

“GOD’S LESSONS OF THE SEASON”
SUMMER-SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

- Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class, let’s bow our heads and ask God for understanding as we study today. As we continue with Part 3 of our “Season Series”, we asked the question, are we able to know what God is teaching us through His creation.
- Say - The Bible says, “For the invisible things (His invisible, spiritual nature) of him (God) from creation of the world are clearly (obviously understandable) seen, being understood by the things that are made (by God), even his eternal power and Godhead; so that (we) are without excuse” Romans 1:20.
- Say - We discussed winter, known as the season of darkness, is symbolic of our lives when we were in spiritual darkness or absent of the truth of God. The season of spring reveals the first steps of salvation through His Holy Days and is symbolic of being called of God when we were brought from “Dead in our sins to (a new way of) life with Him” John 8:12, I John 2:8.
- Say - Let’s see what understanding we can gain from God’s season of summer. Summer time is symbolic of the “New creation in Christ” doing the work of God! It is the time we are to be productive and fulfill the commission God gave us to do, Mark 16:15. It is time to get busy, “To make hay while the sun shines” as they say. God says it this way through John, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” John 9:4.
- Say - Keeping our foundation of the truth of God firmly in tact and the goal of eternal life in focus, we must move forward from the infant stage of our spiritual life and, “Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” 2 Peter 3:18. We must move from milk to greater nourishment. God wants us to take in the “Meat of the Word”, so we become stronger spiritually and able to stand against the “Wiles (deceit and trickery) of the Devil” Ephesians 6:11.
- Say - How do we move forward? We, “Press (eagerly) towards the mark, (as if to win) for the PRIZE of the high calling of God through Christ Jesus”, towards our goal of becoming a, chosen.... priesthood, a treasure above all to God;... and a member of the family of God”, I John 3:1, I Peter 2:9, Hebrews 4:12.
- Say - As we move forward, we must, “Put our trust in God...by setting the

Lord before us continually". Why, because He is (our) right hand (our continual strength), (we) shall not be moved...for He will show (us) the path of life (where) there are pleasures for evermore", Psalm 1:1, 11

Say - In the summer time of our spiritual lives, we put our "Hand to the plough" Mark 9:62, and with our heart mind and soul sincerely serving God, we "Move on into perfection" never looking back lest we fall back into the darkness of our former life, Hebrews 5, 6.

Say - Life unfortunately is "not all roses" as they say, for we all know summer time is not picnics, fishing poles, and long summer walks. For the storms of summer time come and bring strong, fierce winds which can cause branches to break on the tallest and sturdiest of trees. A storm can bring thunder, lightning and hail and damage or destroy tender fruit.

Say - In our spiritual life, we must make God our constant companion as we resist the storms of temptation which come our way as God's people. God instructs us, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves (cruel, greedy, destructive people): be wise as serpents (emblem of cunning and wisdom), and harmless (pure of mind) as doves", Matthew 10:16. We must be securely rooted and, "Walk by every word of God"; it is a lifelong process whereby God will prune, test, and discipline and guide us towards the great reward to those who overcome and submit to His care, Revelations 2:26.

Say - All the while, God says, "I have water (spiritual power) for you but you must drink in of it (hunger and thirst) to receive all of My spiritual nourishment" John 4. For, "Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments (pure)". This is the only way we will be able to "Take the heat" of summer and bear fruit which will not be blemished but bountiful and acceptable to God, Revelations 16:15.

Say - As we grow and mature spiritually in the summertime of our lives, our nature will produce the fruits of God's spirit, HIS nature, and out of our hearts will flow love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith and self control to all, Galatians 5.

Say - We will, "Be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, which bring forth his fruit (acceptable fruit) in his season (at His time for His purpose not ours); whose leaf shall not wither (because we are spiritually strong); and whatever (we) do, (we) shall prosper", Psalms 1:3. Then we will be like Him and ready for the autumn harvest.

MEMORY VERSE

*AND HE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE
PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER,
THAT BRINGS FORTH HIS FRUIT IN
SEASON; HIS LEAF SHALL NOT WITHER;
AND WHATSOEVER HE DOES SHALL
PROSPER.*

PSALMS 1:3

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON OR TOTS AND
YOUTH

"GOD'S LESSONS OF THE SEASONS"
"SUMMER"

IT'S TIME TO DO THE WORK OF GOD IN THE GOOD
OLD SUMMERTIME;
FOR THE SUN IS HOT, THE EARTH IS WARM AND
IN GOD'S TRUTH, I'M STRONG AND FEELIN' FINE.

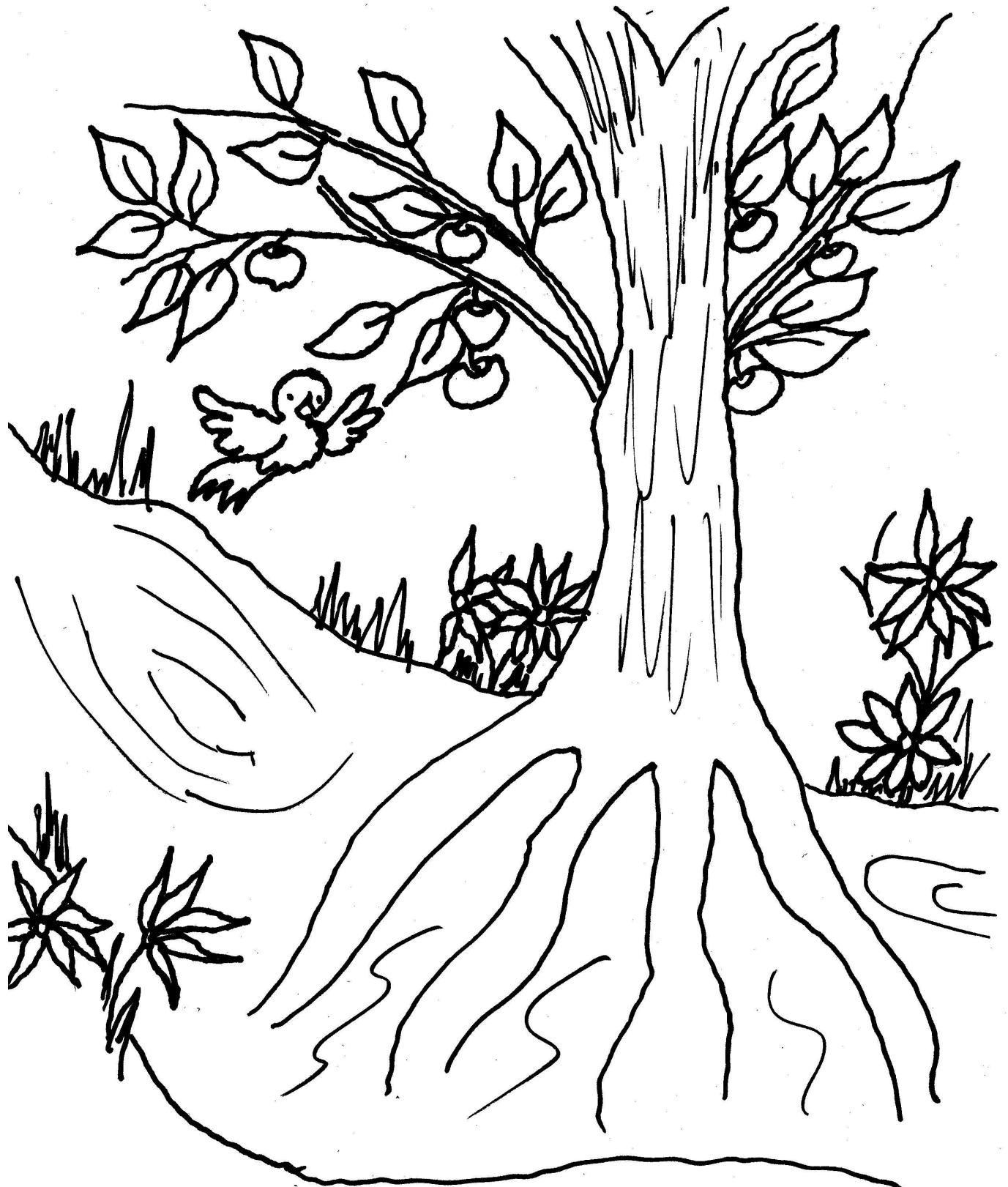
GOD TELLS ME TO "PRESS ON" WITH ETERNAL LIFE
MY GOAL, RUN THE DISTANCE AS IF IN A RACE;
FOR A TREASURE TO GOD I AM ABOVE ALL, I KNOW
HE'LL SET THE PERFECT PACE. I JOHN 3:1, I PETER 2:9

I WILL KEEP GOD BEFORE ME CONTINUALLY AS I
PUT MY TRUST IN HIM;
"HE IS MY RIGHT HAND, MY STRENGTH", AND I SHALL
NOT BE MOVED OF MY GOAL TO LIVE FOREVER
WITH HIM. PSALMS 1:1-11

GOD TELLS ME TO RESIST THE SUMMERTIME
STORMS OF TEMPTATION ALONG LIFE'S WAY;
"BE WISE AS A SERPENT, GENTLE AS A DOVE", AS
I INSTRUCT YOU IN WHAT YOU ARE TO SAY. MATTHEW 10:16

"DRINK IN OF MY WATER, PLANT MY LAWS IN YOUR
HEART" THEN YOU WILL BE LIKE ME;
FRUITS OF LOVE, JOY, AND PEACE SHALL FLOW FROM
YOU AND RIPE FOR THE AUTUMN HARVEST YOU
WILL BE. DEUTERONOMY 6:5, GALATIANS 5,

"...BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE WATER..." PSALMS 1:3



Blessed is the man who trusteth in God and spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green and shall not be careful in the year of drought neither shall cease from yealding fruit.

Jeremiah 17: 7, 8