

Bible Class Notes – From John’s Gospel– Lesson 45

The ‘I AM’ Sayings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This week we continue lessons which teach the almighty saving power of Jesus Christ.

*John The Baptist said,
“Behold, The Lamb of God, which
taketh away the sin of the world”.*

John 1 v29

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Isaiah 40 v1-15 (John The Baptist foretold)	
Monday	John 1 v1-18 (The preaching of John The Baptist)	
Tuesday	John 1 v19-36 (Behold, The Lamb of God)	
Wednesday	1 Peter 1 v1-21 (Christ’s death planned in Eternity)	
Thursday	Hebrews 10 v1-13 (Christ fulfils the OT Sacrifices)	
Friday	Hebrews 10 v14-31 (Christ as the ONLY Sacrifice)	
Saturday	Revelation 5 v1-14 (The Lamb worthy of our praise)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Even the most timid person is today encouraged to have self-belief. But this can be over-done to the damage of our soul’s safety in eternity. One of the shortcomings of today’s materialistic age is the ignorance about the true nature of sin, and its’ devastating effect on our lives. **We can be too self-confident** - proud of our thoughts and actions, not realising how sinful they are and how hurtful they are to God and to others. People seldom feel ashamed of themselves, and rarely look within themselves for faults (sin), often self-justifying or blaming others. We need to see the way we live as God sees us. The Bible says that in God’s sight, *‘There is none that doeth good, no not one’*. (Psalms 41v1,3; Psalms 51,v1,3; Romans 3v12). **The good news of The Gospel is – Jesus Christ, The Lamb of God, died to save us.**

This week’s hymn tells us that The Lord Jesus Christ, The Lamb of God, is worthy of praise: (197)

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.
2. ‘Worthy the Lamb that died’, they cry,
‘To be exalted thus’
‘Worthy the Lamb’, our lips reply,
‘For He was slain for us’.
3. Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, for ever Thine.
5. The whole creation join in one,
To bless the sacred name
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

EDT Bible Class Take Home Sheet

The Lamb of God – Our Need of Forgiveness.

- **John The Baptist - The Forerunner of Christ, Foretold by Isaiah**
 - Isaiah prophesied the appearance of one who would precede Christ.
 - He preached – *‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord’, ‘Behold, The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world’*. (Meaning Jews and Gentiles).
- **What is Sin?**
 - **Let us consider 4 important aspects of Sin:**
 - **Rebellion.** Our lives belong to God. Yet we take Him, and all He provides for us, for granted - living to please ourselves, enjoying this world’s sins. *God will hold us to account, and judge us, for all our sins of rebellion.*
 - **The Guilt of Lawbreaking.** God has given us 10 simple rules to live by. He has written His Ten Commandments on our conscience. (Exodus 20) They are Holy - As sinners, we are guilty of not keeping them perfectly. *God will hold us to account, and judge us, for all our sin of lawbreaking.*
 - **Diseased with Sin.** Sin is an infectious disease - starting small, growing much worse until it affects our whole person, resulting in Eternal Death. *No soul with the disease of sin will ever enter God’s Holy Heaven.*
 - **Slavery of Sin.** One sin leads to another until it grips us, holding us in its power, taking control, ruling our lives. We become a slave to it and Satan. *Our sin separates us, and keeps us away, from the Holy God.*
- **The Lamb of God, The Lord Jesus Christ provides the remedy**
 - God gave us a picture in The Old Testament sacrifices of a perfect ‘Lamb’ dying as a substitute to save. Remember Abraham and Isaac, when God provided the ram in the thicket as a substitute sacrifice for Isaac. (Gen 22)
 - The OT sacrifices had to be performed many times – a ‘picture’ to the people of the awfulness of sin, and of **‘The Lamb of God’** Who would come to die.
 - The real sacrifice was performed **once** on Calvary – Christ’s death was a once only, complete sacrifice for the sin of His People, satisfying God’s Justice.
 - All the OT believers looked forward to the Lord Jesus Christ coming as **‘The Lamb of God’**. We look back to His death, when He suffered God’s wrath to remove the guilt of our sin, setting us free to enjoy God for ever in Heaven.

Isaiah wrote about the Lord Jesus Christ as ‘The Lamb of God’ dying on the cross, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth”.
Isaiah 53 v4-5