

Bible Class Notes – Studies in 1 and 2 Kings – Lesson 126

Sin and its Cure

This week – God has made many wonderful promises to us in The Bible. Do we believe them?

**For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal life
through Christ our Lord. *Romans 6 v23***

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	2 Kings 2v1-14 (Elijah hands over to Elisha)	
Monday	2 Kings 2v15-25 (Do not despise God's servants)	
Tuesday	Mark 9v1-13 (Transfiguration – Meeting Moses and Elijah)	
Wednesday	Mark 9v14-29 (The power of Christ to heal and save)	
Thursday	Mark 9v30-37 (The importance of children to the Lord)	
Friday	Galatians 3v16-29 (God's promises to Abraham are for us)	
Saturday	2 Peter 1v1-11 (God's great and precious promises)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Can we know and trust God's Word of promise?

God is truth; He is immutable (never changing), so His Word never changes. Hebrews 6v17,18. God has made many promises to save all who call upon Him in repentance and faith. Now is the time to respond to God's call. Here are three of His gracious promises: -

"If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." 1 John 1v9;

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10v13,

"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3 v16.

But, God is Holy and He also promises to Judge everyone who reject His offer of mercy.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." 2 Corinthians 5v10.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9v27.

Hymn 590 – Job, in all his troubles, could say, "I know my Redeemer liveth." Job 19v25

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| 1. I know that my Redeemer lives:
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, Who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head. | 2. He lives, triumphant from the grave;
He lives, eternally to save;
He lives, all glorious in the sky;
He lives, exalted there on high. |
| 4. He lives, my kind, wise, constant Friend;
Who still will keep me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives I'll sing,
Jesus, my Prophet, Priest, and King. | 5. He lives my mansion to prepare;
He will bring me safely there;
He lives, all glory to His name!
Jesus, unchangeably the same! |

Revision – Lessons 119-125 - The Various Forms That Sin Can Take.

- **119 – Sin is Rejecting God.** Elijah warned King Ahab and Jezebel.

- God is angry with all those who wilfully break His Holy and perfect Law.
- **The Gospel is finding the way back to God from the dark paths of sin.**

We must humbly approach God through trusting in The Lord Jesus, the ONLY Saviour.

- **120 – Sin is playing with other gods.** Idols - those of our own making.

- God looks for sincerity and reverence in our worship, and obedience in our lives.
- **The Gospel is leaving the world and its' evil ways, and trusting in God alone.**

We are influenced today to think evil is good, and good is evil; to live as we please.

- **121 – Sin is Wounding The Conscience.** Jezebel had Naboth murdered.

- God is fully aware of our motives. We have no secrets; nothing is hid from Him.
- **The Gospel is facing up to our sin and seeking the Saviour to remove our guilt.**

We must honestly acknowledge our sin to God and pray for forgiveness and cleansing.

- **122 – Sin is a Fatal Disease.** Naaman obeyed God - his leprosy was healed.

- God calls us to the foot of the cross where Jesus Christ died. We must obey.
- **The Gospel is being healed and made new. New desires to live to please God.**

We must thank God for the Holy Spirit Who quickens with the gift of faith to repentance

- **123 – Sin Brings Death.** God gives Elisha the power to restore a boys' life.

- We are dead in sin. Only Christ's death on Calvary can restore us to spiritual life.
- **The Gospel is receiving the gift of Christ's righteousness and Eternal Life.**

We inherit Adams' fallen nature; without Christ we are spiritually dead towards God.

- **124 – Sin is Going To War With God.** The Syrians were against Elisha and God.

- God showed His mercy to the captured Syrians by feeding them; releasing them.
- **The Gospel is accepting God's offer of mercy and peace, but only on His terms.**

Satan, the world, and sin are against us. We need God on our side to gain the victory.

- **125 – Sin is Refusing To Believe God's Promises.** Unbelief is a great sin.

- God promises to forgive all who call on Him in repentance and faith.
- **The Gospel is trusting God's Word of Truth, revealed to us In The Bible.**

We do not deserve God's free mercy and grace. It is out of His love that He saves sinners

- **Finally, Sin Leads to Hell.** There is a Day of Judgement to come.

- God is very fair with us. He has set His love upon His Elect People, to save them.
- **The Gospel leads a forgiven sinner to Eternal Heaven.**

God has promised judgement upon all unbelievers. Behold, now is the Day of Salvation.

Paul wrote, "But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in Him was yea. For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."