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Highway to Heaven

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: II Timothy 2: 10 - 12 if we suffer, we will reign

Scripture Lesson: St. Matthew 5: 10 - 12 The beatitudes are a Highway to Happiness & Holiness

Subject: BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE: FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. (St. Matthew 5: 10) KJV

Text: I Peter 3: 13 - 18 if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye

Introduction: Philippians 1: 28 - 30 not only to believe but to suffer for his sake.

Lesson Outline

- 1. I Peter 4: 12 19 not only to be expected but Rejoiced (cf. Hebrews 12: 1 4) the Joy before him.
- 2. Acts 7: 51 52 which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? (cf. Jeremiah 26: 11 15, 23 24)
- 3. Acts 5: 38 42 not only to accept as common but rejoice
- 4. II Corinthians 4: 6 19 The walk of Death by faith; a Highway to Heaven
- 5. II Corinthians 11: 21 28 Apostle Paul proves he had been an extra ordinary sufferer.

This is the greatest paradox of all and peculiar to Christianity and certain (II Timothy 3: 10 - 12). The Saints are persecuted, hunted, pursued, run down, as harmful vile beast that are hounded to be destroyed, they are abandoned as the offscouring of all things (I Corinthians 4: 9 - 14) (cf. Hebrews 10: 32 - 39, St. Matthew 5: 43 - 48, Colossians 1: 27 - 29). They are reviled yet revile not again (I Peter 2: 23) and have all manner of evil said against them falsely (St. Matthew 5: 10 - 11). Nicknames, and names of reproach, are fastened upon them, often to make them more hideous so that they will more infamously be assaulted. No marvel for this is a scheme that Satan uses for people to justify themselves in the barbarous abuse of the saints (Ephesians 6: 12). Reviling the saints is persecuting them, and their harsh speeches will have to be accounted for (Jude 14 - 15), as well as their cruel mocking (Hebrews 11: 36 - 40). There are no evil or horrible expressions that at one time or another has not been said falsely of Christ's disciples and the saints. Those persecuted for righteousness' sake are the only ones that are blessed not those suffering justly because of evil they have done. For it is not in the suffering, we all suffer, but it's the cause and purpose, that makes the martyr. The saints that suffer for righteousness' sake are blessed but will receive evil things presently but afterwards will be comforted for eternity (St. Luke 16: 24 - 25). They are blessed for it is an honor to them and an opportunity to glorify Christ and receiving special comforting grace being approved of God. It is not enough to be patient and content under these sufferings, but we must rejoice.

Sunday School Lessons Page 2

YOUNG ADULTS

Scripture Lesson: St. Luke 1:67 - 80

Subject: FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, AND HOLINESS, WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD. (Hebrews 12: 14)

Text: I Peter 1: 15 – 16

Introduction: Romans 12: 1-2

Lesson Outline

- 1. Colossians 1: 12 22 (v. 22)
- 2. Ephesians 2: 1 21 (v. 21)
- 3. I Corinthians 6: 16 20 (v. 19)

4. I Timothy 2: 1 - 15 (vv. 8 - 9)

BABES

Scripture Lesson: Romans 6: 1 - 33 / Colossians 1: 25 - 29

AFTER A CHRISTIAN IS SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD, THEY MUST CONTINUE Subject: TO PUT AWAY FAULTS AND ERRORS, MISTAKES AND UNWILFUL SINS FROM OUT OF THEIR LIVES UNTIL JESUS CHRIST MAKE YOU PERFECT ON EARTH.

Lesson Outline

Text: II Corinthians 5: 17

- 1. Ephesians 1:3 13
- 2. Philippians 2:1-6
- 3. Hebrews 12:1 3
- 4. Colossians 3:1-14

UNSAVED TEENS

Scripture Lesson: Romans 5:6-10

Subject: FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM. (II Corinthians 5: 21)

Text: St. John 3:16 – 17			Introduction: I Peter 2: $21 - 25$
		Lesson Outline	
1.	Romans 4: 1 – 15		3. Titus 3: 1 − 7
2.	Romans 4: 16 – 25		4. Romans 10: 8 – 15

UNSAVED JUNIORS

Scripture Lesson: St. Matthew 7: 13 - 14

Subject: NO MAN, WOMAN, BOY OR GIRL CAN SEE JESUS CHRIST IN PEACE EXCEPT THEY FIND HIS WAY OF HOLINESS IN THIS WORLD.

Text: I Peter 1:15 – 16

Lesson Outline

Introduction: Hebrews 12:6 - 14

1. I Thessalonians 2:9-13

2. Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

3. II Corinthians 7: 1-4

4. Romans 6: 17 – 22

5. Romans 14: 17 (v. 17)

Introduction: I Peter 2: 1 - 12

5. Ephesians 4:17 - 329. Romans 12:1 – 2 6. Ephesians 5:1-1210. Hebrews 13:20 – 21 7. I Thessalonians 3:8 - 138. I John 3:4-10