Lesson 1: Overview

I. INTRODUCTION

The Bible is the ______ source

(Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV) "God has set eternity in the hearts of men, yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."



Course Symbol:

Course Goal: To Look Forward to Eternal Life

Course Scripture Verse: (Colossians 3:2 NIV) "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Lesson 1: Study / Discussion Questions

1A) PERSONAL: If someone asked you to describe what you think heaven will be like, what would you say? Write down everything that you think now and then at the end of this study it will be interesting to come back and compare.

- 1B) PERSONAL: Where have these ideas you have about heaven come from? For example: from your own imagination, books, movies, television, sermons, the Bible, friends, family members, teachers, etc.?
- 2) PERSONAL: What specific questions do you have about heaven or about eternal life? Make a list and come back to this list each week to see if any of them have been answered.

3) PERSONAL: Have you been looking forward to heaven or dreading it? Why or why not?

4) PERSONAL: What do you personally hope to gain from this study?

Prepare for Next Week: GOD'S CONSISTENT PLAN/DESIGN

10A) In Revelation 4, John gives us a vivid description of what he saw in the sanctuary of the Current Heaven. Read Revelation 4:1-8 and make a list of all the things John described.

10B) Read Ezekiel 1:26-28 (Ezekiel's description of the same location) and compare this passage with the list you made from Revelation 4.

- 10C) Matthew 18:16 says that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses," so how does the comparison of these two descriptions revealed by God confirm the exciting truth about heaven?
- $\mathbf{\dot{v}}_{11}$) From your Quiet Time this week, what did you learn about the mysteries of God?

PERSONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Ask God to give you a new understanding of and appreciation for the salvation that you have through Jesus Christ which includes the hope of heaven

Daily Quiet Time

"To Look Forward to Eternal Life"

In Isaiah 55:9, God tells us that "as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" so we know that we will never be able to understand everything about God or about His plan for mankind. Many things remain a mystery, but it's important for us to try to understand as much as we possibly can. During your Quiet Time this week, look at what the Bible says about the mysteries of God and how these mysteries affect our lives.

Follow these steps every day:

- 1) Read the suggested passages of Scripture.
- 2) Notice who is describing the mystery; Determine what the mystery is and what is revealed about it and see if we're told about a time that this mystery will be explained, etc.
- 3) Meditate about what you learn and thank God for all that He does reveal to us.

Day 1: Job 11:5-9