

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Heavenly Places*

Lesson 8 — God's Purposes accomplished through a Prisoner, a Table Waiter, and the Chief of Sinners! —

Ephesians 3:1-11

- 1) Read Ephesians 3:1-11 and answer the following questions. (a) What words does Paul use to describe himself in this passage? (b) How does Paul's description of himself compare with the description of those in ministry today? (c) What terms would you use to describe yourself in the spiritual sense?

- 2) Memorize Ephesians 3:7

- 3) (a) Paul mentioned in Ephesians 3:1 that he is in prison for the cause of Christ. According to the following passages what is his attitude while he is in prison? Ephesians 6:18-20; Philippians 1:7-20; Colossians 1:24; Colossians 4:3, 4; 2 Timothy 1:8-12; 2 Timothy 2:9, 10. (b) Also, according to these passages, what does he hope to accomplish while in prison? (c) If you were in prison do you think these would be your attitudes and hopes?

- 4) (a) What words does Paul use to describe himself in Ephesians 3:8? (b) What other words does he use to describe himself in 1 Corinthians 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:15. (c) Why do you think Paul was able to think of himself in these terms?

- 5) (a) Contrast Paul's thoughts of himself in Ephesians 3:8 with those of Herod in Acts 12:21-23. (b) Who did Paul desire to give glory to, according to Ephesians 3:21? (c) Who did Herod desire to give glory to, according to Acts 12:21-23? (d) Do you think your opinion of yourself is more like Paul's or Herod's? (This is a private question.) (e) According to James 4:6-10 what is the remedy for a spirit of pride?

- 6) Paul mentions in Ephesians 3:7 that he is a minister of the gospel. In what ways have you been a minister of the gospel this past week? (This is a private question.)

- 7) In what ways can you be a better servant of the Lord? Please write your need in the form of a prayer request.