



# Thru the Bible in 2012

*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever. Isaiah 40:8*

## Ladies for Jesus Thursday Bible Study Lesson

Readings for April 6, 2012 – April 12, 2012

Class Discussion: Thursday, April 12, 2012

### Obeying God and Leaving All the Consequences to Him

#### **Manna From Heaven (Exodus 16)**

“Bread from Heaven – manna. Who provided? What were the instructions? What were consequences?”

Skipping to New Testament (John 6:48-51), in what ways did Christ Compare Himself to manna?

How are you recognizing Christ as the “bread from Heaven: in your life?

#### **Holding Up God’s Standards in our Lives Brings Victory (Exodus 17:8-16)**

The key roles of Israel’s fight against the Amalekites

- God..... Provider of All
- Moses ..... Leader holding up the Rod of God
- Aaron and Hur ..... Leader’s assistants enabling and strengthening Moses to hold us the Rod of God.
- Joshua ..... Commander in Battle – Leading the troops in defending God’s people.
- Men Fighting ..... Actively defending
- All Others ..... Prayer Warriors

How are you holding up God’s standards in your own life? Recall how God has brought you “victory” by you putting His ways first in your life. Recall how you have failed when you didn’t.

### **The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)**

*First 4 are about us and God. The remaining 6 are about us and others.*

Honoring our Father and Mother . . . God's view of family.

God continues to give instructions to Moses in chapters 21-24. How do these relate to the Ten Commandments?

### **The Ceremonial Sprinkling of the Blood and Christ (Exodus 24:6-8)**

After the sacrifice the blood was splattered on the altar then on the people. How did Christ fulfill this requirement of sacrifice for our sins?

Christ's sacrament and the Ten Commandments.

Do you obey God's commandments in your own life?  
Or are you rationalizing as to why you should not be obedient?  
Remember, God tells us to obey Him fully and He will take care of the rest.

### ***In regards to our obedience to God . . .***

#### **The Requirements of Obedience:**

- Believe that God is sovereign—He controls all things at all times (Ps. 103:19).
- Trust that He will work for our good in every situation and circumstance (Rom. 8:28).
- Love the Lord. The Bible says we show our love for Him by obeying His commands (1 John 5:3)—and not just when they are convenient and desirable.
- Listen to Him. When you pray, make time to hear what He has to say.
- Be courageous. Obeying God takes courage because following His will often leads to conflict. You must be willing to do what is right anyway.
- Fully surrender to Him.

#### **The Results of Obedience:**

- You will experience personal victory if you follow His will, even if the world does not consider you a success. (See Josh. 1:8.)
- Obedience leads to supernatural peace and joy in every circumstance.
- Spiritual growth and maturity results when believers continue to walk with God in the midst of suffering.