

New Testament Recovery Version

Study Guide

Book I-Gospel of Luke

BRINGING SAINTS INTO THE TRUTH

THERE IS THE DESPERATE NEED OF THE LIVING TRUTH

Suppose that on this earth among the human race there had never been such a book as the Bible. If we had not had a Bible in our hands during the past 2,000 years since the Lord Jesus resurrected and ascended to the heavens, everything would be in the air and nothing could be solid. Even the things concerning the Spirit could not be solid. The Spirit depends upon the Word. This is why the Lord said that the words that He spoke to us are spirit (John 6:63)... Without the Word the Spirit might be just “a phantom.” ... whenever people contact the holy Word, many times they get the Spirit ... A principle has been set up through history that there is the desperate need of the living truth to produce the church, to help the church exist, and to build up the church.

THE MOST PROFITABLE WRITINGS AND PUBLICATIONS ARE THE LIFE-STUDY MESSAGES WITH THE NOTES OF THE RECOVERY VERSION

Through the past ten years up to the present time it has been fully proven among us that the most profitable writings and publications are the Life-study messages with the notes of the Recovery Version. I wrote these things, not for scholarly study for people to get a degree, but for life ministering, for truth releasing, and for opening up the books of the Bible.

THIS IS NOT TO REPLACE THE BIBLE, BUT TO BRING PEOPLE INTO THE BIBLE

The holy Word itself says in Psalm 119:130: “The opening of Your words gives light,”... Nearly everywhere you go today you find a Bible, but who has entered into the Bible? There has nearly been no entrance. Many have a copy of the Bible, but the Bible has been closed and nearly never opened. Now the Lord has given us a key, an opener. I consider our writings as the opener to open the holy Word. I believe that those of you who have read the Life-study messages can testify honestly that these messages with the notes of the Recovery Version have opened up a certain chapter or a certain book of the

Bible to you. This is not to replace the Bible, but to bring people into the Bible.

SPENDING AT LEAST THIRTY MINUTES IN THE WORD EVERY DAY

We should help the saints to build up a practice or a habit that every day they would spend at least thirty minutes in the Word.... Some saints may decide to study the book of Romans or the book of Hebrews. They should study every day either three times of ten minutes each or one time of thirty minutes. We should charge them to pray-read two or three verses of this book every day. Then they have to study the accompanying message.... The saints do not need to pray-read the Life-study messages, but they have to pray-read the biblical verses in order to get the help to enter into the truth conveyed in these few verses. They also need the help of the notes and the Life-study messages to enter into the truth.

AFTER ONE YEAR OF STUDYING THE BIBLE IN THIS WAY, THERE WILL BE A SOLID CHANGE

After one year of studying the Bible in this way, there will be a solid change in the saints' home life, private life, and church life.

Therefore, as leading brothers try your best in your locality to stir up an atmosphere and to create a hunger and thirst in the saints after the Lord's truth. Tell them that the truth is in the unique holy Word and that the best help to usher them into the Word is the Recovery Version with the notes and all the Life-studies. Of course, we should not practice anything legal. We should not make these things a legal matter that the saints are required to do. However, if the saints do love the Lord's recovery, they must get themselves fed all the time with the healthy food that they may be strong. As a result of eating a proper, regular diet, the saints will be strong and the Lord will have a strong testimony. (*Elders' Training, Book 03: The Way to Carry Out the Vision, pp. 102-104, 108-111*)

Gospel of Luke

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VII. The ascension of the Man-Savior – 24:50-53

Week 1 Day 1 Luke 1:1-25

I. Key Verse:

Luke 1:15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall by no means drink wine and liquor. And he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb:

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What is the difference between the Gospel of Luke and the other Gospels?
2. What does “by no means drink wine and liquor” indicate?
3. Why did not the word “Holy Spirit” first used until Luke 1:15?

Answer:

1. See the second paragraph of Luke 1:3 note 1.
2. See Luke 1:15 note 1.
3. See Luke 1:15 note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 1-2.*

Note:

Week 1 Day 2 Luke 1: 26-56

I. Key Verse:

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

It seems that the Holy Spirit would be only upon Mary as the _____ for her to conceive the holy child. However, Matt. 1:18 and 20 tell us that Mary “was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit,” and that “that which has been _____ in her is of the Holy Spirit.” This indicates that the divine _____ out of the Holy Spirit had been begotten in Mary's womb before she delivered the child Jesus. Such a conception of the Holy Spirit in the human _____, accomplished with the divine and human essences, constituted a mingling of the _____ nature with the _____ nature, which produced a _____, One who is both the _____ God and the _____ man, possessing the _____ nature and the _____ nature distinctly, without a _____ nature being produced. (*See Luke 1:35 note 2*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 3-4.*

Note:

Week 1 Day 3 Luke 1:57-80

I. Key Verses:

Luke 1:78 Because of the merciful compassions of our God, in which the rising sun will visit us from on high,

Luke 1:79 To shine upon those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

God's covenant is enacted upon His _____ (Heb. 8:6). A promise is a common, ordinary word that has not been _____ by an oath. In the Old Testament, after God made a promise, He sealed it with an _____. He swore by His _____ to confirm His promise. Thus His promise was made His _____.

Jesus the Savior was the dawning sun to the dark age. His coming ended the night of the _____ Testament and began the day of the _____ Testament. As the fruit in Elizabeth's blessing, He is _____ to us; as the sun in Zachariah's prophecy, He is _____ to us. (See Luke 1:73 note 1, 78 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 4-5.*

Note:

Week 1 Day 4 Luke 2:1-39

I. Key Verse:

Luke 2:14 Glory in the highest places to God, and on earth peace among men of His good pleasure.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

In Simeon's word the Man-Savior was revealed as the _____ of Israel, the _____ of God, a _____ to the Gentiles, the _____ of Israel, a _____ to Israel, and a _____ opposed.

The Man-Savior was born in _____, the city of David, and remained there only briefly; but He was raised in _____, a despised city, which was in Galilee, a despised _____. This was arranged by the sovereignty of God in order to make Him a despised person. Being _____ was another characteristic of the Savior's human life. (See Luke 2:34 note 2, 39 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 6.*

Note:

Week 1 Day 5 Luke 2:40-3:20

I. Key Verse:

Luke 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, A voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His paths.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. Why did Jesus have the grace of God upon Him?
2. How did Luke 2:49-52 reveal that Christ possesses both divinity and humanity?
3. What do “ravine” and “mountain” describe as figures of speech?

Answer:

1. See Luke 2:40 note 3.
2. See Luke 2:49 note 3.
3. See Luke 3:5 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 6-7*

Note:

Week 1 Day 6 Luke 3:21-4:13

I. Key Verse:

Luke 3:22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form as a dove upon Him. And a voice came out of heaven: You are My Son, the Beloved; in You I have found My delight.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The Holy Spirit's conceiving of Jesus in Luke 1:35 was _____, related to the divine _____, the divine _____, of Jesus. The essence of the Holy Spirit's divine element in the conception of Jesus was unchangeable and _____. However, the Holy Spirit's descending upon Jesus here was _____, related to the _____, the _____, of Jesus. The power of the Holy Spirit for the ministry of Jesus (4:14, 18; Matt. 12:28) could be _____ from Him, depending on the need for it. It was in such an _____ way that God forsook and left Jesus while He was carrying the sinners' sin in dying for them on the cross. (*See Luke 3:22 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 7-10*

Note:

I. Key Verses:

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed,

Luke 4:19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, the year of jubilee.”

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “jubilee” typify?
2. What does it mean to “announce the gospel”?
3. What is the intrinsic significance of “the kingdom of God”?

Answer:

1. See Luke 4:19 note 1.
2. See Luke 4:43 note 1.
3. See Luke 4:43 note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 11-12.*

Note:

We need to see that the Lord Jesus is the Man-Savior. As the Man-Savior, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit with the divine essence. Unlike other biographies, Luke records the conception of the one whose life he records. Other biographies may speak of a person’s birth, but not his conception. In this matter, Luke is unique. He tells us how the Man-Savior was conceived. He was not conceived of a man; rather, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit with the divine essence.

Because the Man-Savior was conceived of the Holy Spirit with the divine essence and was born of a human virgin with the human essence, He has two essences, the divine and the human. With Him there is the mingling of the divine essence with the human essence.

In contrast to the Man-Savior, we have only one essence, the human essence, for we were conceived of man and born of woman. Our Savior is different, for He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a human virgin. With the Holy Spirit there is the divine essence, and with the human virgin there is the human essence.

We agree with the first definition of this word given in Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary: mingle—“to combine or join (one thing with another, or two or more things together), especially so that the original elements are distinguishable in the combination.” According to this definition, when two or more things are mingled together, their original natures are not lost but remain distinguishable.

We may use tea as an illustration of mingling. When tea is mingled with water to make a beverage, neither the essence of tea nor the essence of water is lost. Instead, both essences remain. These two essences mingle together to produce a beverage, but they do not produce a third nature, something which is neither tea nor water.

Our Savior was conceived of the divine essence and born of the human essence. Therefore, He is a Person with two essences—the divine and the human—mingled together without a third nature being produced. Although the Lord has two essences, He is still a single complete Person, One who is both God and man. (*Life-Study of Luke, pp. 4-6*)

Week 2 Day 1 Luke 5:1-6:11

I. Key Verse:

Luke 5:8 And when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

And after these things He went out and beheld a ____ collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, _____ Me. And leaving all, he rose up and followed _____. And Levi gave a great reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax collectors and others who were _____ at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes murmured at His disciples, saying, Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners? And Jesus answered and said to them, Those who are healthy have no need of a _____, but those who are _____. I have not come to call the _____, but sinners to _____. (Luke 5:27-32)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 12-13.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 2 Luke 6:12-49

I. Key Verse:

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, they will give into your bosom. For with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you in return.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

But to you who hear I say, Love your _____; do well to those who _____ you; _____ those who curse you; _____ for those who revile you. To him who beats you on the cheek, offer the _____ also; and from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your _____ either. To everyone who asks of you, _____; and from him who takes away your things, do not require their _____. And just as you want men to _____ to you, _____ to them likewise. (Luke 6:27-31)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 14-15.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 3 Luke 7:1-35

I. Key Verse:

Luke 7:13 And when the Lord saw her, He was moved with compassion for her and said to her, Do not weep.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The case in Luke 7:11-17 is unique in the _____ it portrays — a _____'s only son was being carried in a _____. The Savior's _____ also was unique in His loving sympathy — in His tender mercy He offered His _____ of resurrection to _____ the widow's son from death, _____ being asked to do so. This indicates His unique commission, which was to come to _____ lost _____ (19:10), and shows the high _____ of His _____, as a Man-Savior, in _____ sinners. (*See Luke 7:13 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 16.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 4 Luke 7:36-8:21

I. Key Verse:

Luke 7:47 For this reason I say to you, Her sins which are many are forgiven, because she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The forgiven woman had not only _____ toward the Savior but also _____ in Him, which _____ through love (Gal. 5:6) and issued in _____. The faith that saved her brought her to the Savior in love and resulted in her going forward in peace. Faith, love, and peace are three crucial _____ in _____ and _____ the Savior's salvation. Faith is brought forth by knowing the Savior in His saving power and virtue. Love comes out of this faith and brings in peace; then we follow the Savior. In following the Savior in our living, faith and love bring us peace that we may _____ the Lord's life and _____ in it. (*See Luke 7:50 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 17-18.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 5 Luke 8:22-56

I. Key Verse:

Luke 8:48 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

And on one of the days He and His disciples got into a boat. And He said to them, Let us go over to the other side of the lake. And they launched out. And while they were sailing, He fell _____. And a _____ came down upon the lake, and they began to fill with water and were in _____. And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, Master, Master, we are _____! And being awakened, He _____ the wind and the surging of the water, and they ceased, and there was a calm. And He said to them, Where is your _____? And they became frightened and marveled, saying to one another, Who then is this, that He orders even the winds and the water, and they _____ Him? (*Luke 8:22-25*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 19.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 6 Luke 9:1-36

I. Key Verse:

Luke 9:23 And He said to them all, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

Saying, The Son of _____ must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be _____, and on the third day be _____. And He said to them all, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him _____ himself and take up his _____ daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his _____ for My sake, this one shall save it. For what is a man profited if he _____ the whole world but loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is _____ of Me and of My words, of this _____ will the Son of Man be ashamed when He _____ in His glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. (*Luke 9:22-26*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 20-22*

Note:

I. Key Verse:

Luke 9:62 But Jesus said to him, No one who puts his hand on the plow and looks behind is fit for the kingdom of God.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What kind of human life did the Savior's has?
2. How did the Lord instruct people to follow Him?
3. Why cannot one look behind while putting his hand on the plow?

Answer:

1. See Luke 9:58 note 1.
2. See Luke 9:57 note 1, 59 note 1, 61 note 1.
3. See Luke 9:62 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 22-23.*

Note:

In [Luke] 7:11-17 we see the Man-Savior showing pity to the weeping mother by raising up her dead son. Verses 11 and 12 say, "And it came about soon afterwards that He went into a city called Nain, and His disciples went with Him and a large crowd. Now as He came near the gate of the city, behold, one who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a considerable crowd from the city was with her." This situation was very sad, and no one could do anything to comfort the grieving widow. First she had lost her husband, and now she had lost her only son.

Luke 7:13-15 says, "And seeing her, the Lord had compassion on her, and said to her, Do not weep. And approaching, He touched the coffin, and those carrying *it* stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, arise! And the dead man sat up and began to speak; and He gave him to his mother." Here we see the Man-Savior's compassion in speaking to the widow and in touching the coffin. When He touched the coffin, those who were carrying it stood still. Then the Lord commanded the dead son of the widow to arise. This is the Lord's divine attributes expressed in His human virtues.

In His compassion, the Man-Savior spoke to the widow and touched the coffin. He was not asked to do these things. But seeing the situation, He initiated the action that caused the dead son to be raised up. To the great surprise of those present, the Lord initiated this action according to His human virtue. What caused Him to be moved with compassion? The cause of this was His human virtue. Then in His human virtue His divine attributes were expressed by raising the young man from the dead.

Again we see that the Lord Jesus is full of the human virtues and of the divine attributes. In His raising up the dead son and giving him to his mother, we see the expression of the Man-Savior's divine attributes in His human virtues. (*Life-Study of Luke, pp. 137-138*)

Week 3 Day 1 Luke 10:1-24

I. Key Verse:

Luke 10:21 In that hour He exulted in the Holy Spirit and said, I extol You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to babes. Yes, Father, for thus it has been well pleasing in Your sight.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What is "a son of peace"?
2. What is the way ordained by God to preach the gospel?
3. How did God execute His Judgment upon Satan?

Answer:

1. See Luke 10:6 note 1.
2. See Luke 10:6 note 1.
3. See Luke 10:18 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 23-24.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 2 Luke 10:25-42

I. Key Verses:

Luke 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, who was journeying, came upon him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion;

Luke 10:34 And he came to him and bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. And placing him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

In Luke 10:34-35 all the aspects of the good Samaritan's care for the dying one, showing to the uttermost His high standard of _____ in His saving _____: (1) He bound up his wounds — _____ him; (2) He poured oil and wine on his wounds — giving him the _____ Spirit and the divine _____; (3) He placed him on his own beast (a donkey) — carrying him by lowly means in a _____ way; (4) He brought him to an inn — bringing him to the _____; (5) He took care of him — taking _____ of him through the church; (6) He paid the inn for him — _____ the church on his behalf. (*See Luke 10:34 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 25-26.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 3 Luke 11:1-36

I. Key Verse:

Luke 11:13 If you then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father who is from heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

Such a _____ affirms that the kingdom people are being cared for and supplied by their Father who is in the heavens. Thus, they are well able to fulfill the _____ law of the kingdom and live in the kingdom's _____ that they may enter into its _____.

In the parallel verse, Luke 11:13, it is *the* _____ *Spirit* instead of *good things*, because Luke emphasizes the blessing of the gospel, the center of which is the _____ (Gal. 3:8, 14). Since Matthew stresses the kingdom of the _____, *good things* should refer to the blessings of the _____ of the kingdom, as revealed in chs. 5-7, blessings to be given as _____ to the kingdom people. (See *Matt. 7:11 note 1, note 2*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 27-28.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 4 Luke 11:37-12:12

I. Key Verse:

Luke 12:8 Moreover, I tell you, Everyone who confesses in Me before men, the Son of Man will also confess in him before the angels of God;

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

Therefore what you have said in the _____ will be heard in the _____, and what you have spoken in the ear in the _____ rooms will be proclaimed on the _____. And I say to you My friends, Do not fear those who kill the body and afterward have nothing more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: fear _____ who, after killing, has authority to cast into _____; yes, I tell you, fear this One. Are not five sparrows sold for _____ assaria? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But even the _____ of your head have all been numbered. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many _____. (*Luke 12:3-7*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 28-29.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 5 Luke 12:13-48

I. Key Verse:

Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there also your heart will be.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

And He said to His disciples, Therefore I say to you, Do not be _____ for your life, what you should eat; nor for your _____, what you should put on; For the _____ is more than food, and the _____ more than clothing. Consider the _____. They neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn; yet God nourishes them. How much more _____ are you than the birds! And which of you by being _____ can add a cubit to his stature? If then you cannot do even the least, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the _____, how they grow; they do not toil nor even spin thread; but I tell you, Not even _____ in all his glory was clothed like one of these. (*Luke 12:22-27*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 29.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 6 Luke 12:49 -13:9

I. Key Verse:

Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am pressed until it is accomplished!

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What is the baptism that the Lord has to be baptized with?
2. Why did the Lord come to give division on the earth?
3. What are the signs of “this time”?

Answer:

1. See Mark 10:38 note 1.
2. See Luke 12:51 note 1.
3. See Luke 12:56 note 5.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 30-31.*

Note:

I. Key Verse:

Luke 13:30 And behold, there are some last who will be first, and there are some first who will be last.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

For everyone who exalts himself shall be _____, and he who humbles himself shall be _____. And He said also to the one who had invited Him, When you make a morning meal or a dinner, do not call your friends or your brothers or your relatives or _____ neighbors, lest they also invite you in _____ and it become a _____ to you. But when you give a _____, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, And you will be blessed, because they do _____ have anything with which to repay you; for it will be _____ to you in the _____ of the righteous. (See Luke 14:11-14)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 31-32.*

Note:

Luke 11:1 says, “And it came about that when He was praying in a certain place, as He ceased, a certain one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples.” We do not know what the Lord was praying for. When the disciples saw Him praying, they wanted Him to teach them to pray. Then the Lord went on to say, “When you pray, say, Father, Your name be sanctified; Your kingdom come. Give us each day our bread for the day; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us into trial” (vv. 2-4). I have spent much time considering this brief word. My conclusion is that if we would pray this way again and again, the result will be that we shall pray ourselves into God. In other words, the issue of this prayer is that we find ourselves in God.

However, suppose a brother prays something like this: “Father, You are just and fair. You know that my wife is wrong. I ask You to vindicate me.” The more the brother prays like this, the farther he will be away from God in his experience. He needs to pray, “O Father, sanctify Your name. Your kingdom come. Father, give me bread for this day, and forgive me even as I forgive my wife. Father, do not bring me into that trial again.” The more the brother prays like this, the more he will find himself in God. This illustrates the point that to pray is to pray ourselves into God.

Often we are distracted from God. We may be distracted from Him simply by an advertisement in the newspaper. Because we are easily distracted from God, we should spend time every morning with Him, praying ourselves into Him. There is no need to pray in detail concerning our shortcomings. It is sufficient to say, “Father, forgive me.” There is no need to go through the details. The prayer, “Father forgive me as I forgive others,” is inclusive. The more you pray like this, the more you will realize that you pray yourself into God. Then in God you will receive the life supply. (*Life-Study of Luke, pp. 230-231*)

Week 4 Day 1 Luke 14:15-15:7

I. Key Verses:

Luke 14:16 And He said to him, A certain man was making a great dinner and invited many;

Luke 14:17 And he sent his slave at the dinner hour to say to those who had been invited, Come, for all things are now ready.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What is the difference between the “great dinner” in Luke 14:15-24 and the “wedding feast” in Matt. 22:2-14?
2. What is the aim of the cross?
3. What was unveiled in the three parables in Luke 15 unveil?

Answer:

1. See Luke 14:16 note 1.
2. See Luke 14:27 note 1.
3. See Luke 15:3 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 32-34.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 2 Luke 15:8-32

I. Key Verses:

Luke 15:22 But the father said to his slaves, Bring out quickly the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

Luke 15:23 And bring the fattened calf; slaughter it, and let us eat and be merry.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

God the Father _____ to receive the returning sinner. What _____ this shows!

God's salvation has two aspects: the outward, _____ aspect, signified by the best robe, and the inward, _____ aspect, signified by the fattened calf. Christ as our _____ is our salvation _____; Christ as our _____ for our enjoyment is our salvation _____. The _____ enabled the prodigal son to meet his father's requirements and satisfy his father, and the _____ satisfied the son's hunger. Hence, the _____ and the _____ could be merry together. (See Luke 15:20 note 2, 23 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 34-35.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 3 Luke 16:1-18

I. Key Verse:

Luke 16:9 And I say to you, Make friends for yourselves by means of the mammon of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. Why did it say “the mammon of unrighteousness”?
2. What are “the eternal tabernacles”?
3. What can we learn from the parable of “the prudent steward”?

Answer:

1. See Luke 16:9 note 2.
2. See Luke 16:9 note 4.
3. See Luke 16:9 note 1, 10 note 1, 12 note 1, 13 note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 36-37.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 4 Luke 16:19-17:19

I. Key Verse:

Luke 17:6 But the Lord said, If you have faith like a mustard seed, you would have said to this sycamine tree, Be uprooted and be planted in the sea; and it would have obeyed you.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

A gulf that divides Hades into two sections: the _____ section, where Abraham, Lazarus, and all the _____ saints are, and the section of _____, where the _____ man and all the perished sinners are. The two sections are _____ off from each other and have no _____ between them for passage.

Whether one _____ the word of God or not determines whether one is saved or _____. The poor man was saved not because he was _____ but because he _____ the word of God. The rich man perished not because he was rich but because he _____ the word of God. (See Luke 16:26 note 1, 29 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 37-38.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 5 Luke 17:20-18:8

I. Key Verse:

Luke 17:33 Whoever seeks to preserve his soul-life will lose it, and whoever loses it will preserve it alive.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. How to prove that the kingdom of God is the Saviour Himself?
2. What happened in “the days of Noah”?
3. What can we learn from Lot’s wife?

Answer:

1. See Luke 17:21 note 1.
2. See Luke 17:26 note 2.
3. See Luke 17:32 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 38-40.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 6 Luke 18:9-43

I. Key Verse:

Luke 18:17 Truly I say to you, Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child shall by no means enter into it.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What are the conditions and requirements for one to enter into the kingdom of God?
2. How did the tax collector pray?
3. Why does we have to be like a little child to receive the kingdom of God?

Answer:

1. See Luke 18:9 note 1.
2. See Luke 18:13 note 1.
3. See Luke 18:17 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 41-42.*

Note:

I. Key Verse:

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What is the issue of one's dynamic salvation?
2. What is the connection between the parable concerning the teaching of faithfulness and the salvation of Zaccheus?
3. What is the significance of keeping a mina laid away in a handkerchief?

Answer:

1. See Luke 19:8 note 1.
2. See Luke 19:11 note 1.
3. See Luke 19:20 note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 42-43.*

Note:

If we read carefully the parable of the loving father [in Luke 15], we shall see that while the prodigal son was still squandering the father's riches, the father was waiting for him to come back. When the son came to himself and decided to go to his father, he prepared what he would say to him: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants" (15:18-19). What would you have said to the father if you had been the prodigal son in this parable? Perhaps you would have said to yourself, "I am going back to my father's house. But what shall I say, and what shall I do when I get there? Should I knock on the door? Should I call out, 'Father, I'm home'? I feel ashamed and foolish for squandering everything my father gave me. I cannot bear to recall the way I have been living. I know for sure that my father will not be outside waiting for me. Probably he will be in the house relaxing and enjoying life. Everything is fine with him, but not with me. Oh, what shall I do when I get home?"

To the prodigal son's great surprise, "While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion; and he ran and fell on his neck and kissed him affectionately" (v. 20). Perhaps the prodigal said to himself, "This is like a dream! I didn't call out or knock on the door, but my father comes running to me. Now he is embracing me and kissing me!"

The father...said to his slaves, "Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and sandals on his feet; and bring the fattened calf; slaughter it, and let us eat and be merry; because this son of mine was dead and lives again, was lost and was found!" (vv. 22-24).

After coming back to his father, the prodigal son enjoyed all the riches of God's provision in His salvation.... Therefore, he could become a very happy person. With his father he could eat and be merry. What a pleasant picture this is! (*Life-Study of Luke, pp. 300-301*)

Week 5 Day 1 Luke 19:28-20:19

I. Key Verse:

Luke 20:17 But He looked at them, and said, What then is this that is written, "The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner"?"

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

And as they were untying the _____, its masters said to them, Why are you untying the _____? And they said, Because the Lord has _____ of it. And they brought it to _____. And when they had thrown their _____ on the colt, they put Jesus on it. And as He went, they spread their own garments in the road. And as He was already drawing near to the _____ of the _____ of Olives, all the multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the works of power which they had seen, Saying, _____ is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! _____ in heaven and _____ in the highest! (Luke 19:33-38)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 44-45.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 2 Luke 20:20-21:4

I. Key Verse:

Luke 20:38 Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all men are living.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

But that the dead are raised, even _____ disclosed in the section concerning the bush, when he calls the Lord the God of _____ and the God of _____ and the God of _____. Now He is not the God of the _____, but of the _____, for to Him all men are living. And some of the scribes answered and said, Teacher, You have spoken well. For they no longer dared to question Him about anything. And He said to them, How is it that they say that the Christ is _____ son? For David himself says in the book of Psalms, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, Until I set Your _____ as a footstool for Your feet." David therefore calls Him Lord, and how is He his _____? (Luke 20:37-44)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 45-46.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 3 Luke 21:5-22:6

I. Key Verse:

Luke 21:36 But be watchful at every time, beseeching that you would prevail to escape all these things which are about to happen and stand before the Son of Man.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

And He told them a parable: Look at the ____ tree and all the trees. As soon as they sprout _____, you see it and know of yourselves that the _____ is already near. So also you, when you see these things happening, know that the _____ of God is near. Truly I tell you that this generation shall by no means pass away until all things _____. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My _____ shall by no means pass away. But take heed to yourselves lest perhaps your hearts be weighed down with debauchery and drunkenness and the _____ of life, and that day come upon you suddenly as a _____. For it will come in upon all those _____ on the face of all the earth. (*Luke 21:29-35*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 58.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 4 Luke 22:7-46

I. Key Verse:

Luke 22:32 But I have made petition concerning you that your faith would not fail; and you, once you have turned again, establish your brothers.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

For I tell you that I shall by no means eat it until it is fulfilled in the _____ of God. And He received a cup and gave thanks and said, Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you, I shall by no means drink from now on of the product of the _____ until the _____ of God comes. And He took a loaf and gave _____, and He _____ it and gave it to them, saying, This is My _____ which is being given for you; do this in _____ of Me. And similarly the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the _____ established in My _____, which is being poured out for you. (*Luke 22:16-20*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 49-50.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 5 Luke 22:47-23:25

I. Key Verse:

Luke 22:70 And they all said, Are You then the Son of God? And He said to them, You say rightly that I am.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

Now he was obliged to release to them one _____ at the feast. But they cried out all together, saying, Take this man away and release to us _____. He was one who, for a certain insurrection that occurred in the city and for murder, had been thrown into the prison. But Pilate, wanting to release _____, addressed them again; But they continued to shout, saying, _____, crucify Him! But he said to them a third time, Why, what evil has this man done? I have _____ no cause of death in Him; I will therefore discipline Him and _____ Him. But they pressed him with loud voices, asking that He be crucified, and their voices _____. (See Luke 23:17-23)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 51.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 6 Luke 23:26-24:12

I. Key Verse:

Luke 23:43 And He said to him, Truly I say to you, Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

Now on the _____ day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the _____ which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the _____; But when they entered, they did not find the _____ of the Lord Jesus. And while they stood perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. And they became frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, and the men said to them, Why are you seeking the _____ One among the dead? He is not here but has been _____. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, Saying that the _____ of _____ must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the _____ day rise up. And they remembered _____ words. (Luke 24:1-8)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 52-54.*

Note:

I. Key Verse:

Luke 24:51 And while He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

In this book Luke displays and presents mainly five crucial and excellent aspects concerning the Man-Savior: (1) His birth was of and with the Spirit of God _____. (2) His ministry was by and through the Spirit of God _____ for the carrying out of God's economy in His _____. (3) His death was by His being the God-man to accomplish God's _____ for man. (4) His resurrection was (a) God's _____ of Him and of His work; (b) His _____ in all His achievements; and (c) His _____ over the universal enemy of God. (5) His ascension was God's exaltation of Him, which made Him the Christ of God and the Lord of _____ that He might carry out His heavenly ministry on the earth as the _____ Spirit _____ out from the heavens upon His Body, which is constituted of His believers, (*See Luke 24:51 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Luke, Msg. 54-55.*

Note:

Luke 22:19 says, "And having taken a loaf, when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, This is My body which is given for you; do this unto the remembrance of Me." The loaf in verse 19 is not the loaf of the Passover; it is the loaf of the Lord's table. Furthermore, in this verse the Lord said, "Do this unto the remembrance of Me." Thus, it was not a remembrance of what took place in Exodus 12. Taking the bread of the Lord's table is done in remembrance of the Man-Savior.

We have emphasized the fact that the Man-Savior instituted His supper, the Lord's table, after He and the disciples ate the Passover feast. He initiated His supper for His believers' remembrance of Him to continue and replace the Passover feast, the Old Testament practice of the elect's remembrance of the Lord's salvation (Exo. 12:14; 13:3). This new practice of the New Testament is to remember the Man-Savior by eating the bread, which signifies His body given for His believers (1 Cor. 11:24), and drinking the cup, which signifies His blood shed for their sins (Matt. 26:28). The bread denotes life (John 6:35), the life of God, the eternal life, and the cup denotes blessing (1 Cor. 10:16), which is God Himself as their portion (Psa. 16:5). As sinners, their portion should have been the cup of God's wrath (Rev. 14:10). But the Man-Savior drank that cup for them (John 18:11), and His salvation has become their portion, the cup of salvation (Psa. 116:13) that runs over (v. 23:5), the content of which is God as their all-inclusive blessing.

Such bread and such a cup are the constituents of the Man-Savior's supper, which is a table (1 Cor. 10:21), a feast, set up by Him so that His believers may remember Him by enjoying Him as such a feast. Thus they testify of His rich and marvelous salvation to the entire universe and display His redeeming and life-imparting death (v. 11:26). (*Life-Study of Luke, pp. 426-428*)