

Anchor of Hope

Bible Study

In the hearts of all mankind, of whatever race or station in life, there are inexpressible longings for something they do not now possess. This longing is implanted in the very constitution of man by a merciful God, that man may not be satisfied with his present conditions or attainments, whether bad, or good, or better. God desires that the human shall seek the best, and find it to the eternal blessing of his soul. Satan, by wily scheme and craft, has perverted these longings of the human heart. He makes men believe that this desire may be satisfied by pleasure, by wealth, by ease, by fame, by power; but those who have been thus deceived by him (and they number myraids) find all these things pall upon the sense, leaving the soul as barren and unsatisfied as before.

It is God's design that this longing of the human heart should lead to the One who alone is able to satisfy it. The desire is of Him that it may lead to Him, the fullness and fulfillment of that desire. That fullness is found in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Eternal God. (The Desire of Ages—preface).

The purpose of these lessons is to set forth Jesus Christ as the One in whom every longing may be satisfied, to present the love of God as revealed in His Son.

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Incomparable Jesus

Jesus: The Word of God

1. By what were the heavens, the earth and the sea made? Psalm 33:6-9

2. How does John refer to Jesus, the God who became flesh? John 1:1-3, 14

3. Referring to Jesus as the "Word" makes sense, because by His Son, what has God done for us? Hebrews 1:1-4

Note: We can find traces of God's loving character speaking to us in the work of His hands—nature. Clearer still is His character revealed in His best-selling survival guide and love letter, the Bible. But not merely content to write letters, God best revealed Himself to us by sending His Son, Jesus, to be the tangible Word of God in living color. And in seeing, hearing and touching Jesus, the human race has intimately known God the Father. Thus, Jesus once said, "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father. . . . He who has seen Me has seen the Father". (John 14:7, 9 NKJV).

Jesus: The Great Physician

4. How did God the Father speak love, compassion and mercy to humanity through the earthly life of Jesus? Matthew 4:23, 24

5. What kind of sickness did Jesus, the Great Physician, especially come to heal people of? Luke 5:31, 32

6. How was Jesus able to provide healing from sin, so that we might live for

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righteousness? 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus: The Peace-Giver

7. According to Isaiah's prophecy, what would the coming "Mighty God/Child" be called? Isaiah 9:6
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Note: Jesus was the Divine Prince sent by His Father to bring heaven's peace to all our restless lives.

8. When the Prince of Peace reigns in your heart, what will you never again need to do? Why? Matthew 6:31-34
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9. In this sin-polluted world that is soon to be condemned and cleansed with fire, what kind of peace do we desperately need that Jesus provides? Romans 5:1
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10. The men and women who have made peace with God don't have to do what when their loved ones in Jesus die? Why? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
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MY HEART'S RESPONSE

- It is my desire to know more about Jesus and the love and peace that He gives.

My Decision

It is my decision not to fear the things in the world or to be sorrowful when I can trust Jesus, who is the Word of God, the Great Physician, and the Great Peace-Giver.