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Sunday School Lessons

Unit One

"God Commands Our Love, Respect, and Obedience"

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This quarter's study begins with God's demands for our complete and undivided love as shown in passages from Deuteronomy and Psalms. It proceeds with our response to God's love in the advent of Christ, and the Epistles' interpretations of the nature and extent of our responses to God's love in Christ. It concludes with passages from three of the Psalms expressing glorification of God.

Unit I, "God Commands Our Love, Respect, and Obedience," has five sessions. The Deuteronomy passage contains a presentation of God's demand for total love and devotion. The session from Joshua contains his faithful statement of love and reverence for a liberating God. In Psalm 103, David expresses love and glorification of God for God's creative, sustaining, and protective actions. Luke portrays the advent of Christ and human response to God's act of fulfillment of God's promise. We are challenged in Matthew to love God through compassionate works.

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Unifying Principle

People feel anxiety and confusion when they remember their personal failures and as they continually face life's trials. What consolation is there? The psalmist lists the many reasons God's steadfast love inspires enthusiastic thanksgiving rather than dismay.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To consider the breadth and depth of God's care for us as expressed in Psalm 103.
- ✓ To appreciate how God has given comfort in past times of trouble.
- ✓ To respond to God's consolation with worship and devotion.

Challenges for the Week

- Write on a piece of paper ways to offer praise in individual and corporate contexts.
- Compare and contrast the psalmist's concepts of righteousness, and so on, with those of the world.
- Identify distractions that sometimes prevent wholehearted worship. How do you overcome these distractions?

We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee. Send an email to: sundayschool@thecmecchurchced.org to receive this guide electronically each week.

