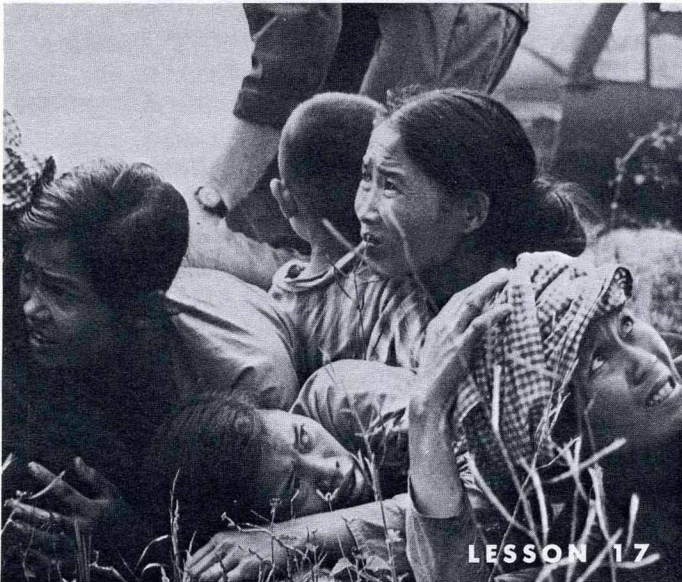




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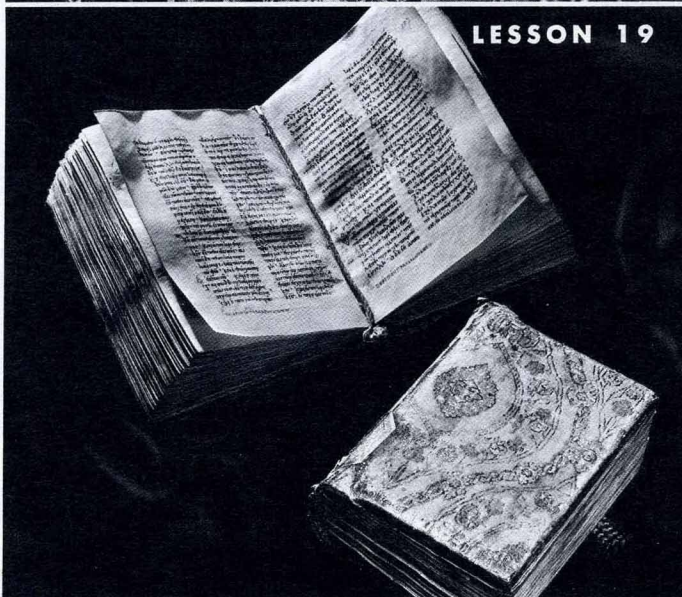
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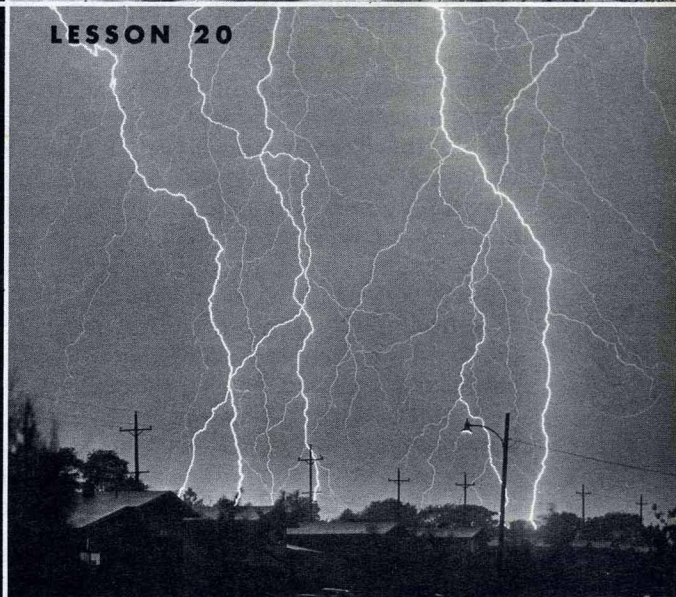
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an open letter from

THE EDITOR

THE other day this question came to my mind: "What is the greatest possible sin anyone could commit?"

Once I attended a church service in which the results of a contest were announced. A new Bible was given as first prize for the best answer to the question: "What is the most *common* sin, committed by the largest number of people?" First prize was awarded for the answer: "*Ingratitude.*"

Certainly a lack of gratitude is one of the most prevalent, if not the most terrible, of sins. Few have learned to really appreciate what they have. Most are prone to accept the good things by taking them for granted, failing to give thanks. We gripe about our complaints more than we count our blessings.

But now the question came to me: "What is the *worst* of all sins? The most awful sin that can be committed is, perhaps, one of the very *last* that most people would name. Because the governments of men punish murder with capital punishment, many would suppose murder to be the capital sin. But there is a *greater* sin.

I knew a man who believed that adultery was the worst of all sins, and dancing the second most evil, because, he claimed, dancing always led to adultery. Asked if he knew this by experience, or if he had any evidence or proof, he was horrified.

"A thousand times NO!" he exclaimed emphatically. "I would never go near a dance floor — it's too evil!"

The question and answer came to me in a very pleasant and enjoyable manner. I was reading, in the *Fenton* translation, I Chronicles 29, beginning verse 10. The people of Israel, at King David's request, had contributed liberally for the building of God's Temple which was to be erected by Solomon. David, deeply moved by their generosity, was inspired to an emotional expression of gratefulness, combined with a vision of the greatness, the majesty and glory of God. He was publicly expressing his heart-touched gratitude and praise. David was exultant. This is what he was saying, before all the people:

"Blessed be You, the EVER-LIVING — the God of our Father Israel — from Eternity to Eternity! With You LORD, is Greatness, and Power, and beauty, and splendour, and glory! For all the Heavens and the Earth are Yours, LORD! And Headship of all!"

As I read David's words of gratitude and
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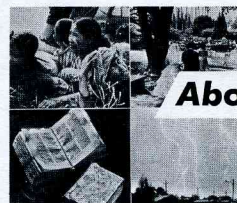
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TEST NUMBER FIVE

THIS examination is given to help you *better understand* your Bible and *evaluate* your progress. It is a **SIMPLE TEST** covering your studies in the last four lessons. It's a quick review to help you *remember* and put to *practical* USE the vital knowledge you have learned.

Notice that *four choices* are given under each question. *Only one* is the **CORRECT** answer. The other three are *wrong*. (Generally speaking, the *incorrect* answers are **FALSE** ideas which are taught and believed about the subject.)

SELECT THE ONE RIGHT ANSWER FROM AMONG THESE FOUR CHOICES. Then *circle* the letter of the answer you believe to be correct. The correct answer to the first

question is already circled for you as an example.

The questions are divided into four parts — each part corresponding to one of your last four lessons. Answer as many questions as you can without referring to the lessons. Take sufficient time to understand each question. If you find any difficult questions, do be sure to *refer to the lessons*.

Once you have finished going over the questions and are satisfied with your answers, check your circled selections with the correct answers listed at the bottom of page 16. Then count the number of questions you missed and find your grade in the grading section located on the same page. That's all there is to it. There's **NOTHING** to send back to us.

Lesson 17

IS OBEDIENCE TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS NECESSARY TODAY?



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1. To receive eternal life, Jesus said we must
 - A. just believe on Him.
 - B. follow the dictates of our conscience.
 - C. keep God's commandments.
 - D. just join the church of our choice and shake the preacher's hand.

2. The law of God

- A. is cruel, harsh and enslaving.
- B. is a *spiritual* law of love.
- C. was the Old Covenant; therefore it has been done away.
- D. was "nailed to the cross"; therefore we don't have to keep it today.

3. In this modern age

- A. ministers everywhere are proclaiming obedience to God's laws.
- B. God's spiritual laws have little to do with the way we conduct our *daily* lives.
- C. your human conscience and mind can be a true guide to joyful living.
- D. the world is unhappy because of its rejection and transgression of God's spiritual laws.

4. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?

- A. The Ten Commandments are a part of the *ritualistic* law of Moses.
- B. The Ten Commandments are the *same* as the *ritualistic* law of Moses.

- C. The Ten Commandments did not exist until God gave them to Moses at Mount Sinai.
- D. The Ten Commandments have been in full force and effect since Adam.
5. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A. Love summarizes the supreme spiritual law of God.
- B. Love is the fulfilling of the law.
- C. The Holy Spirit imparts the spiritual love necessary to obey God.
- D. We were *born* with the love that enables us to keep God's laws.
6. Sin is
- A. the violation of the Ten Commandments.
- B. moviegoing, card playing, and dancing.
- C. the keeping of God's law.
- D. the transgression of our conscience.
7. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. Human beings instinctively know right from wrong.
- B. Human nature teaches us right from wrong.
- C. Our conscience tells us right from wrong.
- D. God must *reveal* to man right from wrong.
8. God first revealed His spiritual law
- A. to Moses at Mount Sinai.
- B. to Adam by direct teaching in the Garden of Eden.
- C. to Abraham when He called him out of Babylon.
- D. in the days of Jesus.
9. The transgression of God's law always produces
- A. a guilty conscience.
- B. true happiness.
- C. suffering, sorrow, and death.
- D. nothing, because His law was done away.
10. Has God given us the right to choose whether or not we will obey His Law?
- A. Yes, it is totally up to us to decide.
- B. No, we have no choice at all in the matter.
- C. We don't know, since God nowhere tells us.
- D. Not always, because we are not free moral agents.
11. Cain
- A. obeyed God's laws perfectly.
- B. loved his brother Abel.
- C. sinned by murdering Abel.
- D. was not punished for his sin.
12. Was idolatry a *sin* long before Moses?
- A. No, because the Ten Commandments weren't given yet.
- B. There is a possibility it might have been a *sin*.
- C. There is no record of it.
- D. Yes, the Bible clearly shows that it was.
13. God revealed
- A. that we may tell a "white lie" occasionally, since that is not sin.
- B. that Abraham *sinned* by lying about his wife to King Abimelech.
- C. to the Israelites that they didn't have to keep His laws in *every* situation, but to judge by the circumstances.
- D. only a few of His Ten Commandments before Sinai.
14. Dishonoring a parent was a sin in the days of Noah because
- A. "good common sense" revealed that it was.
- B. God's commandments had revealed it to be so.
- C. Noah said it was.
- D. Noah's grandson, Canaan, said it was.
15. Adultery
- A. was encouraged by God in Joseph's time.
- B. was permitted in Old Testament times only if the people involved loved each other deeply.
- C. was not imputed as sin before Moses' time.
- D. was avoided by Joseph because he knew it was a sin.
16. Coveting
- A. was a sin being committed before the flood.
- B. was not a sin before the flood.
- C. is not a sin today, since Christ abolished His Father's law.
- D. is the opposite of lusting and idolatry.

17. Abraham, who lived between the time of Adam and Moses,
- A. discovered some of God's laws accidentally.
 - B. was a lawless man.
 - C. knew nothing at all about God's laws.
 - D. was taught God's spiritual law by God Himself.

Lesson 18

THE OLD COVENANT – CHRIST'S FIRST MARRIAGE



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18. By examining your Bible, you can see that it has
- A. five major divisions.
 - B. two major divisions.
 - C. no divisions at all.
 - D. merely chapters and verses.
19. Why is it important to understand the *purpose* of the major divisions of the Bible?
- A. So we'll understand that the Old Testament was done away, and that Christians need live only by the New Testament today.
 - B. Because they reveal that we must have the miraculous help of God's Holy Spirit to obey Him and receive eternal life.
 - C. So we can know for certain that God's spiritual law has been done away since Christ's coming.
 - D. Merely to satisfy our intellectual curiosity.
20. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. We were born with a loving, spiritual nature.
 - B. It is preposterous to think that God would share His very own divine nature with us.
 - C. We have a promise from God that our natures can be miraculously changed.
 - D. It would be natural for people today to love each other if there were not so much misunderstanding and strife in the world.
21. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. Man, by nature, tends to be loving.
 - B. Men could be loving toward others if they really set their minds to it.
 - C. The natural mind is just what the Bible says it is — enmity against God.
 - D. Even though the natural mind is enmity against God, man can overcome this by his own power.
22. God
- A. requires obedience to His laws today.
 - B. no longer requires obedience to His laws since Christ came, because by then He knew that man would never be able to keep them.
 - C. no longer abides by the principles of His laws, therefore He does not expect man to keep them either.
 - D. realizes that love of fellowman is an inherent characteristic of mankind that must merely be developed.
23. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. Men should not surrender themselves to God, but rather be rugged individualists.

- B. Surrender to God would be a sign of weakness.
- C. To surrender ourselves to God so that He may change our nature is the only wise course of action.
- D. Surrendering to God has nothing to do with changing human nature.
24. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. Man will eventually evolve into a God-like super-being.
- B. Man can never become a member of the Family of God.
- C. God finished His creation of man in the Garden of Eden.
- D. God is still in the process of creating man spiritually by placing His Holy Spirit within those who repent and obey Him.
25. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. God has demonstrated to mankind that it is impossible for man, of himself, to keep God's Royal Law of Love.
- B. God had no particular purpose in mind when He made the Old Covenant with the Israelites.
- C. God does not have a master plan for mankind, nor does He know the "end from the beginning."
- D. God knows all things and *wanted* man to suffer since the time of Adam.
26. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. It is not necessary to pray for understanding before you begin studying the Bible with the Correspondence Course.
- B. Occasionally reviewing previous lessons is a recommended practice for retaining God's Word in your mind.
- C. Taking notes or writing down scripture references in answer to questions in the lessons are not really helpful in retaining what you learn.
- D. It is generally safe to accept what anyone teaches about the Bible without checking it by the scriptures.
27. A covenant is
- A. not an agreement.
- B. — no one knows what it is — the dictionary does not tell us.
- C. an agreement between two or more parties.
- D. something that concerned the Old Covenant people only.
28. Death
- A. of one of the parties is involved in a covenant.
- B. of the testator is not involved in a will or testament.
- C. of the testator establishes — brings into force — his will or testament.
- D. has nothing to do with a will or testament.
29. In a covenant between two parties,
- A. neither party has any responsibilities to perform.
- B. one party has a responsibility to perform, but the other party does not.
- C. the mention of responsibilities is carefully avoided.
- D. both have responsibilities to perform.
30. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. God made a covenant with ancient Israel.
- B. God made a testament with ancient Israel.
- C. God made a testament and covenant with ancient Israel.
- D. God made a covenant with the ancient Gentiles.
31. The first part of the Bible may rightly be called
- A. the New Testament.
- B. the Old Covenant and Testament.
- C. the Old Testament and Covenant.
- D. the Old Covenant.
32. The Holy Spirit of love and power
- A. was made available to the Gentiles in Old Covenant times.
- B. was made available to the Israelite nation in Old Covenant times.
- C. was not made available to the Israelites in Old Covenant times.
- D. was not something that man needed in Old Covenant times in order to keep God's Law.
33. The Supreme Law of God is
- A. the rituals given to ancient Israel.
- B. the Royal Law of Love.

- C. nonexistent today.
D. all the commandments, statutes, and ordinances.
34. The Royal Law of Love
- constitutes one of the Ten Commandments.
 - was *not* in effect before Christ.
 - has no connection with the Ten Commandments.
 - is the *summary* of the Ten Commandments.
35. The people of ancient Israel were made to realize
- their ability to keep God's Law.
 - God would lower His standards to meet their inability to keep His Law.
 - their own inability to keep God's Law.
 - that *their* way of living was all right as long as their conscience was clear.
36. Was Israel's failure to keep God's Law intended as a *lesson* for us today?
- Yes, that's what the Bible says.
 - It does not apply to us since we are Christians.
 - Not really — their failure has nothing to do with anyone today.
 - Since Christ came, the first part of the Bible is of limited value to us today.
37. The "Ministration of Death"
- was unjust, harsh and cruel.
 - did not cause anyone to fear to break God's laws.
 - was instituted by God in ancient times as punishment for murder.
 - was totally uncalled for, since everyone loved his neighbor after the Flood.
38. Must we *yearn* to obey God's Royal Law of Love perfectly and actually *strive* to do so with God's help?
- That would be silly since God's Law was done away.
 - This is something most people are doing already.
 - Yes, with all of our heart and mind!
 - We must yearn to obey, but *striving* to is unnecessary.

39. What was the purpose of the rituals God gave ancient Israel?
- They were merely a yoke of harsh bondage.
 - To impress upon man his inability to keep God's Spiritual Law of himself, and our *need* of a Savior so we may receive God's forgiveness and His Holy Spirit.
 - They provided the priesthood with work and food.
 - They were an unjust and cruel punishment from God.

Lesson 19

THE NEW COVENANT AND TESTAMENT



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40. The last half of the Bible should more properly bear the title
- the New Testament.
 - the New Covenant and Testament.
 - the New Covenant.
 - the Covenant.
41. Is it necessary to understand the *true* meaning of the "New Covenant and Testament"?
- Not particularly, although it would be good to do so in some cases.

- B. Yes, extremely so, since it involves our salvation.
- C. It isn't necessary, since we already have eternal life.
- D. Since it does not refer to our being born of God, it is not really necessary to understand its full meaning.
42. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. We need God's miraculous help now.
- B. We do not need God's spiritual help now or in the future.
- C. We can place our confidence in our own human power to overcome sin and obey God.
- D. Man is not a free moral agent, therefore he is not free to choose to accept miraculous help from God.
43. Did Christ teach we are to depend upon *our own* power to obey God and enter His Kingdom?
- A. Yes, His teaching clearly shows that we should.
- B. He was indefinite about this point.
- C. Christ revealed we can do it that way if we choose.
- D. He warns us not to.
44. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. God said, "I will make man in my likeness but not in my image."
- B. Man may become like God through his own diligent efforts.
- C. It is impossible for even God to make man like Himself.
- D. God said, "Let us make man in *our* image."
45. What is the only power that can make us a new *spiritual* creation?
- A. Our own physical power.
- B. The power of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Our own mental power.
- D. We really can't become a *spiritual* creation, for nowhere is there a promise that we were intended to be anything but mortal human beings.
46. Which *one* is true? When we cease to exist in our present mortal state,
- A. we will be dead forever.
- B. we will become angels.
- C. we may be tortured forever in hellfire.
- D. we can be married to Christ at His coming, provided we have been begotten of God's Spirit before death.
47. Where was the fault with the Old Covenant?
- A. With God.
- B. With the rituals.
- C. With the people.
- D. No one was at fault.
48. Who came to herald the terms of the New Covenant to the world?
- A. Adam.
- B. Moses.
- C. Paul.
- D. Christ.
49. The New Covenant offers mankind
- A. forgiveness of past sins only.
- B. a miraculous change in nature only.
- C. forgiveness of past sins *and* a miraculous change in nature.
- D. an enjoyable, prosperous *physical* life, but no promise of eternal life.
50. Are there any steps we must take in order to enter into this New Covenant with God?
- A. No, it was all done for us at the cross.
- B. Yes, one step. Be baptized.
- C. We need only profess Christ before men.
- D. Yes — believe and repent, and be baptized.
51. The New Covenant is to be made with
- A. All true Christians.
- B. the blood descendants of Israel only.
- C. those who have lived since Christ only.
- D. those who go to the church of their choice regularly.
52. The last part of the Bible is called a testament because
- A. Christ testified against the Pharisees.
- B. Christ testified against the Sadducees.
- C. Christ died and left to those who surrender themselves to God a will — a testament — which makes them *heirs* to the promises God made to Abraham.
- D. Christ testified of the sins of the *world*.

53. Christ will *establish* the New Marriage Covenant
- with human beings.
 - with those who are changed into Spirit beings at His coming — those born of God's Spirit at the resurrection.
 - with Israelites only.
 - with Gentiles only.
54. What should be our goal now?
- To attend church regularly.
 - To enter the New Covenant relationship with Christ when He returns.
 - To go to heaven when Christ returns.
 - To prepare ourselves for *any* eventuality.
55. Did Christ come to destroy God's law?
- Yes, He said so!
 - No, He merely fulfilled it for us so we need not keep it today.
 - No, He came to magnify it.
 - No, but when He died, it was done away — "nailed to the cross."
56. To "magnify" the law means
- to make the law less strict.
 - to do away with the law.
 - to change the law.
 - to explain the spiritual intent and purpose of God's law.
57. *True* happiness comes only from
- following your conscience.
 - doing what *you* believe is right.
 - conforming to society's standards.
 - keeping God's law.
58. You can obtain correct information on how to enter the New Covenant from
- any fundamentalist minister.
 - any church or denomination.
 - Sabbath-observing churches.
 - your Bible and God's true Church.
59. How many different churches have truly represented God since Christ's resurrection?
- Only *one* church — the "Church of God."
 - Hundreds of different denominations and sects.
 - None at all.
 - Two, to be exact.
60. Does God warn us not to receive any other spirit than His Holy Spirit?
- Emphatically yes!
 - He vaguely hints at it.
 - No, for there's no chance of that.
 - No, He warns us to beware of *all* who teach we may receive His Spirit.
61. The headquarters of the *Worldwide* "Church of God" is located in
- Geneva, Switzerland.
 - South America.
 - Chicago, Illinois.
 - Pasadena, California.

Lesson 20

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTION!



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62. The Holy Spirit is
- a "third person" with Christ and the Father.
 - our "inner consciousness."
 - the spiritual nature and power of God that we must *receive* from Him.
 - the spiritual nature and power of God that we were *born with*.

63. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- The Holy Spirit of power can only be in *one* place at a time.
 - The Holy Spirit is the very essence of God—it is His mind, nature and power.
 - The Holy Spirit is the *third* person of a “trinity.”
 - The Holy Spirit is a figment of the imagination.
64. As a result of Adam’s sin,
- God immediately made the Holy Spirit available to all mankind.
 - mankind as a whole was cut off from access to the *power* of God’s Spirit until Christ came.
 - Satan has thwarted God’s plan of salvation for mankind.
 - he became far happier by going his own way instead of God’s.
65. God promised
- that He would never make His Holy Spirit available to mankind again.
 - that everyone in Old Testament times would receive the Holy Spirit and salvation.
 - that only Jesus Christ would ever receive His Spirit of power.
 - that He would give His Spirit to all those who would hunger and thirst for it.
66. Jesus Christ
- kept God’s laws *perfectly* by the *power* of the Holy Spirit within Him.
 - did not have human nature, and therefore the potential for sin.
 - did away with His Father’s commandments.
 - performed amazing miracles by His *own* power.
67. Christians today
- are to keep God’s laws by their own *human* power.
 - are to follow in Jesus Christ’s footsteps by obeying God.
 - are not obligated to keep the law.
 - cannot possess the power of the Holy Spirit so necessary to obey God.
68. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- It is impossible for man, possessing human nature as he does, to keep God’s *spiritual* law.
 - Christ came so He could keep the law of God in our stead.
 - We have human nature, therefore God doesn’t expect us to keep His *spiritual* law.
 - Jesus, with human nature, was tempted in all points as we are, but was able to *resist* sin because He had the full power of the Holy Spirit within Him.
69. What did Christ promise to send to Christians—His followers—after His ascension to heaven?
- Many luxurious gifts.
 - Angels to guide them daily.
 - The Holy Spirit of power to *miraculously strengthen* them.
 - Fire from heaven.
70. Which *one* is *false*? When God sent the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost,
- it empowered the disciples to speak in different foreign languages.
 - brilliant flames of fire sat upon the disciples.
 - a sound as of a rushing mighty wind filled the house.
 - none of these manifestations happened—it simply enlightened their minds to receive God’s truth.
71. The disciples’ receipt of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost
- was of great significance to the disciples only.
 - is proof that we, who are mortal beings as the disciples were, cannot receive the Holy Spirit today.
 - marked the *beginning* of the time when God’s power became available to all who would repent and be baptized.
 - caused them to become raving religious fanatics.
72. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- Peter was converted *before* the Holy Spirit of power came.
 - Christ’s disciples were full of faith and power before they received the Holy Spirit.
 - The disciples received great spiritual strength upon receiving the Holy Spirit.
 - There was no apparent change in Peter or the other disciples after they received God’s power.

73. To what extent was the power of the Holy Spirit manifested through Peter?
- It wasn't at all.
 - It manifested very little power through him.
 - To the extent that just his *shadow* passing over the sick *healed* them.
 - In spite of it, he denied Christ three times.
74. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- God's Holy Spirit-empowered Church was established on the Day of Pentecost after Christ's death.
 - God's Spirit-empowered *true* Church exists today.
 - The "fruits" being produced positively *identify* the true Church of God today!
 - The true Spirit-empowered Church exists in the hearts and minds of those who believe in Christ.
75. Man was created
- perfect only in the *physical* sense.
 - perfect spiritually.
 - possessing divine spiritual power within him.
 - not needing to have God's Holy Spirit placed within him.
76. God, by miraculously placing His Spirit of love and power within human beings, is in the process of creating
- super archangels.
 - better *human beings*.
 - perfect *spiritual* character and ultimately born Sons of God.
 - angels with perfect character.
77. How must the lives of spirit-begotten Christians become *changed*?
- They must go through a self-willed process of "reformation."
 - They don't have to change in any way, as long as they "accept Christ" and believe.
 - Their minds must be miraculously *renewed* by the power of the Holy Spirit, thus becoming more like God's mind every day.
 - By going through a six-month testing period to see if they really mean business.
78. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- No prior conditions need to be met before one may receive the Holy Spirit.
 - We may have direct access to the Father in heaven through the Holy Spirit.
 - People in Old Covenant times prayed directly to the Father.
 - All you must do to receive the Holy Spirit is meditate on it, ask God for it, and it's yours!
79. The Spirit of *power* we can possess
- will cause us to become miracle-performing martyrs for God.
 - is a miracle-producing dynamo which can give us continual power *without* further contact with God.
 - is the power needed for self-mastery, abundant joy, and true happiness.
 - will never bring us lasting happiness, since we can possess it only temporarily.
80. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- The Father resurrected Jesus from death to immortal life because he led a "good life" by His own inherent goodness.
 - The Father raised Christ to immortality because the Holy Spirit resided in Jesus until death.
 - We can expect the Father to raise us to immortality if the Holy Spirit does *not* dwell in us, as long as we are sincere.
 - The Father will raise us to immortal life as long as we had the Holy Spirit at some-time during our mortal lives.
81. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- We can ultimately receive the *complete* use of God's tremendous power without *first* learning to control the limited powers at our disposal today.
 - This life is the training ground in which we are learning to *rightly* direct the vast spiritual power God will give us when we are born of Him.
 - We need to have God's powerful Holy Spirit clean us up spiritually.
 - At the resurrection we shall receive the *full power* and nature of God and thus be able to keep His laws perfectly *forever*.

Now That You've Finished . . .

You are now ready to correct your own test. All you need to do is compare *your answers* with the correct answers listed at the bottom of page 16. After you have done this, simply count the number of questions you missed. Your grade will be next to that number in one of the columns of the grading section located on the same page.

REMEMBER! You are to grade *yourself*. There is absolutely **NOTHING** to send back to us.

Be sure to **KEEP** this test and *review* the questions occasionally. Why? Because reviewing will impress the true answers more firmly upon your mind. And reviewing the false answers will help you realize more clearly some of the *false* ideas which you may have taken for granted. You will thereby grasp and retain the *truth* more readily as it is revealed to you in the Bible through future lessons.

RELATED STUDY HELPS

Be sure to request your copy of the free booklets and reprinted articles listed below, if you do not already have them. They will help you further understand the subjects covered in Lessons 17, 18, 19 and 20.

LESSON 17:

The **TEN COMMANDMENTS**
Ending Your **FINANCIAL WORRIES**

LESSON 18:

IS OBEDIENCE to God Required
for Salvation?

LESSON 19:

The **NEW Covenant** — Does it Abolish
God's Law?
The **CRUCIFIXION** Was **NOT** on **FRIDAY!**
Should You Join a **CHURCH?**
A **TRUE** History of the **TRUE CHURCH**
Who Should **GOD'S** Ministers Be?
The "**TONGUES**" Question
What Is a **REAL** Christian?

LESSON 20:

How You Can Be Imbued with the
POWER of God!
Did Jesus' Miracles Really **HAPPEN?**
How to Be an **OVERCOMER**
The **SEVEN LAWS** of **SUCCESS**

an open letter from

THE EDITOR

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praise, my mind seemed to catch the resplendent vision of the **GREATNESS**, the supreme universe-ruling **POWER**, the awesome **BEAUTY**, the **SPLENDOR**, the matchless **GLORY** of the Almighty **GOD!** Words are inadequate to describe! We would have to magnify superlatives, and then multiply them!

And we mortals are so insignificant, so feeble, so weak, so vile by comparison. King David continued:

"Therefore, our God, we all thank and praise Your Majestic Name, for who am I, and who are my people, that we are able freely to give like this? For all comes from You."

Every good thing comes from God! He is Creator, Sustainer, Ruler. His eyes are like flames of fire shooting forth. His face is like the sun shining in full strength — so bright it would blind mortal eyes. His Glory is beyond human imagination. His is the perfect, holy, and righteous character. He **IS**, and is the very source of, **LOVE, WISDOM, GOODNESS, MIGHT** and **POWER**. He sustains and controls and directs every power and force and energy, ruling the vast **UNIVERSE!**

And yet, He, so great, so mighty, so glorious, is extremely mindful of each one of us! He loves us so very much He *gave* His only begotten Son to pay the penalty, in our stead, of our folly — our sins. He raised His begotten Son Jesus Christ from the dead, *born* very God by His resurrection, and gave to Him all the **POWER** and the **GLORY** of the entire universe, making Him, the risen ever-living **CHRIST**, the Administrator and Chief Executive over the Supreme Government of the limitless **UNIVERSE!**

More than that, through Jesus Christ, God has made it possible for us to be begotten of the glorious God Himself!

Through the living Christ we may receive the very Spirit — the **LIFE** — the divine **NATURE** of God! Thus we become co-heirs *with* Christ, that we, too, may be **BORN** by a resurrection as very **SONS** of God. Jesus Christ was made the first-born of many brethren! He, Christ, already has *inherited* — and we through Him may become joint *heirs* to later inherit all that is God's — the **UNIVERSE ENTIRELY!**

Can your mind grasp it? *All that is God's, we may share!*

A portion of this we may imbibe, drink in,

be filled with and enjoy *here and now*, even in this temporary life! Every good thing *comes from God!*

Even now, in this frail human life, we may receive from Him guidance and wisdom, protection from physical harm, healing when ill, peace of mind, deliverance from trouble, and all the attributes of His character—His divine LOVE, FAITH, PATIENCE, ASSURANCE, GOODNESS, POWER to overcome.

From Him, and from Him alone, we may drink in real happiness and joy! From Him we may receive the knowledge of the TRUE VALUES—we may know the PURPOSE of life—the WAY to every good thing. We may receive every good and perfect gift that comes down from above!

All this we may freely have—according as we *yield* our wills to Him and to His will as He reveals it in His Word—according as we yield to harmonious contact and relationship with Him!

It is a personal, intimate relationship. It is a perfect father-and-son relationship, such as we seldom experience in our carnality with our human fathers. The carnal-minded son may within his nature harbor an innate spirit of antagonism toward his human father. But the very conversion which establishes the father-and-son relationship with the heavenly Father surrenders totally and crushes out that hostile attitude toward God. We come to love and reverence and adore Him.

But now consider what this contact with the living God means. He is the Great God—Creator—above all! He governs the universe. His power is supreme over all force and energy. His knowledge is infinite, his wisdom perfect. Not only does He reveal to His begotten sons His great PURPOSE and Plan, and His laws and ways that lead to peace, happiness, prosperity, and joy through His written Word (which only the begotten Spirit-led can understand)—through our worship and prayer contact He actually intervenes *individually*, on behalf of each one *personally*.

Thus He guides His begotten sons in specific incidents, problems, and experiences. He actually works out circumstances in our behalf. He gives us, when we ask Him, grace and favor in the eyes of those with whom we must deal in the world—causing even our enemies to be at peace with us. He delivers us from trials, temptations and troubles. He heals us when sick. He sets an angel to guard and protect us from physical harm. He prospers those who rely on Him and obey Him.

Every good thing comes from Him. He richly

lavishes upon us His grace, blesses us with every spiritual blessing within the heavenly sphere! And the living Christ has promised He will never leave nor forsake us!

Think of all the blessings for here and now! Think of the ABUNDANT LIVING He bestows on His obedient and trusting sons! Think of the indescribable GLORY and POWER, together with eternal joyful life, we may inherit in the World Tomorrow—for all eternity!

Now what would be the worst, the most terrible sin one could possibly commit? I think it is self-evident. It is to have another god before the true living GOD!

Whatever occupies your interest more than God and His Word is the idol you are putting before Him. None can be truly converted—actually *begotten* of God—until whatever is his IDOL has been smashed, and torn root and branch from his affection and mind and heart.

I had an idol. I didn't recognize it as such then, of course. My idol was pure vanity—the desire to be regarded by businessmen as important—as highly successful—and with it, of course, to acquire the things money can buy. Now that seemed a normal and right ambition to a carnal young man in the business world. But it was an idol. And I worshipped so energetically, so passionately, and with such zeal and determination and *strong will* at the shrine of that idol, that it required some 28 years of enforced economic poverty, 21 years of which I was truly seeking *first* the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, before that idol had been torn *completely*, root and branch, out of my heart. After that God did, indeed, add the material comforts and needs—as Christ promised!

Yes, I had my idol—*what's yours?* What do you seek first—pleasures, the television screen, your wife, husband, children? What is it that you *just can't give up?* You'll have to give it up, you know—or you are committing the most awful sin it is possible to commit! It is the sin that shuts you off from that personal contact with God!

God tells us that His ear is not deaf that He cannot hear our petitions; His arm is not short that it cannot respond—but OUR SINS have separated between Him and us, that He *will not* hear!

You have to be willing to *forsake all*, as Peter did, and follow Christ, or remain *cut off* from God!

Our physical surroundings in this world are sordid, gloomy, dark, and it's a cold, cold world! Yet we may freely imbibe, drink in, be filled with and ENJOY here and now a share of the matchless

BEAUTY, the SPLENDOR, the GLORY, and the HAPPINESS that belongs to and comes from the living GOD!

We may have this in ever-increasing measure. God gives us an "earnest payment" of our potential glorious inheritance *here and now*, in this life! Though this world is unhappy and full of depressing discouragements, we may share Christ's glory and peace and happiness and beauty *within!*

The greatest possible sin is that which shuts you out from the greatest possible acquirement! It is the ULTIMATE!

The most terrible possible PUNISHMENT that

could be sentenced and carried out on any human would be to permanently and irrevocably cut one off from all possible access to GOD!

This world *is* cut off from God — it has cut itself off! Yet, *not* irrevocably. You may have *free access* to the Great God — through Jesus Christ our Lord! The *WAY* is unconditional surrender of your rebellious will to HIS — to HIS *WAY* — His right and perfect laws. The *WAY*, then, is by faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

Man, without God, is utterly helpless and doomed. *WITH* God, he becomes the recipient of every good and perfect gift from above!

What our STUDENTS SAY

Scores 100

"Dear Mr. Armstrong: I have just finished my fifth test, and am now on my twenty-first lesson. I am proud to be one of the many Correspondence Course students. I made 100 on my fifth test and I believe God will give me the strength and wisdom to continue understanding this true knowledge — as long as I pray for His guidance and obey His Commandments. I wish there was some way I could help others to truly believe that there is only one way to peace, health and happiness — God's Way."

— Mrs. J. C., Faber, Virginia

- The *EXAMPLE* you set in living the Christian life is the best way you can help them (Matt. 5:14-16).

Humbled

"I never seem to have enough reading material. Even the Correspondence Course lessons don't come often enough. And speaking of that, I am thankful for the 99 I made on my last test. The one question I missed was a basic lesson I learned at the beginning. I was so frustrated at losing my perfect record of 100. . . . But after prayer, I realized that . . . I had become so proud of my 100's that I was more concerned with the grade than the material in the test. I had become self-righteous about it! That is why I am grateful from my heart for the less than perfect grade."

— Mrs. R. D., Kodiak, Alaska

Resolution

"I barely made a passing grade on test four. For the first four lessons I wrote the answers down on paper and I made 99. But I only read the next four lessons and checked them with the Bible. I thought I had brains enough to remember everything. . . . I will use my paper, pencil and heart from now on."

— S. C. D., Fort Cable, Oklahoma

- *Writing out the scriptures is not a requirement of this course, but it has helped many of our students to retain more of what they have learned.*

Test One

"I have just completed Test One of your Correspondence Course, and want to tell you how wonderful I think the entire course is! Although I worked irregularly on the first four lessons, I hadn't realized just how much I had learned until I took the test. I was really amazed! As I went through it, I couldn't help but notice the *WRONG* answers that I would have invariably given five months ago. I would have flunked it for sure! Any course that can clear up the Bible this fast has GOT to be written by God's ministers, and not by someone else's!"

— Nancy D., San Rafael, California

- *That's good reasoning, Nancy.*

Grateful Mother

"This is a letter of gratitude. We have just buried our younger daughter. Two years ago she came home to us to be cared for and nursed as she was suffering from terminal diabetes, having had the disease for twenty-three years from childhood. She was blind and weak and all she could do was listen to her radio and television.

"One night she heard Mr. Ted Armstrong at 6:30 p.m. on our local radio station. . . . She

typed a letter and enrolled in the Correspondence Course. That was nearly two years ago. Since then she has listened eagerly to the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, also to the tapes which you sent to her. Gradually her terrible depression began to lift and she began to look forward to a time when Christ will set up His Kingdom on earth. She and I have a date to meet again with Jesus at His coming.

"Although she suffered miserably most of the time, she trusted her Saviour and at the last she went peacefully to sleep. Her calm acceptance and her steadfast faith made a deep impression on all who knew her. Let me thank you for the wonderful help we received. She couldn't do much of the Correspondence Course as I had to read everything to her, but she retained all she heard and believed it."

— Mother, Regina, Saskatchewan,
Canada

Lesson 17

"Thank you again, especially for lesson 17 on the Ten Commandments. You've made it so clear. Have heard a lot of things against you for speaking on the law over radio, but I have never ceased listening and carrying on with the course. Everything you say makes sense, and now this Lesson 17 has brought home to me how real and true everything you've said really is. Preachers don't emphasize on this anymore. I realize it's so important to our well-being. I intend to read and reread this lesson until it's stamped in my mind and heart."

— G. L., Tampa, Florida

- *Jesus was attacked by false ministers, too.*

"Enclosed find check for \$22.00 — tithes to God on money I deposited today. I, too, used to feel I could not afford to tithe, but I have found many blessings have come to me because of it, and now I always plan on this [tithe] coming out of my check before other expenditures are made. And so far there has always been enough to go around.

"I feel we are greatly rewarded as we listen nightly to Mr. Garner Ted explain the prophecies of the Bible in today's news. It was because of his daily message that I became interested in Bible study and now prove all things through the Bible. May you continue the good news of the World Tomorrow."

— Student, Salmon, Idaho

Lesson 5

"Enclosed is our tithe. After doing Lesson 5 of the Correspondence Course, I can see what a great privilege it is to be able to tithe to God's Work. Knowing that this is the only work on the

face of the earth that will have a lasting meaning and value, makes it just that much more of an honor to be a part of it. I thank God for opening my mind to understand His laws of tithing so that others can also learn His truth."

— Mrs. Thomas D., Modesto, California

"The Ambassador College Correspondence Course is the greatest and most enlightening truthful study I have ever had. Our life is changing for the better. From now on our tithe goes out to help support God's True Church. I used to belong to the . . . Church, but since studying the Ambassador College Correspondence Course, my eyes have been opened. I can hardly believe that so many people are being deceived. Again I thank God for your messages, and that I have seen the Light before it is too late."

— Mr. E. B., Willowdale, Ontario,
Canada

- *The whole world is deceived today (Rev. 12:9), but the time is coming when all will understand the truth (Isa. 11:9).*

Whole Life Affected

"I hear the broadcast on station VPCM and enjoy it very much. I am glad there is at least a half hour of truth going out over the air waves in our province. It is the only real truth we hear, and the only good news that is available. Of course there is a reason for that. You go to the only source from which good news is available. In the Ambassador College Correspondence Course, I am studying lesson 18. The Bible is so plain and very understandable after all. Although before taking this course, I didn't think so, most of all because I wouldn't let it be, but now it is having its effect on my life (personally at first) from eating to thinking and everything connected with it."

— Mr. Samuel T. P., Harcourt,
Newfoundland, Canada

Too Short!

"The only trouble with the Correspondence Course is — it's too short and doesn't come often enough. I get so interested I can't do anything else until it's finished. It's made a Bible reader of me and I see and understand so many things that used to be a locked door to me. May God bless and use your work to help others to see as He has done for me."

— Student, Oregon City, Oregon

"I am also enrolled in your Correspondence Course. I am really enjoying it. I have been a very unhappy person for a long time. But your

Course has helped me more than any psychiatrist I have ever been to."

— Mrs. M. V., St. Bernard, Louisiana

"I have been receiving the Correspondence Course since mid 1963. I could hardly stand to receive such riches freely. Now this month I received one with illustrations. If it gets any better I will have to study them wearing my suit."

— Mr. D. J. B., La Porte, Texas

• *Better get it pressed!*

From Guam

"I have finished Lesson 10, and I am waiting for Lesson 11 and I would like to thank you for the Correspondence Course which opened my eyes. It revealed the future of God's plan given thousands of years ago. I can say that I am wiser now than ever before.

"A minister from the church I used to go to came to see me, and he asked why I stopped coming to church. I told him I was busy studying my Correspondence Course and I loved to study prophecy. He said, 'Why trouble yourself with such prophecy? Since I was a boy my parents had the same idea, but it is still the same as it was.' Then my memory goes to II Peter, chapter 3, verses 3-4.

"Again I say thank you for the Correspondence Course."

— V. P., Agana, Island of Guam

"Apeman"

"I am very grateful for Lesson 11. It has helped me a lot on really understanding creation. Recently on television there was a show on Dr. Leakey's 'great discovery.' It was unbelievable when he found a skull and claimed

that it was a man's. Anyone could see that it was an ape's. He put clay over the skull to give it a face. It was the exact image of an ape. Some can say they came from an ape, and some may act like one, but as for me, I would be afraid to think that one was my ancestor."

— Woman, Wheeling, West Virginia

• *Amen to that!*

Receives Comfort

"I just finished Lesson 15 in my Correspondence Course. You will never know how much it has helped me not only in knowledge, but comfort and peace. My husband died two years ago last month, and I was all alone on the farm. Whenever I got lonely and downhearted I'd go and study my Course and soon I forgot all my heartache and troubles. I spend nearly all day on Saturday studying my course. I take it slow and try to understand each reference, many times reading the whole chapter. I have a loose-leaf notebook and so far have written 250 pages. I copy each Bible verse so I can remember it better and also refer to it quicker."

— Student, Saskatchewan, Canada

Nicer Person

"Especially do I want to thank you for your Correspondence Course which has made the Bible understandable to me. I have been a churchgoer since I was young, but certainly knew very little about the Bible and nothing about why I was born. Since taking the Correspondence Course, I have more purpose in life and am sure I am a much nicer person to live with. I am on Lesson 10 and thoroughly enjoying it. My only wish is that I had found the course sooner."

— Housewife, Taupo, New Zealand

Important!

When you have finished taking the test, compare your answers with the correct answers below. Then grade yourself.

CORRECT ANSWERS FOR TEST FIVE

1-C	10-A	19-B	28-C	37-C	46-D	55-C	64-B	73-C
2-B	11-C	20-C	29-D	38-C	47-C	56-D	65-D	74-D
3-D	12-D	21-C	30-A	39-B	48-D	57-D	66-A	75-A
4-D	13-B	22-A	31-D	40-B	49-C	58-D	67-B	76-C
5-D	14-B	23-C	32-C	41-B	50-D	59-A	68-D	77-C
6-A	15-D	24-D	33-B	42-A	51-A	60-A	69-C	78-B
7-D	16-A	25-A	34-D	43-D	52-C	61-D	70-D	79-C
8-B	17-D	26-B	35-C	44-D	53-B	62-C	71-C	80-B
9-C	18-B	27-C	36-A	45-B	54-B	63-B	72-C	81-A

YOUR GRADE

Questions Missed	Your Grade	Questions Missed	Your Grade
1 -	99	13 -	84
2 -	97	14 -	82
3 -	96	15 -	81
4 -	95	16 -	80
5 -	94	17 -	78
6 -	92	18 -	77
7 -	91	19 -	76
8 -	90	20 -	75
9 -	89	21 -	73
10 -	87	22 -	72
11 -	86	23 -	71
12 -	85	24 -	70