

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why were the disciples unable to heal the boy of our lesson?
2. How did Jesus deal with unbelief?
3. Was the father expressing faith in asking help for unbelief?
4. What part does faith, prayer and fasting have in bringing the power of God?

SUMMARY:

The failure of the disciples to cast out the dumb spirit from the boy brought doubts and fears to their minds. Jesus showed them defeat, failure and doubt could be changed to victory by faith, prayer and fasting. He demonstrated to them His mighty power over even demons and reminded them their power would be unlimited too, if they would only believe. He told them too, this kind of power necessitates faith, coupled with prayer and fasting. In prayer we learn to obey the leading of the Spirit, and in fasting to deny ourselves for Jesus' sake.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

April 6, 2008

Second Quarter

CHRIST, MASTER OF DEMONS

LESSON TEXT: Mark 9:14-29

LESSON SETTING: Following the transfiguration, Christ approaches His nine remaining disciples and the crowd.

TIME: About 32 A.D.

- I. NEED OF POWER.** Mark 9:14-18
 - A. Satan's Power. Ephesians 6:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:9
 - B. Man's Weakness. John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 3:5
- II. DEMONSTRATION OF POWER.** Mark 9:19-27
 - A. Jesus Rebukes Unbelief. Mark 4:40; John 20:27
 - B. Faith Essential. John 6:28-29; James 1:5-7
 - C. Power Promised. Luke 24:49; John 1:12
 - D. Power Demonstrated. Matthew 9:6; Luke 8:25; Romans 1:4
- III. SECRET OF POWER.** Mark 9:28-29
 - A. Prayer. 1 Chronicles 16:11; Luke 11:9; John 15:7
 - B. Fasting. Matthew 6:17-18; Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:24

GOLDEN TEXT: *ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH.* Mark 9:23

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Exodus 12:1-36; 1 Corinthians 5:7

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 53:5;
Matthew 26:29; John 3:14;
Hebrews 9:22; 10:10-12

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER

INTRODUCTION:

The time had finally arrived in the plan of God for His people to leave the land of Egypt—a land which He had used so many years before for their physical salvation. God not only had to prepare the hearts of the people of Egypt who hated to lose their cheap laborers and their rich flocks, He also had to prepare the hearts of His people who would have chosen the persecution of the Egyptians to an unknown way to which God directed them.

The way in which God accomplished His purpose bears witness to the wonders of His ways. Each of the ten plagues involved one of the many gods which the Egyptians worshipped. This in itself should have shown Pharaoh that his gods were powerless before the living God. Instead it served to harden his heart until the time of the last plague. This one brought permanent sorrow to every house in Egypt, that is every house except those which were equipped through obedience to be exempt from the hand of the death angel.

Each house in which the occupants had, in obedience to God, selected a lamb of the first year without blemish and had sacrificed it to God and had eaten the lamb and had remained inside with loins girt about, was spared the death of their firstborn.

The Bible says that all men had sinned and that the penalty for sin is death. The only way we can escape this death is to appropriate the blood of the Lamb of God in our lives.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The shedding of Christ's blood paid the price of our redemption.

GOLDEN TEXT: *AND ALMOST ALL THINGS ARE BY LAW PURGED WITH BLOOD; AND WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION.*
Hebrews 9:22

In the beginning God made a man in His own image. We know that this is a spiritual image and not a physical one. God placed within the heart of a man a void which He alone can fill. Thus man apart from God lacks something and will never have a real peace. This is born out by the heathen who have never received a formal knowledge of God. They too, know within themselves that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin.

Within the history of civilized people, we also find that recognized need for the blood penalty for the sins of man. The Bible states that there is only one source for permanent remission of sin and that is the blood of Christ. All others are temporary or vain attempts to substitute for it.

The Bible further states that sinful man has forfeited his life through transgression of the knowledge of good and evil which God has also placed within the heart of man. Fortunately all may gain access to the throne of grace through the one acceptable sacrifice, the blood of Christ. Whether or not this remission of sin applies in a given life depends on two things. First, on whether a man or woman seeks God with all the lies within them, and second on whether they act upon the light which God provides those who seek Him.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 7 – 13

M. Deliverance Suggested. Exodus 8:25-32

T. Deliverance Commanded. Exodus 9:13-26

W. Deliverance Delayed. Exodus 10:3-15

T. Deliverance Assured. Exodus 11:1-10

F. *Deliverance Anticipated. Exodus 12:1-26

S. *Deliverance Through the Blood. Exodus 12:21-30

S. *Deliverance Realized. Exodus 12:31-36; 1 Corinthians 5:7