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QUESTIONS

1. In whose image was man created? , 27.

Gen. 1:26

2. How was man created? What was given him? .

Gen. 2:7

- 3. Was this "breath of life" limited to man alone? , 22; Eccl. 3:19. Gen. 7:21
- **4.** To what was man given free access? , 17.

Gen. 2:16

- **5.** From what did sin separate him? Why was he shut away from the tree of life? . Note 1. *Gen.* 3:22-24
- **6.** What is man by nature? Job 4:17; .

Rom. 5:12

- 7. To what is his life compared? James 4:14.
- 8. Who only has immortality? 1, 16; 1:17. Note 2.

Tim. 6:15

 ${f 9.}$ How has immortality been brought within the reach of man? 2 , 10.

Tim. 1:9

10. What is necessary on the part of man to obtain immortality? , 7.

Rom. 2:6

11. When will it be received? 1. Note 3.

Cor. 15:51-53

12. What was the mission of Christ to this earth? John 10:10. Note 4.

13. Who only have eternal life? John 3:36.

14.To whom must we come for life? John 5:40; 6:68.

15. What is this eternal life called in?

Rom. 6:23

16In the immortal state, to what will man again have free access?; 22:14.

Rev. 2:7

QUESTIONS

NOTES

April 8, 1905

April 15, 1905

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April 29, 1905

Note—From the Scripture studied in previous lessons, it is very clear that man is mortal. Being shut away from the tree of life, and alienated from the life of God, his only hope rests in the resurrection of the dead, and the gift of immortality when the Life-giver comes. This is the united testimony of the Bible. There are a few texts, however, which, to the casual student, may seem to conflict with the general tenor of inspiration. One lesson is devoted to a study of a few of these texts, that the complete harmony of the Word may be clearly seen.

That he was not with Christ the day he was crucified is apparent for several reasons. (1) Jesus did not ascend to Paradise that day (John 20:19). (2) There is no probability that the thief died that day, for Pilate marveled that Jesus was so soon dead (Mark 15:43, 44), and the legs of the thieves were broken for the purpose evidently that they might not escape when taken from the cross, which would have been unnecessary if they had been already dead. An error in punctuation which appears in the text, placing the comma before, instead of after, the word "to-day," is responsible for

any apparent contradiction of other scriptures. Properly punctuated, the text would read as follows: "Verily I say unto thee to-day, thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." The following excellent note, taken from Rotherham's translation of the New Testament, in favor of this punctuation, makes the matter clear: "It is left for the reader to determine whether the words 'this day' should be joined (a) with the former part of the sentence, or (b) with the latter. In favor of (a) may be urged: (1) The fact that semeron, 'this day,' does not always stand first in the clause to which it belongs (see Luke 2:11; 5:26; 22:34; Acts 20:26; 22:3; 24:21; 26:29); (2) that being essentially a demonstrative word, it will bear any reasonable stress which may be laid upon it, whether it be placed before or after the words which it qualifies; (3) that it is far from meaningless if regarded as belonging to the opening words of asservation, 'Thou dost ask to be remembered then; verily thou art assured now. As on this day of My weakness and shame, thou hast faith to ask, I this day have authority to answer; (4) that the latter part of the verse is thus left free to refer to the very matter of the supplicant's request, 'Thou dost ask to be remembered when I come in My kingdom; thou shalt be remembered then, and with distinguished favor; thou shalt be in My kingdom; shalt be with Me in the very Paradise of My kingdom, in the garden of the Lord."

That which the fire did not consume, the worm would seize upon and devour. The figure here used is borrowed from Isa. 51:6-8; 66:24. Dr. Boothroyd translates Isa. 51:6-8 as follows:—

"Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die like an insect; but My salvation shall be forever, and My righteousness shall not be abolished. Fear ye not the reproach of men, and be not afraid of their revilings, for the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool, but My righteousness shall be forever, and My salvation from generation to generation." The figure here used denotes complete destruction and extinction of being.

May 6, 1905

May 13, 1905

May 20, 1905

May 27, 1905

June 3, 1905

June 10, 1905

June 17, 1905

June 24, 1905

Note—Study carefully in connection with this lesson, chapters 71 and 72 in "Desire of Ages."

The State of the Dead April 8, 1905

QUESTIONS

1. What question is asked concerning those who are dead? Job 14:10.

2. What answer is given? .

Verse 12

3. What did the Lord say would be the result of transgression? . *Gen. 2:17*

4. Who disputed this statement? What did he say? . Note 1. *Gen. 3:1-4*

5. What word is used in the Bible to describe death? 1; John 11:11-14; 1 Cor. 15:6.

Thess. 4:13

6. Have the dead a knowledge of God? .

Ps. 6:5

7. How completely has their knowledge perished?, 6, 10; Job 14:21.

Eccl. 9:5

8. What is said concerning the thoughts of those who are dead? , 4.

Ps. 146:3

9. Who alone can praise the Lord?; Isa. 38:17-19.

Ps. 115:17

10.What does the Scripture say concerning the death of David? Acts 2:29, 34; 13:36.

11. What is said concerning faithful Abraham? . Note 2.

Gen. 25:8

12. What did the Saviour say concerning Lazarus? John 11:11-14.

13 How is the process of dissolution described? . Note 3.

Eccl. 12:7

14 Is the death which is the lot of man different from that which befalls other living creatures? , 20. Eccl. 3:19

15.Under whose dominion are the dead held?; John 5:28, 29. Jer. 31:15-17

16. When will the righteous be gathered home? John 14:1-3; . Matt. 24:31

Resurrection April 15, 1905

QUESTIONS

1. Who has the key to the grave? . Note 1.

Rev. 1:18

- **2.** What precious promise is made to those who sleep in the grave? ; Isa. 26:19. *Hos.* 13:14
- **3.** How certain is the resurrection? 1 . Without a resurrection, what would be the sad condition of the righteous dead? Verses 17, 18. *Cor.* 15:13-16
- **4.** How did Christ comfort Mary concerning Lazarus? John 11:23, 24. What does He proclaim Himself to be? . *Verse 25*
- **5.** How many will hear His voice? John 5:28, 29.
- **6.** How many general resurrections are brought to view in the Word? Luke 14:13, 14; Acts 24:14, 15; . Note 2. *Rev. 20:5*
- 7. What period of time will elapse between these two resurrections? .

Rev. 20:5

- **8.** When will the righteous dead be raised? 1 . Thess. 4:13-16
- **9.** With what body will they come forth? 1 , 51-54. *Cor.* 15:42-44
- **10.**After what will it be fashioned? , 21. Note 3. Phil. 3:20
- ${f 11.}$ Who will gather them into the garner of heaven? , 31. Note 4.

Matt. 24:30

- **12.**With what are those who mourn to be comforted? 1; Jer. 31:15-17; Matt. 2:16-18.
- 13. When will the wicked be raised? , 7, 8.

Rev. 20:5

14.With what bodies are they raised? Note 5.

15. When the righteous saints awake, what will they do?; 1 Cor. 15:55.

Isa. 26:19

16. What will be their happy condition? .

Ps. 17:15

Destiny of the WickedApril 22, 1905

QUESTIONS

- **1.** What question is asked concerning the wicked? 1 Peter 4:17.
- **2.** Whose names only are retained in the book of life? ; 13:8. *Rev.* 3:5
- **3.** What is the sad condition of those not found in the book of life? , 12; 4:18. Note 1. Eph. 2:11
- **4.** Being severed from the life of God, can the wicked live forever? John 3:36; 1 John 5:12.
- **5.** To what are they compared? Nahum 1:10.
- **6.** What is decreed concerning the finally incorrigible? ; 33:12, 13; Rom. 6:23.
- 7. What example is left us of their destruction? 2 Peter 2:6; Jude 7. Note 2.
- **8.** Has a place been provided for sin in the future state? , 10. *Ps. 37:9*
- **9.** What connected with the sanctuary services prefigures their destruction? , 27-35; Ps. 37:20. Note 3. *Lev. 4:1-12*
- 10 Are the wicked now receiving their reward? 2 Peter 3:7; Job 21:29, 30.
- **11.**When will they be punished?; 25:41-46. Note 4. *Matt.* 13:40-42
- **12.**Where will their reward be meted out?; Rev. 20:9. *Prov.* 11:31
- **13.**How complete will be their destruction? , 3; Obadiah 16. *Mal. 4:1*
- **14.**How entirely will the curse be removed? 2 Peter 3:10-12; . Rev. 22:3
- **15.**Will sin ever appear again? Nahum 1:9; . Prov. 10:25

16.What will come forth from the cleansing fires of the last day? 2 Peter 3:13.

17. Where will the righteous appear?; 5:5.

Matt. 13:43

18. What universal song of praise will be sung? . Note 5.

Rev. 5:13

5 Some Questions Considered April 29, 1905

Note—From the Scripture studied in previous lessons, it is very clear that man is mortal. Being shut away from the tree of life, and alienated from the life of God, his only hope rests in the resurrection of the dead, and the gift of immortality when the Life-giver comes. This is the united testimony of the Bible. There are a few texts, however, which, to the casual student, may seem to conflict with the general tenor of inspiration. One lesson is devoted to a study of a few of these texts, that the complete harmony of the Word may be clearly seen.

QUESTIONS

- **1.** What request did the thief make on the cross? When did he ask to be remembered? Luke 23:42.
- 2. What reply did Jesus make? .

Verse 43

3. When will Jesus come in His kingdom? .

Matt. 25:31

4. When will the saints enter the kingdom?; 24:30, 31. Note 1.

Matt. 13:40-43

- **5.** What is said of the fire which consumes the wicked? , 12. *Matt.* 3:11
- **6.** Must a fire which is unquenchable necessarily burn forever? . Note 2. Jer.~17:27
- **7.** What other figure is used to denote the extinction of the wicked? Mark 9:43-48. Note 3.
- **8.** Into what kind of punishment will the wicked go? .

Matt. 25:46

9. What is the reward of sin? . Note 4.

Rom. 6:23

10. For whom was the lake of fire originally prepared? .

Matt. 25:41

11.How will it be kindled? What will be its effect upon the wicked? , 10. Note 5.

12. To whom does the spirit return at death? . Note 6.

Eccl. 12:7

13 Does the fact that Elijah appeared on the mount of transfiguration denote a conscious existence in death? Note 7. *Matt.* 17:1-9

6 Ministration of Good Angels May 6, 1905

QUESTIONS

1. How early are angels mentioned in the Bible? . Gen. 3:24

2. Did they exist before man was created? Job 38:4-7. Note 1.

3. Are they real beings? , 2, 9; 19:1-3; Num. 22:22-31. *Gen. 18:1*

4. What is the office of these holy beings?; Ps. 91:10, 11. *Heb.* 1:14

5. What is said in reference to their presence? . *Ps. 34:7*

6. What concerning their number?; Ps. 68:17; Heb. 12:22. *Rev. 5:11*

7. What is said concerning their power?; Isa. 37:36; Matt. 28:2-4.

Ps. 103:20

 $\boldsymbol{8.}\,$ How much interest have they in our salvation? ; Luke 15:10. Note 2.

Matt. 18:10

10. When Daniel was in the lions' den, who came to his rescue? . Dan. 6:22

11.When Elijah fled in discouragement from Jezebel, who visited him? 1 Kings 19:7, 8.

12.Who delivered Peter from the Roman prison? Acts 12:5-11.

13.Who executes God's judgments upon the wicked? . Verses 21-23

14.Do the angels hear our vows? , 6. Eccl. 5:5

15. Will they be present in the investigative judgment? , 10. Note 3. Dan. 7:9

16. How many angels will attend the Saviour when He comes? . *Matt. 25:31*

 $\boldsymbol{17.} What will be their work at this time? , 31; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.$ <math display="inline">Matt. 24:30

7 The Fallen Angels and Their Work

May 13, 1905

QUESTIONS

- **1.** Through whom is victory assured over the hosts of darkness? 1; John 16:33.

 Cor. 15:57
- 2. What controversy did the prophet see take place in heaven? .Rev. 12:7-9
- **3.** For what reason were some of the angels expelled from heaven? 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6.
- **4.** Who led these angels in their revolt? .

Matt. 25:41

- 5. Was Satan ever in the truth? John 8:44.
- 6. From whence did he fall? Luke 10:18; .

Isa. 14:12

- 7. What exalted position did he occupy in heaven? . Note 1. Eze. 28:14-16
- **8.** To what place were Satan and his angels cast out? Job 1:7; 2:2; .

Rev. 12:9

9. How did he begin his work? With what result? . Note 2.

Gen. 3:1-7

10 Against what must all now fight?; 1 Peter 5:8, 9.

Eph. 6:10-13

- 11.What will be the culmination of the deceptive work of these fallen angels? , 14. Rev. 16:13
- 12.Will God's people be delivered from this deceptive power in the last days? . $Matt.\ 24:24$

- **13.**How completely do these fallen angels control those who yield to their influence? Luke 4:33, 35, 41; . *Matt.* 8:28-33
- **14** Into what may these angels transform themselves? 2. *Cor.* 11:14
- 15. What are we bidden to do? 1 John 4:1.
- **16**.By what are we to test the spirits? ; Matt. 7:15-20. *Isa.* 8:20
- **17.**What will be the final end of Satan and his evil host?; Eze. 28:18, 19; Heb. 2:14.

 Matt. 25:41

8 Spiritualism May 20, 1905

QUESTIONS

1. To what will many seek in the last days? 1; Isa. 8:19. Tim. 4:1

2. What name is given to this so-called communication with the dead?-Spiritualism or Spiritism. Note 1.

3. Can the dead communicate with the living? , 6; Job 14:20, 21. *Eccl. 9:5*

4. What deceptive agency is at work? 2; Rev. 16:14. Note 2. *Cor.* 11:14

5. How will the truth be resisted in the last days? 2 . Note 3. *Tim. 3:8*

6. To what are the miracles of this last day delusion to be attributed? .

Rev. 16:14

7. Was Spiritualism seen in ancient times?.

Lev. 19:31

8. How did the Lord regard those who allied themselves with it? . Lev. 20:6

9. What severe penalty was executed against spirit mediums, or those who had familiar spirits?; Deut. 18:10-12.

Lev. 20:27

 ${f 10.}$ With what is this work classed by Paul? .

Gal. 5:19-21

11. When Saul turned away from God, to whom did he go? 1 . Sam. 28:6-11

 ${f 12.}$ Give an account of this ancient spiritualistic seance. . Note 4.

Verses 11-20

13. How did the Lord regard this? 1, 14.

Chron. 10:13

14 How is the manner of Satan's working at the time of the coming of Christ described? 2 . Note 5.

Thess. 2:8-10

15.Wherein is our only safety? Acts 20:29-32; .

Ps. 119:105

The Holy Spirit May 27, 1905

QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus promise to send when He went away? John 16:7.

2. What is Its work? ; John 14:26. Note 1.

Verse 8

3. What is the agent used in conversion? , 27; John 3:1-8.

Eze. 36:26

4. What is the condition of those who are without the Holy Spirit? .

Rom. 8:6-9

5. How is God's willingness to give the Holy Spirit expressed? Luke 11:13.

6. For what did David pray? , 12.

Ps. 51:11

7. What were the disciples bidden to do? Luke 24:49.

8. How long did they wait? Acts 2:1-4. Note 2.

9. What marvelous manifestations were seen as a result? .

Verses 5-11, 37-43

10.Of what was this a fulfilment?; Joel 2:28, 29.

Verses 12-21

11.Will there be another such season of spiritual refreshing? Joel 2:23.

12. What comes with the endowment of the Holy Spirit? Acts 1:8; .

Eph. 3:16

13 Name the fruits of the Spirit., 23.

Gal. 5:22

 ${f 14.}$ What admonition is given? .

Eph. 4:30

The Gifts of the Spirit June 3, 1905

QUESTIONS

- **1.** Concerning what are we admonished to not be ignorant? 1 . *Cor.* 12:1
- **2.** What did the Lord give to men when He ascended? . *Eph. 4:8*
- **3.** Where did He place these gifts? 1. *Cor.* 12:28
- **4.** Will these gifts ever cease? 1.
- **5.** When will they cease? . *Verses 9, 10*
- **6.** Are all the gifts of the Spirit the same? 1. *Cor.* 12:4-6
- **7.** Name these gifts. 1; Eph. 4:11. *Cor.* 12:8-10
- **8.** How will these gifts affect the church? . Eph. 4:11-16
- **9.** To what is the church, with all these gifts doing their work, compared?

 1.

 Cor. 12:22-27
- **10**. Does the Bible recognize any difference in these gifts? 1 . *Cor. 12:31*
- **11.**What is a most important gift? 1 , 39. Note 1. Cor. 14:1
- **12.**Whom is the gift of prophecy especially to benefit? 1 . Cor. 14:22
- **13.**What will be poured out upon the people of God in the last days? Acts 2:17, 18.
- **14.**How far does this promise extend? . *Verses 38, 39*
- **15.**What is to be confirmed in the church before the coming of the Lord? 1, 7. Note 2.
- **16.**What caution is given the church? 1 . Thess. 5:20

The Gift of Prophecy June 10, 1905

QUESTIONS

1. How did the Lord communicate with man before the fall? . *Gen. 3:9*

2. How has He communicated with man since the fall? , 2. *Heb. 1:1*

3. How does the Lord reveal Himself to those who have the prophetic gift? . *Num.* 12:6

4. Against what are we cautioned?; Matt. 24:24. Note 1. Deut. 13:1-3

5. How may we distinguish the true from the false? . *Matt.* 7:16-20

6. According to what will a true prophet speak? . Isa. 8:20

7. What is the condition of a true prophet in vision?, 16; Dan. 10:8-11, 16, 17. Note 2.

Num. 24:4

8. How did the prophets of old speak? 2 Peter 1:20, 21.

9. How did they communicate to the people that which was revealed unto them?; Jer. 51:60, 61.

Dan. 7:1

10. When there is no vision, how are the people affected?; Lam. 2:9.

Prov. 29:18

11.To whom did Israel anciently go for counsel? Judges 4:4, 5.

12. What signs will follow believers till the end? Mark 16:17, 18.

13.Will there be an exercise of the prophetic gift in the last days? Joel 2:28, 29.

14.Were there prophets in the early church? Acts 11:27, 28; 13:1; 21:8, 9.

- **15.**Will the gift of prophecy be in the remnant church? ; 19:10. Note 3. $Rev.\ 12:17$
- 16.What cheering promise is made to those who believe the Lord's prophets? 2 . Chron. 20:20

The Lord's Supper and June 24, 1905 Ordinance of Humility

Note—Study carefully in connection with this lesson, chapters 71 and 72 in "Desire of Ages."

QUESTIONS

1. How many of the disciples were present at the Passover supper? .

Matt. 26:20

2. Concerning what were they contending? Luke 22:24. Note 1.

3. To teach them how to be truly great, what did Jesus do? John 13:4, 5. Note 2.

4. What remonstrance did Peter make? What did Jesus say? . Verse 8

5. How did His words affect Peter? . Verse 9

6. When He had finished washing their feet, what question did He ask? .

Verse 12

7. What did He say we should do? . Verses 13, 14

8. What had He given them? . Verse 15

9. How may we receive the blessing? . Note 3. *Verses 16, 17*

 ${f 10}$ Following this solemn ordinance, what did Jesus do? . Note 4.

Matt. 26:26-29

11.What is said concerning the bread? 1, 24. Cor. 11:23

12.What does the wine represent? 1 . Cor. 11:25

13.Of what great future event is it also a pledge? 1 . Cor. 11:26

14.Ought fermented bread and wine to be used?; 1 Cor. 5:6-8. Note 5.

Ex. 23:18

15. What personal work should be done? 1, 28.

Cor. 11:27