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Lessons from the Lockdown: The Day of God

The focus with the current campaign has been on keeping promises! We all know politicians will make any promise necessary to get our vote, then conveniently forget those promises for their own agenda. Well, God is not a politician! He has made promises to us in the word that we can not only stake our life on, but our eternity as well. Reading without distraction during lockdown I came across a familiar verse in 2 Peter, but this time the phrase “day of God” jumped out at me and I started research. We are all very familiar with the day of the Lord, when Jesus will return to the earth for the battle of Armageddon and save Israel and cast Satan into the Lake of Fire. Jesus will then reign 1,000 years until the judgment of the Great White Throne. 2 Peter 7 tells it this way, *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word (God’s Word) are kept in store, reserved for fire against the day of judgment and perdition (eternal damnation) of ungodly men...But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*”

Then Peter reminds us that God is not a politician! *“The Lord is not slow concerning his promise (to us) as some men count slowness, but instead he is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. I Cor 15:24 tells us more of the Day of God.” Then comes the end, when he (Jesus) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, when he (Jesus) shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For Jesus must reign, till he has put all things under his feet. And when all things shall be subdued unto him (Jesus), then shall the Son also himself be subject to him (God) that put all things under him (Jesus), that God may be all in all.”*

” Isa 65:20 Tells us of the Day of God, *“For behold I create new heavens and a new earth.”* Rev. Chapter 21 tells us of the Day of God in which the earth is restored back to God in it’s original Edemic perfection, in righteousness, when God brings his holy city God comes to live and set up his throne and rule with men on earth himself. *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Rev 21:1-7*

Our warning: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, *without spot, and blameless.*

From our mailbox

To the entire Little Lambs Ministry: Thank you for another blessed lesson. Little Lambs has insightful and informative lessons to aid in my Christian Growth. Little Lambs has added nothing but amazing INCREASE to my walk with Jesus Christ and it is a true blessing to have you guys on my journey. Along with all the information I gain from you, I have certainly learned how to navigate quickly through my bible as your lessons add amazing insight into where each book of the bible is located. And I am navigating quite well because of that. You are appreciated, so please keep up the good work. BK

To John and Eileen, I have received my Bible for graduating the Bible Study Program y'all have. I wanted to say thank you so much. It is Beautiful. I made a Card Board Case to keep it in so it will not get messed up. I have written a poem for you. Signed: Your Little Lamb, Davy, **His poem:**

A great Lady brought to her knees
A great Lady has been brought to her knees. Even though she has been an idol for centuries. People have come from far and wide to take pictures of her and stand by her side. She represents Unity and American Pride, And a great country known world wide that was built on a dream with Blood Sweat and Tears by our Ancestors over Hundreds of years. God has blessed us and all we have done. We have come too far to let it all be undone by the Hate and Lies that are always being spread. It's not a White or Black thing regardless of what's being said United we stand or divided we will fall Only God can save us all.

Essay on effect of discipline in my life: I look at discipline in 2 ways, right or wrong discipline. I'll give the wrong (fleshly discipline) first. Being whipped with a rod or weeping willow branch, even a belt, without explaining why, with the exception of knowing you were wrong because you have just gone through a beating, is not true discipline. The effect of that kind of discipline probably helped keep me from growing into a mature adult. I don't have a problem with the choice of a rod or other means, it's biblical. But how can one truly learn from this. The right way of discipline is through love. Giving the 'time' to understand and to be shown otherwise, rather than just a beating may have made a total difference in my life as a whole. I am being disciplined now being in prison. But it's not being in prison that has changed me. It has been what I have done with the time while being here. The state of Illinois has a system of retribution, not rehabilitation. Yes, they do have schooling and a drug program but they offer no other programs to deal with other issues. Well, through this discipline, God has been not only teaching me spiritual things, but also things like right and wrong, integrity, honesty, planning for the future, living rather than existing. God's holy word is my program of rehabilitation. There is no other counselor in the world that can led to the changing of one's life like the Wonderful Counselor, Jesus Christ. I owe my life to Him and live it for Him.

An urgent request: My name is Daniel and I'm an inmate at Martin Prison. During the last few months, most inmates have been stuck in the dorm all day due to the Covid-19 virus. A few of the Christian brothers decided to hold 15 minute services each night and then to create a small dorm church. Yet in order to delve deeper into some Biblical subjects we also decided to hold Bible Study. I have been put in charge of Bible Study and after a few unsuccessful sessions I decided to ask for help. So then this letter.

I am looking for a ministry to sponsor our Bible studies with lessons and corrections. As of right now we have about 21 people that are part of this dorm church, and 16 that regularly attend services. Out of the 16 about half are novices that require handholding and basic instruction in Biblical matter. Four are Spanish speakers. I was thinking of using a set curriculum for my Bible study, such as your correspondence courses, mainly because a trained man of God has prepared the lessons, therefore including all essential doctrines. I would then take on the role of facilitator, guiding our congregants through the lessons. To start we could get going with about 6-8 copies of English lessons and 4-5 copies of Spanish lessons. Upon completion I would mail everything back along with a report of how things are going. I pray you find it in your heart to sponsor us. Sincerely, Daniel. *We responded quickly to Daniel's request and got all the needed lessons to him. We have since wrote back to see if in fact the prison accepted our packages to him. We are waiting for an answer. There are so many small groups now in prisons, please keep these leaders in time of crisis in your prayers.*

Notes with lessons!

My Story: The Fallen Disciple

Many moons ago, when I was in my late twenties, I was introduced to a Pentecostal Church. Mind you, I've been going to church all my life. But nothing prepared me for this. The Congregation moving and clapping their hands to the praises. I never met a church so Lively. Soon they had me hooked. I felt like a part of me was connected to this new thing. It wasn't long I was filled with the Holy Ghost, then my whole life changed and I got baptized in a creek.

I started praying and fasting. Began to learn about God had in store for my life. Then I began wading through the Living Waters of life and my Journey toward the Glory Land. Then when I thought I was ready, I jumped in with both feet, only to drown when the floods came. And was not prepared for the horror In my Life. Or rather the things I saw when I was fasting and reaching out to God.

I didn't wait upon the Lord. And wasn't planted on solid ground. When Satan hit, I got scared and ran. That's when I found a 'verse' in God's word. If you depend on those you think are your friends, will let you down every time. I think of Envy, Strife, Jealously. Then verse Colossians "Set your affection on things above, not on things of the earth." I turned to my so-called friend, Instead of the elders of the church.

When we rush into storm without a Life Jacket, or Lifeline, we cannot prevail. So we need an anchor. The Lord is there reaching out, but we have to slow down long enough to see the Light through the storm.

I've been running in circles for years and almost come to the conclusion, I'm Lost. Why? Because for many years, I've been trying to find the Light. I've started numerous Bible studies over the years. And some college degree courses. But guess what? Every one of them I dropped out of.

Then came your Bible Studies. You know part of the story. Well, the Adversary knew he could discourage me, so he kept throwing Roadblocks in my path. But when I got shipped here to Bowie County I fought through the storm. I got on my knees in earnest and saw the Light. Prayed, not Said this time, Satan, I'm determined to hold out to the end.

Then the saying came to mind, "This do in remembrance of me." Then I got to this Lesson, and it talks about all the good things God has in Store for his people and the "City of Gold." That was my calling. I should have been the one preparing people for what the Lord has in store for his chosen. But God knows the minds and hearts of people "His Saints." I've got a firm hold on that LifeLine this time and I am not Letting go. I will not be left out. Donald, Tx

We are always encouraged when a student becomes a teacher. This from a Louisiana prison. We sent this young man several studies for his group. Watch is determination!

Hi, there. I'm actually requesting a few more bible studies for a few more guys here. Most can't read nor write well, so they come to me. I'm waiting on my results from Book 1 and here converting souls if you will. In my last letter I explained how hard it has been to get copies ran off here, so I write out what I have to and it's a lot. I use different forms of Bibles I have and pull out any information I think comes in handy or be useful to someone here and write it out for him. One guy here has a major anger problem. I looked for verses for him to review and let him be. Just the other day he come up to me and said how the verse helped. I was clueless because I didn't remember doing it. Made my spirit smile. I've started to actually write your complete copy of your study for one guy to start because I asked to use his copy to have copies made and never got it back. I felt bad, so I hand wrote his. I copied it word for word, mistakes and all. Sorry, but he wanted his study and I sent it out to get lost. I also put my own study together and mailed it to my sister so she can have some comfort to ease her pain. I'm content at heart. I'll feel great knowing that I made a difference in this war against EVIL and knowing that gives me all the riches on earth! Yes, money would be great because I came up middle class and made my own, then lost it all, but I don't care now. Get me out of this dorm, put me in the woods with a tent like before, and I'm great. I can focus on my own studies that way. I have included a list of men who have no help or money to attempt to mail anything. Please send me more copies in English and in Spanish. I need extra. Jerry *We also sent this young man extra lessons. And we sent individual lessons to the names he included. You can see he has a shepherd's heart. Pray that he find good fellowship when he gets out that will use his gifts for the Lord. Also pray for his sister, a rape victim, for whom he is very concerned.*

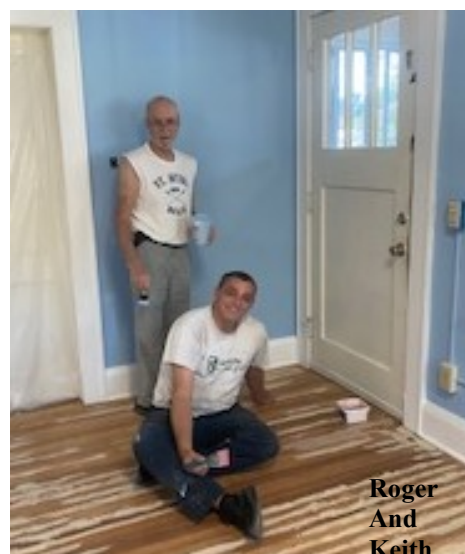
Dear Partners,

We want to thank all of you who have helped us with the deck and the current renovations! Your generosity always makes things easier for us. The work has progressed and we moved part of the office upstairs and cleared out the first two rooms. Keith has sanded the floor and tomorrow is the final sanding, and staining and finishing. The office was closed Thursday and will be closed until the painting and floors are done. We hope that on Monday which will be the 26th of October, we will be painting and by Tuesday, November 3, move back into the office. It has been hectic, but Keith has been very considerate of all of us and there has been a minimum of mess and noise. It seems that a 95 year old building has lots of sins under the covers!

Our hats off to Keith, who has singlehandedly and painstakingly worked on our old floors. Filling in the spaces between each board and sanding as well as replacing worn and torn boards has been a challenge for him. But being attentive to detail, he is not leaving anything undone. Here's our recipe for the blue paint: 3 gallons of Behr Charismatic Sky (was too dark) with 2 gallons bright white. Now it's perfect.



Roger Giegerich, who volunteers on Wednesdays, has been putting in long days painting with me. I really appreciate his dedication to Little Lambs because he has an eye for detail! I'm good at the big picture but he and his wife Sandra, are good at detail, like editing and painting straight lines!



I had a call this week from Avon Park Chaplain that really lifted my spirits. Chaplain Inman said there are currently no virus cases at Avon Park Prison and they have started a very limited schedule with great precautions. What an answer to prayer. Meetings are limited to 9 men from the same dorm at a time to allow for social distancing. Everyone continues to wear a mask, distance, and wash hands and sanitize. What a great job under the circumstances.

We are so sorry to learn that the virus has claimed a good friend of the ministry and his wife. Jim Whitney was a great help to John and I at the time of John's death. I will be forever grateful. Cheryl and Jim were stricken in early October despite lots of precautions and the Lord has taken both of them home last week. Please remember their family in our prayers.

Schedule November 2020
Tues...Bible Study@ Hogar Resa Sebring
Thu..Bible Study @ Hogar Resa Sebring
Thurs..Released to Love, Women
Codependent recovery @ 6:30 pm
@ Little Lambs Inc
Counseling by Appointment

Thank again to all of you who have given to Little Lambs and make all these things possible. We lots to be thankful for and Wish the same for you this Thanksgiving.

*Much love,
Eileen Sala*