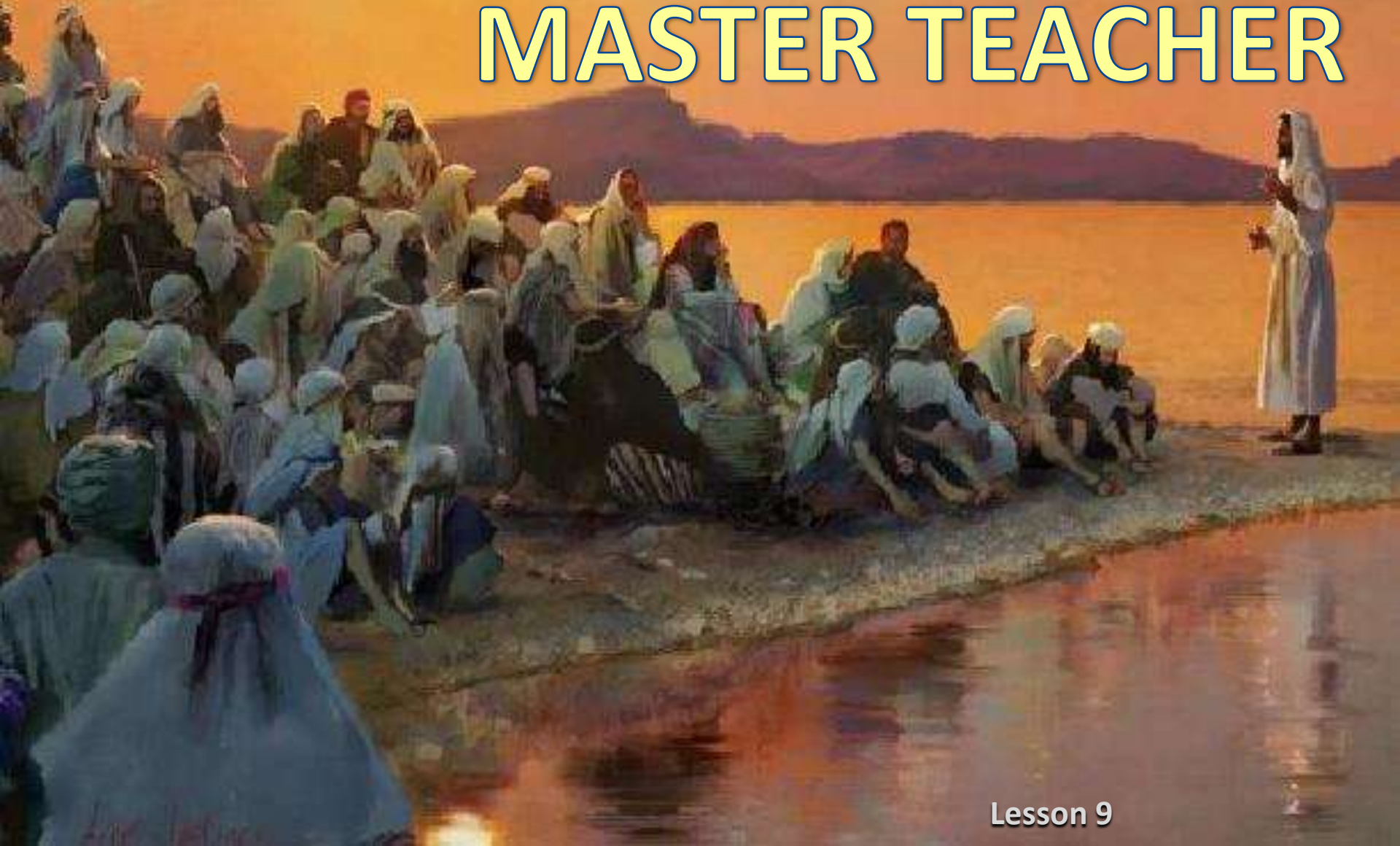


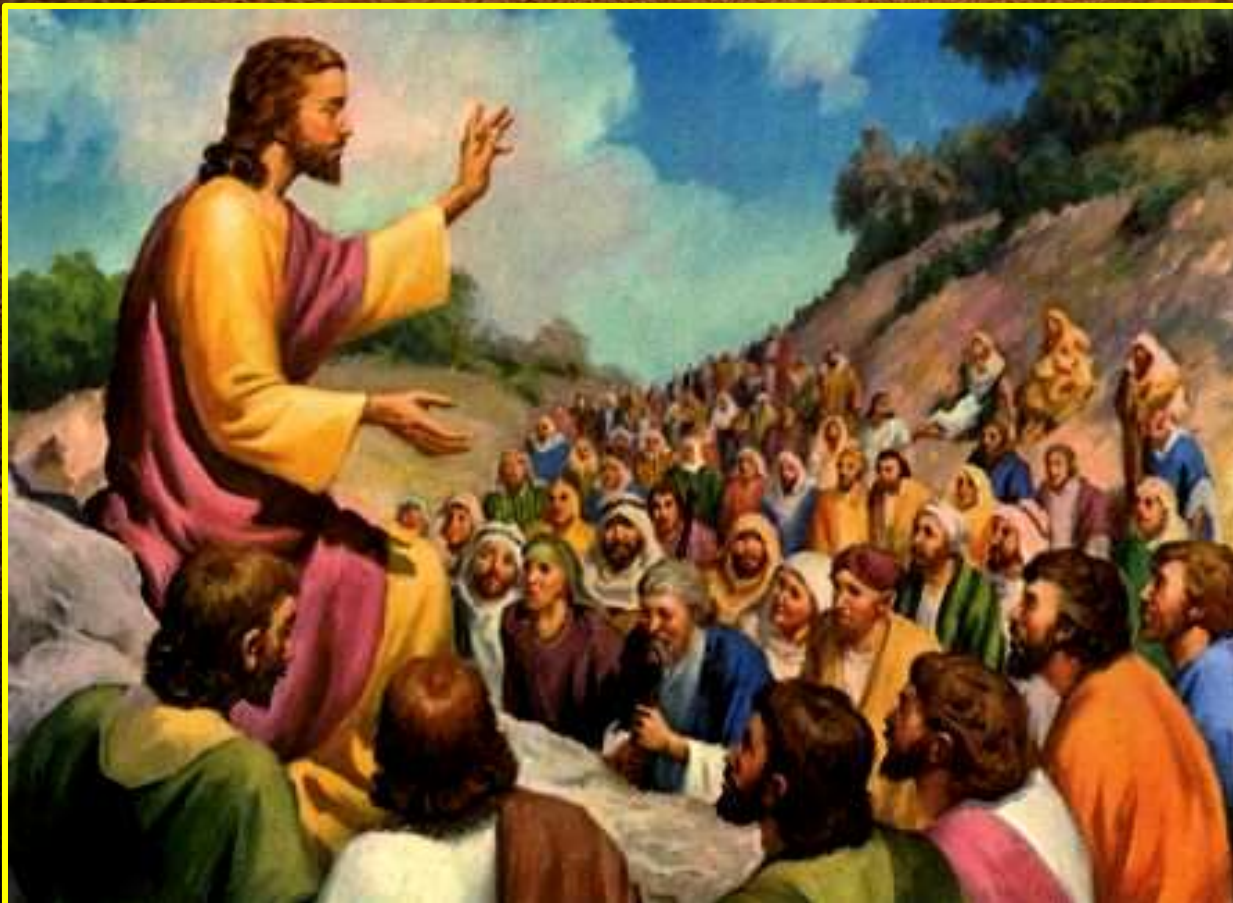
JESUS, THE MASTER TEACHER



Key Text:

***“And they were astonished at His teaching,
for His word was with authority”***

(Luke 4:32, NKJV)



When Christ came to the earth, humanity seemed to be fast reaching its lowest point. The very foundations of society were undermined. Life had become false and artificial. . . .

Disgusted with fable and falsehood, seeking to drown thought, men turned to infidelity and materialism. Leaving eternity out of their reckoning, they lived for the present.



“As they ceased to recognize the Divine, they ceased to regard the human. Truth, honor, integrity, confidence, compassion, were departing from the earth. Relentless greed and absorbing ambition gave birth to universal distrust. The idea of duty, of the obligation of strength to weakness, of human dignity and human rights, was cast aside as a dream or a fable. The common people were regarded as beasts of burden or as the tools and the steppingstones for ambition. Wealth and power, ease and self-indulgence, were sought as the highest good. Physical degeneracy, mental stupor, spiritual death, characterized the age.”—Ellen G. White, Education, pp. 74, 75.

Against such a background we can better understand why Jesus taught the things that He did.



THE AUTHORITY OF THE TEACHER

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Over what has Jesus authority?

Luke 4:21-22



**Authority
to interpret
the Bible**

Luke 4:31-32



**Authority
to teach**

Luke 4:36



**Authority
over
demons**

Luke 5:24



**Authority
to forgive
sins**

Luke 7:11-17



**Authority
over death**

Luke 8:22-25



**Authority
over nature**

Luke 12:8



**Authority to
plead for us
before God**

THE TEACHING OF THE TEACHER

The teaching of Jesus in “the Sermon on the Mount” is outlined in Luke 6:20-49.



1. The Beatitudes (v. 20-22).

- ❑ Blessed are the poor, those who hunger, those who weep, and those who suffer for Christ; because they think of God.



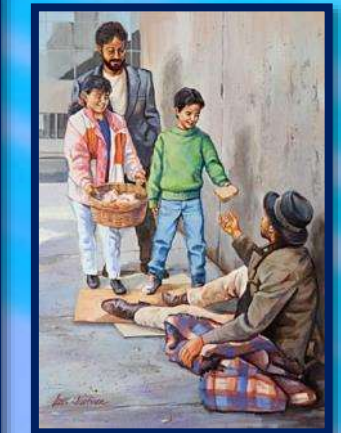
2. The joy of the Christian (v. 23).

- ❑ Our reward is in Heaven.



3. Woes to guard against (v. 24-26).

- ❑ Woe to the rich, to those who are full, to those who laugh, and to those who are praised by men; because they think of this world.



4. Limitless love (v. 27-36).

- ❑ Loving even our enemies; doing to others what we would have them do to us; lending, hoping nothing in return; being merciful.

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5. Judging others (v. 37-42).

- Do not judge or condemn. We are as sinners as those we try to judge.

6. The fruit of the Christian (v. 43-45).

- Believer can be identified by their behavior.

7. Listening and doing (v. 46-49).

- We must embrace the message and live it every day. Otherwise, we'll end building on slippery land.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE TEACHER

“But He answered and said to them, ‘My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.’” (Luke 8:21)

Everyone who wants to follow Jesus becomes part of God’s family. God’s family is based on pure and unselfish love.

All women and men in this family are equal before God. Every wall of separation is torn down.



Nobody is more sinner than other, because we all are repented sinners (Luke 5:27-32).



Masters and slaves are treated as equal (Luke 7:1-10).



Social outcasts are accepted; both healthy and ill are called (Luke 14:15-24).



There is no racial segregation or nationalism (Luke 17:11-19).

ASKING THE TEACHER

“And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?’” (Luke 10:25-26)



Sometimes people asked Jesus questions in order to make Him fail in His answer. He replied with questions to lead them to the truth (Mark 11:27-33; 12:14-17).

The lawyer answered by using the texts written in the box he used during prayers: Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18.

The eternal life is bound to love: loving God and my neighbor.

Answering one’s own question may seem ridiculous, so he counter-attacked by asking Jesus to explain the term “neighbor”. Who is worthy to be loved?



A LESSON OF LOVE

“So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?’ And he said, ‘He who showed mercy on him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” (Luke 10:36-37)

The parable of the “Good Samaritan” is written in Luke 10:30-35. All human beings are sons and daughters of God. All deserve to be loved and treated equally. Everyone is our “neighbor.”

The priest and the Levite asked themselves the question: What would happen to us if we stopped and helped this man? The Samaritan asked: What would happen to this man if I didn’t help him?



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The roots of true religion and clearly depicted in the Bible:

- **Deuteronomy 10:12-13.** “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?”
- **Micah 6:8.** “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”
- **James 1:27.** “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”



“In the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus gave a picture of Himself and His mission. Man had been deceived, bruised, robbed, and ruined by Satan, and left to perish; but the Saviour had compassion on our helpless condition. He left His glory, to come to our rescue. He found us ready to die, and He undertook our case. He healed our wounds. He covered us with His robe of righteousness. He opened to us a refuge of safety, and made complete provision for us at His own charges. He died to redeem us. Pointing to His own example, He says to His followers, ‘These things I command you, that ye love one another.’ ‘As I have loved you, that ye also love one another.’”

E.G.W. (The Desire of Ages, cp. 54, pg. 464)

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