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“HYMN OF A WEEK for A YEAR” Lessons –

Basic ideas of the lessons:

If you are looking at these lessons you have the internet – please if you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like to do the lessons – please print off the lessons for them.

The first part of the lessons just gets you acquainted with the hymn and its author and an introduction to the memory verse.

Part two is the answering of the questions – You will need to have extra paper to go with your lessons to answer the questions and the pearling of words or ideas.

Part Three is the prepared chain or pearling of a word or idea, OR a portion of scripture to fit the word or theme of the hymn.

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Part four is your part to get into the “meat” of pearling or chaining a word or idea of your own choosing – there might be a suggestion but the ultimate is yours to do!! You will need a Bible, a Concordance but a Study Bible with the targeted words marked with footnoted letters to guide you to the next verse(s) would be the best along with a Concordance.

It is advised to keep a list of words and texts for future references, some words can be revisited and pearled again but you will want to use other scriptures.

Part five is the review of the hymn with discussion questions etc.

Close each session with prayer (of course you already knew that!!)

As always adapt these lessons to your needs – if some parts are too short and others too long work them together to fit your family/group time frame.

All hymns obtained from Internet site

cyberhymnal.com

Home page:

 http://www.hymntime.come/tch

**Week 25– Lesson 25 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read hymn and memory work.

Memory Work: James 1:16-17

I hate the Tempter and His Charms

I hate the tempter and his charms,
I hate his flattering breath;
The serpent takes a thousand forms
To cheat our souls to death.

He feeds our hope with airy dreams
Or kills with slavish fear;
And holds us still in wide extremes,
Presumption or despair.

Now he persuades, How easy ’tis
To walk the road to Heav’n;
Anon he swells our sins, and cries,
They cannot be forgiv’n.

He bids young sinners, Yet forbear
To think of God, or death;
For prayer and devotion are
But melancholy breath.

He tells the aged, they must die,
And ’tis too late to pray;
In vain for mercy now they cry,
For they have lost their day.

Thus he supports his cruel throne
By mischief and deceit,
And drags the sons of Adam down
To darkness and the pit.

Almighty God, cut short his power;
Let him in darkness dwell;
And that he vex the earth no more,
Confine him down to hell.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

* Flare for verse at an early age

**Week 25 - Lesson 25 -Part 2:** Open with prayer review memory work.

Questions to Answer:

1. Who is hated?
2. What are two of his attributes?
3. What takes a thousand forms?
4. What happens to the soul?
5. Verse 2: What does he feed our hopes with?
6. Look up slavish- How does what the tempter fit this definition?
7. How does he hold us?
8. Verse 3: What does he do next?
9. What does he describe the road?
10. Look up anon – What does he do to our sin?
11. What does he want us to believe?
12. Verse 4: Look up forbear – What are young sinners encouraged to do?
13. How are prayer and devotion described by the tempter?
14. Verse 5: What does the tempter tell the aged?
15. What does the tempter want the aged to think about receiving mercy?
16. Verse6: How is the tempters throne described?
17. How does he support this throne?
18. What does he drag the sons of Abram?
19. Verse 7: What is asked of Almighty God?
20. Where to let the tempter dwell?
21. Look up vex – What does the tempter do in light of the definition?
22. Where should the tempter be confined?

**Week 25 -Lesson 25 -Part 3:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Scripture word study:

Deceive –

Old Testament Deceiver:

1. Jeremiah 7:4, 8 – What were the Israelites warned against in these verses?
2. Lamentations 2:14 – What were some of the consequences of such prophets?

\*\*Some advice for us:

1. 1 Corinthians 15:33 – What does this say about the company we choose to keep?
2. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 – What are people deceived about here?
3. Matthew 24:4 – What is an end of age deception?
4. Galatians 6:7 – What is the warning here?
5. 2 John 1:7-11 – What are some deceivers teaching?

Vs 8 – What are we to watch out for?

Vs 9 – What is a characteristic of a deceiver?

Vs. 10 – What should you do if someone like that comes to you?

Vs. 11 – What if a deceiver is welcomed?

**Week 25 - Lesson 25 –Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Continue in the “deceptive” study or choose another word or theme from the hymn.

**Week 25 – Lesson 25 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; reread hymn and review memory work.

Review and Discussion:

1. What are some ways you are tempted?
2. Have you ever been deceived in some way – if so explain?
3. Have you been deceived to sin?
4. In your opinion when (in the young, aged, during a crisis etc) is deception most likely to happen? Explain.
5. Do melancholy (sad, glum, depressed) times send us to God?
6. OR as the hymnist suggests that the tempter would like us to think that if we pray and have devotion to God we become melancholy - Which is the most often for you – Do you go to God more in a melancholy state to be uplifted OR does going to God make you melancholy?

**Week 26 – Lesson 26 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read hymn and memory work.

Memory Verse – Psalm 14:4

Are Sinners Now so Senseless Grown?

Are sinners now so senseless grown
That they the saints devour?
And never worship at Thy throne,
Nor fear Thine awful power?

Great God! Appear to their surprise;
Reveal Thy dreadful name;
Let them no more Thy wrath despise,
Nor turn our hope to shame.

Dost Thou not dwell among the just?
And yet our foes deride,
That we should make Thy name our trust;
Great God! Confound their pride.

O that the joyful day were come
To finish our distress!
When God shall bring His children home
Our songs shall never cease.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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 This hymn written almost 300 years ago should not need any explanation but there may be a need to clarify who are sinners and who are not – we are all sinners – but those who have accepted Jesus as their Savior are sinners saved by grace. The sinners here are those who have no intention of knowing Jesus and continue in their sins without any idea of confessing their sins and ridicule those who do.

**Week 26– Lesson 26 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. How have sinners grown?
2. What do sinners do to saints?
3. What do sinners never do?
4. What do they senselessly not fear?
5. Verse 2: How is God described?
6. What is asked of God?
7. What would God reveal?
8. What should sinners not despise?
9. What should not be put to shame?
10. Verse 3: Where does God dwell?
11. Look up deride – What do foes of Christians do?
12. What do we make the name of God?
13. What is asked of God?
14. Verse 4: What day is looked forward to?
15. What will be finished?
16. What will happen then?
17. What will never cease?

**Week 26 – Lesson 26 – Part 3:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Scripture and word study:

The folly of sinners; evildoers

Psalm 14:1, 3, 4, and 5

1. What is a person that says “There is no God” in his heart?
2. How are they described?
3. Who does good?
4. Who has turned aside?
5. What have they done together?
6. Is there even one?
7. Who will never learn?
8. What is the comparison?
9. Who do they not call on?

**Week 26 - Lesson 26 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work.

Continue with the folly of sinners/evildoers or choose another line of thought or theme from the hymn.

**Week 26 - Lesson 26 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; review memory work; and reread the hymn.

Review and Discussion:

1. How can those who continue to live in sin be senseless about their fate?
2. If someone said to you that if he didn’t believe in God, heaven etc that the upcoming events of Jesus’ return etc would not affect him – What would your response to this person be?
3. What are some reasons that although God dwells among the just does He allow the evildoers to ridicule?
4. What kind of “surprises” will the evildoers /sinners have?
5. What are some ways that the hope of the Christians can be turned to shame?
6. Briefly state how unsaved sinners can change their fate:

**Week 27 – Lesson 27 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read the hymn and memory work.

 Memory Work: Isaiah 40:30-31

Awake, Our Souls; Away, Our Fear

Awake, our souls; away, our fears,
Let every trembling thought be gone;
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
And put a cheerful courage on.

True, ’tis a strait and thorny road,
And mortal spirits tire and faint;
But they forget the mighty God,
That feeds the strength of every saint.

Thee, mighty God! whose matchless power
Is ever new, and ever young;
And firm endures, while endless years
Their everlasting circles run.

From Thee, the overflowing spring,
Our souls shall drink a fresh supply;
While such as trust their native strength
Shall melt away, and droop, and die.

Swift as an eagle cuts the air,
We’ll mount aloft to Thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly,
Nor tire amidst the heav’nly road.

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**Week 27 – Lesson 27 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. What should awake?
2. What should be away?
3. What should be gone?
4. What are we to awake and do?
5. What should be put on?
6. Verse 2: How is the “road” described?
7. Who are tired and faint?
8. Who has been forgotten?
9. What does He do?
10. Verse 3: How is God described?
11. How all is God’s power described?
12. How does it endure?
13. How are the years described and how do they run?
14. Verse 4: How is Thee described?
15. What is available for our souls?
16. How is human trust described?
17. How does that last?
18. Verse 5: How is the flight of the eagle described?
19. Where will we fly off too?
20. What kind of wings?
21. Where will there be no tiring?

**Week 27 – Lesson 27 – Part 3**: Open with prayer; review the memory work;

Scripture and Word Study:

Mighty strength/Almighty God

1. Psalm 24:8 – What are the answers to the question – Who is this King of glory?
2. Psalm 89:8 – What is asked about the Lord God Almighty?

What is answered?

1. Isaiah 6:3 – What are the seraphs calling to one another?
2. Jeremiah 50:34 – What is said about the redeemer of Judah?

What is his name?

1. Jeremiah 31:35 – What does the Lord say?

What is His name?

1. Ephesians 6:10 -What is finally to be done?

**Week 27 – Lesson27 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work –

Continue to search out the scriptures about God being mighty and the Almighty God or choose another word or theme from the hymn to continue your scripture study.

**Week 27 – Lesson 27 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; review memory work; reread the hymn:

Review and Discussion:

1. Do you feel that your soul is awake and running the heavenly race?

If not how are some ways to awaken your soul?

1. What are some ways the road is thorny to heaven?
2. What is forgotten?

List some ways not to forget:

1. What is the difference between your years and those ever circling years of God?
2. Relate some story of an eagle flight that you have seen – if you have not seen an eagle fly – describe the hymn analogy.

**Week 28 - Lesson 28 - Part 1:** Open with Prayer; read the hymn and memory work.

Memory Work: Acts 1:11

Go, Preach My Gospel

Go preach My Gospel, saith the Lord,
“Bid the whole earth My grace receive;
He shall be saved that trusts My Word,
He shall be damned that won’t believe.

“I’ll make your great commission known,
And ye shall prove My Gospel true,
By all the works that I have done,
By all the wonders ye shall do.

“Go heal the sick, go raise the dead,
Go cast out devils in My name;
Nor let My prophets be afraid,
Though Greeks reproach, and Jews blaspheme.

Teach all the nations My commands,
I’m with you till the world shall end;
All power is trusted to My hands,
I can destroy, and I defend.

He spake, and light shone round His head;
On a bright cloud to Heav’n He rode;
They to the farthest nations spread
The grace of their ascended God.

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**Week 28– Lesson 28 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. What does the Lord say?
2. Who can receive His grace?
3. How can someone be saved?
4. What is bid to happen to those that won’t believe?
5. Verse 2: What will be made known?
6. What will be proved?
7. What was done?
8. What will be done?
9. Verse 3: What are the “go” statements?
10. Who should not be afraid?
11. What do Greeks and Jews do?
12. Verse 4: What is to be taught?
13. To whom is it to be taught?
14. How long is He with us?
15. What is trusted into Jesus’ hands?
16. What can He do?
17. Verse 5: What is the image of Jesus’ ascending?
18. What was spread to farthest nations?

**Week 28 – Lesson 28 – Part 3:** Open with prayer; Review memory work

Scripture and Word Study:

Believe –

1. John 3:15 – What can everyone who believes have?
2. John 3:36 – How can we have eternal life?

What happens to those that reject Him?

Why?

1. Genesis 15:6 – How was Abram credited as righteous?
2. Numbers 14:11 – How was God trying to get the Israelites to believe in Him?
3. Matthew 27:42 – What were the mockers of Jesus at the cross wanting Him to do so they would believe?
4. Mark 1:15 – What was near?

What did Jesus say needed to be done?

**Week 28 – Lesson 28 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

There are many more scriptures on believe – John used the word 98 times in his gospel alone – or change to another word or theme from the hymn.

**Week 28 – Lesson 28 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; Review memory work and reread the hymn.

Review and Discussion:

1. Does the wording of those that don’t believe seem a little harsh in the first verse of the hymn?

Do you think the preaching of the Word should be more “fire and brimstone” today?

1. We’ve talked about this before how the amount of nations or the whole world has changed since the Bible was written but there are even many more discoveries since this hymn was written in the early seventeen hundreds - Do some exploring on how “all the nations” has changed since this hymn was written:
2. Do you think that not having something tangible to touch, see and feel makes it hard for some people to believe?
3. Does living in a feel good, live for the moment society make it hard for some to believe that there is any eminent danger of not believing?
4. Not everyone is meant to go and preach the gospel as a preacher, missionary etc – What more do feel you can or should do to spread the gospel?