

BREAD OF LIFE

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS - TEACHINGS FROM THE WORD

4th Quarter

This is the final quarterly in the Bible study called "Teachings From The Word." Emphasizing the doctrinal truths found in God's Word this study has covered the Bible in one year. As much as possible this study has followed the historical narrative of the Bible.

With the exception of the last lesson in this quarterly all of the enclosed lessons are taken from the New Testament. The first lesson in the quarterly is entitled "The Feast of Dedication." Since the origin of this feast is not mentioned in the Bible although the feast itself is, the notes on the first lesson cover much of the history of the origin of this event. An outgrowth of what was called the "Maccabean Revolt" this feast is celebrated to this day as the "festival of lights" or Hanukkah.

Three lessons are then devoted to three groups of people the Lord and His disciples had a great deal to do with. They are the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Publicans. Each group presents interesting and beneficial lessons for us all.

The next lessons have to do with the Kingdom of God. Beginning with a study of the life and ministry of John the Baptist, this subject is further covered by using three of the parables the Lord taught regarding the Kingdom.

Although it is mentioned frequently in the prophecy of the Bible and while it is a major event in the history of the Jewish nation the "Destruction of Jerusalem" is rarely covered in Sunday school curriculums. This subject is treated here because of its significance in the fulfillment of prophecy.

Four lessons from the book of Revelation conclude this series of Bible studies. This book is one of the most important which God has given to His people for this age. The attempts of Satan to surround this book with confusion and misunderstanding should give us an indication of how strenuously he is seeking to keep God's people from knowing those truths the Lord has prepared for them. This alone should make us redouble our efforts to know this book.

Many fanciful ideas have sprung from Revelation. Carefulness and much prayer are absolute pre-requisites for knowing this book. Let the Holy Spirit illuminate these words and let simplicity be a watchword. Avoid trying to force a meaning or a timetable for these words other than those the Bible itself provides.

Three of the lessons from Revelation are named "The Lion Of Judah", "The Lamb", and "The Conquering Word", three designations of the Lord Jesus Christ. Concluding the series is the final lesson taken from both Revelation and Genesis, "The End and the Beginning". This lesson covers the same ground as the first lesson of the series but shows the final restoration of those things brought to ruin in the beginning. This is the lesson teaching the final victory of the Lord.