

Bible/College Class Notes – *Studies in The Old Testament* – Lesson 71

The Christian Pilgrimage – Pictures of Salvation and Heaven.

This week – We continue our lessons teaching us about how to live now, anticipating Heaven.

***“Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the LORD;
for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.”***

Psalm 106v1.

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	Psalm 106v1-15 (God’s mighty acts remembered)	
Monday	Psalm 106v16-31 (The Israelites forget their God)	
Tuesday	Psalm 106v32-48 (God hates sin but saves sinners)	
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 7v1-11 (He is God, the faithful God)	
Thursday	Deuteronomy 7v12-28 (God will bless the faithful)	
Friday	Hebrews 3v1-19 (Let Christ build our life, ‘house’)	
Saturday	1 Corinthians 10v1-15 (Follow Christ faithfully)	

Important Thought for us Today: Who is our Guide? The children of Israel suffered much unnecessary trouble because they refused to be guided by the Lord. They did not trust in Him to set them on the right road and, in unbelief, followed their own wills, missing out on His promises. The example of Moses, Joshua and Caleb shows He will bless those who prayerfully seek and follow His guidance based on His Word. Life’s major decisions will bring either blessing or pain. To marry someone who does not share the same Biblical truth as you, to do a job which takes you away from the Lord, to attend a church that is not faithful to Biblical teaching will end in sadness. The Lord does not promise life to be easy but if guided by Him and His principles His blessing will be known.

Hymn 694. Speaking of the Lord’s guidance through this life to the safety of Heaven.

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| <p>1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.</p> | <p>2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.</p> |
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3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side;
Songs of praises, Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee.

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Revision – From Sin’s Slavery to God’s Heaven.

- **Slavery and Its’ Horrors - a Picture of our Slavery to Satan and Sin.**
 - God took the initiative - sending Moses to lead them out of their bondage.
 - God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on Calvary to remove the guilt of sin.
- **Moses’ Choice – He Left the Pleasures of Egypt to Serve The Lord.**
 - Moses willingly gave up being an Egyptian prince to rescue God’s People from slavery. He was prepared to suffer opposition from the world.
 - A true Christian willingly chooses the Lord’s service above anything else.
- **Resisting The Lord – Pharaoh Foolishly said ‘No’ 10 Times.**
 - Each ‘No’ caused Pharaoh’s heart to harden against Almighty God, and in the end God hardened his heart so that he could not repent his sin or be saved.
 - How many times have we said ‘No’ to God’s mercy and offer of forgiveness?
- **Redeemed – God’s Angel of Death Passed Over the Believing Israelites**
 - ‘Death Passed Over’ each house that had believed God - sacrificing a lamb, painting their door posts with its’ blood, and staying in that dreadful night.
 - ‘Death will Pass Over’ each one who trusts in Christ’s sacrifice alone to save.
- **Guidance – God’s Pillar of Cloud by Day and Fire by Night.**
 - God guides us by His Word, The Bible - do we read it and obey it?
- **Protection – Destruction of Pharaoh at Red Sea, and From Serpents.**
 - The Israelites learnt that only God could save them from certain death.
 - We too must learn that God alone saves us from a deserved eternal death.
- **Provision – God Provided All Their Physical Needs in the Desert.**
 - God knows our needs and will hear and provide for those who put Him first.
- **The Golden Calf - Rejecting Almighty God for a useless man-made Idol.**
 - Moses’ delay in receiving the 10 Commandments from God gave the people an excuse to reject God and to make a ‘god’ that allowed their sinful acts.
 - Beware, lest we too reject God’s holy standard - to sin and ruin our lives.
- **The Day of Atonement - A Meeting Place with God.**
 - The Tabernacle is a map that shows us the way to Heaven through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, His sacrifice, and our need for heartfelt repentance.
- **Jordan and Canaan – A Picture of Our Death and Entry Into Eternity.**
 - ‘Crossing Jordan’ is a Biblical picture of death – a ‘door’ that God ‘opens’ taking our souls from this life into the next. The timing is all in God’s Plan.
 - The Promised Land is a lovely picture of God’s wonderful Eternal Heaven.
Are you certain that this is your destination? **Is He your Saviour and Lord?**

The Lord Jesus said, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you”*
Matthew 6v33.