

**Holy Spirit Sabbath School Lessons**  
**Lesson 11 – Grieving and Resisting the Spirit**

**Sabbath Afternoon:**

*Quoted texts: Acts 7:51; Hebrews 10:24, 25; Ephesians 4:25–5:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:19–21; Mark 3:28, 29.*

**Acts 7:51** “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, **ye do always resist the Holy Ghost**: as your fathers did, so do ye.”

*This text has come true before our eyes with the introduction of the trinity doctrine into the church. To accept and teach this doctrine, when God has shown what the truth is in His word and through “the Spirit of Christ” to the church through “the testimony of Jesus” which is the Spirit of Prophecy. The church has turned its back on the one true God of the holy scriptures, chosen another god in His place and is indeed “resisting the Holy Ghost”, just like the Jews of the old testament and the Jews that crucified Christ. The church of this day is also doing the same thing by resisting the truth when it is presented and persecuting the messengers who faithfully show the church their errors. Please notice the text in Acts 7 specifically states “in the heart and ears”. The heart of rejecters is not converted and their ears are stopped from hearing the truth that will convert them.*

**Hebrews 10:21-31** “And having an high priest over the house of God; <sup>22</sup>Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>**Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering**; (for he is faithful that promised;) <sup>24</sup>And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: <sup>25</sup>Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. <sup>26</sup>**For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins**, <sup>27</sup>But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. <sup>28</sup>He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: <sup>29</sup>**Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?** <sup>30</sup>For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. <sup>31</sup>It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

*Here, Paul counsels the true believers to “hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering”. This is exactly the same message that was brought to the church by the messenger of the Lord, when she was inspired to write the following...*

“I saw a company who stood well-guarded and firm, and would give no countenance to those who would **unsettle the established faith of the body**. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps—one, two and three—the first, second and third angels' messages. Said the angel, **Woe to him who shall move a block, or stir a pin in these messages**. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received. I was again brought down through these messages, and saw **how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience**. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. **Step by step had God brought them along, until he had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform**. Then I saw individuals as they approached the platform, before stepping upon it examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the laying of the foundation of the platform. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform and examined it, then found fault with it, declaring it to be laid wrong. I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform, and exhorted others who had stepped off to cease their complaints, **for God was the master-builder**, and they were fighting against him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union nearly all raised their eyes to heaven, and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained, and left the platform, and again they with humble look stepped upon it.” – {1SG 168.2}

“After the passing of the time in 1844 we searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with the brethren, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. Again and again these

brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, "We can do nothing more," the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me. I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. **Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, his mission, and his priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me,** and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me." – {RH May 25, 1905 Par. 24}

*Notice how long the truths that were originally given to the SDA church would last, "to the time when we shall enter the city of God". That's the second coming.*

*Has Jesus come yet? No!*

*Are those truths still there? No!*

*Some of the truths that the church once had are now cast aside and they have accepted cunningly devised fables from the enemy of souls.*

*To accept the trinity doctrine, which is the central doctrine of the church of Rome over a "thus saith the Lord" means that the church has stepped off the platform that was set by God "the master-builder" and are "fighting against Him". They have "unsettled the established faith of the body" and "moved the blocks and stirred the pins of the messages" that were given to the church by God himself. The church is now in a dangerous position and unless they step back on the platform, then they will be left in total darkness "and storm and tempest will sweep away the structure"*

**Ephesians 4:20-5:2** "But ye have not so learned Christ; <sup>21</sup>If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, **as the truth is in Jesus:** <sup>22</sup>That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; <sup>23</sup>And be renewed in **the spirit of your mind;** <sup>24</sup>And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. <sup>25</sup>Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: <sup>27</sup>**Neither give place to the devil.** <sup>28</sup>Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. <sup>29</sup>Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. <sup>30</sup>And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.** <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: <sup>32</sup>And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. **Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;** <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. <sup>3</sup>But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; <sup>4</sup>Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup>For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man, who is an idolater,** hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

*The church has grieved the holy Spirit of God and continues to grieve it by going into idolatry and partaking of the wine of Babylon, which has made her drunk and unable to know truth from error.*

**Hebrews 3:7-19** "Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, <sup>8</sup>**Harden not your hearts,** as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: <sup>9</sup>When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. <sup>10</sup>Wherefore **I was grieved with that generation,** and said, **They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.** <sup>11</sup>So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) <sup>12</sup>Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, **in departing from the living God.** <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>**For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;** <sup>15</sup>While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. <sup>16</sup>For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. <sup>17</sup>**But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned,** whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, **but to them that believed not?** <sup>19</sup>So we see that **they could not enter in because of unbelief."**

*The text above shows what the problem was with the Jews. They grieved God constantly because they had hardened their hearts and “departed from the living God”, even so the church today has grieved God himself by hardening their hearts against the truth regarding God the Father and His only begotten Son and have totally “departed from the living God”, removed God from His place as head of the church, and put the trinity doctrine in God’s place.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:19-21** “Quench not the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Despise not prophesyings. <sup>21</sup>Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

*Through departing from God and choosing to worship the trinity god, the church has quenched the Spirit of the one true God. They have ceased to “prove all things” and do not “hold fast that which is good” but hold to “doctrines of devils” and “cunningly devised fables”.*

**Mark 3:22-30** “And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, **He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.** <sup>23</sup>And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. <sup>27</sup>No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. <sup>28</sup>Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: <sup>29</sup>**But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness,** but is in danger of eternal damnation: <sup>30</sup>Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.”

*The church today, like the Jews in Christ’s day, are also blaspheming the Holy Ghost, by refusing to repent, and saying to the messengers of God, who have been sent to them with the truth about God the Father and His only begotten Son, that the message they bear is heresy. That is exactly what they said above, but in different words, to Christ when they accused Him in v:22.*

*Were all of the Pioneers of this church, including the Servant of the Lord, preaching heresy for the first 50 years and more?*

*Did God build the foundations of the platform on heresy or on truth?*

*Did the founders of the SDA church study the scriptures day and night, only arrive at a set of fundamental beliefs that were based on heresy?*

*No, God forbid.*

*God built the platform on the solid rock.*

**Matthew 16:15-18** “He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? <sup>16</sup>. And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.** <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**”

*The rock of truth that “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God” is the truth that we stand firmly upon. That platform, which is built upon this rock, will stand against the gates of hell and even though they may persecute and even kill us as God’s messengers of this beautiful truth, this message will stand against all that the enemy can throw at it, and will take us through, because it is the truth.*

*Hold fast to this truth dear brothers and sisters and turn not to the left or right and God will see you through to the end because He that gave it is faithful and true.*

### **Memory Text: comments...**

*The comments themselves in this section are an example of blasphemy, because they attribute the work that can only be attributed to Christ, by His Holy Spirit, to another so called co-eternal god. That is the very height of blasphemy against “the Spirit of Christ”*

*It is “the Spirit of Christ” that leads sinners to Christ and then to God. Christ himself draws us to Himself to acknowledge our sin and need of a Saviour. We overcome only by “the Spirit of Christ” in us and it is only “the Spirit of Christ” that enables us to reflect the character of Christ.”*

*“In describing to His disciples the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church. The*

Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of **the Third Person of the Godhead**, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. **Christ has given His Spirit** as a **divine power** to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress **His own character upon His church.**" – {DA 671.2}

*How much clearer can the "testimony of Jesus" make it than the above quote?*

**Sunday:**

**Resisting the Holy Spirit**

**Acts 7:51** "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, **ye do always resist the Holy Ghost:** as your fathers did, so do ye."

*The comments state: "We resist the Holy Spirit today when we resist the Word of God and when we do not heed the message of His prophets.*

*This is exactly what the church is guilty of at this present day.*

*The word of God clearly teaches that there is only one true God and that to know Him and His only begotten Son is life eternal, but the church has cast aside this truth and, counted it as nothing and replaced it with the trinity omega of deadly heresy.*

*It continues to also reject the pure teachings of God's prophets, especially the testimonies from the Spirit of Prophecy which show us the truth.*

**Monday & Tuesday:**

**Grieving the Holy Spirit: parts 1&2**

**Ephesians 4:20-5:2** "**But ye have not so learned Christ;** <sup>21</sup>If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, **as the truth is in Jesus:** <sup>22</sup>That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; <sup>23</sup>And be renewed in **the spirit of your mind;** <sup>24</sup>And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. <sup>25</sup>Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: <sup>27</sup>**Neither give place to the devil.** <sup>28</sup>Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. <sup>29</sup>Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. <sup>30</sup>And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.** <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: <sup>32</sup>And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. <sup>1</sup>**Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;** <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. <sup>3</sup>But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; <sup>4</sup>Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup>For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man, who is an idolater**, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

*Yes, indeed the Holy Spirit is a personal being, it is the very person of Christ Jesus himself, it is His Spirit, His breath, His life that He gives to us. Because it is part of Him, when we grieve His spirit we are grieving "the Spirit of Christ" and are grieving Jesus Christ.*

*When King Nebuchadnezzar had his famous dream in Daniel chapter 2 it says "his spirit was troubled". Was the King's spirit a separate person to the King? No, certainly not.*

*He was troubled, not someone else.*

*Why does the church today separate Christ from His spirit?*

*Why do they separate God from His spirit?*

*Sadly, they have lost all spiritual discernment by accepting this gross trinity error.*

*The Holy Spirit is part of Christ, it comes from Him as is shown in the following quotes...*

**“The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only begotten Son of God, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ.** This union is represented by the union of the vine and the branches. Finite man is united to the manhood of Christ. **Through faith human nature is assimilated with Christ’s nature. We are made one with God in Christ.**” – {RH April 5, 1906 Par. 16}

**John 20:21-22** “Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, **he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**”

“And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.” The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ’s ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. **But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose.** Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **Christ breathed His Spirit upon them.** He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished.” – {DA 805.2}

“The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. **The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ.** Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life **the Christ-life** is manifested, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church. – {DA 805.3}

*We cannot make it any clearer than this. Whether Jesus comes to you in person or in Spirit form, it is still Jesus not someone else; “The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ.” The life of Christ is Christ not someone else. To resist this truth, to reject it and cast it aside as error, is to grieve the Spirit of Christ that inspired the Apostle John and the pen of the Servant of the Lord, through the testimony of Jesus.*

**Wednesday:**

**Quenching the Holy Spirit**

**1 Thessalonians 5:19-21** “Quench not the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Despise not prophesyings. <sup>21</sup>Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

*The first and second paragraphs in the comments are untrue, it is “the Spirit of Christ” alone that convicts us of sin, and gives us power to overcome all sin, Christ alone dwells in us and “enables us to change our lives”*

*It then makes the following statement “one way we can avoid quenching the Spirit is to “not despise prophetic utterances”. This is true, but, the church has despised the scriptures which prophesy that Jesus Christ is truly the only begotten Son of God and they continue to also despise the Spirit of Prophecy which testifies the same as the Bible.*

*Truly the scriptures say of this generation...*

**Mark 7:7-9** “Howbeit in vain do they worship me, **teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.** <sup>8</sup>For **laying aside the commandment of God,** ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. <sup>9</sup>And he said unto them, **Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.**”

*It goes on to say the following “Also, where we despise the Word of God and treat it with disrespect or neglect to apply it to ourselves, we are snuffing out this lamp that is given to lead us on our way and stir our consciences toward good works”.*

*Sadly, that is exactly what the church has been doing since it officially accepted the trinity doctrine in 1980. The truths that were once held in high regard by the remnant church are now treated with disrespect and neglected and they have snuffed out the lamp that was given to lead the way to the heavenly city.*

Thursday:

## Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

**Mark 3:22-30** “And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, **He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.** <sup>23</sup>And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. <sup>27</sup>No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. <sup>28</sup>Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: <sup>29</sup>**But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:** <sup>30</sup>**Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.”**

**Luke 12:10** “And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: **but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.”**

**Matthew 12:31-32** “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. <sup>31</sup>Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: **but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.** <sup>32</sup>And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: **but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”**

*What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, based on these three texts?*

*Jesus says that a person commits blasphemy against the Holy Spirit when they attribute to Satan the work of Jesus Christ. Jesus had been working miracles and casting out demons. The scribes accused him of casting them out by Beelzebub, which is another name for Satan. Jesus had to do something about that, because the people would be influenced by what the scribes said, so He rebukes them; we can now see what is meant by blasphemy against the holy spirit.*

*Notice in Mark 3:30, Jesus was accused of having an unclean spirit? We know that is blasphemy, as Jesus has a Holy Spirit. But if an imposter was casting out demons by an unclean spirit, would you accredit that unclean spirit to someone else? Do you accredit the spirit of Satan to someone else, other than Satan? If SDA’s say Satan’s spirit is Satan himself, why do SDA’s make Jesus Spirit someone else?*

*The following quote shows that this is the problem today with the church...*

**“The evil heart of unbelief will make falsehood appear as truth and truth as falsehood, and will adhere to this position, whatever evidence may be produced.** The terrible accusation against Christ, if perseveringly persisted in, **places the guilty ones in a position where rays of light from heaven cannot reach them.** They will continue to walk in the light of the sparks of their own kindling, **until they will blaspheme the most sacred influences that ever came from heaven.** They enter upon a path that leads to the darkness of midnight. They think they are following sound reason, **but they are following another leader.** They have placed themselves under the control of a power which in their blindness they are wholly ignorant of. **They have resisted the only Spirit that could lead them, enlighten them, save them.** They are following in the path of guilt for which there can be no forgiveness, in this life or in the life to come. Not that any degree of guilt would exhaust the mercy of God, **but because pride and persistent stubbornness leads them to do despite to the Spirit of God, to occupy a place where no manifestation of the Spirit can convince them of their error. They will not yield their stubborn wills.** – {1888 912.2}

**“In this our day men have placed themselves where they are wholly unable to fulfil the conditions of repentance and confession; therefore they cannot find mercy and pardon.** The sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit does not lie in any sudden word or deed; **it is the firm, determined resistance of truth and evidence.**” – {1888 913.1}

**“The Lord has been calling his people. In a most marked manner he has revealed his divine presence. But the message and the messengers have not been received but despised.** I longed that those who have greatly needed the message of divine love would hear Christ’s knock at the door of the heart, and let the heavenly guest enter. **But at the hearts of some Jesus has knocked in vain.** In rejecting the message given at Minneapolis, men committed sin. **They have committed far greater sin by retaining for years the same hatred against God’s messengers, by rejecting the truth that the Holy Spirit has been urging home.** By making light of the message given, they are making light

of the word of God. Every appeal rejected, every entreated unheeded, furthers the work of heart-hardening, and places them in the seat of the scornful.” – {1888 913.2}

**“These rejecters of light cease to recognize light.** Their souls are surrounded by a malarious atmosphere, and though some may not show open hostility, those who have spiritual discernment will realize the icy coldness which surrounds their souls. – {1888 914.1}

*The testimony of Jesus above was specifically talking about the rejection of the 1888 message given by Waggoner and Jones, but we can see a direct parallel in what is happening today when the church is faced with the truth about the One true God and His only begotten Son Jesus Christ. The more the church rejects this beautiful message and exalts the doctrine of the trinity, they place themselves where the true Spirit of Christ cannot reach them and they become more and more hardened to the truth. Finally, as it says, “These rejecters of light cease to recognise light” and will be left in perfect darkness. How utterly sad.*

**Jeremiah 3:20** “Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.”

**Isaiah 5:1-7** “Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: <sup>2</sup>And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>**What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?** wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: **I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: <sup>6</sup>And I will lay it waste:** it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: **I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.** <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and **he looked for judgment, but behold oppression;** for righteousness, but behold a cry.”

## Friday

*The lesson finishes with the following statement “What the person should do is claim the righteousness of Jesus, and, clinging to Jesus’ merits, press on ahead in faith and obedience”*

*This is true, but if a person is following a different Jesus, and a different gospel, then how can they find their way?*

*The trinity doctrine takes Jesus Christ from His place as the only begotten Son of God and calls him God the Son, the second co-eternal being of the trinity, which destroys the truth that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.*

*Only in the true Father/Son relationship can we understand how much love the Father had for us.*

**“God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God.** To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son.” – {8T 268.3}

**1 John 4:9** “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”

*Amen*