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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 33 - Lesson 33 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read hymn and memory work.

Memory Work: 2 Corinthians 3:6

Whether the Word be Preached or Read

 Whether the Word be preached or read,
No saving benefit I gain
From empty sounds or letters dead;
Unprofitable all and vain,
Unless by faith Thy Word I hear
And see its heavenly character.

Unmixed with faith, the Scripture gives
No comfort, life, or light to see,
But me in darker darkness leaves,
Implunged in deeper misery,
Overwhelmed with nature’s sorest ills,
The Spirit saves, the letter kills.

If God enlighten through His Word,
I shall my kind Enlightener bless;
But void and naked of my Lord,
What are all verbal promises?
Nothing to me, till faith divine
Inspire, inspeak, and make them mine.

Jesus, the appropriating grace
’Tis Thine on sinners to bestow.
Open mine eyes to see Thy face,
Open my heart Thyself to know.
And then I through Thy Word obtain
Sure present, and eternal gain.

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**Week 33-Lesson 33 - Part 2:** Open with prayer review memory work.

Questions to Answer:

1. What are the ways the Word is received?
2. What is not gained?
3. How are the sounds and letters described?
4. What is all of this?
5. How does Thy Word need to be heard?
6. And what needs to be seen?
7. Verse 2: Unless mixed with faith what does the Scriptures give?
8. How is a person left?
9. Plunged in what?
10. Overwhelmed by what?
11. What does the Spirit do? The letter?
12. Verse 3: How can God enlighten us?
13. Who will be blessed?
14. Void and naked of my Lord what are the verbal promises?
15. Until what happens?
16. Verse 4: What is it that Jesus bestows on sinners?
17. What do open eyes see?
18. What does an open heart do?
19. What can be obtained through the Word?

**Week 33 - Lesson 33 -Part 3:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Scripture word study:

Faith -

1. Hebrews 11:1 – Write the definition of faith:
2. Hebrews 11:3 – What by faith is understand here?
3. Hebrews 11: What did Noah become by faith?
4. Hebrews 11:8-17 – Make a list of all the things that happened to Abraham because of his faith:
5. Hebrews 11:20-31 – Make list of all the people and the faith they displayed:

**Week 33 - Lesson 33 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Look for other scriptures about faith or find another word(s) or theme to do a study on.

**Week 33 – Lesson 33 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; reread hymn and review memory work.

Review and Discussion:

1. How would you define your faith?
2. How important is faith to the hymnist?
3. How is important is faith to you?
4. Discuss how the Spirit saves and the letter or the law kills?
5. How can our eyes and hearts be opened?
6. Do you think you have enough faith in God to build an ark like Noah did on dry ground in a time when it had never rained?
7. Pick another person that had faith in Hebrews 11 that you could either identify with or that you would find it difficult to do what they did in faith:

**Week 34 – Lesson 34– Part 1:** Open with prayer; read hymn and memory work.

Memory Verse – 1 John 4:16

Thy Ceaseless, Unexhausted Love

Thy ceaseless, unexhausted love,
Unmerited and free,
Delights our evil to remove,
And help our misery.

Thou waitest to be gracious still;
Thou dost with sinners bear,
That, saved, we may Thy goodness feel,
And all Thy grace declare.

Thy goodness and Thy truth to me
To every soul, abound,
A vast, unfathomable sea,
Where all our thoughts are drowned.

Its streams the whole creation reach,
So plenteous is the store,
Enough for all, enough for each,
Enough for evermore.

Faithful, O Lord, Thy mercies are!
A rock that cannot move;
A thousand promises declare
Thy constancy of love.

Throughout the universe it reigns,
Unalterably sure;
And while the truth of God remains,
The goodness must endure.

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**Week 34 – Lesson 34 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. How is God’s love described?
2. How is this love given?
3. What does it delight to remove?
4. What does it help?
5. Verse 2: What does God still wait to be?
6. Who does God bear with?
7. How do we feel God’s goodness?
8. What is declared?
9. Verse 3: What abounds to every soul?
10. How is God’s goodness and truth described?
11. What is drowned there?
12. Verse 4: The theme of goodness and truth spill over into this verse – How is those described?
13. Where does it reach?
14. How plenteous is the store?
15. Verse 5: How are the Lord’s mercies?
16. How are these mercies described?
17. How is the constancy of God’s love described?
18. Verse 6: How does love reign?
19. How does it stay?
20. What remains?
21. What must endure?

**Week 34 – Lesson 34 – Part 3:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Scripture and word study:

Love

1. 1 Corinthians 13:13 – What is the greatest of what remains?
2. Romans 5:5 – What has God poured out?

Where?

How?

1. John 3:16 – What was the element that compelled God to send Jesus?
2. Romans 8:39 – Can we be separated from the love of God?

Write the statement that confirms that:

Who is this love in?

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:8 – What is love signified by in the armor for life’s battles?
2. Galatians 5:6 – What is the only thing that counts?
3. 1 John 3:23 – 24 – What are the commands God gives:

If we obey these commands we know He lives in us – How do we know this?

**Week 34 - Lesson 34 –Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work.

Continue in love there are many more scriptures or choose another theme from the hymn.

**Week 34 - Lesson 34 –Part 5:** Open with prayer; review memory work; and reread the hymn.

Review and Discussion:

1. List all of the things God gives or is in this hymn:
2. Discuss the list above and how important each one is in God to you.
3. Have you ever felt separated from God’s love? Explain:
4. How does it make you feel that there is enough of God’s goodness and truth for all, for each and for evermore?
5. List some ways that God waits to be gracious still:
6. How important is love to you?

Love of God:

Love of brothers and sisters in Christ:

Love of family and friends:

**Week 35 – Lesson 35 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read the hymn and memory work.

 Memory Work: Proverbs 21:17

Lovers of Pleasure More than God

Lovers of pleasure more than God,
For you He suffered pain;
Swearers, for you He spilt his blood;
And shall He bleed in vain?

Misers, for you his life He paid,
Your basest crime He bore:
Drunkards, your sins on Him were laid,
That you might sin no more.

The God of love, to earth He came,
That you might come to Heaven;
Believe, believe in Jesus’ name,
And all your sin’s forgiven.

Believe in Him that died for thee,
And, sure as He hath died,
Thy debt is paid, thy soul is free,
And thou art justified.

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**Week 35 – Lesson 35 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. What do people love more than God?
2. What did He do
3. Who was His blood spilt for?
4. How may have He bled?
5. Verse 2: Who did He pay His life for?
6. Basest – lowest crime – What did He do for them?
7. Where were drunkards sins laid?
8. That they may not do what?
9. Verse 3: How is God described?
10. What happened that you might come to heaven?
11. What must be done in Jesus’ name?
12. What will then happen?
13. Verse 4: What did He do?
14. What three things happened because He died?

**Week 35 – Lesson 35 – Part 3**: Open with prayer; review the memory work;

Scripture and Word Study:

Pleasure –

1. Proverbs 10:23 – What is one called that takes pleasure in evil?
2. Proverbs 21:17 – What will too much pleasure in wine do to you?
3. Hebrews 11:25 – What did Moses choose to do?
4. James 4:3 – What are the wrong motives when we pray?

What happens when we pray with wrong motives?

**Week 35 – Lesson 35 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work –

There are other scriptures about pleasure and what pleasures God – continue with these or choose another word or theme in the hymn to use for scripture study.

**Week 35 – Lesson 35 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; review memory work; reread the hymn:

Review and Discussion:

1. List the kinds of people Jesus died for:
2. Do you see yourself fitting into that list or not?
3. Do you feel you love pleasure more than God?
4. Can we have both pleasures and believe in God?
5. How do those pleasures differ?
6. How does life change when you believe in Jesus?
7. What is your first reaction to the fact that Jesus died for you?

**Week 36 – Lesson 36 - Part 1:** Open with Prayer; read the hymn and memory work.

Memory Work: Deuteronomy 6:6, 7

When Quiet In My House I Sit

When quiet in my house I sit,
Thy Book be my companion still,
My joy Thy sayings to repeat,
Talk o’er the records of Thy will,
And search the oracles divine,
Till every heartfelt word be mine.

O may the gracious words divine
Subject of all my converse be!
So will the Lord His follower join,
And walk and talk Himself with me;
So shall my heart His presence prove,
And burn with everlasting love.

Oft as I lay me down to rest,
O may the reconciling Word
Sweetly compose my weary breast!
While, on the bosom of my Lord,
I sink in blissful dreams away,
And visions of eternal day.

Rising to sing my Savior’s praise,
Thee may I publish all day long;
And let Thy precious word of grace
Flow from my heart, and fill my tongue,
Fill all my life with purest love,
And join me to the Church above.

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**Week 36 – Lesson 36 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. How do we sit?
2. What is the companion?
3. What gives joy?
4. What are the records of?
5. What is searched?
6. What is made mine?
7. Verse 2: What is the subject of converse (talk, conversation)?
8. Who hopes the Lord will join?
9. What do we want the Lord himself to do?
10. What will prove His presence?
11. What will it burn with?
12. Verse 3: What is one time the Word especially helpful?
13. How is the word described?
14. What does the word do?
15. How is being in the word described?
16. What happens?
17. What is the vision?
18. Verse 4: What do we rise to do?
19. What is done with the word all day long?
20. How is the word described?
21. List all the flow and fill statements:
22. What does the word join us to?

**Week 36 – Lesson 36 – Part 3:** Open with prayer; Review memory work

Scripture and Word Study:

God’s word -

1. Isaiah 40:8 – What withers and falls?

What stands forever?

1. Jeremiah 2:1 – What came to Jeremiah?
2. Jeremiah 2:4 – What did Jeremiah ask the house of Jacob to do?
3. Ezekiel 12:8 – What time of day did the word of the Lord come to Ezekiel?
4. Zechariah 9:1 – How was the word of the Lord used here?

1. Hebrews 4:12 – How is the word of God described here?
2. 2 Timothy 2:9 – What was Paul but the word of God was not?

Note here that when Jesus is referred to as the Word then it is capitalized but when word is used as the word of God it is not capitalized – it is one way of knowing how “word” is being used.

**Week 36 – Lesson 36 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Continue to look up scriptures about the word of the Lord or God or choose another word or theme from the hymn.

**Week 36 – Lesson 36 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; Review memory work and reread the hymn.

Review and Discussion:

1. Think of some ways you do or could “publish” the word of God all day long:
2. Make a list of some of the verses in the Bible that are heartfelt to you:
3. Have you ever put yourself to sleep repeating a memory verse?

If so what have some of those verses been – (Philippians 4:6 is a good verse for worriers!)

1. In what ways are we joined to the church above through God’s word?
2. Does the word of God flow from your heart, fill your tongue and fill your life with purest love?

If so how do you feel it does:

If not how are some ways it can and should: