

PLEASE GIVE TO SCHOOL OVERSEER

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW ANSWER SHEET COVERING ASSIGNMENTS FOR WEEKS OF MARCH 4 through APRIL 29, 2013.

SOURCE MATERIAL: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [bi12] and *The Watchtower* [w].

INSTRUCTIONS: Each one should have the questions for the review as set out in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. The school overseer may ask auxiliary questions, as time permits, in order to clarify main points, to highlight the reasons for the answers, or to elicit comments on how the material can be applied. It is not always practical for the answer sheet to contain all possible answers; so any answer that the audience gives that is appropriate and in harmony with our present understanding is acceptable, even if the point is not found on the answer sheet. Until the congregation has taken this review, the answer sheet is not to be made available to the congregation to read, but it should be used by the school overseer during the preceding weeks as a guide to points that he wants to emphasize for the congregation. It is not necessary for the school overseer to read all the answers from the answer sheet if the points have already been covered. The review should not exceed 20 minutes.

NOTE TO SCHOOL OVERSEERS: Please select an approved *Watchtower* Study reader to read from the platform some of the scriptures cited in or after each question that appears in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Cited texts should usually be read before you ask the printed question. In view of the limited time allotted for the review, you may use your discretion in determining whether certain Scripture citations should be read or be summarized briefly.

The date in brackets represents the week that the material was to be covered.

1. What serious reminder did Jesus give about marriage as recorded at Mark 10:6-9? [Mar. 4, w08 2/15 p. 30 par. 8] ***When Jesus said, “what God yoked together let no man put apart,” he was reminding his listeners that it is God’s purpose that marriage mates stick together. Therefore, rather than hastily seeking a divorce, husbands and wives should strive to apply Bible principles to overcome any difficulties that may arise in marriage.***
2. What does it mean to serve Jehovah whole-souled? (Mark 12:30) [Mar. 4, w97 10/15 p. 13 par. 4] ***The soul refers to the entire person, with all his physical and mental abilities. Serving whole-souled thus means giving of ourselves, using all our faculties and directing our energies to the fullest extent possible in God’s service. Put simply, it means doing all that our soul can do.***
3. What are the “pangs of distress” referred to at Mark 13:8? [Mar. 11, w08 3/15 p. 12 par. 2] ***The foretold “pangs of distress” are part of the sign of Jesus’ presence. The original-language word rendered “pangs of distress” refers to the intense pain experienced during childbirth. How accurately that describes the intensity of people’s suffering in these “critical,” or***
4. ***“fierce,” times that are so “hard to deal with.” (2 Tim. 3:1; ftn.)***
4. What sources did Luke consult when compiling his Gospel account? (Luke 1:3) [Mar. 18, w09 3/15 p. 32 par. 4] ***In preparing his Gospel account, Luke stated that he had “traced all things from the start with accuracy.” He probably meant that he consulted written sources available to him as he compiled the list of Jesus’ genealogy that we can read in his Gospel. (Luke 3:23-38) While the records Luke consulted were not inspired, his resulting Gospel certainly was.***
5. The fact that Satan looks for a “convenient time” to test our integrity should move us to do what? (Luke 4:13) [Mar. 25, w11 1/15 p. 23 par. 10] ***It is vital that we keep ourselves spiritually strong. Satan often attacks when he perceives that his target is at its weakest point. So whenever we feel tired or discouraged, we should be more determined than ever to petition Jehovah for his protective help and holy spirit. (2 Cor. 12:8-10)***
6. How are we to apply the words recorded at Luke 6:27, 28? [Mar. 25, w08 5/15 p. 8 par. 4] ***We “do good to those hating” us by responding to their hostility with gracious actions. We “bless those cursing” us by speaking to them in a kind way. We***

“pray for those who are insulting” us in hopes that they will have a change of heart and seek Jehovah’s favor.

7. Why could Jesus forgive a woman for her sins before he died as the ransom sacrifice? (Luke 7:37, 48) [Apr. 1, w10 8/15 pp. 6-7] *When the words recorded at Genesis 3:15 were spoken, the ransom was as good as paid from God’s viewpoint. Jehovah could forgive those who exercised faith in his promises, as he had done during pre-Christian times. (Rom. 3:25) Therefore, even though the ransom was still future, that sacrifice was so certain that its value could already be applied to individuals like the woman whose sins were forgiven.*
8. In what sense are Christ’s followers to “hate” their relatives? (Luke 14:26) [Apr. 15, w08 3/15 p. 32 par. 1; w92 7/15 p. 9 pars. 3-5] *The word “hate” usually is associated with intense feelings of dislike or the desire to cause harm to someone or something. However, in the Bible, “hate” can also refer to loving a person or an object to a lesser degree than another. (Gen. 29:30, 31) Christians are to “hate” their relatives in the sense of loving them less than they do Jesus. (Matt. 10:37)*
9. What effect will the “signs in sun and moon and stars” have on humans? (Luke 21:25) [Apr. 22, w97 4/1 p. 15 pars. 8-9] *At some point after the great tribulation begins, supernatural events will occur in fulfillment of Luke 21:25. God’s enemies will be trembling with fear because they will know that the supernatural events taking place come from Jehovah. But Jehovah’s servants will rejoice and lift their heads up because they will know that their deliverance is getting near. (Matt. 24:21, 29, 30; Luke 21:26-28)*
10. How can we imitate Jesus’ way of praying when we face trials that are particularly severe? (Luke 22:44) [Apr. 29, w07 8/1 p. 6 par. 2] *In his prayers, Jesus showed the depth of feeling that we ought to express in our prayers. Jesus had prayed earnestly before, but on the evening before he died, faced with the most severe test of his earthly life, he prayed “more earnestly”—and his prayer was answered. (Heb. 5:7) Spiritually-minded people follow Jesus’ example. When faced with trials that are particularly severe, they pray “more earnestly” to God for holy spirit, guidance, and support.*