genesis 4: 8 13**
- 5. Describe the Joseph's brothers' act as a result of their failure to purge themselves of sinful thoughts. **Genesis 37: 11 35**
- 6. What should conscious believers be aware of after being warned about the deceitful and desperate wickedness of the heart? Psalm 19: 12; Psalm 51: 5 7
- 7. When is a sermon most effective? Psalm 51: 7 10 & 13
- 8. What statement by Christ in **John 1: 47**, can be applied to us today? And what would we want to hear later? **Matthew 25: 34**

Subject: Conformity with the World Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2: 1 - 22

Memory Verse: Romans 12: 2

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Objective: To remind believers of the danger of conformation in this era.

1. What sound advice must every Christian constantly heed, and what should be their aim? 1 John 2: 15 - 17; Colossians 3: 1 - 3

- 2. List the acts of worldliness God condemned in Israel, that is evident in the church today? Isaiah 2: 6 9; Isaiah 3: 1 11 & 16 25
- 3. How does James express the necessity of separation from the world? **James 1: 27; James 4: 4 6**
- 4. State the impact on Israel because of their desire in the days of Samuel? 1 Samuel 8: 5 6
- 5. Compare Peter's admonition in contrast with the modern women and men. 1 Peter 3: 1 8

Note: When a child of God participates in an activity that may be questionable, he/she should consider his/her brethren. Where however, an activity is ok but a brother or sister is impacted negatively one must be mindful of such activity. A true Christian will always take into consideration their brethren. (*See Romans 14: 7, 21; 1 Corinthians 8: 13*)

- 6. What is Peter's admonition to us that should be kept in mind whatever we do or wherever we go? 1 Peter 2: 9 10
- 7. When Peter suggested something against the will of God, how did Jesus respond? **Matthew 16: 21 23**
- 8. Should a believer blessed with the Holy Spirit have any fellowship with evil works, and what lesson can be learned from the grace of God? **Ephesians 5: 8 12; Titus 2: 11 13**



Subject: All Rights Reserved Scripture Reading: Genesis 19 Memory Verse: Isaiah 45: 6 - 7

Objective: To highlight the fact that God has the final say.

Introduction: Sometimes God uses man to carry out punishment on the disobedient. He makes every effort to correct mankind in order to save him. There are, however, some judgments that God chooses to deliver himself/personally. Are you waiting for that time?

- 1. Describe the punishment meted out to people in Shinar and the antediluvian world. **Genesis 7: 21 23; Genesis 11: 1 9**
- 2. What was the predominant sin in Sodom and Gomorrah that caused God's anger? **Genesis 19: 4 9**
- 3. By whom was divine justice handed out to rebellious Pharaoh and his army? Exodus 14: 5 10, 13 14, 19 28
- 4. God did not instruct man to carry out certain punishment, He did it Himself. How did this manifest itself in Acts 2: 1 4, 18 25 and Daniel 4: 27 37?
- 5. What type of punishment did Israel suffer in Judges 2: 11 15, Judges 6: 1; and how was it different in 2 Kings 6: 24 33?
- 6. List some of those reserved for divine punishment? 2 Peter 2:1-9
- 7. Identify the way the judge of all the earth will bestow justice when He comes? **Psalm 98: 9**

Subject: The End

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24: 31 - 51

Memory Verse: Daniel 12: 4

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Objective: To identify where we are to be prepared for the end.

- 1. Should mankind be prepared for what is coming? Matthew 24: 37
- 2. Identify the difference between the church and the world? 1 Thessalonians 5: 4 5
- 3. What happened during some people's performance? **Daniel 12: 10; 2 Timothy 3: 13**
- 4. How is the church cautioned in **Revelation 3: 3?**
- 5. Discuss the charge in Luke 21: 34
- 6. List the elements in the price Christ paid for mankind? Matthew 27: 35, 38 & 43 46
- 7. How are we charged in Romans 12: 1-2?

Conclusion: Having gone through this lesson, we should be fully aware of what is happening. We are now obligated to live a different life than the people of the world. The unbelievers should now meet and accept Christ in their lives.

Thought Provoking Question: Are you preparing to meet Jesus?



Subject: Victory in Obeying God's Command

Scripture Reading: Luke 17: 11 - 19 Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 15: 22

Objective: To reassure believers that healings, deliverances, and favours

are possible when we obey God's instructions.

- 1. What simple action won ten leprous men healing from their dreaded disease? Luke 17: 11 - 15
- 2. When good sense prevailed, what simple instruction, when carried out by a Syrian commander, brought him healing? 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Note: A closer look at Luke 5 should allow us to clearly understand that obedience generates the type of blessings that defies all logic, reasoning or anything that makes sense to humans. Arrogance and/or being selfwilled leaves no place for the power of God to work.

- 3. Describe Saul's experience when he displayed the wrong attitude? 1 Samuel 15: 17 - 23
- 4. What befell a great prophet who came up short? 1 Kings 13: 18 24

Note: God is serious, He is not impressed with 99.9%. He solicits total obedience from His people.

- 5. List some of the benefits of those who obeyed? Genesis 12: 1 7; 1 Kings 17: 8 - 16; 2 Kings 4: 1-7
- 6. How useless is all else that we do if we do not obey? 1 Samuel 15: 22 & 23



Exodus 20: 1 - 17 King James Version (KJV)

- 1 And God spake all these words, saying,
- ² I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- ³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- ⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
- ⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- ⁶ And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- ⁷ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- ⁸ Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- ⁹ Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- ¹⁰ But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
- ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- ¹² Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- ¹³ Thou shalt not kill.
- ¹⁴ Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- ¹⁵ Thou shalt not steal.
- ¹⁶ Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- ¹⁷ Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

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