

P.O. Box 142115 Austin, Texas 78714-2115 (512) 554-7562 (512) 928-1654 Pastor Eddie E. Willis, Sr.

Sunday School Lessons April 3, 2022

## **ADULTS**

## **Highway to Heaven**

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: Isaiah 35: 8

Scripture Lesson: St. Luke 6: 20 - 36 (cf. St. Matthew 5: 3 - 12)

Subject: BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT: FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

(St. Matthew 5: 3)KJV

Text: Psalm 34: 15 - 22 (cf. Isaiah 57: 15) nigh unto them of broken heart and contrite spirit.

Introduction: I Corinthians 1: 26 – 31 (cf. James 2: 5)

## Lesson Outline

There is a poor-spiritedness that is far from blessed; it is sin, a snare, cowardliness and fear. To be poor in spirit is to be contently poor; willing to empty of worldly wealth, if God has ordained that for your life. Many are poor in this world, but high in spirit: poor and proud. We must know how to be abased, Philippians 4: 12-13. It is "to wear the world as a loose garment" and not set our hearts on worldly wealth: remember Lot's wife, St. Luke 17: 32 - 36. It does not mean to throw away what God has given us, but if we be rich in this world, we must be poor in spirit, Romans 12: 16, and to observe the charge not to be high-minded, I Timothy 6: 17 - 19. "The Low Road is the best road." To be poor in spirit, no matter our possessions, and keep a level head, no matter our consequences, Hebrews 10: 32 - 34. Job was poor in spirit when he blessed God in taking away as well as in giving, Job 1: 20 - 22. To be poor in spirit is to be humble and lowly in our own eyes of what we are or have, or do. It is to be as little children in our opinion of ourselves, St. Matthew 18: 1-4. The Apostle Paul was rich spiritually, excelling in gifts and grace; yet poor in spirit and considered himself the least of the Apostles, I Corinthians 15: 9, and less than the least of all saints, Ephesians 3: 8. To be poor in spirit is to make yourself all things to all men, I Corinthians 9: 19 - 23. To be poor in spirit is to acknowledge that God is great, and we are wretched, Romans 7: 24 - 25; that He is the potter, and we are the clay, Isaiah 64: 6-8, that God is holy, and we are sinful, Romans 7: 18. To be poor in spirit is to not put confidence in our own righteousness and strength, II Corinthians 12: 8 - 10, for when we are weak, He is strong. To be poor in spirit is to have no confidence in the flesh, Philippians 3: 3. To have that broken and contrite spirit with which the publican cried for mercy for a poor sinner, St. Luke 18: 9-14, is to be poor in spirit. We must all reckon ourselves poor because we are always in want of God's mercy and grace to sustain us, Colossians 1: 16-17, and unless the branch abide in the vine, it has not life in it, St. John 15: 4-5. Those who are weary and heavy laden are poor in spirit, and shall find rest and renewed strength in Christ, Isaiah 40: 28 - 31. The World's philosophy values high-mindedness, among their highest virtues; however, Christ puts poor in spirit or clothed in humility as a foundation of all other graces and blessedness, on the Highway to Heaven.

Sunday School Lessons Page 2

**BABES** 

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 7: 22 – 25

Subject: THE WORLD HAS NOT KNOWN THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE NAME THROUGH WHICH THE LOST ARE SAVED: THEY MUST CALL UPON THIS NAME TO BE SAVED, OR KEPT, OR HEALED, BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST.

TEXT: Acts 4: 12 Introduction: I Timothy 2: 1 – 6

Lesson Outline

1. Acts 2: 15 – 21

2. Romans 10: 8 - 13

3. Acts 3: 1-20

4. Acts 4: 1 − 12

5. Colossians 3: 1 - 17

**YOUNG ADULTS** 

Scripture Lesson: Romans 5: 12

Subject: THE NATURE OF SIN. Romans 6: 23

Text: St. John 8: 44 Introduction: Psalm 51: 1 – 5 conceived in sin

Lesson Outline

1. Ephesians 2: 1 - 5 Sinners by Nature

4. Romans 8: 1-4 liberty from the nature of sin

2. Romans 7: 7 - 9 the problem of indwelling sin

5. I Peter 4: 1 - 8 Good stewards of God's grace

3. Romans 7: 16 - 24 the struggle of two natures

**UNSAVED TEENS** 

Scripture Lesson: St. John 3: 1 - 21 (The Change of a Sinner into a Saint)

Subject: THE MIRACLE OF THE NEW BIRTH

Text: Colossians 1: 26 – 27 Introduction: Colossians 1: 12 – 14

Lesson Outline

1. St. John 14: 16 – 27

3. II Corinthians 5: 17

2. I John 2: 5 – 10

4. I John 3: 1 − 10

**UNSAVED JUNIORS** 

Scripture Lesson: St. Mark 16: 15

Subject: THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD. I Corinthians 1:18

Text: Acts 7:51-60 Introduction: Isaiah 52:7

Lesson Outline

1. Ephesians 6: 15 3. St. Mark 6: 11

2. II Timothy 4: 2 4. I Corinthians 1: 21 5. Romans 10: 14