

Israel left Egypt to follow Moses, it was like Christians leaving the worldly pleasures to follow Jesus. The Israelites agreed to do God's will and follow Moses when they marched after him into the sea (which separated). When they became Christians, they agreed to do God's will and follow Jesus.

Parents' reference: Volume 6, pages 431-434

in all that he does. Colossians 3:1-5, 13-17. One of the greatest rewards of a Christian is the understanding of God's plan. 1 Corinthians 2:9-16.

Jesus' baptism into death was begun at Jordan. On the cross, he cried, "It is finished!"

Parents' reference: Volume 6, pages 434-442

with immortal life, the reward of the Little Flock.

This is the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Good News: 144,000 true saints are being tested on earth for a wonderful heavenly prize. They, with Jesus, will bless all the people of the earth.

Parents' reference: Volume 1, Chapter 14

long as I admit that Jesus died as an offering for my sins, and as long as I try to be as Christlike as possible," then God can treat us as His children. He is then truly our heavenly Father. God wants people to wear the robe of Christ's righteousness so that He cannot see our mistakes and imperfections.

Parents' reference: W.T. 2159

abundant promises from God. They were considered right with God, justified, because of the Atonement Day sacrifices which began at the Tabernacle. They thought they should have been chief in the Kingdom. (The robe of purple represented royalty, a kingdom.)

Both the dogs and the beggar were like Gentiles, non-Jews.

As the rich man (the Jewish nation) perished and lost God's favor, the beggar (the Gentiles) lost his life of disfavor and became Abraham's seed.

Parents' reference: W.T. 1459, 5004

dead man just as though he had been sleeping.

Abraham is said to have "slept with his fathers."

Paul is surely speaking of death as a sleep in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15.

Parents' reference: Volume 5, pages 344-348; W.T. 1938

and dies, he is accounted worthy or unworthy of life divine in heaven with Jesus.

When all the 144,000 will be given their reward of immortal life, they will become heavenly judges with Jesus. 1 Corinthians 6:2. Remembering God's mercy and love in their own experiences, they will surely try to help earth's people to learn the ways of righteousness so that they may gain everlasting life on earth.

Parents' reference: Volume 5, Chapter 12 "Man the Subject,"
Pages 381-411 (1941 ed.); W.T. 2583, 5075

decently.

Not only did this Valley of Hinnom (also called Gehenna, a word often translated hell in the Bible) represent death and complete destruction. It is also very likely that if no one bothered to bury you, no one would remember you lovingly, either. Just as Jesus spoke of his kingdom as the New Jerusalem, so Gehenna represents the Second Death from which no one can be redeemed.

Fire is a good way to get rid of garbage or dead animal bodies or anything that should be completely destroyed. But fire is not God's way of punishing anyone. A God of Love would not torture anyone forever, as some religions teach.

Parents' reference: W.T. 2597

heavenly phase of the Kingdom, the Church class.

Many of Jesus' mighty works were done on the Sabbath, the day of rest for the Jews. The Millennium, the thousand years, during which God's greatest miracles will be performed, is the rest for the people of God. Hebrews 4:9

Parents' reference: Volume 2 Chapter 8; W.T. 2288, 2582, 2418

He went to the temple and saw merchants selling doves for sacrifices. The noise and the bargaining were not like a place of prayer should be, and Jesus was terribly angry, so he drove them out of the temple. Matthew 21:12,13.

The chief priests and Pharisees wanted to silence Jesus, but they were afraid of the people who loved him. Matthew 21:45,46.

Parents' reference: W.T. 3850.