Introduction

## Lesson III Study Guide

### The Beginning of the End

Prepare for this study by reading the scriptures we will be referring to in Lesson II. Begin at the beginning by re-reading 2 Timothy 2: 14, 15.

After you read 2 Timothy 2: 14, 15, answer the following questions as thoughtfully as you can. ***Make notes about any questions you have about what you read***:

1. Read 2 Timothy 2: 14, 15. What can you say about your reasons for studying the Bible? You may have answered this question in previous Lessons; however, we must keep our answer in mind:

 26  But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
John 14:26

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1. Consider what you learned about the instructions and authority God gave to the man He created in Genesis 1 and Genesis 2. What thoughts do you have about the reason God may have done that?

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1. Read Genesis 1:2, Isaiah 11:1-5, and Genesis 2:17. What might be the significance of the activity of the Spirit of God in Genesis 1:2? List the seven attributes of the Holy Spirit spoken of in Isaiah 11. What might these two passages tell us about the penalty of death imposed by the Lord God if man eats of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil?

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1. Read Genesis 3. Do you see anything in this chapter you had not thought of before reading it this time? What thoughts do you have that may have changed since your study of Genesis chapters one and two?

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1. Take a close look at Genesis 3:1 and Ephesians 6:10-17. How did the serpent approach the woman to cause her temptation? What approach did he use that made her vulnerable to his “wiles”? According to Ephesians, how might the serpent’s temptation have been weakened?

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1. In Genesis 3:3 did the woman accurately report the instructions God had given concerning the tree of knowledge of good and evil? Explain your answer:

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1. In Genesis 3:6, where was the man when the woman was being tempted to disobey God’s instructions? How might he have intervened in the serpent’s interaction with his wife?

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1. In Genesis 3:7,8, what did the man and woman do as soon as their “eyes were opened”? Why do you suppose they hid from the presence of the Lord God?

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1. Explain the “blame-game” described in Genesis 3:9-13.

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1. Read Genesis 2:17 *and* Genesis 3:16-19. What warning did God give when He told the man not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil? Make a list of what God said would happen to man because he ate of it. How do the consequences listed amount to the warning?

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1. In Genesis 3:20 what is the significance of Adam “calling” his wife “Eve”? If the penalty of eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil is death, what do you think about Adam calling his wife Eve *after* she ate that fruit?

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