

Sabbath School Lesson

LESSON I.—The Christian's Hope. OCTOBER 1, 1904. Fourth Quarter, 1904. General Note.—These studies are not intended to be exhaustive of the subjects considered. The design, rather, is to present in simple form a study of some of the great fundamental truths of the message; to review some of the truths which have called out this people. This we believe will be a great blessing to our youth, as well as to those who have been longer in the way. The Bible is full of these rich truths. So let none rest satisfied with a bare study of the texts presented in the lessons. Explore the great mine of truth from week to week and gather for your using its priceless gems.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."—Paul.

Questions.

1. What statement made by Jesus the night of His betrayal brought sadness to the hearts of the disciples? John 13:33, 36, 37.
2. With what promise did He comfort them? Why did He go away? When will He return? For what purpose? Chap. 14:1-3. The offerings for this quarter go to the most needy fields.
3. In prayer what longing desire did He express? Chap. 17 :24.
4. At the tribunal of Caiaphas, upon what sublime event did His mind rest? Matt. 26:64.
5. What antediluvian prophet foretold His second coming? Jude 14. Note 1.
6. What encouraged Job in his affliction? Job 19 :23-25.
7. What prophecy did David give concerning the Saviour's appearing ? Ps. 50:3.
8. With what encouraging words did Isaiah bid us comfort weary souls? Isa. 35:3, 4.

9. What sustained Paul? What was laid up for him? When did he expect to receive his crown? 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

10. Who have spoken concerning the glories of our Saviour's return? Acts 3:19-21.

11. When Jesus returns, what will He bring with Him? Rev. 22:12; Matt. 16:27; Isa. 40:10.

12. When He appears, what change will take place in the living righteous? Phil. 3:20, 21. Note 2.

13. What will happen to the righteous dead? John 5 :28, 29.

14. With what will they be clothed? 1 Cor. 15 :51-54.

15. What glorious promise has the Lord given to comfort all in trial and sorrow ? 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

Notes. 1. "Enoch was troubled in regard to the dead. It seemed to him that the righteous and the wicked would go to the dust together, and that would be their end. He could not clearly see the life of the just beyond the grave. In prophetic vision he was instructed in regard to the Son of Man to expend sixty per cent of our efforts upon four per cent of our field.

GREAT THREEFOLD GOSPEL MESSAGE. 5 God, who was to die man's sacrifice, and was shown the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven, attended by the angelic host, to give life to the righteous dead, and ransom them from their graves."—Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1, pages 61, 62.

2. The Lord is making changes in character now. "He is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan, with all his triumphant boasting, and all his confederacy of evil united against God and the law of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions." The change in our bodies will take place when Jesus comes.