

THEME: SYMBOLS OF THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON #2: A MIRROR FOR REFLECTION

LESSON SCRIPTURES: James 1:22-25; 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:2-3, 25

MAIN EMPHASIS: The word of God reflects how we really look in the eyes of God.

MEMORY VERSE: Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

“Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught...”

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: At the end of the session, the students should be able to:

1. Understand how the word of God is a spiritual mirror;
2. Identify the significance of the word of God to Christians, especially new converts;
3. Determine the benefit of using the Bible as a mirror;
4. Understand the effects of having insufficiency of God’s word or the lack of it;
5. Purpose in their hearts the necessity of studying God’s word; and
6. Understand and recite the given memory verse.

CLEARING OF DIFFICULTIES:

Mirror – a polished or smooth surface (as of glass) that forms images by reflection

Josiah – became king of Judah when he was 8 years old.

Shaphan – a scribe or secretary of King Josiah.

Hilkiah – the high priest during the reign of King Josiah.

Judah (place) – refers to the southern part of the land of Israel.

Jerusalem – the capital city of Judah where the temple of Solomon was built.

Law of Moses - the body of laws contained in the first five books of the Old Testament.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

INTRODUCTION:

During biblical times, God’s laws were written on scrolls and read to people so they could learn and live them. Instead of obeying God, people worshipped false gods. Before the reign of King Josiah, the scrolls of God’s laws were destroyed and burnt. It was thought that there was not a copy left in the land. **Without the scrolls of God’s laws or people to teach God’s ways,** the people continued to worship false gods.

LESSON PROPER:

After reigning for 8 years, King Josiah began to search for God. King Josiah ordered Shaphan, the ruler of Jerusalem, to hire workers to do repairs on the temple which King Solomon had built. While the repairs were being made, Hilkiah (the High Priest of the temple) made an important discovery. There in the temple, hidden from view, was a scroll containing the Book of God’s laws. This was immediately reported to Shaphan. Shaphan then read the Book of God’s laws to the king. When the king heard how God wanted everyone to live, he became very upset and tore his robes in grief. ‘God’s anger must be great because we have disobeyed His laws,’ he wept.

King Josiah called a meeting in the temple of everyone in Jerusalem and Judah, along with all the priests and Levites. The King read the words of God’s laws to everyone, then promised to obey them with all his heart and soul. The people then promised to do the same. All the pagan altars and sacred stones in the land were destroyed. Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.

LIFE APPLICATION:

King Josiah, after hearing the word of the Lord, has seen what they are in the eyes of God. He, after knowing, did what is right and turned to God. We as well, knowing the word of God and how God hates sin, must have a change of heart and align our lives to what God wants for us. Knowing but not doing is foolishness.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY:**EVALUATION:****SEVEN SYMBOLS USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE WORD OF GOD**

1. **A SWORD:** The bible is a pointed word that convicts the hearer. Heb.4:12.
2. **A HAMMER:** The bible is powerful and breaks the resistance of the hearer. Jer.23:29.
3. **A SEED:** The bible is a living word regenerating the hearer. I Per.1:23.
4. **A MIRROR:** The bible is a faithful word, revealing the individual to himself. James 1:23-25.
5. **A FIRE:** The bible is a burning word, consuming the dross in the hearer. Jer.20:9, 23:29.
6. **A LAMP:** The bible is an illuminating word guiding the believer day by day. Ps.119:105.
7. **FOOD:** The bible is nourishing food, feeding the soul. I Pet.2:2, Heb.5:12-14, ICor.3:2, Rom.10:17. Certainly, the word of God convicts, breaks, regenerates, reveals, consumes, illuminates and nourishes the individual.