

Lesson 5: Our Great Need

Memory Verse: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

I. The Result of Disobedience

1. What did God say would happen if they disobeyed? Read Genesis 2:16,17.

2. What lie did Satan tell Eve? Genesis 3:4

3. Read Genesis 3:19. Who was right? circle one: SATAN GOD

4. What are the wages of sin? Romans 6:23 _____

5. How many have sinned? Romans 3:23 _____

Note: "Man was **originally endowed with noble powers and a well-balanced mind**. He was **perfect in his being**, and **in harmony with God**. His thoughts were pure, his aims holy. But through disobedience, his powers were perverted, and **selfishness took the place of love**. His nature became so **weakened** through transgression that it was **impossible** for him, in his own strength, to resist the power of evil. He was made captive by Satan, and would have remained so forever had not God specially interposed. It was the **tempter's purpose** to thwart the divine plan in man's creation, and fill the earth with woe and desolation." SC 17.1

6. Are we able to do good on our own? Jeremiah 13:23 YES NO

Note: "It is impossible for us, of ourselves, to escape from the pit of sin in which we are sunken. **Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them**. 'Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.' 'The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.' Job 14:4; Romans 8:7. Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. **They may produce an outward correctness of behavior, but they cannot change the heart; they cannot purify the springs of life**. There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. **That power is Christ**. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness." SC 18.1

7. What is the condition of our hearts? Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is _____
above all things, and _____: who can know it?"

8. How good is our righteousness? Isaiah 64:6 circle one:

a. pretty good! b. like filthy rags c. very good d. like fine linen

Note: "The law of God is as holy as He is holy, as perfect as He is perfect. It presents to men the righteousness of God. It is impossible for man, **of himself**, to keep this law; for the nature of man is depraved, deformed, and wholly unlike the character of God. **The works of the selfish heart** are 'as an unclean thing;' and 'all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.' Isaiah 64:6." MB 54.1

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II. SIN

9. Who will enter heaven? Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that _____ his _____, that they may have right to the _____ of life, and may _____ in through the gates into the _____."

10. Who will be outside heaven? Revelation 22:15 Circle the right ones:
a. Obedient b. Disobedient c. Liars d. Sinners
e. Murderers f. Those who say they are Christians but don't obey God's Law

11. What does 1 John 1:8 say about us if we do not admit that we have sinned?
We _____ ourselves and the _____ is _____ in us.
What does 1 John 2:4 tell us we are if the truth is not in us? We are _____

12. What is sin? 1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the _____ of the _____."
Transgression means Disobedience, so sin is _____ of God's _____.

13. How else does the Bible describe sin? 1 John 5:17
"All _____ is sin."

Note: If A=B, and B=C; then A=C. So ...

If Unrighteousness = Sin,

And Sin = Disobedience of God's Law,

Then Unrighteousness = _____ of _____

14. What else does the Bible say about sin? Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned and come _____ of the _____ of God"

15. What is the glory of God?

In Exodus 33:18 Moses said to God, "I beseech Thee, shew me Thy _____."

What was God's answer in verse 19? "I will make all my _____ pass before thee, and I will _____ the _____ of the Lord before thee; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."

What did God proclaim to Moses? Exodus 34:6

"The Lord, the Lord God, _____ and _____, _____, and abundant in _____ and _____."

Merciful, Gracious, Longsuffering, Goodness, and Truth all describe God's character.

This is the **glory** of God. So the glory of God is His _____.

16. What does it mean to come short of the glory of God? (see #14,15)

Not measuring up to God's _____ is coming short of the _____ of God.

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17. What does James say about sin? James 4:17 "Therefore to him that _____ to do _____ and doeth it _____, to him it is sin."

III. Review

18. Who will not be allowed in heaven? Revelation 22:15 Circle the right ones:

- a. Obedient b. Disobedient c. Liars d. Sinners
e. Murderers f. Those who say they are Christians but don't obey God's Law

19. Who only is allowed in heaven? Revelation 22:14 the O _____

20. How many have sinned? Romans 3:23 _____

21. What does sin bring? Romans 6:23 _____

22. We are all stuck and we need help!!

IV. God's Excellent Plan for our Helpless Condition!

23. What did God do to save us from sin and death? John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he _____ his only begotten _____, that whosoever _____ in him should not _____, but have everlasting life."

Note: "The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a **love stronger than death**. In giving up His Son, He has **poured out to us all heaven in one gift**. The Saviour's life and death and intercession, the ministry of angels, the pleading of the Spirit, the Father working above and through all, the unceasing interest of heavenly beings, – **all are enlisted in behalf of man's redemption**."

SC 21.2

24. Why did Jesus give Himself for us? Titus 2:13,14

So that He might _____ us from all _____

So that He would _____ unto Himself a _____ people who are _____ of _____ works

To give us a blessed _____ [if we co-operate with His Plan]

Note: "Oh, let us **contemplate the amazing sacrifice** that has been made for us! Let us try to **appreciate the labor and energy that Heaven is expending to reclaim the lost**, and bring them back to the Father's house. Motives stronger, and agencies more powerful, could never be brought into operation; the **exceeding rewards** for right-doing, the enjoyment of heaven, the society of the angels, the **communion and love of God and His Son**, the **elevation and extension of all our powers** throughout eternal ages -- are these not mighty incentives and encouragements to **urge us to give the heart's loving service to our Creator and Redeemer?**" SC 21.3

"Shall we not regard the mercy of God? **What more could He do?**

Let us place ourselves **in right relation** to Him who has loved us with amazing love.

Let us **avail ourselves** of the means provided for us

that we may be **transformed** into His likeness,

and be **restored** **to fellowship** with the ministering angels,
to harmony

and **communion** with the Father and the Son." SC 22.1