



METRO NEW YORK WORLD MINISTRY
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTING NOTES
For the week of Mar 19 – Mar 25, 2016
Lesson #13: **Rebellion and Redemption**

Redemption

Sabbath Afternoon

Memory Text: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Revelation 21:4

The inheritance that God has for His people is a beautiful and perfect world where there is no more death because there is no more sin. As such, there are no more tears. Every sorrow that leads to tears will be all wiped away. No longer will loved ones be rushed to the hospital. There will be no more funerals. There will be no more cause for crying. There will be no more pain. No more physical pain. No more pain from abandonment, loneliness, and loss. No more hurtful words. Rather, there will be perfect peace, because there will be perfect love.

Application: As we anxiously look forward to the Earth made new, we need now to live as citizens of Christ’s eternal kingdom today. Hence, we need to be born of the Spirit and to walk in the Spirit, that we might not now cause sorrow and harm to others by our words or deeds.

Sunday’s Lesson

Topic: Binding Satan

Scripture: Revelation 20:1-3

The angel carries the key because heaven is in full control. Satan will be thrown into the bottomless pit of a desolate Earth. For one thousand years, Satan will have time to contemplate the results of his rebellion against God’s government.

Satan is bound by circumstance. He cannot deceive the saints because they are in Heaven with Jesus. And he cannot deceive the unsaved because they are dead awaiting the resurrection of condemnation at the end of the millennium.

Application: Satan cannot blame God for his rebellion. Satan made a choice. Even when he knew he was wrong, he still chose to rebel because of his pride. How sad that he was convinced of his wrongdoing, but he would have to confess to the whole angelic realm that he had lied about God. This he was not willing to do.

One of the sure signs of conversion is when a people admits their wrongdoing without any excuses. Are there wrongs you have committed that you are unwilling to confess because of pride? What we need is the humility of



Jesus and the hunger to be right with God and our fellowman. Imagine the peace and love that could result if we did the right thing by the leading and power of God?

Monday's Lesson

Topic: The "Why" Questions

Scripture: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Revelation 20:4

During the millennium the saints will take part in the judgment. See also Daniel 7:22; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3. While it is evident that the wicked did not receive eternal life, the saints will be able to understand and agree with the sentences meted out.

Application: The wicked will judge the saints and there will be many martyrs. But in the end, the saints will receive the gift of life. The wicked, on the other hand, will face the wrath of God and will lose out on eternal life.

The saints here described are those living in the end of time. Imagine how close we will be to the Second Coming, when we face a death decree. It would be tragic to give up your faith when you are facing death. This would be the time to gather strength, and refuse to compromise our faith in God and His law. Even now, we should gather up all the promises of God to increase our faith. We should daily commit all of who we are and all of what we have to the cause and glory of God.

Tuesday's Lesson

Topic: Final Judgment

Scripture: Revelation 20:7-15

There is a beginning point for the millennium, which is the Second Coming of Christ. He receives His own and wings them to heaven. The wicked are dead and Satan remains chained upon this desolate planet for one thousand years.

During this time, the saints shall participate in the judgment of the wicked.

There is also an ending point to the millennium. The wicked will be raised in the resurrection of condemnation. Satan will deceive them that he had brought them back to life. He deceives them that they can take the city, New Jerusalem. But in the end, Satan and his demons, and all the wicked shall perish in the lake of fire.



Application: If there is eternal death for the wicked, there is eternal life for the righteous. There is no middle ground. There is no purgatory and there is no eternally burning hell. Our time in this little fallen world is our probationary time to show whether we truly love God or not.

Wednesday's Lesson

Topic: New Heaven and a New Earth

Scriptures: Revelation 21:1, 2, 9, 10; 22:1-3

When God created our little world it was perfect. But due to sin, our world has become corrupted. Therefore, God will create a new heaven and a new earth. This old world is not to be improved, rather, it is to be burned up.

In the same way, there will be a New Jerusalem. The old has been besieged many times. Crimes of every kind were carried out within her walls. It was of course where the world's Redeemer was crucified. It too must burn up to make way for the New Jerusalem.

In this city, which is made in heaven, we find the river of life and the tree of life. It will rest upon the Earth made new, and will become the new capitol of the universe. Here God will dwell with the redeemed from all ages.

Application: While it is impossible for us to imagine fully the beauty of the New Jerusalem, we should nonetheless think often of heaven. Hold firm to the promises of God. Believe in His Word. Think often of the Father giving His only Son for our redemption. Let the love of God motivate your faith to want to serve Him each and every day. Do not become some earthly minded that you scarcely think of heaven.

When you wake up in the morning think of heaven first. See the face of God before you see the face of man. Consecrate yourself to Him and your day will be one of many victories.

Thursday's Lesson

Topic: No More Tears

Scriptures: Revelation 21:3-5

The same God that will wipe away every tear, is the same God that can even now comfort you in your tears. He that shall bring sorrow to an end, can even now sympathize with our sorrows. He that will bring death to an end, can even now empower us to live a new life.



Sabbath School Lesson Notes – March 26, 2016

Application: We do not need to wait for God to put an end to crying, sorrow, and death. We can even now live in heavenly places as we await the imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.