

Lesson 54 Answers and Comments

Off	edify
All	ourselves
Anger	please
Wrath	neighbor
Malice	good
Blasphemy	edification
Filthy	own
Not	others
Drunk	determined
Wine	myself
Fornication	not
Uncleanness	heaviness
Covetousness	
Not	
Saints	
Filthiness	
Foolish	
Talking	
Jesting	
Me	
Live	
Christ	
Gain	
Glory	
God	
Own	
Another's	
Peace	

I have been more than alarmed at times by those who insist that believers are at liberty to teach whatever they please concerning the Word of God. We know that God strictly forbids this. In I Timothy 1:3 Paul tells us that he left Timothy at Ephesus that he might “charge some that they teach no other doctrine.”

In a “grace” church we were subjected to a teacher that taught that Isaac was not deceived by Jacob though the scriptures plainly teach that Isaac was deceived. Read Gen. 27:1-33 and see for yourself. We were told that this teacher had the “liberty” to interpret and teach the scriptures as he saw fit. This is not liberty but an abuse of liberty, which carried out, can produce terrible heresy in the church, which it has.

Lesson 55

I Con. 10:26 “For the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.”

The Corinthian saints were saved out of an idolatrous background. Their idol worship included the offering up of animal sacrifices to their pagan idols. Now saved, these saints were wondering if they could still eat the meat offered up to idols that was either sold at the market or served for dinner at a friend’s house.

In our verse, Paul first reminds these saints that the earth is the _____ and the _____ thereof.

In Ex. 19:5 we read “...for _____ the _____ is _____:”

Deut. 10:14 “Behold, the heaven, and the _____ of _____ is the _____ thy God, the _____ also, with all that _____ is.”

Job 41:11 “..._____ is under the whole _____ is _____.”

Ps. 24:1 “The _____ is the _____, and the _____ thereof; the _____, and they that _____ therein.”

The earth is the Lord’s contrary to what we hear from science, politicians, world leaders or anyone else.

Man in his pride thinks he’s the possessor of the earth. Some even go so far as to name mountains, lakes, streets, estates, etc. after themselves. Ps. 49:11 speaks about this. “Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they _____ their after their _____.” God created it, formed it, established it and keeps it. Gen. 1:1, 9, 10, Ecclesiastes 1:4 and Col. 1:17. He owns the title deed to the earth! Nothing in the earth could actually belong to an idol.

Is. 41:29 “Behold, they are all _____; their _____ are _____: their _____ are _____ and _____.”

I Cor. 8:4 “...we know that the _____ is _____ in the world: and that there is none other _____ but _____.”

God is not currently exercising His authority over the earth. That should be obvious to all of us. When He does the _____ shall be filled with the _____ of the _____ of the _____, as the _____ cover the _____.” Hab. 2:14

Ps. 2:2 “The _____ of the _____ set themselves, and the _____ take _____ together, _____ the _____, and against his _____...”

Here we see the opposition in the earth that will mount as God prepares to bring His kingdom to the earth. In the mean time, Satan is the prince and power of the air charting the _____ of this _____ in Eph. 2:2. We know that Satan, when

tempting the Lord, shewed Him all the _____ of the _____ and offered to give them with all their glory to Christ if He would worship him. Luke 4:5, 6..

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In John 12:31 Satan is called the _____ of this _____. Satan's sentence has been passed but its execution still awaits. He will be cast out! The earth is the Lord's! Satan sits as one who desires to overthrow God's kingdom. While the true King is away, Satan is given rule by the majority of mankind. Sin, wickedness, evil, self-indulgence, self-righteousness reign today.

Gal. 1:4 "...that he might deliver us from this present _____."

All that being said, the earth is still the Lord's. As we read earlier in Ecclesiastes 1:4 "...the _____ abideth _____."

No amount of evil, ozone, nuclear weapons, etc. will destroy it. God created, established, and keeps it. It belongs to Him!

The Corinthian saints were reminded that nothing belonged to an idol. Even if folks said so, they should know better. But was this knowledge alone to govern their behavior??

In I Cor. 10:25, were the Corinthian saints allowed to buy and eat meat sacrificed to idols? _____ Were they to inquire of the butcher as to where he got his meat? _____ The believer's liberty certainly could be exercised in these occasions. Now in verse 27 of I Cor. 10 we have a believer invited to a feast by an unbeliever. I love the next phrase. "...and _____ ye be _____ to _____..." Decision time! You and I get to decide if this is something we want to attend. No rules, no regulations, just our freedom to choose. Let's say we go. Paul goes on to say, _____ is set before you, _____, asking no _____ for conscience sake."

Consider the food edible! And just like the butcher, don't ask where the meat came from. Who cares, the earth and all it's fullness is the Lord's! But then things get a little sticky. Vs. 28 "_____ if any man say to you, This is _____ in _____ unto _____, _____ for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake:..." Now things are different. Paul says to put aside your personal liberty for the sake of the unbeliever. The one who tells you where the meat is from. This unbeliever knows you are a believer. You might give the wrong impression, would prejudice this unbeliever or bring reproach to the name of Christ. Our actions, as viewed by others, should govern our liberty. This is another important point to consider along with expediency and edification when it comes to our liberty.

If the Corinthian saints went ahead and ate they would be "viewed" as perhaps acknowledging the pagan idols. This could do harm to the unbelievers, other believers and the cause of Christ. A simple "no thank you", will bring far more glory to the Lord who shed His own blood that He might purchase us and make us His own dear children.

Paul says in I Cor. 9:19 "For though I be _____ from _____ men, yet have I _____ unto _____, that I might gain the more."

I Cor. 10:32 "Give _____, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:" And in vs. 33 "Even as I _____ all _____ in _____"

things, not seeking mine _____ profit, but the _____ of many, that they may be _____.”

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Should I wear that? Should I drink that? Should I say that? Should I go there? Should I play that? All these and more are to be governed by the grace principles of liberty.

1. Is it expedient?
2. Will it edify?
3. How will it affect others?

Next week we will look at some more governing grace principles of liberty.

Grace Harbor Church has just made a booklet available entitled “Called unto Liberty”. You can request a free copy at our website. www.grace-harbor-church.org

