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### **Highway to Heaven**

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: Acts 3: 22 – 26 God sent his son Jesus to bless you

Scripture Lesson: James 4: 1-9 Be afflicted, and mourn and weep for your sins

Subject: BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN: FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

(St. Matthew 5: 4) KJV

Text: St. Matthew 12: 38 – 45 Adulterous means unfaithful to God, spiritual Adultery

Introduction: Hosea 1: 2-3; 2: 5 take a wife of whoredoms, depicting departing from the LORD.

#### Lesson Outline

Those who mourn for their sin shall be comforted in confession. Those who mourn for the human anguish of the lost shall be comforted in the compassion of God. (II Corinthians 7: 8 - 11) A Godly sorrow or, repentance mourning for our sins. (St. Luke 15: 11 - 21) (Genesis 39: 1 - 9) A Godly sorrow is living a life of repentance and mourning also for the sins of others. There is also a sympathizing mourning for afflictions of others, (Romans 12: 15) where we weep with those that do weep. There is a mourning **compassion** we should have for perishing souls (II Corinthian 1: 3 - 4) (1 John 3: 17) (St. Matthew 9: 35 - 38) (St. Mark 9: 17 - 29). Too often the Church does not have the right mourning compassion for the lost. (St. Mark 10: 13 - 16) (St. Mar

There is a natural mourning, a human emotion when our feelings are overwhelmed and along with tears are a release valve. We are not to sorrow like others that have no hope, yet we do mourn. The Lord is near those of a contrite and broken heart and pities all our groans and is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

There is a Sinful mourning which is the enemy of blessedness – the sorrow of the world - which worketh death (II Corinthians 7: 10) The difference between a Godly sorrow and a worldly sorrow; a Godly sorrow reveres failing God and acknowledges our sins and our willingness to change. A worldly sorrow is concerned with self, ashamed that they got caught and sorrowful for what it will cost their reputation. Whereas God's mourners live a life of repentance out of a reverence for God's honor and holiness and are blessed and comforted. However, in vain are the worldly mourners who have a sinful laughter, yet the heart is still sorrowful: (**Proverbs 14: 12 – 13**). The gracious mourners shall be comforted perfectly and eternally as Lazarus was, (St. Luke 16: 25). The gracious mourners who sorrow after a Godly sort, bring about a supreme blessedness (**II Corinthians 7: 11**). The sorrow of the world worketh death as in Judas' case, who repented that he was found out and went and hanged himself. (St. Matthew 27: 3 – 5). The Gracious Mourners shall be perfectly and eternally comforted (Revelation 21: 1 – 4). And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

### **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

2. I John 2: 5 - 10

3. II Corinthians 5: 17

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

2. II Timothy 4: 2

3. St. Mark 6: 11

4. I Corinthians 1: 21

5. Romans 10: 14