

THE UMI ANNUAL COMMENTARY 2009-2010

PRECEPTS FOR LIVING®



BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM LESSONS

VINCENT BACOTE, PH.D., EDITOR
KING JAMES VERSION/NEW LIVING TRANSLATION PARALLEL

TABLE OF CONTENTS

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | |
|---|-----|
| Contributors | iii |
| Letter from the Editor | iv |
| <i>Uncovering the Benefits of Precepts</i> | v |
| <i>Creative Teaching</i> | vi |
| Cycle of 2007–2010 | x |
| <i>The Church of the Living God—Covenant, Christ, Community, and Commitment</i> | xi |

Fall Quarter 2009

COVENANT COMMUNITIES

| | |
|---|----|
| September 2009 Quarter At-A-Glance | 1 |
| Engaging the Theme: <i>The Call of God Through Jesus Christ to Be a Part of His Covenant Community</i> | 3 |
| Christian Education in Action: <i>Spiritual Keys to Transformative Leadership: Becoming the Leader Who Changes Lives</i> | 5 |
| Perspective: <i>If These Walls Could Talk</i> | 9 |
| September 2009 Heritage Profile: <i>Susie King Taylor</i> | 12 |

LESSONS

Unit 1: Leaders in the Covenant Community

SEPTEMBER

| | |
|--|----|
| 6 Joshua: A Leader for the People Joshua 1:1–11, 16–17 | 14 |
| 13 Gideon: A Deliverer for the People Judges 6:1–3, 7–14 | 26 |
| 20 Ezra: A Priest for the People Ezra 9:5–11, 15 | 38 |
| 27 Nehemiah: A Motivator for the People Nehemiah 2:5, 11–20 | 48 |

Unit 2: An Open Invitation to Covenant Living

OCTOBER

| | |
|--|----|
| 4 Looking for Jesus Mark 1:35–45 | 59 |
| 11 Recognizing Jesus Mark 5:1–13, 18–20 | 67 |
| 18 Begging to Get In Mark 7:24–30 | 77 |
| 25 Opting Out! Mark 10:17–31 | 84 |

Unit 3: The New Covenant Community

NOVEMBER

| | |
|---|-----|
| 1 A Holy People 1 Peter 1:13–25 | 92 |
| 8 A Chosen People 1 Peter 2:1–10 | 100 |

| | |
|--|-----|
| 15 A Suffering People 1 Peter 4:12–19 | 108 |
| 22 A Faithful People 2 Peter 1:3–15 | 115 |
| 29 A Hopeful People 2 Peter 3:1–13 | 123 |

Winter Quarter 2009–2010

CHRIST, THE FULFILLMENT

| | |
|--|-----|
| December 2009 Quarter At-A-Glance | 131 |
| Engaging the Theme: <i>Because He Lives, We Live</i> | 133 |
| Christian Education in Action: <i>(Formation)</i> | 135 |
| Perspective: <i>Africa in the Life of Jesus the Messiah</i> | 137 |
| Heritage Profile: <i>St. Monica (the Mother of St. Augustine)</i> | 139 |

LESSONS

Unit 1: The Promised Birth Fulfilled

DECEMBER

| | |
|--|-----|
| 6 The Lineage of David Ruth 4:13–17; Matthew 1:1–6 | 141 |
| 13 Prophets Foreshadow Messiah's Birth Isaiah 7:13–17; Luke 1:30–38 | 149 |
| 20 Emmanuel Is Born Matthew 1:18–25 | 157 |
| 27 Magi Confirm Messiah's Birth Matthew 2:7–9, 16–23 | 164 |

Unit 2: Evidences of Jesus as Messiah

JANUARY

| | |
|---|-----|
| 3 Proclaimed in Baptism Matthew 3:1–6, 11–17 | 172 |
| 10 Strengthened in Temptation Matthew 4:1–11 | 181 |
| 17 Demonstrated in Acts of Healing Matthew 9:27–34; 11:2–6 | 191 |
| 24 Declared in Prayer Matthew 11:25–30 | 201 |
| 31 Revealed in Rejection Matthew 13:54–58 | 210 |

Unit 3: Testimonies to Jesus as Messiah

FEBRUARY

7 Recognized by a Canaanite Woman
Matthew 15:21-28217

14 Declared by Peter
Matthew 16:13-27226

21 Witnessed by Disciples
Matthew 17:1-12236

28 Anointed by a Woman in Bethany
Matthew 26:6-13243

Spring Quarter 2010

TEACHINGS ON COMMUNITY

March 2010 Quarter-At-A-Glance249

Engaging the Theme:
Jesus Makes God's Community
Different from All Others!251

Christian Education in Action:
Educating the Children253

Perspective:
The Invisible Institution: The Birth of the African
American Church255

Heritage Profile: *William Still*258

LESSONS

Unit 1: Community with a Mission

MARCH

7 Mission to the Community
Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-9261

14 A Community to Redeem
Jonah 3:10-4:5269

21 Family as Community
Ruth 1:1-9, 14b, 16275

28 Acceptance in Community
Ruth 2:5-12; 3:9-11284

Unit 2: Teachings of Jesus

APRIL

4 The Community Faces Pain and Joy
John 16:16-24; 20:11-16292

11 Love within the Community
1 John 2:9-11, 15-17301

18 Connecting in Community
Matthew 22:34-40309

25 Inclusion in Community
Luke 14:15-24316

Unit 3: Teachings of the Church

MAY

2 A Faithful Community
Colossians 1:1-14324

9 An Established Community
Colossians 2:1-10332

16 A Chosen Community
Colossians 3:12-17342

23 At Home in the Community
Philemon 1:8-18351

30 At Risk in the Community
Jude 1:3-7, 19-21, 14-25359

Summer Quarter 2010

CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT IN TODAY'S WORLD

June 2010 Quarter-At-A-Glance367

Engaging the Theme:
Our Christian Commitment369

Christian Education in Action: *Expanding the*
Boundaries of Christian Education:
Reaching the "Unchurched" Community370

Perspective:
Slavery Then and Now:
Once Forced, Now Too Often Chosen372

Heritage Profile:
Mahalia Jackson375

LESSONS

Unit 1: The Nature of Christian Commitment

JUNE

6 Visible to God
1 Thessalonians 1378

13 Pleasing to God
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12385

20 Sustained Through Encouragement
1 Thessalonians 3395

27 Demonstrated in Action
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12406

Unit 2: The Foundation of Christian Commitment

JULY

4 God's Cosmic Plan
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11415

11 Glory to Christ
2 Thessalonians 1:3-12426

18 Chosen and Called
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17435

25 God's Own Faithfulness
2 Thessalonians 3:1-15442

Unit 3: The Marks of Christian Commitment

AUGUST

1 Sharing God's Grace
Philippians 1:18b-29451

8 Giving of Oneself
Philippians 2:1-13460

15 Living into the Future
Philippians 3:7-16469

22 Growing in Joy and Peace
Philippians 4:2-14479

29 Upheld by God
Acts 28:16-25a, 28-31489