

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How much time should we spend in His Word and how much time **do** we spend?
2. Give examples of God's "encouraging Word" in your life.
3. How are we sustained by God's Word?
4. Can we find satisfaction for our needs in God's Word?
5. How do you feel when you personalize the verses in Psalms?

### SUMMARY:

Our lesson begins with a description of the heart attitude if we are to receive the salvation of God. There is no way whereby we can be saved until we awaken to our need and cry unto Him for His mercy and salvation. [\[SoF:7\]](#) Only when we come with contrite hearts can He truly purge us and then fill our lives and satisfy our needs. In God's Word we find strength for each day and instruction in the way of righteousness. In the power of the Spirit we find the ability to understand His ways.

### NOTES:

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[\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

September 24, 2023

Third Quarter

### GOD'S WORD

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Psalm 119:145-176*

**LESSON SETTING:** (?)

**TIME:** (?)

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- I. SAVED BY THE WORD.** [\[SoF:8\]](#) Psalm 119:145-152
  - A. Seeking Salvation (vs. 145-146) Psalm 119:41; John 20:31; Acts 16:30
  - B. Hope in the Word (vs. 147) Romans 15:4; 1 John 3:3
  - C. Spiritual Quickening (vs. 149) John 5:21; 6:63
- II. SUSTAINED BY THE WORD.** Psalm 119:153-168
  - A. Mercy of God (vs. 156) Psalm 103:17; Lamentations 3:22-23
  - B. Loving Kindness of God (vs. 159) John 14:23; John 16:27; 1 John 3:1
  - C. Preciousness of the Word (vs. 161-162) Psalm 119:72; Proverbs 23:23
  - D. Peace in the Word (vs. 165) Isaiah 48:18; John 16:33
- III. SATISFIED BY THE WORD.** Psalm 119:169-176
  - A. Understanding (vs. 169) Proverbs 17:27; Ephesians 1:18; 2 Timothy 2:7
  - B. Instruction (vs. 171) Psalm 71:17; John 6:45; Ephesians 4:21; 2 Timothy 3:16
  - C. Love of the Word (vs. 174) Psalm 119:47, 72, 97, 140; Jeremiah 15:16

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.* Psalm 119:105

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Acts 1:1-11

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 24:1-10; Mark 16:9-19;  
Luke 24:36-51

**QUARTERLY THEME:** The Early Church

**TOPIC:** THE LORD'S ASCENSION

**INTRODUCTION:**

As the disciples gathered with Jesus for the last time before He ascended into heaven, they still had many unanswered questions. He did not answer their questions as they may have desired but He did promise that they would receive power to be witnesses for Him. It is the same power that today enables us to go forth to labor for Him. May we see the urgency of this call and separate ourselves from the pleasures and frivolities of this life. The modern way of thinking is that we must mix with the world and do as they do to reach them. How contrary this is to the separated way of life into which we are called.

For those who faithfully serve Him is the promise given that He shall return to earth again even in a like manner as He left this earth to receive His own to Himself (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). It was this promise that drove the early Christians into devoted, holy service and it should be the driving force that stimulates our lives into His service.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** The inspired Word of God is the supreme guide for faith and conduct.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THIS SAME JESUS, WHICH IS TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN.* Acts 1:11

Can we visualize the consternation that filled the hearts of the disciples as they witnessed the ascension of the Lord? They were talking with Him! He was so dear to them! They had already experienced a time of loneliness and sorrow when Jesus was taken from them and crucified. For forty days they had experienced an easing of this sorrow in this new time of fellowship, but now, before their very eyes and while He was yet speaking to them, He began to arise and was enveloped in a cloud to be obscured from their sight.

While they still were looking into the heavens, two messengers of God informed them that Jesus would again return in a manner like that in which He departed from them.

It is quite likely that the early Christians did continually look up, as tradition says, in the expectancy of actually seeing His return. We today should be looking just as earnestly for His return and continually be serving Him in preparation for His coming again.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sept. 25 – Oct. 1**

Mon. His Ascension Foretold. John 6:53-62  
Tue. His Gracious Promise. Luke 24:45-53  
Wed. Mark's Account. Mark 16:12-20  
Thu. \*His Command to Wait. Acts 1:1-5  
Fri. \*The Lord's Ascension. Acts 1:6-11  
Sat. The Heavenly Welcome. Psalm 24:1-10  
Sun. The Exalted Christ. Ephesians 1:15-23

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