

THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

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INTRODUCTION

TO THE SERIES OF STUDIES ON THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

“In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on 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 2:10-11)

The foundation of New Testament revelation is the Lordship of Jesus Christ and our submission to Him. Our lives have their fulfilment under the Lordship of Christ; but living without recognising Him as Lord, there can be little meaning to our existence. The self-centred Christian is usually an unhappy person, seldom liked by others or even by themselves. You were not made to be the centre of your own universe. You were born again by the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. When we are submissive and surrendered to Christ, God’s perfect will and purposes are fulfilled in us and through us. *“The good and acceptable and perfect will of God”* is attained by *“presenting ourselves a living sacrifice.” (Romans 12:1)* The first sermon in the Church Era proclaimed, *“God hath made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified.” (Acts 2:36)* Surrendered to Christ’s dominion, our lives take on significance, meaning, value and objectives. If you do not know Him as Lord, you experience frustration, defeat, and protracted immaturity. Submission and dedication brings to the believer the end of confusion and spiritual blocks, and the beginning of the dynamic and Spirit-led life. But this submission is not easy to attain, *“...no man can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ but in the Holy Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:3)*

“For whosoever would save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life, for My sake, shall find it.” (Matthew 16:25)

God the Father *“delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.” (Colossians 1:13)* The formula for Christian confession given by the Apostle Paul was, *“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Romans 10:9)* Personal salvation should mean not only the absolution of our sins, but it should indicate a change of allegiance - a new Lord and Master.

These lessons on the Lordship of Jesus Christ will highlight your Lord’s claim on your life and His authority over you. They will deepen your submission, and enrich your worship.

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SECTION I

HISTORICAL MANIFESTATION

LESSON ONE

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section I - Historical Manifestation

JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND CREATOR

I. CHRIST'S EXISTENCE IN GLORY BEFORE CREATION

A. Christ's existence and glory before creation.

"And now, Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine Own Self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." (**John 17:5**)

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, which are little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting." (**Micah 5:2**)

B. In **Revelation 3:14** Jesus is called the beginning of the creation of God, literally meaning the originator of the creation of God.

C. *"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, Who created all things by Jesus Christ."* (**Ephesians 3:9**) (King James Version).

II. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WAS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

John 1:1-18, Colossians 1:12-17.

God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; Who being the effulgence of His glory, and the very image of His substance, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. (**Hebrews 1:1-3**)

III. THE STORY OF CREATION

Read it in Genesis chapters 1 and 2 and note that the word for God is a plural word, and is thus indicated even in the English translation. *"And God said, 'Let us make man in our own image.'"* (**Genesis 1:26**) Would this not indicate the Trinity in creation?

IV. THE PRE-INCARNATION APPEARANCE OF CHRIST

Study in relation to Abraham, Moses, and so on.

LESSON TWO

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section I - Historical Manifestation

JESUS CHRIST, OUR INCARNATE LORD AND REDEEMER

I. THE HEAVENLY FATHER'S PLAN

The Heavenly Father planned for Christ to be our redeemer before the world was created.

“Who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal.” (2 Timothy 1:9) “For whom He foreknew, He also foreordained to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.” (Romans 8:29) Also Acts 2:23; Rev. 13:8.

II. THE INCARNATION WAS PROPHESED

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed. He shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.” (Genesis 3:15) See also Isaiah 9:6-7.

III. THE STORY OF THE INCARNATION

Luke 1:26-35, 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-25.

IV. SCRIPTURES THAT SHOW US GOD CAME IN THE FLESH

There are other scriptures that show us that God came in the flesh. **(Philippians 2:5-11, Romans 8:3; John 1:14)**

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, received up in glory.” (1 Timothy 3:16)

V. DID CHRIST TAKE UPON HIMSELF HUMANITY?

Is it not true that Christ took upon Himself humanity forever, that we might partake of the divine nature eternally?

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)

LESSON THREE

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section I - Historical Manifestation

JESUS CHRIST, OUR RISEN AND EXALTED LORD

I. HIS RESURRECTION

Study carefully the stories of His resurrection. (**Matthew 28; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-46**)

II. HIS ASCENSION TO THE FATHER

"...They therefore, when they were come together, asked Him, saying, 'Lord, dost Thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' And He said unto them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father hath set within His own authority. But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' And when He had said these things, as they were looking, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they were looking steadfastly into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? This Jesus who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld Him going into heaven.' (**Acts 1:1-11**)

Luke 24:50-53; Mark 16:14-20.

III. EXALTED BY THE FATHER

The Father exalted Him and gave Him all honour and dominion. *"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who existing in the form of God, counted not being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross. Wherefore also God highly exalted Him, and gave unto Him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on 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 2:5-11**)

Mark 16:19; Ephesians 1:18-23; Colossians 1:16-20; Hebrews 10:12-14.

IV. CHRIST'S ASCENSION AND EXALTATION

Trace the reference in the book of Hebrews to Christ's ascension and exaltation.

"Thou made Him a little lower than the angels. Thou crowned Him with glory and honour, and did set him over the works of Thy hands. Thou did put all things in subjection under His feet. For in that He subjected all things unto him, He left

nothing that is not subject to Him. But now we see not yet all things subjected to Him. But we behold Him who hath been made a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that by the grace of God He should taste of death for every man.” (Hebrews 2:7-9)

LESSON FOUR

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section I - Historical Manifestation

JESUS CHRIST, TRIUMPHANT LORD OVER THE SATANIC REALM

I. JESUS WAS TEMPTED

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by Satan, and Jesus was victorious. **(Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-14)**

“And there arose also a contention among them, which of them was accounted to be greatest. And He said unto them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles have lordship over them; and they that have authority over them are called Benefactors. But ye shall not be so; but he that is greater among you, let him become as the younger, and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For which is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? Is it not he that sitteth at meat? But I am in the midst of you as He that serveth. But ye are they that have continued with Me in My temptation; and I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as My Father appointed unto Me, that ye may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom; and ye shall sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’” **(Luke 22:24-30)**

II. JESUS OVERCAME SATAN

Because Jesus overcame Satan, He is able to help us overcome when we are tempted. **(Hebrews 2:10-18, 4:14-16; Colossians 2:13-15)**

III. JESUS CAST OUT DEVILS

Jesus cast the devils out of the people who were possessed by them. **(Matthew 8:28-34, 9:32-33, 15:21, 17:14-21; Mark 1:21-28, 32-34; Luke 8:1-2)**

IV. JESUS CAME TO DESTROY SATAN’S WORKS

“...he that doeth sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” **(1 John 3:8; John 12:30-31)**

V. JESUS TRIUMPHED

Jesus triumphed over principalities and powers in His cross. **(Ephesians 3:8-12; Colossians 2:10-15)**

VI. JESUS WILL OVERCOME AS KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

Jesus will overcome all Satanic opposition and triumph as King of kings and Lord of lords. **(Hebrews 10:12-14; 1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 1:5-8; 19:11-16)**

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SECTION II

PRESENT MANIFESTATION

LESSON FIVE

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section II - Present Manifestation

JESUS CHRIST, LORD OF LORDS, VERSUS SATAN (PRESENT CONFLICT)

I. ALL AUTHORITY IS GIVEN TO OUR LORD

- A. All authority in heaven and earth is given unto our Lord Jesus Christ. (**Matthew 28:18-26 ASV**)
- B. All dominion is His. (**Ephesians 1:18-23; 1 Peter 3:22**)

II. HIS VICTORY IN THE FUTURE KINGDOM

- A. In the future kingdom, we will see His victory over Satan manifested in Satan being bound and our Lord Jesus Christ ruling as Lord of lords and King of kings. (**1 Timothy 6:13-16**)
- B. The victory of Jesus Christ over Satan will be manifested in progressive stages through this age until the ultimate triumph when Christ rules over all and Satan is bound. (**Revelation 19:11; 20:6; 11:15-19**)
- C. Here is the patience of Jesus. (**Revelation 1:9**)
- D. He is “*henceforth expecting till His enemies be made the footstool of His feet.*” (**Hebrews 10:12-13**) (from **Psalm 110:1**); **Acts 2:32-36**.

III. HOW IS THIS AUTHORITY MANIFESTED?

- A. At present, this authority is manifested only as we come into submission to His authority ourselves.
- B. Note in **Acts 19:11-20**, the devils did not respond to the use of the name of Jesus by those who were not submissive themselves unto that name.
- C. The victory of Christ over Satan and His authority over all devil power is manifested through us to the extent that we submit to His Lordship in every area of our being, and then exercise faith.

IV. CHRIST IS PREPARING HIS PEOPLE

- A. At present Christ is preparing His people under spiritual conflict for a position of authority in the age to come.
- B. Our present trials and preparation for the kingdom are most important. (**Romans 8:16-23, 28-30; 1 Peter 1:6-7**)

V. HIS VICTORY IS COMPLETE

- A. At present, His victory is complete. (**Hebrews 2:14-15; John 12:31**)
- B. Its limited manifestation is due to our limited submission. (**James 4:7-10**)
- C. Satan will bluff us out of it by inspiring fear and unbelief if he can. (**1 Peter 5:6-10**)

- D. Thus we see Christ's provision for all our needs is all complete beyond our comprehension. (**Romans 8:32; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, 12; 2 Peter 1:2-4**)
- E. But our appropriation is limited by the limitations on our submission and surrender to Him, and by our failing to appropriate by faith all God has provided.

LESSON SIX

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section II - Present Manifestation

THE EXALTED NAME AND AUTHORITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

I. DISTINGUISH BETWEEN AUTHORITY AND POWER

We must distinguish between authority and power. Satan has power, but Christ has the authority. **(Luke 10:17-20 ASV)**

*“Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself was about to come. And He said unto them, ‘The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth labourers into His harvest.’” **(Luke 10:1-2)***

II. AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN UNTO THE LORD

All authority has been given unto the Lord Jesus Christ. **(Matthew 28:18-20 ASV; Colossians 1:16-19)**

*“And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, ‘All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.’” **(Matthew 28:18-20)***

III. THE FATHER HAS EXALTED THE NAME OF THE LORD

The Father in Heaven has exalted the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. **(Philippians 2:9-11; Ephesians 1:20-21; Isaiah 9:6-7; Hebrews 1:1-5; 2:7-9)**

IV. CHRIST OUR LORD HAS PROVIDED GREAT THINGS

Christ our Lord has provided great things for us through His name. **(John 20:30-31)**

*“And in none other is there salvation. For neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.” **(Acts 4:12)***

V. WE ARE AUTHORISED TO USE HIS NAME

We are authorised to use His name. (Explain the spiritual “power of attorney” we have.) **(Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:46-48; John 14:13-14, 26; 15:16)**

LESSON SEVEN

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section II - Present Manifestation

THE EXALTED NAME AND AUTHORITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (CONTINUED)

I. OUR SERVICE

All our service should be in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Colossians 3:17)

Luke 24:47; Acts 2:32-42.

II. OUR PRAYER

All our prayer should be in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (**John 14:12-14, 26**)

“Ye did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you.” (John 15:16)

III. GATHERING TOGETHER

We gather together for worship in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (**Matthew 18:18-20; Acts 2:46-47**)

“Giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.” (Ephesians 5:20)

IV. HEALING THE SICK AND EXORCISING SPIRITS

We heal the sick and exorcise spirits in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (**Mark 16:17-18**)

“Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, it shall be forgiven him.” (James 5:14-15)

V. GREAT MIRACLES

Great miracles were done in His name in the New Testament Church. (**Acts 3:1-4, 6, 16; 4:7, 10, 12, 17-19, 20, 29-30; 8:4-12**)

“And it came to pass, as we were going to the place of prayer, that a certain maid having a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. The same following after Paul and us cried out, saying, ‘These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim unto you the way of salvation.’” (Acts 16:16-18)

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FUTURE MANIFESTATION

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The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section III - Future Manifestation

JESUS CHRIST - HIS ULTIMATE TRIUMPH AND UNIVERSAL RULE

I. THE CLOSE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AGE

- A. As this Age of the Christian church closes, the world will experience tribulation and judgment.
- B. But the church will experience the return of His “Presence” (Parousia). (**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 24**)
“When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be marvelled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day.” (2 Thessalonians 1:10)

II. A REVELATION

- A. Then there will be a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- B. And also a judgment of the anti-christ and false prophet. (**2 Thessalonians 2:1-14; Revelation 13; 19**)

III. SATAN TOO WILL BE BOUND

“And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished. After this he must be loosed for a little time. (Revelation 20:1-3) See also Revelation 20:7-10.

IV. LORD JESUS CHRIST WILL RULE OVER THE WHOLE EARTH - A “GOLDEN AGE”

1 Corinthians 15:20-28; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20; Acts 3:19-21.

“Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send the Christ who hath been appointed for you, even Jesus: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spake by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.” (Acts 3:19-21)

V. THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS FORESAW THIS KINGDOM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:1-11; 65:17-25; Daniel 2 esp. 42-45; 7:23-28.

LESSON NINE

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section III - Future Manifestation

JESUS CHRIST - HIS KINGDOM NOW

I. THE PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Let us see the parables of the Kingdom of Heaven which are related to this present time. Here are the principles currently governing His kingdom.

- A. The Sower (**Matthew 13:1-23**)
- B. The Wheat and Tares (**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**)
- C. The Mustard Tree (**Matthew 13:31-32**)
- D. The Leaven (**Matthew 13:33**)
- E. The Hidden Treasure (**Matthew 13:44**)
- F. The Pearl (**Matthew 13:45-46**)
- G. The Dragnet (**Matthew 13:47-53**)

II. WHAT THESE PARABLES TEACH

Note that all of these parables teach us of the present manifestation of the Kingdom of God, with a promise of its ultimate purification and perfection.

III. IT IS TRUE THAT THE PRESENT AGE IS ENDING WITH GREAT PERILS AND WICKEDNESS

Matthew 24:37-39

“But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, not lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof. From these also turn away.” (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

IV. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT WE BELIEVERS SHOULD CONTEND FOR THE FAITH OF THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND FOR THE SPIRITUAL RESTORATION

Jude 3; Acts 3:19-21; James 5:7-11; Mark 4:26-29.

LESSON TEN

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section III - Future Manifestation

JESUS CHRIST - HIS FUTURE KINGDOM

Introduction:

Now let us see the parables related to our Lord's kingdom at the end of the present age and at the dawn of His universal rule and reign over the whole earth. These parables are all directed to the faithful believer.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ..."

I. THE TEN VIRGINS

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." (Matthew 25:1-4)

II. THE TALENTS

Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as when a man, going into another country, called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability; and he went on his journey." (Matthew 25:14-15)

III. THE SHEEP AND GOATS

Matthew 25:31-46

"But when the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then shall He sit on the throne of His glory. And before Him shall be gathered all the nations. And He shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats." (Matthew 25:31-32)

IV. THE HOUSEHOLDER

Mark 13:33-37 (read the whole chapter)

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. It is as when a man, sojourning in another country, having left his house, and given authority to his servants, to each one his work, commanded also the porter to watch. Watch therefore: for ye know not when the lord of the house cometh, whether at even, or

at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch.” (Mark 13:33-37)

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SECTION IV

OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

LESSON ELEVEN

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Section IV - Our Relationship to the Lord

OUR DISCIPLESHIP TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

I. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

Define it from our Lord's teaching. (**Mark 1:16-20, 2:13-22**)

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, 'If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.'" (Matthew 16:24)

II. COMPARE A DISCIPLE TO A BELIEVER

Note that believers assent to Christ's teaching whereas a disciple follows it. (**1 Peter 2:21-23**)

III. WHAT ARE THE SCRIPTURAL CONDITIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP?

Or, what conditions does a disciple meet to fulfil discipleship? (**John 8:31, 15:8-21**)

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, 'If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life, for My sake, shall find it. For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life, or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?" (Matthew 16:24-26)

IV. WHAT IS THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP?

Luke 14:25-35; Mark 10:17-27.

V. WHAT ARE THE PROMISES TO DISCIPLES?

John 8:12, 31-32, 10:27-30, 12:26.

"Peter began to say unto him, 'Lo, we have left all, and have followed Thee.' Jesus said, 'Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel's sake, but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.'" (Mark 10:28-31)

LESSON TWELVE

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section IV - Our Relationship to the Lord

OUR DEDICATION TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

I. WHAT ARE CHRIST'S DEMANDS OF DEDICATION?

Matthew 10:32-42, 16:24-26; Luke 14:26-27.

"But seek ye first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (**Matthew 6:33**)

II. COMPARE DEDICATION WITH CONSECRATION

- A. Remember that dedication is our part.
- B. Consecration is God's work.
- C. God sanctifies and consecrates what we wholeheartedly dedicate to Him. (**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**)

"Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some unto honour and some unto dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work." (**2 Timothy 2:20-21**)

III. OBSTACLES TO DEDICATION

- A. What obstacles to dedication can you name?
- B. In your own experience, what were the greatest obstacles to dedication?
- C. Are not deceitfulness and rebellion two of the greatest foes to dedication? (**Isaiah 44:20; 1 Samuel 15:17-23**)

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt; who can know it?" (**Jeremiah 17:9**)

- D. Discuss **Mark 7:1-23**.

IV. NOTE THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COMPLETE DEDICATION TO CHRIST AND OUR ATTAINING OF GOD'S PERFECT WILL

Luke 18:18-30; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (**Romans 12:1-2**)

LESSON THIRTEEN

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Section IV - Our Relationship to the Lord

OUR PERSONAL SUBMISSION TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

I. WHAT OUR SUBMISSION TO CHRIST INVOLVES

- A. Submission to Christ involves our renouncing the right to ourselves. We must abdicate the throne. (**Matthew 16:24; Luke 14:26-27**)
- B. He must be Lord. Our carnal mind and sovereignty of choice and decision must give way to His Lordship. (**Matthew 6:10; Romans 6:12-14; Luke 1:38**)

II. JESUS CHRIST IDENTIFIES HIMSELF WITH HIS BRETHREN

Matthew 25:31-46

What does this mean to us in terms of our submission to the Lord Jesus Christ? (**Matthew 10:40-42, 18:5-6 (also vs. 1-14); 1 Corinthians 8:9-13; Acts 9:1-5; Luke 10:1-15; Mark 9:36-37**)

“He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that rejecteth you rejecteth Me; and he that rejecteth Me rejecteth Him that sent Me.” (**Luke 10:16**)

III. IN ROMANS 8:5-9, WE READ THAT THE “CARNAL MIND IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF GOD: NEITHER INDEED CAN BE”

How does this relate to our submission to the Lord Jesus Christ?

IV. WE SEE THAT EVEN “CHRIST PLEASED NOT HIMSELF”

Romans 15:1-7

Can you show how Christ teaches us in His submission to the Father just what we are to show in submissiveness to Christ?

V. DISCUSS THE RIGHT AND WRONG SUBMISSION

- A. Is it possible for us to submit to unscriptural limitations and oppressions in a false submission?
- B. Is all “resignation” of God? (**James 5:7-11**)
Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (**James 4:7**)
- C. To what are we “resigned?” And what do we “resist?”

LESSON FOURTEEN

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section IV - Our Relationship to the Lord

OUR FAMILY SUBMISSION TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

I. DISCUSS THESE STATEMENTS

- A. Authority over a person always involves responsibility and stewardship for them.
- B. Submission to a person always involves certain privileges and protections from them.

II. A WIFE'S SUBMISSION TO THE LORD

- A. A wife's submission to the Lord Jesus Christ involves her submission to her husband's authority also.
- B. Discuss the correct and scriptural relationship of a husband and wife.
(**Ephesians 5:21-33; Genesis 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:1-16; 1 Peter 3:1-6**)

III. A HUSBAND'S SUBMISSION TO THE LORD

- A. A husband's submission to the Lord Jesus Christ involves his stewardship and responsibility for his family.
- B. His submission also to the ministries of authority in the local church.
(**Colossians 3:18-21; Ephesians 5:26-33; 1 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 3:7**)
- C. As God is restoring the family, what authority will the head of the family have to bless and minister to his family?

IV. CHILDREN'S SUBMISSION TO THE LORD

- A. Children's submission to the Lord Jesus Christ involves their submission to parental authority also. (**Ephesians 6:1-4; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Matthew 15:1-9; Proverbs 1:7-9**)
- B. Discuss the present efforts of the State and school to take the guidance and supervision of the child away from the parents.

V. WHAT ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

(As they relate to family worship and family church attendance)

The Roman Catholics hold the failure to attend church a sin. Is this a true scriptural position? (**Hebrews 10:23-27**)

Joshua 8:35; Mark 9:36, 37; Deuteronomy 6:6-7, 11:19-20; Proverbs 22:6; 2 Timothy 1:3-5, 3:14-17; Genesis 18:19.

LESSON FIFTEEN

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Section IV - Our Relationship to the Lord

OUR CHURCH SUBMISSION TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

I. DISCUSS THIS PRINCIPLE

“Submission is not a passive acquiescence on our part, but it is an aggressive and obedient exercise of faith and faithfulness.”

II. THE STEWARDSHIP PARABLE

- A. According to the Stewardship parable (**Matthew 25:14-30**), our judgment will be according to our faithfulness.
- B. Is this true? We will be judged for what Christ might have been in and through us if we were submissive?
- C. Is this true also? We will be judged for what Christ might have been in and through our husbands if we had been submissive to them?
- D. Is this true also? We will be judged for what Christ might have been in and through our parents if we had been submissive to them?
- E. Is this true also? We will be judged for what Christ might have been in and through our wives if we had been faithful to minister to them?
- F. Is this true also? We will be judged for what Christ might have been in and through our children if we had been faithful to them?

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Joel 1:3, 2:28)

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

“But the loving kindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children’s children.” (Psalm 103:17)

III. THE CHURCH MUST BE SUBMISSIVE TO ITS GOVERNING MINISTRIES AS UNTO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

(To apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, elders, deacons.)

Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-9; Acts 15:6, 28; 16:4; 1 Timothy 5:17; Titus 1:5.

“But we beseech you, brethren, to know them that labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them exceeding highly in love for their work’s sake.” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

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LESSON ONE

CREATION

1. The glory Jesus had with God, His Father, before the world was created.
(John 17:5; Micah 5:2)
2. The Lord Jesus Christ was the Creator of all things.
(Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; John 1:1-3, 10-14)
3. Read the story of creation in **Genesis 1 and 2.**

LESSON TWO

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

1. Explain the "Incarnation" - God born in human form.
2. The Incarnation was prophesied.
(Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7)
3. Read the story of His birth.
(Luke 1:26-35, 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-25)
4. Read the other scriptures that show us that God came in the flesh.
(Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Timothy 3:16; Romans 8:3)

LESSON THREE

JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD AND IS MADE LORD IN HEAVEN

1. Read the stories of His resurrection.
(Matthew 28; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-46)
2. Describe His ascension to the Father in heaven.
(Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:50-53; Mark 16:14-20)
3. The Father exalted Him and gave Him all honour and rule.
(Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 16:19; Ephesians 1:18-23; Colossians 1:16-20)
4. Jesus will rule over the whole universe.
(Hebrews 10:12-14)

LESSON FOUR

JESUS DEFEATS SATAN

1. Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, and Jesus was victorious.
(**Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-14; 22:24-30**)
2. Jesus is able to help us when we are tempted.
(**Hebrews 2:10-18; 4:14-16**)
3. Jesus cast the devils out of the people who were possessed by them.
(**Matthew 8:28-34; 9:32-33; 15:21-28; 17:14-21; Mark 1:21-28, 32-34; Luke 8:1-2**)
4. Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan.
(**John 12:30-31; 1 John 3:8**)

LESSON FIVE

PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:10-18

1. When we serve the Lord, we must battle Satan and evil.
(**1 Timothy 1:18, 6:12**)
2. The Lord Jesus Christ is our Captain.
(**Revelation 11:15-19; Joshua 5:13-15**)
3. He gives us spiritual armour for our protection.
(**Psalms 34:7; 125:2; Zechariah 2:5**)
4. He gives us a Sword with which to fight Satan.
(**Hebrews 4:12**)
5. Our Lord promises us victory and great reward when we overcome.
(**Romans 8:35-37; 1 John 5:4; Revelation 2:7, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7**)

LESSON SIX

MIRACLES IN THE NAME OF JESUS

1. Jesus sent forth His disciples to preach in His Name and promised great miracles would take place.
(**Mark 16:15-20; Matthew 28:18-20**)
2. The disciples went everywhere preaching and teaching, and great miracles took place, in Jesus' Name.
 In Peter's ministry (**Acts 3:1-16**)
 In Philip's ministry (**Acts 8:4-12**)
 In Paul's ministry (**Acts 16:16-18**)
3. We may use the name of Jesus.
(**John 14:12-14; 15:16**)

LESSON SEVEN

PRAYING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

1. There are many promises that the Lord has given if we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ.
(**Matthew 18:18-20; John 14:12-14; 15:16**)
2. There are many blessings we receive in the Name of Jesus.
(**Acts 2:32-42; John 14:26; James 5:14-16; Mark 16:17**)
3. The Heavenly Father has exalted the Name of Jesus.
(**Philippians 2:9-11; Ephesians 1:20-21; Hebrews 1:1-5; Isaiah 9:6-7**)

LESSON EIGHT

JESUS WILL RETURN TO EARTH

1. Can you read carefully the symbolic picture of Jesus Christ's great coming and victory over Satan, and tell it in your own words?
(**Revelation 19; 20:1-10**)
2. There is another wonderful vision in **Daniel 2**, and especially verses **42-45**. Ask your teacher to draw you a picture of Nebuchadnezzar's vision and what it revealed of Jesus Christ's return and setting up a kingdom.
3. Find all of the interesting things you can find about Christ's coming kingdom in **Isaiah 11:1-11** and **Isaiah 65:17-25**.

LESSON ELEVEN

JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES

1. Read the stories of how Jesus called His disciples to follow Him.
(**Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:14-20, 2:13-15; Luke 5:1-11, 27-32, 6:12-19; John 1:26-51**)
2. Here are the scriptures that name the twelve disciples. Make a list of them.
(**Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-19**)
3. In **Acts 1:13** the disciples are listed, all but one. Which one is missing? What had happened to him?
4. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
(**Luke 14:25-35; Matthew 16:24-26**)

LESSON TWELVE

DEDICATION SUNDAY

1. Read the teaching that Jesus gave about the children.
(**Matthew 18:1-6, 10-14; Mark 9:33-37**)
2. Jesus blessed the children that the parents brought to Him.
(**Matthew 10:40-42**)
3. Jesus wants us to give ourselves completely to Him.
(**Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 6:33, 10:32-33, 16:24-26**)

LESSON THIRTEEN

WHAT WILL YOU HAVE ME TO DO?

1. Read the story of Saul of Tarsus who became the Apostle Paul.
(**Acts 9:1-31**) He asked the Lord, "What will you have me to do?"
2. In **Philippians 3:4-15** read how Paul dedicated his life to the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ wants you to dedicate your life to service to Him, also.
(**Romans 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:20-21**)

LESSON FOURTEEN

CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS

1. One of the ten commandments was that children should obey and honour their parents. (**Exodus 20:12**) (Also in **Deuteronomy 5:16**) (**Proverbs 1:7-9**)
2. The Apostle Paul teaches the children to obey their parents and gives God's promise to children who are obedient.
(**Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20**)
3. Should the family have prayer and scripture reading together?
(**Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:19-21; Genesis 18:19; Joshua 8:35; 2 Timothy 1:3-5, 3:14-17**)
4. Should the family go to church regularly?
(**Hebrews 10:23-27**)

LESSON FIFTEEN

HOW WE WORSHIP IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

1. Read how reverence was shown in ancient times.
(**Exodus 3:1-8; Joshua 5:13-15**)
2. Read these scriptures on reverence for the Lord.
(**Psalm 89:7; 111: 9-10; Habakkuk 2:20**)
3. We should have reverence for the Lord in the house of the Lord.
(**Leviticus 19:30; Ecclesiastes 5:1**)
See what Jesus did when men were irreverent in the house of God.
(**John 2:13-17**)
4. We should also show respect for the ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ.
(**Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**)
5. Here are Bible promises to those who are reverent.
(**Psalm 31:19, 25:12; Malachi 3:16-18**)