**Bible Class Notes – Revision – Lesson 11**

***God’s Creating and Saving Power***

**This week** we remind ourselves that God is Almighty to Create, Sustain Life, and to Save

***“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.”* Ecclesiastes 12 v1**

**Teaching Notes**

**We see The Almighty Power of God in Creation and Salvation.**

**The Lord Jesus, as God The Son and Creator of All Things, Demonstrated His Almighty Power: -**

* **Over Nature.**
* **Over Death.**
* **Over The Devil.**
* **Over Need.**
* **Over Illness.**

1. **Over Nature. What? How?**

**He commanded the winds and waves to obey Him by the Word of His Power**

What did He say? **“Peace, be still.”**

What happened? Why? **As Creator of all things, He has complete control.**

**The storm calmed immediately**.

**Conclusion - He can keep us safe through all the ‘storms of life’.**

1. **Over Death – Physical and Spiritual.**

Who was very ill? How ill? Jairus’ daughter was close to death.

How did Jairus approach the Lord? **Humbly, in Faith.**

What happened to her before the Lord got to Jairus’ house? **She died.**

The Lord said to Jairus, **“Be not afraid, only believe.”**

What did the Lord do? **He brought her back to life again.**

What spiritual lesson do we learn from this? **He can give us Eternal Life.**

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**3. Over The Devil – The Enemy of Our Souls.**

Describe the man who was tormented by devils**. Wild, rough, dangerous, violent**

What did this wild man of Gadara do when he saw the Lord Jesus coming?

**He ran towards Him and fell at His feet.**

What did the Lord Jesus do for him? **Drove out the Demons. Restored his mind**

What spiritual lesson do we learn from this?

**Christ is Omnipotent. All powerful. He is full of compassion.**

He can protect us from Satan the enemy of our souls and give us victory over sin.

Remember, Satan no longer has the power today to take over our lives.

1. **Over Need.**

What did the crowd have need of? **Food**

How many needed feeding? **5,000 men (plus women and children).**

What was the Lord’s attitude to the crowd? **Showed compassion.**

What food was available? **A lad’s lunch - 5 small loaves and 2 fish**.

What did the Lord do with this small amount of food?

**He blessed it and miraculously increased it.**

How could He do this? **He is Creator God.**

How many baskets of leftovers were collected? **12**

What did the Lord say about Himself. **“I AM the Bread of Life.”**

What did He mean by this? **He can feed our souls with spiritual food - forgiveness**

We must know Him as our Saviour, obediently follow Him, praise Him, and to witness to others.

1. **Over Illness.**

Who came to the Lord blind? **Bartimaeus.**

What did he want? **To have his sight restored.**

What did he cry out? **“Jesus, Son of David, Have mercy on me.”**

What does this teach us about his belief? **LJC is God, The Promised Saviour.**

How do we know that Bartimaeus was earnest? **He kept crying out.**

What does this teach us about seeking the Lord? **Keep seeking until He answers.**

What did the Lord Jesus say to him? ***“Go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole.”***

What did this mean? **The Lord forgave Bartimaeus all his sin.**

**Blind Bartimaeus received his sight and was cleansed of his sin**.

What do we learn spiritually from this?

**The Lord can ‘open’ our eyes to see Who He really is** – to have and exercise Faith in Our Creator God and the Saviour Who died on the cross to save our souls.

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**Lesson 6. The Lord Jesus Christ, God The Son, Created Everything by The Word of His Power. God said, “Let there be ….”.**

What do we need to believe and accept this? **Faith, the gift of God. Hebrews 11v4**

***“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”***

How many Days did the Lord use to Create all things? **6, rested on the 7th.**

How long was a Day? **Hebrew Yom, 24 Hours.**

What did God create things from? **Nothing Hebrews 11v4**

**The God of Truth declares Evolution as the evil invention of men.**

**Day 1 – Day and Night, Light and Darkness, The start of Time.**

**God was the Light. The Sun was created on day 4.**

**Day 2 – The Heavens (Space, Universe, and Sky), and The Earth.**

**We can fully trust and believe the Bible account of Creation.**

We should be amazed at all the complex detail that must be in place for things to exist. **This could not happen by chance! It needs a designer.**

**If we will not believe it, then we accuse God of being a liar. 1 John 2v4,22.**

**Day 3 – God prepared the Earth ready for Occupation.**

**Note - The earth is seen as a circle from every angle, Isaiah 40v22, and as a spherical globe, a ‘ball’ floating in space. Job 26v7.**

**God divided the Dry Land on the Earth from the Seas.**

**God created a vast variety of Trees, Plants, Flowers, and Herbs,**

all with beauty, age, and seeds for regeneration of the **same kind.**

**Day 4 – God established The Heavens and The Seasons.**

**Sun, Moon, Stars, and Planets created – our Universe, our Solar System, and Galaxies** – all set in their perfectly timed orbital rules.

**Day 5 – God created Fish and Birds after their kind.**

**Male and female** enabling reproduction **only** **within species**.

**Day 6 – Animals and Mankind - distinct from each other.**

**Animals first, within their kind** - male and female - enabling reproduction **only** within species. **No cross-species breeding.**

**Lesson 7 Then the crowning point of God’s creation – Mankind.**

Did God need or use time to ‘evolve’ humans? **No.**

Did God use Apes to develop Humans from? **No**

What did God create Adam from? **The dust of the ground.**

Created higher than, and distinctly different to, animals.

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**What did God breath into Adam and Eve? Living Souls.**

**In Whose Image did God create Them?**

**God created Adam and Eve His Own Image - a Living Soul with a conscience, and reason.** Animals do not have souls.

**God’s Creation Work Finished in 6 Days - Perfect, “Very Good”**

**What special relationship did Adam and Eve have with God?**

To Know Him, Walk with Him, Obey Him, Live for Him, and Enjoy Him for ever.

**Day 7 – Creation Now Complete – A Day of Rest established.**

**Sabbath Day – A Creation Ordinance –**

**One day in seven,** set aside for the worship of our Creator God.

**Why is our Sabbath the first day of the week?**

From the Sunday that the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

He stamped this day as **His own** –

it became the **Lord’s Day - Sunday is** our **Sabbath**.

**Lesson 8 Judgement of The Wicked – All Who Reject God’s Way.**

**What was the Situation Before Adam and Eve Sinned: -**

**God declared that everything He had made was perfect, “Very Good.”**

Adam and Eve were perfect: God gave them free wills to choose.

**They Fell into Sin – How did it Happen?**

**Satan’s charges against God were believed** – ‘God is unfair to withhold the **Knowledge of Good and Evil** from you’. **‘Hath God Said?’**

**‘God is a Liar’** – ‘You will not surely die’. ‘There is more in life to experience – you are missing out’. ‘Believe me, ignore God’. **Remember – God Hath Said**

**What was The Original Sin Adam and Eve committed?**

**Multiple Sins – Unbelief, Rebellion, Disobedience, Selfishness, Greed, Stealing, Pride** – ‘I want to know and enjoy evil, and I can live with that’.

**Conscience wilfully suppressed** – Excuses to justify their taking the fruit in disobedience to God. **‘Only a little sin’. All sin is offensive to God.**

**The Disastrous Consequences of The Fall into Original Sin.**

**Death - Physical** (the body) **and Spiritual** (the soul).

Adam died aged 930 years, **Genesis 5v5.** **But he died spiritually immediately.**

**All the Human Race** **inherited Adam’s sinful state** - **All are fallen in sin.**

**We have lost our Eternal Peace & Fellowship with our Creator God.**

**The World now groans under God’s curse.**

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**Look around you. We see the clear evidence of sin.**

**Do you see it in your own heart and soul?**

**Adam & Eve were Judged – Death - Physical and Spiritual.**

Thankfully the **SEED** was promised. **Who was the Promised SEED?**

A perfect Man Who would come one day to keep the Law and to die to save repentant sinners. Punished, as if He had broken the Law.

**The Perfect Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, The Saviour.**

**Lesson 9 The Terrible Consequences of Sin - Now and For Eternity.**

**Cain’s Gift and Offering – Why was it rejected by God?**

**Cain did not follow God’s instructions** – He invented his own offering.

How was his heart before God?

**He gave it with pride - in the wrong spirit –** To impress, to show off.

Besides bringing his own offering of works what was missing?

**Without Repentance –** he offered his own work to earn God’s favour.

**Expecting to qualify for a reward** he was enraged when God rejected him.

**Abel’s Gift and Offering – Why was his offering accepted by God?**

**Abel followed God’s instructions** – an animal sacrifice was required.

How did he approach God?

**He came humbly, obediently, repentant** - knowing sin deserves death.

How does Hebrews 11 v4 describe his approach?

**Looking in faith to God’s future provision of a Saviour** – The Lord Jesus.

**Abel’s faith was accounted to him for righteousness**. **Hebrews 11v4.**

**Cain’s sinful reaction –** See how one sin so quickly led to another: -

What was the sequence of his sins?

**Pride led Cain to Jealousy, to Anger, to Hatred, and then to Murder.**

**Cain even rejected God’s kind words of corrective advice. No repentance.**

**We must ask ourselves – “Who am I like? Cain or Abel?”**

**Does sinful Pride lead us to Jealousy, to Anger, and to Hatred?**

Are we content to continue living in our sin, away from God?

**OR**

**Do we recognise our sinfulness? Do we come humbly, God’s way, with heartfelt repentance?** - Looking for and finding His forgiveness.

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**God has graciously provided the Remedy for Sin: -**

**Planned in eternity, He has sent His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ** –

**The ‘Lamb of God’** **to die as our substitute on Calvary,** taking the full punishment for the guilt of all our sin, and to give us His Righteousness.

**The Lord Jesus Christ is God’s Acceptable and Complete Sacrifice for Sin** - Once, and for All Time. **There is no other way.**

**Did He die to save you?**

**We must look to the Saviour in faith as we cannot save ourselves**

**Note: Cain rejected God’s Way** – Rejected by God – No place in Eternal Heaven.

**Lesson 10 God demonstrated His Holy Wrath upon Sinful Men.**

What did God see in the hearts of men? **Genesis 6v5**

***And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.***

What did God promise to send? **Universal Flood.**In how many years’ time? **120**

Who was found Faithfull? **Noah by faith believed God. Preached for 120 years.**

**Built the Ark to save his family and any others who would repent and enter.**

**The Lord carried out His Judgement. All were drowned. No Eternal Heaven for them**

**The Lord blessed Noah as he left the Ark. God’s Rainbow Promise.**

**But a Solemn Warning of The Final Judgement by Fire - yet to come.**

**The Salvation of Lost Sinners by The Saviour’s Death on Calvary.**

**The Lord Jesus Died, taking the Punishment for Sin on Himself** – that we might repent, receive forgiveness, and be saved from The Final Judgement.

**He Rose again, Ascended to Heaven and will return as The Righteous Judge.**

We can only stand in that Day if our sins are forgiven through faith in Christ.

**Do not ignore this call to repentance and faith**

**Do not be like the people of Noah’s day.**

**They had to face God’s Holy and Eternal Judgement.**

**King David prayed *- “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.”*** **Psalm 139 v23**