

LESSON NOTES.

A.D. 27.] LESSON IV. [April 24.

COVETOUSNESS ; or, Worldly Lusts Reproved.

Luke 12. 13-21. Commit to memory verses 13-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Take heed, and beware of covetousness. Luke 12. 15.

OUTLINE.

1. Christ's Question, v. 13-15.
2. The Rich Man's Question, v. 16-19.
3. God's Question, v. 20-21.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *Christ's Question*, v. 13-15.—What did one person ask Christ to do? To speak to his brother? What did this man want from his brother? His share in the property. What did Jesus say to him? "Man, who made me a judge over you?" Why would not Jesus act as a judge? Because he had greater work to do. What was his work? To teach men how to be saved? What warning did he give to all present? [GOLDEN TEXT.]

2. *The Rich Man's Question*, v. 16-19.—How did Jesus show that covetousness is useless and foolish? By the parable of the rich man. What happened to this rich man? His fields gave a great harvest. What question did he ask? "What shall I do for room for my fruits?" What might he have done with some of his harvest? He could have given it to the poor. What did he resolve to do? To pull down his barns and build greater ones.

3. *God's Question*, v. 20, 21.—What did God say to this rich man? "Thou fool, to-night thy soul shall be taken from thee." How was this to happen? By his death. What question did God ask of him? Who should have these things which he must leave? What does this show? That riches are of no use to men when they die. What person alone is really rich? He that is rich toward God. How may we have these riches? By giving our hearts to Christ.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Do not think too much about the things of this life.
2. Lay up your best treasure in heaven, by giving Christ your heart.
3. Remember that all you have comes from God.
4. So live as not to fear death, whenever it may come.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The true aims of life.

TINY TEXT.

Thou shalt not covet. Exod. 20. 17.

A.D. 29.] LESSON V. [May 1.

LOST AND FOUND ; or, The Joy of the Angels.

Luke 15. 1-10.

Commit to memory verses 4-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Likewise, I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Luke 15. 10.

OUTLINE.

1. Lost, v. 1-4.
2. Sought, v. 5-8.
3. Found, v. 9-10.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *Lost*, v. 1-4.—Where was Jesus now preaching? In Perea, east of the Jordan. Who came to hear Jesus? Many publicans and sinners. Who were the publicans? People who took the taxes. What kind of people were they? Many of them were unjust, and wronged the people. Why did they come to hear Jesus? Because his words touched their hearts. What did some of the Pharisees say? They found fault with Jesus for going among such people. How did Jesus answer them? By the parable or story of the lost sheep.

2. *Sought*, v. 5-8.—What does the shepherd do for his lost sheep? He leaves the flock and seeks it. Why is Christ the good Shepherd? Because he seeks and saves us. How does he seek us? By his Holy Spirit. What does the shepherd do with his sheep when he finds it? He brings it home rejoicing. What does he say to all his friends? "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost." What does Jesus say is like this joy? [GOLDEN TEXT.]

3. *Found*, v. 9, 10.—To what also did Jesus say the sinner was like? A piece of money found in a house. What does the woman in the house do? She sweeps the house carefully to find it. What does she do when she has found it? She calls on her neighbors to rejoice with her. What does this show us? How much God cares for us and loves us.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—Salvation for sinners.

TINY TEXT.

Christ died for our sins 1 Cor. 15. 3.

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