

Study Aids

Discussion Questions and Suggested Reading for “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 44

Questions:

There is a strong emphasis in this lesson on obedience to God. It is not a new theme, but actually began with Adam in the Garden of Eden. Adam was told to obey a single command of God, and if he did not, there would be severe consequences. This theme was repeated to Abraham, and again later to Moses who had to repeat it to several generations of Israelites. After all, how many times must they be hit in the head with this lesson? But can we stand on our righteousness and criticize the Israelites? Are we doing any better? Have we learned the importance of this lesson?

Do you see any signs in our society today of the circle of behavior discussed in the lesson? Is it a fair judgment of our own behavior?

Suggested reading for further study:

Back in Lesson 40 we recommended you get a copy of **The Kingdom of God**, by John Bright. It is probably not available at your local book store, but is in stock at Amazon. This may well be the best insight to the history of Israel that we are now covering. If you haven’t done so already, read pages 17 – 32.