LESSON ELEVEN

**The Journey to Zion**

**Lesson Overview**

As Christians, we will face trials and temptations on our journeys of faith. David faced an intense trial for an extended period when King Saul was trying to kill him. His response to the trial is an example for us to follow. Later, when David became king, he faced a great temptation and chose to sin. Throughout this lesson, we examine David’s life, the consequences of his sin, and the steps he followed to restore his fellowship with a holy God.

**Lesson Aim**

We want to impress upon the student the importance of staying focused on God during times of trial and fleeing Satan during times of temptation. When we fall during one of these times, we can experience triumph when we confess our sin to the Lord.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

* Seek the Lord in response to trials.
* Find rest in God when discouraged and weary.
* Flee when faced with temptation.
* Understand the consequences of sinning against God.
* Learn to confess sin in order to experience victory through Christ.

**Teaching Outline**

I. David’s Great Trial

A. The reason for the trial

1. David’s popularity

2. Saul’s problem

B. The response to the trial

C. His rest in the trial

II. David’s Great Temptation

A. David’s lapse

B. David’s lust

1. His look

2. His lust

3. His pride

C. David’s losses

1. Fellowship with the Lord

2. Following of the family

III. David’s Triumph

A. A righteous confrontation

B. A real confession

C. A restored kingdom

**Text**

**1 Samuel 18:1-9;**

**2 Samuel 11:12-27**

**Study Questions**

1. What was David's initial response to his trial with Saul?

2. Read 1 Samuel 30:1-6. David was still enduring a great trial and had just experienced defeat at the hand of the Amalekites, yet what did he do in 1 Samuel 30:6?

3. Think of a trial you may have experienced in the past or perhaps are enduring now. Explain how you handled or are handling your trial and identify key moments when you encouraged yourself in the Lord. If you have not found rest in the Lord, spend a moment now to encourage yourself in Him.

4. Explain David's lapse as recorded in 2 Samuel 11:1.

5. While David's trial dealt with his relationship to Saul, whom did his temptation involve?

6. What should a Christian do when faced with temptation?

7. Look up the following verses and list the consequences David experienced as a result of his sin:

2 Samuel 12:15-16

2 Samuel 13:1-12

2 Samuel 13:29

2 Samuel 18:10-12

8. What did David do to experience triumph after his temptation?

**Memory Verse**No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.(1 CORINTHIANS 10:13)