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## THE BEREAN SEARCHLIGHT

### Foreword

With this issue of The Berean Searchlight we are presenting the second of a five-year series of studies from the Bible. The first six-months' study was devised as a foundation study into which later and more detailed studies might be fitted. As in the first book of the series, so also in these lessons, we not only have defined an aim for the book, but we have given an aim for each lesson as a yardstick for the leader in definitely taking a forward step in Bible study at each session together.

This book is made in a pocket edition to carry for a guide to a daily reference to the Scriptures. For this purpose there are six phases of thought on each lesson. Pursue each phase thoroughly, so as to have a well-rounded foundation for each study.

**In classwork, use only your Bibles.** This book is not to replace your Bible, it is to guide you in using it. Let the leader prepare three questions on each phase of study (eighteen questions in all) and use these questions as a basis for class discussions. Make your questions satisfy the aim of the lesson. The only interesting class periods are those in which all come prepared to discuss the lesson.

The only way the Bible can be appreciated is to fix in mind the general make-up of the Bible and to be able to find supporting texts readily. This can be done only by special study of the Bible as a whole. Get acquainted with our wonderful Book. Do not neglect memory work, as it will be most helpful in deriving rightful pleasure from future study.

## LESSON 1

**Aim:** To show the necessity of Christ: man's condemnation.

### Guide to Daily Study

**Man Was Born to a Desirable Condition.**

(Gen. 1:26-31.)

**A Helpmate Was Created.**

(Gen. 2:20-24.)

**Childlike Innocence Was to Be Retained.**

(Gen. 2:25; 2:15-17.)

**Death Was Decreed for Transgression.**

Gen. 2:17; 3:1-3.)

**Death Was Misrepresented.**

(Gen. 3:4, 5; Eccl. 9:4-10.)

**Sentence Was Pronounced.**

(Gen. 3:14-19.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Through use of marginal references and concordance, add to your study the following thoughts:

"Image of God" (Gen. 1:27).

"The man" (Gen. 2:15).

"Thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17).

"Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4).

Death.

### Thoughts for Consideration

Is there anything about man to indicate the nature of God?

Does the name "Adam" at times apply also to Eve?

What was God's sentence?

What was the serpent's lie?

Was the deterioration of age as well as death also included in the sentence?

Is it not good for man to live alone?

## LESSON 2

**Aim:** To show the necessity of Christ: God's Desire.

### Guide to Daily Study

**Man Was Denied Life and Perished.**

(Gen. 3:22-24; Psalm 146:3, 4.)

**This Is Not God's Desire for Man.**

(2 Peter 3:8, 9; Ezek. 18:32.)

**God Is a God of the Living.**

(Matt. 22:31, 32; Eccl. 9:5.)

**The Opposite of Life Is Death.**

(Isa. 38:1; Psalm 6:5.)

**God's Desire Is to Enlarge Our Lives.**

(John 10:10; Prov. 3:1, 2.)

**Life Only Through Christ.**

(John 14:6; Col. 3:1-3.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

"Help" (Psalm 146:3).

"His breath" (Psalm 146:4).

"Not willing" (2 Peter 3:9).

"The dead" (Eccl. 9:5).

"In death" (Psalm 6:5).

### Thoughts for Consideration

What was man denied?

Why was man denied life?

What are the wages of sin?

What does God desire for man?

Why should all be resurrected?

How will men be resurrected?

Do we have life within ourselves?

If we have life only through Christ, what will happen to those who do not have Christ?

Does God desire to restrict our lives or add to them?



## LESSON 3

**Aim:** To show God's worldly plan for man.

### Guide to Daily Study

**It Was a Perfect Worldly Environment Denied Adam.**

(Gen. 1:27-31; 3:17-19.)

**The Earth Was Created to Be Inhabited.**

(Isa. 45:16-18.)

**The Righteous Will Not Be Removed.**

(Prov. 10:30; 11:31.)

**Things Contrary to Man's Happiness Will Be Removed.**

Matt. 13:37-41.)

**The World Will Be Restored.**

(Isa. 35:1-10; 65:17-25.)

**The Righteous Will Inherit the World.**

(Rev. 20:4; Rom. 8:14-17.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

"And take also" (Gen. 3:22).

"To be inhabited" (Isa. 45:18).

"Recompensed" (Prov. 11:31).

"Reigned" (Rev. 20:4).

### Thoughts for Consideration

Did Adam's original environment leave anything to be desired?

What was the purpose of the earth's creation?

Where will the righteous be rewarded?

How will the righteous be rewarded?

How will we be assured happiness in the world of tomorrow?

How many changes in the earth are necessary to return it to its Edenic condition?

What will be the work of the righteous?

Shall we believe the earth is to be literally destroyed?

## LESSON 4

**Aim:** To show the foreshadowing of Christ in events of the past.

### Guide to Daily Study

**A Bride Born of a Deep Sleep.**

(Gen. 2:21-23; John 6:48-53.)

**A Birth From the Dead.**

Gen. 17:15-19; Gal. 4:22-31.)

**Down Into Egypt.**

(Gen. 37:23-28; Matt. 2:13-15.)

**Foreshadowed in the Ark.**

(Gen. 7:7-10; 1 Peter 3:20, 21.)

**Foreshadowed in the Red Sea.**

(Ex. 14:19-22; 1 Cor. 10:1-4.)

**Foreshadowed in Jonas.**

(Jonah 2:1-10; Matt. 12:38-40.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this statement in Scripture: "Is there any taste in the white of an egg?"

"Allegory" (Gal. 4:24).

"Covenants" (Gal. 4:24).

"Corruption" (Jonah 2:6).

"Hell" (Jonah 2:2).

### Thoughts for Consideration

Had there not been the deep sleep (or death) of Christ, would there have been a bride of Christ?

Where was Christ put after the crucifixion? Did He stay there?

Were many events of the past allegories?

Why were both Joseph and Christ sent into Egypt?

Is baptism as essential as the ark?

Was Christ also in hell?

## LESSON 5

**Aim:** To show the Jewish prophecies of the Christ.

### Guide to Daily Study

**The Birth and Office.**

(Isa. 9:6, 7.)

**The Established Lineage.**

(Isa. 11:1.)

**The Aim of Divine Guidance.**

(Isa. 11:2-9.)

**The Righteous Ruler.**

(Isa. 32:1-3.)

**His Suffering for Us.**

(Isa. 53:1-9.)

**His Hope for Israel.**

(Jer. 23:5-8.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this thought in Scripture: "Flies in the ointment."

"Prince of peace" (Isa. 9:6).

"Stem" (Isa. 11:1).

"Cockatrice" (Isa. 11:8).

"A man" (Isa. 32:2).

### Thoughts for Consideration

To what office was Christ born?

Does He hold that same office today?

Does "stump" indicate that the shoot may come long after the tree is cut down?

To what extent shall we apply the thought, "They shall not hurt nor destroy"?

What is the meaning of the thought, "A man shall be as a hiding place . . ." (Isa. 32:2)?

Why is the past tense used in Isaiah 53:5: "He was wounded . . ."?



## LESSON 6

**Aim:** To show the reason for failing to receive Christ.

### Guide to Daily Study

**The Jews Neglected the Testimony of the Scriptures.**

(John 5:39.)

**Self-Righteousness of the Leaders Made Them Think a Christ of Salvation Was Unnecessary?**

(Rev. 3:17; Matt. 21:32.)

**He Was Feared Politically.**

(Matt. 2:1-3.)

**He Was Feared Superstitiously.**

(Matt. 14:1-12.)

**He Was Feared Religiously.**

(Matt. 16:1-12.)

**He Offered Many Rebukes.**

(Matt. 21:28-46.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this reference in Scripture: "A jewel of gold in a swine's snout."

"Search" (John 5:39).

"I am rich" (Rev. 3:17).

"Born King" (Matt. 2:2).

"Pharisees" (Matt. 16:1).

### Thoughts for Consideration

Did the Old Testament tell of Christ? If so, find several of these references.

How did the Jews fail through self-righteousness?

Did Herod fear Christ as a King?

Why did Herod the Tetrarch fear a resurrected John the Baptist?

Why should Christ condemn the teaching of the Pharisees and the Sadducees?

## LESSON 7

**Aim:** Review, to fix in mind the essentials of the foregoing lessons:

**Daily Study:** Make a complete review of the foregoing lessons.

### Class Period

1. What were the conditions under which man was created?
2. Would it have been better for Adam, had no helpmate been created?
3. How was death misrepresented?
4. What happened to man when he was denied life?
5. Do we have future life only through Christ?
6. What, then, will be the state of the wicked who refuse to accept Christ?
7. What is God's desire for man?
8. For what purpose was the world created?
9. Will the righteous leave this earth?
10. What will be taken from the earth?
11. To what extent will the earth be restored?
12. In what way did the creation of Eve foreshadow the church (bride of Christ)?
13. To what extent was Christ foreshadowed in events of the past?
14. Name as many Jewish prophecies as possible that Christ fulfilled?
15. What were the reasons for the rejection of Christ?
16. Who only can establish world peace?
17. Explain: "Have thou dominion."
18. Explain how Christ is the "last Adam."
19. Will Christ reign alone?
20. How will the Kingdom excell Eden?

## LESSON 8

**Aim:** To show the blessings promised in Christ.

### Guide to Daily Study

**A Seed Promised to Bruise the Serpent's Head.**

(Gen. 3:15.)

**A Seed Promised to Receive Promises Made to Abraham.**

(Gen. 22:15-18.)

**A Fountain for Cleansing Promised Israel.**

(Zech. 13:1.)

**A Saviour Promised.**

(Isa. 19:18-20.)

**God Promised an Heir for Himself.**

(Isa. 65:8-10.)

**A Shepherd Promised the Faithful.**

(Isa. 40:11.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this statement in Scripture: "A drop of a bucket."

"Seed" (Gen. 22:17).

"A fountain" (Zech. 13:1).

"Of destruction" (Isa. 19:18).

"Elect" (Isa. 65:9).

"Shepherd" (Isa. 40:11).

### Thoughts for Consideration

What is the head of the serpent that was to be bruised?

Why was the Serpent's head to be bruised?

What proof have we that the "seed" in Genesis 22:17 indicates Christ?

The fulfillment of what promises rests upon this fact?

Was sun worship regarded as a force of destruction?

Who is the "inheritor" of God?

What is the blessing of a shepherd? May we receive this blessing?



## LESSON 9

**Aim:** To show the preparation for Christ's birth.

### Guide to Daily Study

**A Forerunner Prepared.**

(Luke 1:5-17.)

**A Mother Prepared.**

(Luke 1:26-35.)

**Joseph Also Prepared.**

(Matt. 1:18-25.)

**The Wise Men Prepared.**

(Matt. 2:1-, 2.)

**The Chief Priests and Scribes Prepared.**

(Matt. 2:4-6.)

**A Friend for Mary Prepared.**

(Luke 1:36-48.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this statement, "The sun shall not smite thee."

"Power of Elias" (Luke 1:17).

"Gabriel" (Luke 1:26).

"Public example" (Matt. 1:19).

"Star in the east" (Matt. 2:2).

### Thoughts for Consideration

What was the purpose of John the Baptist?

About when was John the Baptist born? Where was he born?

What appears to have been the work of the Angel Gabriel?

How were the wise men prepared for Christ's birth?

Were the priests and scribes informed as to the prophecies of Christ's birth?

Why did the Lord give Elisabeth an understanding of Mary's part in Christ's birth?

## LESSON 10

**Aim:** To study the birth of Christ.

### Guide to Daily Study

**The Time of His Birth.**

(Luke 2:1, 2.)

**The Place of His Birth.**

(Luke 2:4.)

**Reasons for His Birth at Bethlehem.**

(Luke 2:3-5.)

**His Birth in a Stable.**

(Luke 2:6, 7.)

**His Birth Announced.**

(Luke 2:8-14.)

**His Birth Believed.**

(Luke 2:15-18.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this statement in Scripture, "A time to be born."

Use margin and cross reference to add to the following:

"Taxed" (Luke 2:1).

"Taxing" (Luke 2:2).

"City of David" (Luke 2:4).

"Watch" (Luke 2:8).

### Thoughts for Consideration

How can we ascertain the approximate time of Christ's birth?

Why was He born at Bethlehem?

Is there any special significance in His birth at this city?

Was Christ born in a manger?

What was the announcement of the angels?

What great message was part of this announcement?

How is it to be fulfilled?

## LESSON 11

**Aim:** To study the early life of Christ.

### Guide to Daily Study

**Jesus Was Favored of God.**

(Luke 2:40.)

**He Was Taught by His Parents to Attend Worship.**

(Luke 2:41, 42.)

**He Manifested Intelligence Beyond His Age.**

(Luke 2:46, 47.)

**His Favor With God Made Him Liked by Men.**

(Luke 2:52.)

**He Recognized His Responsibility Early in Life.**

(Luke 2:49.)

**He Lived a Normal Life.**

(Heb. 4:15.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this reference, "Train up a child in the way he should go."

Use cross reference and margin to add to the following:

"Every year" (Luke 2:41).

"Stature" (Luke 2:52).

"Father's business" (Luke 2:49).

"Tempted" (Heb. 4:15).

### Thoughts for Consideration

Did Jesus always continue to worship as taught early in life?

Does righteousness excuse us from church attendance?

Does sincere Christianity detract from our popularity?

How young can we be to share responsibility to God?

Will responsibility draw us closer to God?

What was the "Father's business"?

Did God protect His Son from all temptations? Why not?



## LESSON 12

**Aim:** To show the preparation for the way of Christ.

### Guide to Daily Study

The First Christians Were Known as People of "the  
...way."

(Acts 9:2.)

Christ Became a New Way for Remission of Sins.

(Heb. 10:20.)

John Taught Preparation for the Way.

(Luke 3:2-4.) *Isa 40:3-5*

Preparation Was by Repentance.

(Luke 3:3.)

His Work Merely Pointed to Christ.

(Luke 3:16, 17.)

Repentance Alone Was Not Sufficient.

(Acts 18:24; 19:1-5.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this reference: "I am the way." *Jn. 14:6*

With cross references and concordance add to the following:

"Of this way" (Acts 9:2).

"Consecrated" (Heb. 10:20).

Repentance.

Preparation.

### Thoughts for Consideration

Why were the early Christians known as people of "the way"?

What does "consecrated" mean, according to Hebrews 10:20?

Must preparation be made for almost all things?

If Christ is the "new way" for remission, what was the old way?

## LESSON 13

**Aim:** To show Christ's preparation for His work.

### Guide to Daily Study

**He Was Prepared by Baptism.**

(Matt. 3:13-15.)

**He Was Prepared by the Spirit of God.**

(Matt. 3:16.)

**He Was Prepared by Temptations.**

(Matt. 4:1-11; Heb. 4:15.)

**He Was Prepared by Obedience.**

(Phil. 2:8.)

**He Was Prepared by Devotion.**

(Matt. 14:22, 23.)

**He Was Prepared by Suffering.**

(Heb. 2:10.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this in Scripture: "Feet shod with . . . preparation."  
With cross reference and concordance, add to the following:

"Spirit" (Luke 3:16).

"Obedience."

"Suffering" (Heb. 2:10).

"Went apart to pray."

### Thoughts for Consideration

What was the purpose of the likeness of the dove?

To what extent was Christ guided by His Father?

How did His Father guide Him?

Why was it necessary for Christ to be tempted?

Was Christ's life enriched by His periods of prayer?

How was He perfected through suffering?

Will suffering help us?

For what was He perfected?

## LESSON 14

### Round Table Discussion Period

**Aim:** To make an everyday application of points suggested by lessons 8-13.

**Discussion 1.** Johnny G. scoffs at the Bible, and particularly the story of the birth of Christ, as being impossible. How much less understandable was His birth than the life God gives to all people? Did Joseph go to Bethlehem to fulfill prophecy or for practical reasons? Did Mary have to go along? Did God foresee these things? Was the story questioned by the everyday people who witnessed it?

**Discussion 2.** Miss K. does not desire to attend church because she feels she will be more popular by appearing worldly in attending more questionable places. Is this true? Must we have respect to have popularity? Which is respected more? Will Christianity give us favor with man as it did Christ?

**Discussion 3.** George L. presented himself at the altar of a large church, and, after repentance and prayer, he was told that he was saved. Did this event correspond to John's teaching? Were John's requirements sufficient? What else was required? In what way? In what way could it be harmful?

**Discussion 4.** Mrs. H. feels that she has attained the ultimate in righteousness, so declines to attend church or participate in any worship service. Would Christ have attained His spiritual growth had He not engaged in prayer and meditation? Is one purpose of worship to show our adoration of God? If, then, we refuse to worship, does it imply we do not have the spiritual attainment we think we have? It is true that the more righteous we are, the more we will desire to attend church?



## LESSON 15

**Aim:** To consider the facts of Christ's ministry.

### Guide to Daily Study

**The Beginning of His Ministry.**

(John 1:29-34.)

**The End of His Ministry.**

(Acts 1:1-11.)

**A Ministry of Service.**

(Phil. 2:7.)

**A Ministry of Comfort.**

(2 Cor. 1:3-5.)

**A Ministry of Hope.**

(1 Peter 1:3.)

**A Ministry of Salvation.**

(Luke 9:51-56.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this reference: "I was made a minister."

With cross references and concordance, add to the following:

"Taketh away" (John 1:29).

"Being assembled" (Acts 1:4).

"Likeness" (Phil. 2:7).

"Manner of spirit" (Luke 9:55).

### Thoughts for Consideration

Did the beginning of Christ's ministry anticipate the end?

Did Christ continue His ministry after His resurrection?

Was Christ privileged to refuse His crucifixion if he so desired?

In what way did He bring comfort?

How are we given hope?

According to Christ's ministry, shall we teach condemnation?

## LESSON 16

**Aim:** To study the selection of co-workers for Jesus.

### Guide to Daily Study

**They Were First Proved as Disciples.**

(Luke 5:8-11, 27.)

**Apostles Taken From Among His Disciples.**

(Luke 6:13-16.)

**Their Power and Work Were Clearly Defined.**

(Mark 16:19, 20.)

**They Had Human Personal Weaknesses.**

(Mark 14:18, 29, 30; 9:33, 34.)

**They Were Friends Rather Than Servants.**

(John 15:10-16.)

**They Were Promised Compensation.**

(Mark 10:28-30.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this statement in Scripture: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

Consider additional references on the following:

"And of them" (Luke 6:13).

"Greater love" (John 15:13).

"Sign."

### Thoughts for Consideration

Is it true that there were no wealthy persons among the apostles?

What is the difference between disciples and apostles?

Were the Apostles selected and commissioned without proving a degree of faithfulness to Christ?

When did the work of confirming the word "end"?

Were miracles for a special purpose, or should we expect them today?

Were the apostles promised any blessing in this life?

## LESSON 17

**Aim:** To consider the facts of Christ's teaching.

### Guide to Daily Study

**Christ Taught a Doctrine of Humility.**

(Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:10-14.)

**He Taught a Doctrine of Forgiveness.**

(1 John 1:7-10; 2:1, 2; Acts 2:38.)

**He Taught a Doctrine of Security.**

(Matt. 6:24-34.)

**He Taught a Doctrine of Hope.**

(Luke 18:35-43; 4:18, 19.)

**He Taught a Doctrine of Vision.**

(Matt. 24:24-34.)

**He Taught a Doctrine of Reward.**

(Matt. 24:31-46.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this statement in the Bible: "A teacher come from God."

Add to the following thoughts:

"And he took" (Mark 10:16).

"Thy faith" (Luke 18:42).

"Humble."

"Hope."

### Thoughts for Consideration

How would a child accept the facts of the Kingdom of God, if taught.

What is the extent of God's forgiveness?

Does God promise the Christian the necessities of this life?

What is the future of the sick and the afflicted?

Did Christ direct our attention to the future?

Will all receive a just reward for their works?



## LESSON 18

**Aim:** To study the facts of the crucifixion.

### Guide to Daily Study

**Christ Foretold His Death.**

(Luke 18:31-34.)

**The Jews Accepted Responsibility for His Death.**

(Matt. 27:19-25.)

**His Death Testified of His Messiahship.**

(Matt. 27:50-54.)

**His Suffering Brought Personal Perfection.**

(Heb. 2:10; 5:8, 9.)

**His Death Provided a New Testament.**

(Heb. 9:15-17.)

**His Death Provided Redemption.**

(Heb. 9:11-12.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find this statement in Scripture: "Preach Christ crucified."

Add to the following thoughts:

"That are written" (Luke 18:31).

"His blood" (Matt. 27:25).

"Messiah."

"Testament."

### Thoughts for Consideration

Did Jesus understand in advance the purpose of His death?

How are the Jews still paying for accepting the blood of Christ upon themselves and their children?

How was Christ's Messiahship proved in His death?

Was Christ a perfect Sacrifice?

What is a testament?

From what are we redeemed?

## LESSON 19

**Anm:** To study the facts of Christ's resurrection.

### Guide to Daily Study

**The Resurrection Was Attended With Signs.**

(Matt. 28:1-8.)

**He Was Seen by His Disciples.**

(Mark 16:9-14.)

**His Resurrection Was Literal.**

(Luke 24:36-43.)

**He Answered the Doubters.**

(John 20:24-29.)

**He Opened the Scriptures.**

(John 20:9; Luke 24:32.)

**Much Testimony Unpublished.**

(John 20:30; 21:25.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Check all the references that can be found on the following:

"Their eyes were holden."

"As he said" (Matt. 28:6).

"He appeared" (Mark 16:9).

"And he took it" (Luke 24:43).

### Thoughts for Consideration

If our Lord was three days and three nights in the tomb, at what time of day would he have come forth?

When was "the end of the sabbath"?

How did Jesus answer the doubters?

Did they, then, believe Him?

What caused the disciples to understand the Scriptures?

If much of the testimony of Christ was unwritten, what was the standard by which events were judged worthy of publication?

## LESSON 20

**Aim:** To consider our means of salvation.

### Guide to Daily Study

**Shed Blood Was Made the Means of Remission.**

(Heb. 9:22.)

**Christ Became the Better and Eternal Sacrifice.**

(Heb. 9:23-28.)

**We Are Made Partakers of His Death.**

(Rom. 6:3, 4.)

**Sharing His Death, We Also Share Benefits of His Shed Blood.**

(1 John 1:7; Rev. 1-5.)

**His Blood Seals for Us a New Covenant.**

(Heb. 13:20.)

**We Become Children of God's Covenant With Abraham.**

(Acts 3:25, 26.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Read at least five references about each of the following:

Blood.

Sacrifice.

Covenant.

Remission.

### Thoughts for Consideration

Why should God establish shed blood as a means of remission?

In what way is Christ a better Sacrifice than the old?

How do we partake of His death?

Are we under His blood without being in the likeness of His death?

Must we sign a covenant to make it effective?

What is a testament, and why is death necessary to enforce it?



## LESSON 21

**Aim:** To review and fix in mind the facts of the preceding six lessons.

### Guide to Daily Study

Review thoroughly each one of the preceding lessons each day.

### Class Period

Let each member of the class present one fact he has learned in one of the previous six lessons, and discuss the light it sheds upon one important Scriptural question. Each one shall also present to the class one question that this fact raises to his mind—for the class to answer.

## LESSON 22

**Aim:** To consider Christ's right to rulership.

### Guide to Daily Study

**Christ Will Eventually Rule the World in Righteousness.**

(1 Cor. 15:24.)

**That Rulership Was Promised to the House of David.**

(Jer. 23:5.)

**Christ Is Heir to That Lineage.**

(Luke 1:32, 33.)

**He Has Been Given Power.**

(Matt. 28:18.)

**He Fulfills God's Eternal Purpose.**

(Eph. 3:11.)

**He Is the Enforcer of God's Word.**

(Rev. 19:11-13.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Check at least four references on each of the following as they pertain to Christ:

Purpose.

Heir.

Rule.

Power.

Inherit.

### Thoughts for Consideration

Who was Jesse?

What is an heir?

Has an heir received or is he to receive his inheritance?

Is Christ of the lineage of David?

What is God's purpose?

Will it require power to enforce God's Word?

What kind of power will be required?

## LESSON 23

**Aim:** To show our heirship with Christ.

### Guide to Daily Study

**Christ Is the Promised Heir to the World.**

(Rom. 8:17; Rev. 11:15.)

**The Church to Be Heirs With Him.**

(Gal. 4:7; Rev. 20:4-6.)

**Heirship Proved by Standing of Children.**

(Gal. 3:26; Rom. 8:14-16.)

**Heirship Proved by Our Instruction.**

(Gal. 4:1, 2.)

**Heirship Proved by Our Chastisement.**

(Heb. 12:5-11.)

**Heirship Proved by Our Attitude Toward Each Other.**

(1 John 3:14.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Check at least four references on each of the following:

Heirs.

Children.

Father.

Instruction.

Chastisement.

Love.

### Thoughts for Consideration

What is Christ's inheritance?

How will the church use its inheritance?

Where will the church use its inheritance?

To what extent are we regarded as children?

Does God's instruction in this life indicate the nature of our inheritance?

Should being "joint heirs" influence our attitude toward one another?



## LESSON 24

**Aim:** Consideration of our promised reward.

### Guide to Daily Study

**We Will Be Rewarded at the Coming of Christ.**

(Rev. 22:12.)

**Reward Will Be in Keeping With Our Works.**

(Rom. 2:4-10.)

**We Are Offered a Reward of Eternal Life.**

(Rom. 6:23.)

**We Are Offered a Reward of Eternal Joy.**

(Isa. 35:10.)

**We Are Offered a Reward of Eternal Health.**

(Isa. 35:4-6; Phil. 3:20, 21.)

**We Are Offered a Reward of Eternal Righteousness and Peace.**

(Isa. 35:3-9; Rom. 14:17.)

### Cross Reference and Concordance Work

Find at least three references on each of the following:

Reward.

Joy.

Righteousness.

Peace.

Works.

Salvation.

### Thoughts for Consideration

Has anyone received his reward as yet?

Will everyone receive the same reward?

What is our promised reward?

To what extent will we be given the means of enjoying eternal life?

Is peace dependent upon righteousness?

What will be the extent of the future peace?

## LESSON 25

**Aim:** To fix in mind the facts of this series of lessons.

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By use of concordance, and so forth, make a daily study of one of each of the following subjects:

God's ultimate desire for man.

The place of our eternal inheritance.

The nature of the earth in eternity.

The effects of Christ's rule over the earth.

Our resurrection nature.

Steps to the goal of salvation.

### Class Period

Let each member of the class tell one Scriptural question which these lessons have satisfactorily answered in his mind, and give the reason why certain scriptures have added to his faith on this subject. Let the leader also give a list of words suggested by the concordance, seeing who can find the references first. Check the results of this test with the ability of the class to find references at the beginning of the series.

## LESSON 26

**Aim:** To give proper recognition to those who have satisfactorily completed the preceding course of Bible work.

### Class Period

It is the desire of the National Berean Society officially to recognize all members who satisfactorily complete this five-year course of study. For this class period, any minister of the Church of God may receive free, upon request to the national secretary, a list of questions upon these lessons, together with grading instructions. After grading the results of this examination, he may submit the names and the grades of all those making seventy-five or more points to the national secretary and a special certificate of recognition will be sent showing the grade by which they have completed the study. A list will be maintained at national headquarters for special recognition from time to time.

If you have no minister, any elder of your group or older Berean leader may secure a copy of the questions and conduct the examination, after which the papers may be submitted to any minister you desire for grading. In this case, however, include the instruction sheet with the papers and be sure to put your full name and address on each paper.

Ministers will please secure and send in the full name of the member, the grade received, and state that it is for the second six-month's series of Bible study. A full list of those receiving grades of ninety-five or more will be published as a roster of honor roll students.

Whether or not you make the honor roll, you will find much pleasure and profit from taking this examination.



Jer. 23:5  
Isa. 4:2

Son of the Highest  
Luke 1:32; 33

Mark 5:7

II Sam. 7:11-12

VERSE 8

Dan. 2:44

Matt. 28:18

Dan. 7:13, 14

Rev. 19:11-13

VERSE 15

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Have your studies of the Scripture left you with some tantalizing question unanswered? If you have such a question, or if you simply would like to get acquainted with the work of the National Berean Society and the young people who are sincerely expressing themselves in service to God in this way, we cordially invite you to drop a letter to us in care of the National headquarters at Oregon, Illinois.

The National Berean Society maintains both a senior and a junior correspondence committee who will be glad to get acquainted with young people anywhere. Our committees are composed of young people scattered throughout the United States, and we are sure you will find a pleasant, Christian exchange of views most helpful in these very tempting times. Drop a line to the National Berean Society, Oregon, Illinois, letting us know something about you—age, occupation, etc.—and your letter will be referred to the proper committee at once.



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Don't get weary,  
To be like Jesus,  
In this morning,  
altogether lovely!

We stand for  
Unity, Truth and Righteousness