

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What elements make up acceptable worship today? Can the unrighteous worship the Lord?
2. How is the earth full of the loving kindness of the Lord? Could David still say this today with conditions as they are?
3. How is it that the more you hope and wait on the Lord, the more mercy and loving kindness you experience in your life?

SUMMARY:

Carnal man enjoys the handiwork of God in the grandeur of nature, and in its eternal laws, and its vast reservoirs of power that make life easier for him. But he is completely oblivious of God's claims on his loyalty and love. In every area of our lives—physical, mental, emotional and spiritual—God shows His love in the harmony and beauty of His planning for our lives. Of all His mighty acts His moving towards fallen mankind in redemptive love shows mercy and compassion far beyond all human concept and human worth. ^[SoF:4]

NOTES:

^[SoF:1] We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, and is the complete, infallible Word of God.

^[SoF:2] We believe that there is one God who is without beginning or end. ^[SoF:4] We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #12

June 20, 2010

Second Quarter

OUR GREAT GOD

LESSON TEXT: *Psalm 33:1-22*

LESSON SETTING: ?

TIME: ?

- I. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Psalm 33:1-5
 - A. Because His Word is RIGHT. ^[SoF:1] 2 Timothy 3:16
 - B. His Work is done in FAITHFULNESS. Deuteronomy 7:9; 1 Kings 8:56; 1 Corinthians 1:9
 - C. He Loves RIGHTEOUSNESS and JUSTICE. 1 Corinthians 11:32; Romans 2:2
- II. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS POWER.** ^[SoF:2] Psalm 33:6-12
 - A. Perfect Control Over His Creation. 1 Chronicles 29:12; Psalm 104:5-9
 - B. Simplicity of His Power. Genesis 1:3, 6, 9
 - C. Wisdom of His Rule and Overrule. Genesis 11:8; 50:20; Esther 7:10
- III. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS OMNISCIENCE.** ^[SoF:2] Psalm 33:13-22
 - A. He Sees Everything in All the Earth. John 1:48; Revelation 2:18-19
 - B. His Watchfulness and Care of His Own. Daniel 6:22; Acts 5:19-20; 27:23-24
 - C. His Faithfulness to His Family. Psalm 90:1; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 10:13

IV. THE PSALM ENDS WITH BURST OF PRAISE AND PRAYER.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE EYE OF THE LORD IS UPON THEM THAT FEAR HIM, UPON THEM THAT HOPE IN HIS MERCY.* Psalm 33:18

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Psalm 40:1-17

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 37:27-37; Proverbs 20:22;
Isaiah 40:28-31

QUARTERLY THEME: David the King

TOPIC: TRUSTING IN THE LORD

INTRODUCTION:

Into the lives of every person comes moments of despair when he feels that all is lost and there is no way of escape.

Next Sunday's lesson is concerned with the answer of a child of God to just such a situation. It deals with a song that David sang in which he tells of agony (Psalm 40:12), hope and trust (Psalm 40:4-11, 13) and salvation (Psalm 40:1-3).

The lesson title, "TRUSTING IN THE LORD" does not, at first impression, convey the very complex and difficult task one is faced with in teaching this trust to someone who is in need. When two people already have such trust, on the other hand, it is easy to discuss the subject and compare personal experiences.

Use of a Christian's God-given facilities is also necessary in our dealings with others. If someone merely says, "trust in the Lord" instead of extending a helping hand, he is missing the whole point of true Christian living. (Ref. James 2:15-16)

As applies by David, his trust in the Lord was so great that he did not doubt that he would eventually be saved from his moment of despair. The application of such a trusting spirit is possible and expected in the life of each Christian.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Faith in God finds expression in joyful witness to His greatness in salvation. ^[SoF:8]

^[SoF:8] We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

GOLDEN TEXT: *BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT MAKETH THE LORD HIS TRUST.*

Psalm 40:4a

The manifestations of trust in God in the lives of Christians are evident in their actions. If a man has such trust he will not concern himself with his ability to cope with problems of life, whether they be of school, work, physical needs or anything else. He completely yields himself to God.

On the other hand, a Christian living according to God's will is not lazy in the use of his God-given facilities, giving as his excuse, "I'm trusting in the Lord." Each person is expected to devote himself whole-heartedly into finding the solution to his problems and to the using of his strength (God-given) to overcome adversity. Someone once said, "God helps those who help themselves." While this may not always be the case (one must also believe in Him), it does point out that there cannot be much sympathy for someone who just sits and wrings his hands in times of adversity, bemoaning his fate.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF June 21 – 27

- M. The Blessings of Faith. Psalm 34:8-19
- T. *The Object of Faith. Psalm 40:1-17
- W. The Message of Faith. Isaiah 53:1-11
- T. The Persistence of Faith. Matthew 15:21-28
- F. The Promises of Faith. John 14:1-14
- S. The Nature of Faith. Hebrews 11:1-12
- S. The Triumph of Faith. Hebrews 11:32