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Preface

When S.G. De Graaf wrote his four-volume series, *Promise and Deliverance*, he showed educators how to teach Bible stories from a redemptive-historical perspective. Rather than turning Bible stories into moralistic tales, De Graaf taught us how all the Bible shows God revealing himself as the God of the covenant, who is working out His redemptive plan for humanity and all of creation.

The 80 workbooks written by Harvey De Groot are meant to supplement De Graaf's work. They are divided by volume and level number: 20 volumes with four levels per volume. Workbook lessons are written at four levels so that families with students in various grades can study the same Bible stories during the week in preparation for their classes on Sunday. Prior to class, the Sunday School teacher should study the lesson in De Graaf's book. The teacher and students can go through the workbook during class.

The levels are divided according to the following grades:

- **Level One:** Grades K-1
- **Level Two:** Grades 2-3
- **Level Three:** Grades 4-6
- **Level Four:** Grades 7-8

Each volume contains 12 or 13 lessons, and each lesson has the following sections:

- **Reference:** The volume and lesson number in De Graaf's series.
- **Scripture:** The passage from Scripture on which the lesson is based.
- **Memory Verse:** A memory verse related to the lesson.
- **Lesson Truth:** A short statement to help the class focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Lesson:** The lesson itself, which the teacher can read in class. For older grades, the teacher may opt to assign it as homework.
- **Questions:** Items to be discussed in class. For older grades, the teacher can assign these questions as homework but should also use them as a basis for class discussion. These are not the only questions that could or should be asked. Teachers should encourage students to come with their own questions as well.

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Lesson 1
Security

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 64

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Memory Verse: “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” (Luke 12:21)

Lesson Truth: God’s people can be safe and free from fear. This security comes from God’s grace.

Lesson

Do you know the word security? This word means to be safe and free from fear. God’s people are safe, and they do not need to be afraid. They are secure because of God’s grace. Jesus taught the people to trust in His grace. He warned them not to trust in riches. He said that we should not trust in the things we own.

Jesus was in the land of Judea. He was teaching the people about God’s Kingdom. A crowd of people was listening to Him. A man struggled through the crowd. He wanted to ask a favor of Jesus. This man got close to Jesus. He then called Jesus, “Teacher.” This man thought his brother would listen to the teacher. He said to Jesus; “Tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me” (Luke 12:13). An inheritance is everything that parents leave when they die. He wanted his brother to divide these things with him. It was not wrong for this man to want his brother to divide the inheritance. The brother needed to be fair. But Jesus knew this man’s heart. He knew that he wanted these things because he trusted in them. The Lord Jesus told the man that He did not come to judge such things. He came to preach the good news of the gospel. Then Jesus told the people to beware. He told them to be careful not to want things that other people have. Jesus said that having many things should not make us feel safe. We can only feel safe if we have God’s grace.

Then Jesus told them a parable. This was a story that had a spiritual meaning. The story was about a rich farmer. One year this farmer

harvested a huge crop. His crop was so big that his barns could not hold all of it. This farmer decided to take down his old barns. He said that he would build bigger barns. Then he would have room for all his grain. This made the farmer think foolish thoughts. He thought his soul could take it easy. He would have everything he needed for many years. It was foolish to think that way. It was foolish because that was the night the farmer died. Now that the farmer was dead, who owned his full barns? It was sad because he was not rich toward God.

The meaning of Jesus' parable was clear. God's people must not collect riches for themselves. Instead, they must be rich toward God. Riches and possessions will not make us safe and secure. Only being rich toward God will make us safe. We need not be afraid if we are rich toward God. Do you trust God's grace to care for you now? Do you trust His grace to care for you when you die? Then your security is in God's grace!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus was teaching the people in the land of (Galilee – Judea).
2. A man who wanted to ask a favor of Jesus called Him (High Priest – Teacher).
3. The story Jesus told about a rich farmer was called a (miracle – parable).
4. It was (wise – foolish) for this farmer to think that his soul could take it easy because his crops made him rich.
5. Only being rich toward God will make us feel (afraid – safe and secure).

The Disclosure of Life's Need

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 65

Scripture: Luke 13:1-17

Memory Verse: “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matt. 3:2b)

Lesson Truth: Jesus told about the things we need. We need to be set free from sin and the power of Satan.

Lesson

Do you know what disclosure is? To disclose something is to make it known. Jesus made known what people need in life. They need to be set free from sin. Jesus corrected some of the people's wrong thoughts. They thought that people who suffer are greater sinners than those who don't. Jesus said that sometimes God puts off His judgment against sin. Jesus is able to set us free from sin and Satan.

Some people came to Jesus one day. They told Him about a terrible thing that Pilate did. Pilate killed some Galileans. He mixed their blood with the blood of the sacrifices. This was an awful thing for Pilate to do. These people thought that God let Pilate kill the Galileans. They thought they were killed because they were so sinful.

Do you know what Jesus asked them? He asked them if the Galileans were killed because they were worse sinners than others. Jesus also told them the answer. He said the Galileans were not killed because they were worse sinners. They were killed because of the sins of all the people.

Then Jesus asked them about the people killed at Siloam. Eighteen people died when the tower at Siloam fell on them. He asked if they were killed because they were worse sinners than others. Again, Jesus answered His own question. He said they were not killed because they were worse sinners. They died because of the sins of all the people. We must remember what Jesus taught.

Remember that people do not suffer because they are worse sinners. Storms and accidents and sickness are God's judgments against all sin. But Jesus can set us free from these judgments against sin.

Later, Jesus told the people a parable. The parable was about a man who planted a fig tree. For three years he looked for figs on his tree. But it never grew any figs. At last, the man told the gardener to cut down the fig tree. But the gardener asked if he could care for it one more year. He said that he would fertilize it and water it. Then, if it did not grow figs, he would cut it down. This parable showed how God sometimes puts off His judgments.

Jesus warned the people that they must repent. If they did not repent, they would perish. God will send His judgments for the sins of all the people.

Another time Jesus was in the synagogue. He saw a woman who had an infirmity. She could not stand up straight. He called this woman to Him. He said to her, "Woman you are loosed from your infirmity" (Luke 13:12). At once she became straight. Then she glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue was upset. He said that Jesus should not have made the woman well on the Sabbath Day. Jesus reminded him that animals were set free on the Sabbath Day. The Sabbath was a wonderful day to set this woman free.

Jesus gave this woman what she needed in life. He set her free from sin and Satan. That is also our need in life. We too must be set free from sin and Satan. God's grace is able to set us free.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. People came to Jesus to tell Him that (Herod – Pilate) had killed some Galileans.
2. These people thought that these (Galileans – Judeans) were worse sinners than others.
3. Later Jesus told a parable about a man who planted a (juniper – fig) tree.

4. At the (temple – synagogue) Jesus saw a woman who had an infirmity.

5. Jesus gave this (woman – synagogue ruler) what was needed in life; to be set free from sin and Satan.

Lesson 3
Spirit and Life

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 66

Scripture: Luke 14:1-14

Memory Verse: “God resists the proud, but give grace to the humble.”
(James 4:6b)

Lesson Truth: Jesus told about rules of His Kingdom. It is the rule of His Kingdom to have a spirit of humble love.

Lesson

It is hard to think about spirit and life. Our spirit is who we really are. We love with our spirit. Our life is what we do. Jesus talked to the Pharisees about the spirit of His Kingdom. This is a spirit of love. It is a spirit that is humble.

Jesus was invited to a Pharisee’s house one day. It was a Sabbath Day. Many other Pharisees were also invited. These Pharisees had evil hearts. They wanted to see if Jesus would break the Law. He would never break the Law because the Law tells us to love. Jesus always loved God’s people. But the Pharisees thought they could catch Jesus doing wrong. They made a plan to see if He would heal a sick man on the Sabbath.

Do you know what these evil Pharisees did? They brought a sick man to the house where Jesus was. This man had a sickness called dropsy. The Pharisees knew that Jesus had a heart of love for sick people. They also thought it was wrong to heal people on the Sabbath. Would Jesus heal this man on the Sabbath? The Lord looked at the Pharisees. He asked them if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath. They didn’t dare to answer Jesus. So, He healed the man who had dropsy. Then He sent him away. This man believed that Jesus was the Redeemer. He could not stay by the unbelieving Pharisees.

Jesus knew that the Pharisees thought that He did wrong. So, He said to them, “Suppose your donkey or ox fell into a pit on the Sabbath. Would you rescue your donkey or ox?” Jesus knew that they would pity their

animals and rescue them. But they thought it was wrong to rescue the man from his dropsy. Wasn't that sad? The Pharisees did not have the spirit of love. They had a proud spirit. They thought that they kept the law. So, Jesus talked to them about their proud spirit. He did this by telling them which seat to take at a wedding feast.

The Lord Jesus told them not to take the best seat at the feast. Someone that deserved more honor might come to the wedding. Then they would have to go to a lower seat. Jesus wanted them to be humble. Do you know what He said? He said: "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11).

Christ Jesus also told them how to treat guests. He said they should invite guests out of love. They should not invite people who could repay them. Instead, they should invite poor, crippled, or blind people. Inviting such people would show the spirit of love.

These stories about Jesus, help us understand the laws or rules of His Kingdom. The law of Jesus' Kingdom is to have a humble spirit of love.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus was invited to a (Governor's – Pharisee's) house one day.
2. The Pharisees had (evil – loving) hearts so they wanted to catch Jesus doing wrong.
3. The Pharisees wanted to find out if Jesus would heal on the (Sabbath – Feast) Day.
4. Jesus healed a man that had (leprosy – dropsy) on the Sabbath Day.
5. The law of Jesus' Kingdom is to have a (proud – humble) spirit of love.

The Tie to the Lost

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 67

Scripture: Luke 15

Memory Verse: “Likewise I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:10)

Lesson Truth: God’s love is a tie to lost sinners. God shows His love in His covenant.

Lesson

God welcomes sinners who repent. His love is a tie to lost sinners. God’s covenant shows His love for lost sinners. In this lesson Jesus shared three parables. One parable was about a lost sheep. The second one was about a lost coin. And the third one was about a lost son. These parables tell about God’s love for sinners.

One day Jesus was teaching in Perea. Some tax collectors and sinners came to hear Him. They wanted to hear Jesus’ words. But some Pharisees and scribes thought that was bad. They thought that Jesus should never talk to sinners. The scribes and Pharisees were proud. They thought that they deserved God’s favor. But Jesus knew their hearts. He knew that only God’s grace could bring His favor. So, He told them some parables about God’s love for sinners.

Jesus asked the Pharisees about a shepherd who owned a hundred sheep. He asked what this shepherd would do if one of his sheep was lost. He said that he would leave the ninety-nine and look for the lost one. Then, when he found it he would rejoice. He would ask his friends to rejoice with him. Jesus said that is the way it is in heaven. There is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents. God loves lost sinners and wants them to repent.

To make His point clear, Jesus asked about a woman. He asked what a woman would do if she lost one of her the coins. He said she would find a lamp for light to look for her lost coin. She would sweep her house until

she found her coin. Then, when she found it, she would rejoice. The woman would ask her friends to rejoice with her. That is the way the angels rejoice when a sinner repents.

Jesus wanted the Pharisees to know how much God loves sinners. So, He told a parable about a father that had two sons. The oldest son worked his father's fields. He thought he deserved his father's favor. He was like the Pharisees. The younger son was sinful. He wanted to leave his father. So, he asked for his share of the inheritance. He then went to a far country and lived a wicked life. He spent all his money. No food would grow in this far away land. So, the younger son became hungry. The only work he found was to feed pigs. He was so hungry he almost ate the pigs' feed. Then he thought about his father's house. He remembered how his father took care of the servants.

The younger son decided to go back to his father. He said he would confess his sins. He would tell his father that he wasn't worthy to be called a son. The younger son would ask his father if he could be his servant. But his father saw him a long way off when he returned. He ran out and hugged his son. The father put a robe on his son and made a feast for him. He said that his son who was dead and is alive again. That is the way God welcomes sinners who repent. God welcomes sinners who know they need His grace. God keeps His tie of love with sinners because of His covenant.

The oldest son was angry when he saw the feast. He told his father that it wasn't fair. His father had never made a feast for him. But his father went to talk to him. He told them that it was right to make a feast for his brother. His brother was dead and is now alive again. He was lost and is now found. That is the way God welcomes sinners who repent. He loves them because of His covenant.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Some tax collectors and (righteous people – sinners) came to hear Jesus.

2. Jesus asked the (Pharisees – disciples) about a shepherd who owned a hundred sheep.
3. Jesus said there is rejoicing in (heaven – the temple) over one sinner who repents.
4. The younger son decided to return to his father and (brag about – confess) his sins.
5. The father ran out and (welcomed – scolded) his son who was lost and was found.

Building the Eternal Community of the Saints

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 68

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

Memory Verse: “You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matt. 6:24c)

Lesson Truth: Jesus told His disciples to spread the gospel. They had to use all their wealth to do this. In this way they were building the eternal community of saints.

Lesson

Building a community means to tell people about Jesus. Many people that are told about Jesus believe that He is the Redeemer. Those who believe are called a community. Jesus told His disciples that they must tell others about Him. He said that they should use all their wealth to do this. Jesus told His disciples these things by using a parable.

The parable that Jesus told His disciples was about a bad manager. A rich man hired this manager to take care of his business. But the manager cheated. He was not honest. So, the rich man called the manager. He told him to show what he had done with his master’s goods. The rich man also told him that he could no longer be his manager. The manager wondered what he should do without a job. He thought he could not do hard work. He didn’t want to beg for food. So, the manager decided to be smart and crafty.

He called all the people that owed his master. He told them that he would lower their debt. One man said that he owed a hundred measures of oil. The manager told him he only had to pay fifty measures. Another man said that he owed a hundred measures of wheat. The manager told him he only had to pay eighty measures. In this way the crafty manager made these people his friends. He thought that these friends would help him if he didn’t have job. Jesus then said something surprising. He said that the rich man praised his crafty manager. He did not praise him because he

was dishonest. He praised him because he was clever. He thought of a way to prepare for his future.

Jesus then told His disciples to be crafty like the manager. He did not want them to be dishonest. But He wanted them to use their wealth to build God's Kingdom. Then they would also prepare for their future. They could build God's Kingdom by making friends. They could tell these friends that Jesus is the Redeemer.

Telling their friends that Jesus is the Redeemer would help people believe. People that believe become a community. In this way the disciples could build the community of the saints. But Jesus also warned them.

He warned them to be faithful in using their wealth. He said they should not trust in their wealth. If they trusted in their wealth, it would be their master. Jesus told them that no servant could serve two masters. He told them that they could not serve God and mammon. This meant that they could not trust both their wealth and God.

The lesson of this parable is also for us. We must use our wealth to tell others about Jesus. We must remember that we cannot serve two masters. We cannot trust both God and our wealth. Ask God for His grace so that we trust only Him.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The parable that Jesus told the disciples was about a (good – bad) manager.
2. The manager called the people that owed his master and said he would (pay – lower) their debt.
3. The rich man (praised – scolded) his crafty manager because he was clever.

4. Jesus told the disciples to be (crafty – faithful) in using their wealth.

5. Jesus said that no (servant – disciple) could serve two masters.

The Truly Rich Man

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 69

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Memory Verse: “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.” (John 5:46)

Lesson Truth: Those who believe in Jesus are truly rich. The riches we have on earth will fade away.

Lesson

Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ? If you do, you are truly rich. Jesus knew the hearts of the Pharisees. He knew that they loved money. The Pharisees made fun of Jesus. They made fun of Him because He said they could not serve two masters. Jesus told the Pharisees they could not serve God and money. But they mocked Jesus. Now, Jesus told them another parable. He told this parable to help them know the truth.

This parable was about a rich man and a poor man. The poor man's name was Lazarus. Lazarus knew that he lived by God's grace. The rich man thought he lived from his riches. He forgot that God gave him his riches. Jesus did not give the rich man in the parable a name. But the poor man's name was Lazarus. God knows the names of His own people. The rich man was dressed in purple and fine linen. He ate the best food. But his heart did not know God. Lazarus lay at the rich man's gate. He was covered with sores that dogs licked. All Lazarus wanted was some crumbs from the rich man's table.

Then Lazarus and the rich man both died. Angels carried Lazarus to heaven. In heaven he sat with Abraham. But the rich man was sent to Hades. This is the place of hell fire. From his place of torment, the rich man called to Abraham. He asked Abraham to send Lazarus. He wanted Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool his tongue. But Abraham said that Lazarus could not help him. He said that there was a huge gulf between heaven and hell. No one could cross this gulf.

The rich man then asked Abraham to do something else. He asked him to send Lazarus to earth. He wanted Lazarus to warn his brothers. He wanted Lazarus to tell his brothers how to use their riches. He wanted them to understand that God gave them their riches. Then they would use them to build God's Kingdom. The rich man did not want his brothers to go to the place of torment.

Abraham told the rich man that his brothers had been warned. He told him that Moses and the prophets warned them. But the rich man begged him to send Lazarus. He thought his brothers would listen to someone from the dead. But Abraham told him this wasn't true. He said that those who do not listen to God's Word, won't listen to some one from the dead. This was a wonderful parable about how we must use our possessions.

Are you ready to listen to God's Word? Do you believe that all our riches come from God? Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ and that He wants us to use our riches to build His kingdom? Then you are truly rich.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The parable of this lesson is about a rich man and a (Pharisee – poor man).
2. God knows His people's names. The poor man's name was (Abraham – Lazarus).
3. The rich man wanted (Lazarus - Abraham) to dip his finger in water to cool his tongue.
4. The rich man wanted Lazarus to warn his (father – brothers) on earth.
5. Abraham said that (Joseph – Moses) and the prophets had warned the rich man's brothers.

The Fear of the Lord

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 70

Scripture: Luke 17:1-19

Memory Verse: “And He said to him, ‘Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.’” (Luke 17:19)

Lesson Truth: Those who believe in Jesus have faith. Believers know that God is the power of their faith.

Lesson

The fear of the Lord does not mean to be afraid. It means to respect and honor the Lord. Jesus taught His disciples how to fear the Lord. He taught them that believers are humble. Jesus also taught them that believers have faith. They know that God is the power of their faith. They also know that faith gives them a task. True faith also wants to glorify the Lord Jesus as the Redeemer.

Jesus taught His disciples about living with other believers. Do you know what He said? He said that believers would hurt each other. Jesus called these hurts offenses. But Jesus warned that it would be terrible for the one who caused these hurts. He said it would be better if they were drowned. Jesus said it would be better to be thrown into the sea with huge stone around their neck. That would be better than hurting another believer.

How could believers make sure they did not hurt each other? Jesus said they had to be ready to forgive each other. If a brother sinned, they had to tell him. Then they had to forgive if he repented. Do you know how ready they had to be to forgive? Jesus said to forgive a believer seven times in a day. Be ready to forgive each time he repents.

Jesus’ disciples could hardly understand his teaching. They asked Jesus to increase their faith. So, Jesus had to help them understand about faith. He had to help them see that God is the power of their faith. Jesus said if they knew of God’s power, they could do anything. They could tell a tree to be

picked up and be planted in the sea. With God's power the tree would obey them.

The Lord said that God and believers are like a slave and master. Believers do God's work the way a slave does his masters work. It is the slave's duty to do the master's work. It is also believer's duty to do God's work. That is the task of faith.

True faith is also thankful to the Redeemer. One leper showed true faith. This is what happened. Jesus came into a village. Ten lepers met Him. They cried out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Luke 17:13). Do you know what Jesus did? He told them to go to the priest and show themselves. The lepers knew that they could only go to the priest if they were healed. So, they hurried to the priest. As they went, they were healed of their leprosy.

Now a wonderful but sad thing happened. It was wonderful that one leper returned to Jesus. He came back to give thanks and to glorify God. It was sad that the other nine did not return. They acted like they deserved to be healed. They forgot that they needed to be cleansed of their sins. Their sins were worse than their leprosy. The nine saw Jesus as a miracle worker. They did not see Him as their Redeemer. The one who came back to Jesus knew that He was his Redeemer. Jesus told the one to go on his way. He said that his faith had made him well. Do you love and respect Jesus? If you do, you surely fear the Lord. Then you know that God is the power of faith!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus said it would be better to be (drowned – praised) than to hurt a fellow believer.
2. Jesus said that believers must be ready to (hurt – forgive) another believer who repents.
3. Believers and God are like a (slave and master – child and teacher).

4. True faith is thankful is (thankful – angry) to the Redeemer.

5. Jesus healed ten lepers and (seven – one) returned to give thanks and glorify God.

The Cry for Justice

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 71

Scripture: Luke 18:1-14

Memory Verse: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”
(1 Peter 5:5c)

Lesson Truth: God promised grace to His people in His covenant. We may ask God each day to remember His promises.

Lesson

Jesus was teaching the people about justice. Justice means to be fair or right. It was fair and right to ask God to remember His promises. God promised in His covenant that He would send the Redeemer. We can never ask God to redeem us because we are good. But we may ask Him to redeem us because He promised He would. God promised to redeem His people by His grace.

The Lord shared two parables about prayer. The one was about a widow and an unfair judge. The other was about a Pharisee and a tax collector. The parable of the widow tells us we must always pray and not give up. We must not give up because God will surely hear us. God will hear us because of His promises in His covenant. We must also remember to trust God when we pray. We cannot trust our good deeds.

In Jesus' parable there was an unfair judge. This judge did not fear God. He did not care about other men. There was also a widow in this parable. This widow asked the unfair judge to rule against those that cheated her. At first the judge did not pay attention. But the widow asked again and again. At last the judge helped her. He said the widow made him weary because she kept on asking.

Then Jesus asked the disciples a question. Would not God answer the prayers of His people? Wouldn't God answer even sooner than an unfair judge? Jesus said that God would surely answer the prayers of His people. He would answer those who pray night and day. God would answer

because He promised that He would. God promised this in His covenant. Because of His covenant God's promises are sure.

Later Jesus shared a parable about a Pharisee and a tax collector. This parable was to teach people not to trust in their good deeds. Both the Pharisee and the tax collector went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee was proud. He thanked God that he was better than other men. He told God that he did not cheat or steal. The Pharisee reminded God that he fasted twice each week. He also reminded God that he brought a part of his money to the temple. Sadly, the Pharisee did not think he needed God's grace. He did not see the sin of his selfish, proud heart. He did not know about God's promised grace in His covenant.

The tax collector was different. He knew that he needed God's grace. He knew that he was a sinner. The tax collector did not dare to raise his eyes to heaven. He felt that bad because of his sins. The tax collector beat his breast and said: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" (Luke 18:13). The tax collector knew that his prayers or his good deeds could not save him. Only God's mercy could save him. He could ask for God's mercy. He could ask because God promised the Redeemer. You and I must also learn to pray and not give up. We must trust in God's grace and mercy to answer our prayers!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. God will hear the prayers of His people because (they are good – of His promises in His covenant).
2. When we pray, we cannot trust (our good deeds – God's promises).
3. When the Pharisee and the tax collector went to the temple to pray, the (tax collector – Pharisee) was proud.
4. The (tax collector – Pharisee) knew that he needed God's grace.

5. The (Pharisee – tax collector) beat his breast and said, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” (Luke 18:13).

To Receive the Kingdom

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 72

Scripture: Luke 18:31–19:27

Memory Verse: “Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.” (Psalm 41:1)

Lesson Truth: Jesus went to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Through His suffering and death He received His Kingdom.

Lesson

What does it mean that Jesus received the Kingdom? It means that because He suffered and died God made Him the King. In this lesson we get a glimpse of His Kingdom. He gave sight to a blind man. And He brought salvation to a tax collector.

Jesus and His disciples were on the way to Jerusalem. Jesus told the disciples that He would suffer at Jerusalem. He said he would be delivered up to the Gentiles. They would spit on Him. They would mock and insult Him. At last, they would whip Him and put Him to death. All this had to happen for Jesus to inherit the Kingdom. Sadly, the disciples did not understand. They did not know that suffering and death was the way to the Kingdom.

As Jesus traveled to Jerusalem He came to Jericho. At Jericho a blind beggar sat by the roadside begging. He heard the crowd of people following Jesus. He asked who was coming. The people told him that Jesus was coming. Then he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Luke 18:38). The people tried to make him be quiet. But he called even more. “Son of David have mercy on me!” (Luke 18:39). Jesus then told the people to bring the man to Him. He asked the man what he wanted. The man told Jesus he wanted to be able to see. Do you know what happened? Jesus told him that his sight was restored. He said that his faith had made him well. The man then gave glory to God and followed Jesus. The ones who saw this miracle also praised God.

Later Jesus went into Jericho. There He met Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a rich tax collector. Sometimes he was not honest when he collected taxes. But he wanted to see Jesus. He was very short so he could not see over the crowd. Zacchaeus decided to climb a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus. Think how surprised he was when Jesus stopped under the tree. Jesus told Zacchaeus to come down from the tree. He said, "Today I must stay at your house!" (Luke 19:5). Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed Jesus to his house. He told Jesus he would give half his money to the poor. He said that he would pay back four times the taxes he took unfairly. Then Jesus said something wonderful. He said, "Today salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9). Salvation came because of God's covenant. Zacchaeus believed in Abraham's God. That is why he was called a son of Abraham.

The Lord Jesus then shared another parable. He wanted the disciples to know that His Kingdom would not come immediately. He told about a nobleman. This nobleman went to a far country. He gave each of his servants a coin. He told them to do his business while he was away. When the nobleman came back, he asked his servants what they did. One servant said he did business to make ten coins. Another said his coin grew to five coins. But a third one gave the one coin back to the nobleman. The nobleman praised the two servants. He said they did very well. But the third one was scolded. The nobleman told those who stood by to take away the third servant's coin. He told them to give it to the one who had ten coins.

In Jesus' Kingdom those who are faithful will be blessed. But those who are unfaithful will be punished. Pray that God will give you the grace to be faithful!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus and His disciples were on the way to (Bethlehem – Jerusalem).
2. At Jerusalem the (disciples – Gentiles) would mock Him and spit on Him.

3. A (blind beggar – tax collector) cried out, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.”
4. Zacchaeus was a very (tall – short) man who wanted to see Jesus.
5. In Jesus’ Kingdom those who are (faithful – unfaithful) will be blessed.

Israel's King

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 73

Scripture: Luke 19:28-48

Memory Verse: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.” (Luke 19:38a)

Lesson Truth: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt. This showed that He was Israel's King.

Lesson

Jesus rode into Jerusalem like a king. This one time His followers would praise Him as a king. Still, they did not fully understand the kind of king He was. Jesus wept for Jerusalem because they did not understand that He was the Redeemer. As the King, Jesus brought holiness back to the temple.

Jesus made the blind man see. He brought salvation to the house of Zacchaeus. Now He was going to Jerusalem. Outside of Jerusalem he stopped. He was at the Mount of Olives near Bethany. There he told two of His disciples to go into the village. He said they would find a donkey's colt. Jesus told them to loosen the colt and bring it to Him. Do you know what the disciples did when they brought the colt to Jesus? They threw their coats on his back. This made a place for Jesus to sit. Other followers of Jesus spread their coats on the path. This made a royal path for the King.

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem the people praised God. They sang, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” (Luke 19:38). Jesus was the King that the prophets had promised. He was the true King of Israel.

It was sad that not all the people understood that He was the King. Some Pharisees thought it was wrong for the people to call Jesus a King. They told Jesus to scold His followers. They did not want the people to say that Jesus was Israel's King. But Jesus said this was impossible. He said that if

the people were silent the stones would cry out. The whole world had to know that Jesus was Israel's King.

Do you know what Jesus did as He rode into Jerusalem? He began to cry. He cried because they did not understand. They did not know that Jesus was the Redeemer King. Their hearts were hard. That is why they did not understand.

Jesus went to the temple as the King. As the King he would restore holiness to the Lord's house. Do you know what He did? He drove out the merchants and those who changed money. He reminded them what the prophets had said. The prophets said, "My house is a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves" (Luke 19:46). Each day Jesus taught in the temple. No one dared to bother Him. He was Israel's King. Do you believe that Jesus is Israel's King? Ask God to show you His grace. Then you will know that Jesus is your King!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus told (four – two) of His disciples to go into the village to find a colt and bring it to Him.
2. The (Pharisees – disciples) threw their coats on the colt to make a place for Jesus to sit.
3. (Jesus – David) was the true King of Israel.
4. The (disciples – Pharisees) thought it was wrong to call Jesus a king.
5. Jesus began to (rejoice – cry) as he rode into Jerusalem.

Defenseless

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 74

Scripture: Luke 22:35-53

Memory Verse: “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.” (John 6:38)

Lesson Truth: Jesus came to do the Father’s will. To do that, He became defenseless. He earned the right for us to defend His name and His Word.

Lesson

Do you know what it means to be defenseless? It means to not fight back at all. It means to allow others to do what they want with you. Jesus became defenseless. He allowed His enemies to hate Him and put Him to death. Jesus did this to pay for the sins of His people. His death gave us the right to stand up for His Word and His Name.

Jesus was in Jerusalem. This was the week He would be crucified. Before He suffered and died, Jesus talked to His disciples. He told them that things would be different after He rose from the grave. Before Jesus died, the people took care of His disciples. After He rose from the dead the people would hate them. Do you know why they would hate them? They would hate them because they thought Jesus was a sinner. The prophets said that the people would hate Jesus. They also said they would reject His disciples. Sadly, the disciples did not understand what Jesus told them.

The disciples thought that they should fight to defend Jesus. They told Him that they had two swords. But Jesus did not want them to fight. He was ready to be defenseless. He would allow His enemies to put Him to death. Jesus would do this in order to do the will of His Father in heaven. This was the way he would pay for our sins.

Now, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane on Mount of Olives. The disciples went along to be with Jesus. There He told them to pray. They had to pray to be kept from temptation. Jesus then went further into the garden. He fell down on His knees and prayed. Jesus agonized in prayer.

He agonized so hard that His sweat became like drops of blood. Do you know what Jesus asked from the Father? He asked if He had to die for the sins of the people. Still, Jesus said that He would do the Father's will.

Then an angel came to give Jesus strength. After that He was ready to die for the sins of His people. He was ready to become defenseless. Then His enemies could nail Him to the cross. Jesus made it possible for us to carry His Name to the ends of the earth.

When Jesus came back to His disciples they were sleeping. Again, he urged them to pray so they would not be tempted. Just then a group of people came to the garden. Judas led the group to Jesus. He was one of the Lord's disciples. Now he came to kiss Jesus. This was the sign to show which one was Jesus. What a terrible thing for Judas to do. To betray the Lord Jesus with a kiss.

The other disciples saw what was happening. One of them took out his sword. He cut off the ear of the high priest's servant. But Jesus told His disciples not to fight. He would surrender to His enemies. Jesus then healed the servant's ear.

After that He asked the chief priest a question. He asked why they came for Him with swords and clubs. He asked why they didn't arrest Him in the temple. Jesus then told them the answer. He said they did it because this was God's time for them to do it. This was the time that darkness would have a moment of power. Isn't this a powerful story that Jesus was willing to be defenseless? He did this to pay for the sins of His people. Are you a child of Jesus?

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. After Jesus rose from the grave people would (love – hate) the disciples.
2. The prophets said that the people would hate Jesus and would (reject – honor) His disciples.

3. At the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus told the disciples to (weep – pray) so they would not fall into temptation.

4. When Jesus came back to His disciples, He found them (rejoicing – sleeping).

5. The disciple (Peter – Judas) betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

From Pilate to Herod

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 75

Scripture: Luke 23:1-25

Memory Verse: “But they shouted saying, ‘Crucify Him! Crucify Him!’”
(Luke 23:21)

Lesson Truth: Jesus was sent from Pilate to Herod. He suffered under these Gentile rulers. He suffered to pay for the sins of His people.

Lesson

Today we will learn how Jesus suffered. He suffered when his own people rejected Him. He suffered when Herod mocked Him. And Jesus suffered when Pilate sentenced Him to death. Why did Jesus suffer so much? He suffered to pay for the sins of His people. He suffered so that Gentiles could be part of God’s covenant.

The chief priests and elders arrested Jesus in the garden. They brought Him to the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was the board of Jewish leaders. They asked Jesus many questions. They asked Him if He was the Son of God. Jesus told them that He was God’s Son. Then the Sanhedrin said they did not need any more witnesses. They said that Jesus should be put to death. But the Romans ruled the Jews. So, the Jewish leaders could not put Jesus to death. Then the crowd of Jews brought Him to Pilate. Pilate was the Roman governor. The Jews had to convince Pilate to put Jesus to death.

The Jews accused Jesus before Pilate. They said that He told people not to pay taxes to Caesar. They reminded Pilate that Jesus said He was a king. So, Pilate asked Jesus if He was a king. Jesus told Pilate that He was a king. But He was not the kind of king that Pilate knew. Pilate did not know about God’s Kingdom. He did not know about God’s grace. So, he did not understand who Jesus was. He told the Jews that he did not find any fault in Jesus. This made them upset. They said that Jesus stirred up the people from Galilee to Judea. Pilate heard them say Galilee. This gave him

an idea. He would send Jesus to Herod. Herod was the ruler of Galilee, and he was in Jerusalem.

Herod was glad to see Jesus. He hoped that Jesus would do a miracle for him. Herod also thought that maybe Jesus was John the Baptist. He thought that maybe John came back to life. So, Herod asked Jesus many questions. But Jesus did not answer Herod. He would not tell unbelieving Herod who He was. Jesus only tells believers who He is. Herod did not like it that Jesus did not answer him. So, he mocked Jesus. Herod's soldiers put a robe on Jesus. They mocked Him as a King. Then Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate.

Neither Herod nor Pilate knew what to do with Jesus. They could not find anything He had done wrong. Three times Pilate told the Jews that Jesus had done nothing wrong. Then he had an idea. Each year at the Passover Feast Pilate would set a prisoner free. He offered to whip Jesus and set Him free. This made the Jews upset. They cried out, "Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas" (Luke 23:18). Barabbas was a murderer. Just think the Jews wanted a murderer instead of Jesus.

At last Pilate asked what he should do with Jesus? Jesus own people shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" (Luke 23:21). That is the way Jesus suffered. He suffered when His own people rejected Him. He suffered when Pilate and Herod were unjust rulers. Do you know why Jesus suffered? He suffered to pay for the sins of His people. He suffered so that strangers could also become part of God's covenant. Jesus suffered to pay for your sins and for my sins!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The (disciples – Sanhedrin) said Jesus should be put to death because He said He was the Son of God.
2. Pilate decided to send Jesus to (Peter – Herod) because he was the ruler of Galilee.

3. Herod and his soldiers (mocked – praised) Jesus and put a robe on Him.
4. Pilate told the Jewish people (three – five) times that Jesus had nothing wrong.
5. Jesus (suffered – was honored) to pay for the sins of His people.