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Purpose

These notes are prepared to simplify and reinforce the weekly Sabbath School lesson for personal devotion, family worship, small-group study, and Sabbath School discussion.

They are designed to help readers engage with the weekly lesson in a clear, practical, and easy-to-understand way, while encouraging deeper study of the original sources.

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Sounding the Advent Message

Lesson 2 [Oct 3-9]: Understanding the Memory Text

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’” — Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV)

- This week's lesson shows how God calls people to carry His message to others.
- Prophets were called to lead people back to God, warn them against sin, and point them to the hope of salvation.
- Isaiah's experience teaches us that God's call begins with His grace and leads to willing service.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord...”

- Isaiah first saw God's holiness and became deeply aware of his own sinfulness.
- He confessed his unworthiness, and God provided cleansing for his sin.
- Only after this experience did Isaiah hear the Lord's call.
- God does not call us because we are already perfect.
- He cleanses and prepares those who are willing to serve Him.

“...Whom shall I send...”

- God was looking for someone to carry His message to His people.
- The question gave Isaiah an opportunity to respond freely to God's call.
- God's work requires willing hearts that are ready to be used for His purpose.
- The call was not about Isaiah's importance.
- It was about being available for God's work.

“...and who will go for Us?”

- God's message needed someone who was willing to go and deliver it.
- The work would not be easy, because Isaiah would speak to people who would often resist God's message.
- Yet God's messenger was called to remain faithful whether the people accepted or rejected the message.

“Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’”

- **Isaiah** did not make **excuses** or wait until he **understood** everything about the **task**.
- **Having** experienced God's **cleansing**, he willingly **offered** himself for service.
- “**Here** am I” **expresses readiness** and availability.
- “**Send** me” shows that Isaiah was willing to go **wherever** God directed him.
- His **response** was not based on **confidence** in his own **ability**.
- It was a response of **faith** in the **God** who had **cleansed** and called him.

What This Means for You

- **God** may **call** you to serve Him in **ways** you did not **expect**.
- You may **feel unworthy**, **unprepared**, or **unable** to do what He asks.
- **Remember** Isaiah.
- **God** can **cleanse**, **prepare**, and **strengthen** those who are willing to **follow** Him.
- Your service may be through **preaching**, **teaching**, helping others, **sharing** your **testimony**, **supporting ministry**, or **faithfully** serving **where** you are.
- You do not need to know **everything** before you **begin**.
- When God **calls** you to serve, give Him your **willing** heart and **trust** Him to **lead** you.

A Final Thought

- **Isaiah's** answer was **simple**: “Here am I! Send me.”
- He was **willing** because he had first experienced God's **cleansing** grace.
- The **same God** who called Isaiah **still** calls His people to share His **message** of **repentance**, **faith**, and **hope**.
- The **question** is not whether you have enough **ability**.
- The question is whether you are **willing** to **place** yourself in **God's hands**.
- When God **calls**, **will** your answer be, “**Here** am I! **Send** me”?

October 3: Sabbath Afternoon - Overview

Summary

- In a **world** filled with **confusion** and **spiritual darkness**, **God** has **never** left His **people** without a **voice**.
- He has **called prophets** to **guide**, **warn**, **encourage**, and **lead** His people **back** to Him.
- Their **calling** was often **difficult**, bringing **rejection**, **suffering**, and **sacrifice**.
- Yet their **messages** pointed beyond **human failure** to God's **mercy** and **saving promise**.
- From **Abraham** to **John** the Baptist, God's **messengers** called people to **faithfulness** and prepared the way for **Christ**.
- Their **stories** **invite** us to **listen** more **carefully** to God's voice and consider how we should **respond** when He calls.
- This week, we will **discover** how the **prophetic** message brings **warning**, **hope**, and a **clearer view** of Christ.

Main Points to Learn This Week

Sunday: We will discover how **Abraham's faith** **enabled** him to **remain** faithful to God's **covenant**.

Monday: We will explore how **Elijah** called God's people **away** from **false worship** and back to Him.

Tuesday: We will see how **Isaiah's calling** **led** to a message pointing **clearly** to **Christ** and His **saving** work.

Wednesday: We will discover how **Daniel's faithfulness** **witnessed** for God and **trusted His rule** over **earthly kingdoms**.

Thursday: We will learn how **John** the Baptist **prepared people** for **Christ** through **repentance** and faith.

Let us **study** this week and discover what the **lives** of God's **prophets** teach us about **hearing** His voice, **remaining** faithful, and **pointing others** to **Christ**.

October 4: Sunday - Abraham, Defender of the Covenant

Read: Genesis 15:6; Galatians 3:6–9; Hebrews 11:8; Genesis 22:1–17; Revelation 14:6–12

Summary

- God has always had a faithful remnant who trusted Him even when the world around them was dark.
- Abraham was one of them, and he was chosen to be an example of covenant faith for all future generations.
- God revealed to him how salvation would come through the sacrifice of Christ.
- His faith was tested when he was asked to offer Isaac, and he obeyed, so God provided a ram in the boy's place.
- Abraham was not perfect, for he lied about his wife and took matters into his own hands, yet he believed and it was counted to him as righteousness.
- This is the gospel in the Old Testament, and Paul uses this verse to teach justification by faith.
- The three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6–12 are the same everlasting gospel Abraham believed.

Question

- What about Abraham's life and character qualified him for God's service, even though he was clearly a flawed man?

Answer

- He was qualified not by perfection but by faith. He trusted God, and that trust was counted to him as righteousness.

Reflection

- What hope can I take from Abraham's story when I look at my own failures and wonder if God can still use me?

Takeaway

- God does not call perfect people. He calls people who trust Him, and that trust is counted as righteousness. Your failures do not disqualify you.

October 5: Monday - The Elijah Message

Read: 1 Kings 18:19–39; Malachi 4:5–6

Summary

- God sent Elijah to call His people away from idolatry and back to faithful obedience.
- Israel had drifted from God while still claiming to be His people.
- On Mount Carmel, Elijah confronted false worship and called Israel to recognize that the Lord alone is God.
- The people saw the fire fall and fell on their faces, ready to embrace the God of Elijah again.
- The Elijah message calls God's people today to turn away from anything that has taken God's place in their hearts.
- Before Christ's second coming, God calls His church to proclaim this message and prepare people for the great day of the Lord.
- God uses His Word and the gift of prophecy to warn, correct, encourage, and lead His people back to Him.
- Revival is our greatest need because we must be spiritually prepared to receive the blessing God desires to give us.
- True revival begins in the heart and should bring restored relationships within the home.
- When God's love transforms our homes, it can spread to the church, community, and world and strengthen us for mission.

Question

- How does the Elijah message call us to prepare for Christ's coming?

Answer

- It calls us to turn away from idols, return fully to God, experience revival in our hearts and homes, and help others prepare for Christ's coming.

Reflection

- What has taken God's place in my heart, my home, or my church, and am I willing to surrender it to Him?

Takeaway

- God is not withholding revival. He is waiting for hearts that are prepared to receive it, and that preparation begins with surrender.

October 6: Tuesday - Isaiah, the Gospel Prophet

Read: Isaiah 6:1–8; Isaiah 53

Summary

- Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up, and the sight of God's holiness made him see his own sin.
- He cried out that he was undone, because he was a man of unclean lips.
- God did not leave him in his guilt, but sent a seraph with a live coal from the altar to take away his sin.
- Only after he was cleansed did Isaiah hear God's call and answer, "Here am I; send me."
- That pattern still works in us, for God first shows us our need, then cleanses us, then calls us to serve.
- God gave Isaiah a message that looked beyond his own day to the coming Messiah.
- Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, Isaiah said that He would suffer and die for us.
- He wrote that we all like sheep have wandered away, and that God put all our sins on Jesus.
- So the sin that separates everyone from God was met by the sacrifice that saves everyone who believes.
- This is why Isaiah is called the Gospel Prophet, for he preached the good news of salvation through Jesus long before Jesus was born.

Question

- What hope can you take for yourself from what the prophet has revealed about what Christ's death has done for us?

Answer

- I have wandered away like a sheep, but Christ took my sin and suffered in my place so that I can be saved.

Reflection

- As I read Isaiah 53, do I see myself in the sheep who wandered away, and do I see Jesus as the One who took my place?

Takeaway

- God told your story long before you lived it, and Jesus carried your sin long before you knew you needed Him. Let that hope turn your heart to worship.

October 7: Wednesday - Daniel, the Faithful Seer

Read: Daniel 1:8–16; Daniel 2:46–48; Daniel 4:18; Daniel 5:13–14; Daniel 6:25–27

Summary

- Daniel was faithful in the small things before he was faithful in the great things.
- He refused the king's food and chose a simple diet, and that small choice prepared him for the greater tests that came later.
- His faithfulness became a witness, and even pagan kings came to praise the God of Daniel.
- So your small choices matter, for they prepare you for what lies ahead, and they point others to God.
- God showed Daniel the rise and fall of empires, and every prediction came true exactly as God had said.
- Daniel even described the nations of our own time, and his words still prove true today.
- Since God's Word proved true in the past, you can trust His promises about the future.
- His prophecies remind us that judgment is coming, so we must remain faithful and watchful.
- Human kingdoms may appear powerful, but God's kingdom alone will last forever.

Question

- All the kingdoms in Daniel 2 came and went as predicted. What should this tell us about trusting the prophecy that speaks of God's eternal kingdom coming next?

Answer

- If God's Word proved true in the past, we can trust it for the future. The same God who predicted the rise and fall of nations will bring His eternal kingdom exactly as He promised.

Reflection

- What small choice in my daily life is testing whether I will remain faithful to God?

Takeaway

- Be faithful in the little things, let your life point others to God, and trust His promise of an eternal kingdom.

October 8: Thursday - John the Baptist, Preparing a People

Read: Mark 1:2–5; Matthew 11:1–6; Revelation 14:6–12; Acts 1:8

Summary

- **God** is still **preparing** a **people** for the **coming** of His **Son**, and He **calls** you to be **part** of that **work**.
- **John** grew up **faithful** to God, and when he **began** to **preach**, his **message** **shook** the **kingdom** of **darkness**.
- When thrown into **prison**, he did not **understand** why **Jesus**, who had **power** to **free** him, **left** him there.
- **Jesus** did not **rebuke** him for **doubting**, but gave him **evidence** to **hold** onto.
- **John** stayed **faithful** even when he did not understand, and he remained faithful **unto death**.
- Like him, you are **called** to **proclaim** the message of **repentance** and **faith** in a **world** that does not want to **hear** it.
- **Satan** may use **uncertainty** to make you **doubt** God's **mission** for your life, **especially** when things go **wrong**.
- But you **need** not be **discouraged**, for **God** has **promised** **power** to do His **will**, **whatever** your **circumstances**.
- When you **reach** out to God in **faith**, He will **answer** you, so remain a **faithful witness** even when you do not understand.

Question

- **What** was the **purpose** of John the Baptist's **ministry**?

Answer

- John was **sent** to **prepare** the **way** for **Jesus** by **calling** people to **repentance** and **faith**, and he **remained** faithful to that **mission even** when he did not **understand** what God was **doing**.

Reflection

- Have you **ever** been in a **position** where you just could not **understand** why **such bad** things were happening to you? How did you **still maintain** your **faith** and **trust** in **God**?

Takeaway

- You **may** not **understand** what **God** is doing, but you can **still trust** Him. He has not **abandoned** you, and He will **give** you **power** to **remain** faithful, whatever your **circumstances**.

October 9: Friday - Called to Prophetic Ministry

Read: Ellen G. White, Spiritual Gifts, vol. 2, p. 31

Summary

- **God** calls people at **specific** times for specific **purposes**, and He gives them the **message** that is **needed** for that **moment**.
- In **1844**, **many** believers were **devastated** when **Jesus** did not **return** as they had **expected**.
- They had been **sincere** but **wrong**, and their **mistake** left them **confused** and **heartbroken**.
- **God** gave a young **messenger** named **Ellen Harmon** a **vision** of a **path** from earth to the **Holy City**, with **Jesus** leading the way.
- The **message** was simple: **Jesus** is **still** with you, He is **still** leading, and you are **safe** if you **keep** your **eyes fixed** on Him.
- **God** was **beginning** something **new out** of their confusion, and He gave them every **reason** not to **give** up.
- **Ellen** was only **seventeen**, and she was **afraid** to be God's **voice**.
- But **God** called her **anyway**, for His **call** does not **depend** on our **qualifications**.
- When you are **disappointed** or **feel unqualified**, **remember** that Jesus is still leading, and He can **use** you too.

Question

- What was the **purpose** of Ellen White's **first vision**?

Answer

- It was to **encourage** the disappointed believers that **God** was **still with** them, that **Jesus** was still **leading** them, and that they were **safe** if they **kept** their **eyes fixed** on Him.

Reflection

- When you are **disappointed** or **confused** about what **God** is doing, do you **keep** your **eyes fixed** on **Jesus**, or do you **look** away?

Takeaway

- Even when you do not **understand**, **Jesus** is **still leading**, and He can **use** you **right where** you are. **Keep** your **eyes** on Him.