

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

FOURTH QUARTER.—STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A. D. 96. LESSON XII. THE LAST WORDS OF THE SAVIOUR'S WORDS. Rev. 22: 10-21.

DECEMBER 21.

EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL.

Verse 10. He saith. The angel who had shown to John the vision. Seal not. Fasten no seals to the roll which records the vision, that is, do not conceal, but make it public. For the time is at hand. The fulfilment of the prophecy was to commence at once, and not, like many of the Old Testament prophecies, to be held back for centuries. The church would need the comfort of the vision in its period of persecution, and is therefore to have access to its record.

11. He that is unjust. This verse has received various interpretations. Some refer it to the hereafter, when some will be fixed and unchangeable forever. Some consider it a solemn irony. Alford. "The time is so short that there is hardly room for change," some explain. "Let the wicked go on in their wickedness, if they will; but let the righteous persevere in their reward." Let the righteous persevere in the face of persecution—their reward will come soon. Alford paraphrases, "Let him that is not just commit injustice still; let the morally polluted pollute himself still; let the righteous sanctify himself still." 1. "As there are varying degrees of character here, so there will be hereafter." 2. "The tendency of character is progressive, in both good and evil." 3. "The result of character is a final fixedness either in holiness or wickedness."

12, 13. I come quickly. A prediction of the second advent of Christ, or perhaps of his "coming" in the destruction of the Roman State, which was then historically near. If the former, then 1800 years are a short space of time in the divine counsels. 4. "How idle to reckon upon the periods of prophecy when 'quickly' means with God more than eighteen centuries!" My reward. In the double sense of the reward of righteousness and the penalty of sin. 5. "Every man's reward will be in accordance with his character." As his work. 6. "God judges men not according to their doctrines or professions, but according to their deeds." Alpha. The first letter of the Greek alphabet, taken as the symbol of "beginning." Omega. The last letter, a symbol of "ending." 7. "He who was before all things, and in whom all things subsist, will outlast all things, and reign when the universe shall have passed away."

14, 15. They do his commandments. The best manuscripts change this to "Blessed are they that wash their robes," which in the Greek is a sentence very similar in appearance though different in meaning. Yet those who wash their robes are the only ones who do his commandments. Have right. Only the blood-washed ones have the title to approach the tree of life. Into the city. See previous lesson. Without are dogs. With us the dog is a favoured animal; but in the East they are ownerless, wild, despised, and the emblem of every thing impure. Sorcerers. Those who, whether in reality or pretence, are in league with Satan. Whoremongers. The sensual and immoral. Loveth and maketh a lie. 8. "God loves truth, and none but the truthful can dwell with God."

16. I Jesus. The Lord here speaks directly. Unto you. To all the churches. The root and offspring of David. The "root-shoot," or a shoot growing out of the root; referring to our Lord's descent from David, as was predicted by the Messiah. Isa. 11: 1. The bright and morning star. "The bright, morning star." The bright star, which has risen upon the world, ushering in the day of redemption.

17. The Spirit. God's holy Spirit, speaking through the conscience, calling men to repentance. 9. "What an hour to receive a message direct from the throne!" The bride. The Church of Christ on earth, everywhere in the epistles recognized in this relation. 10. "How close is the bond between the church on earth and its head in heaven." Say, Come. The last call to sinners in the volume of God. It is as if the apostle held back the closing roll of the book to add one more appeal. Him that heareth. All who themselves hear the call are bidden extend it to others. 11. "Every man who has listened to the G. spel may himself become its preacher and messenger." Athirst. The sense of need is the only prerequisite for the seeking of salvation. 12. "Just to the degree that people thirst after God will they seek him." Whosoever will. 13. "God never over-rides or ignores the moral freedom of a soul." If men are saved or lost, it is by their own choice. Freely. Not only abundantly, but without price.

18, 19. I testify. The closing testimony and warning, given by the apostle himself. And unto these things. Not a mere formal threat to the copier of the book, but to those who read or interpret it, and equally applicable to all parts of the word of God. 14. "Let teachers and preachers take heed how they deliver God's message." Take away. A warning not to temper or tone down God's word to man's liking. 15. "The test of truth is not human taste, but God's declaration." His part. He who by tampering with God's truth misleads souls shall himself be deprived of an interest in Christ's kingdom.

20, 21. He which testifieth. John is here speaking of Christ. I come quickly. A repetition of Christ's declaration concerning his advent. Come, Lord Jesus. The answer of the waiting church, eager for her Lord's return. 16. "We may not know when Christ will come, but we should be always ready for his coming." The grace. The favor of Christ. A form of benediction used by the apostles. Amen. A Hebrew word meaning "verily," or "so let it be."

GOLDEN TEXT: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Rev. 22: 21.

LIGHT ON THE GOLDEN TEXT.

I. Grace is a small word carrying large wealth of meaning, like a small vessel laden with gold. It signifies, first, the free mercy of God towards men, without merit or claim. Thus we are told that "the grace of God which bringeth salvation unto all men, hath appeared." Titus. 2: 11. Through that grace we obtain the pardon of sin and enter into acceptance with God. But grace does everything in us, as well as everything for us, working in us that which is good. Thus to St. Paul crying for help, Jesus answered, "My grace is sufficient for thee." The word as used by the apostle carries both these senses. He prays for the grace which saves unto eternal life, by what Jesus does for us and works in us.

II. The grace of Jesus Christ—This prayer has special significance coming where it does. Jesus had appeared to the beloved apostle in a form far different from anything which he had seen before. The Lesson of the day may be taken as an illustration. Jesus is the Judge who giveth to every man as his work shall be. He shuts the gate of heaven and no man openeth. The water of life issues from the steps of his throne, and he proclaims a free welcome to all who are athirst to come and drink of it freely. He will come quickly, and upon our readiness to greet his coming, our eternal bliss or woe depends. Well, then, it is for us to obtain his grace to make us what we ought to be, that we, too, knowing that our Lord will come quickly, may be able to respond with John, "Amen; come, Lord Jesus."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: The eternal permanency of character. The next Lesson is the Fourth Quarterly Review.

THE UNSEEN WORLD.

On every side we are surrounded by that great mystery, death. Multitudes whom we once knew—some of them dearer to us than life—have disappeared from this scene of action. Where, what are they now? To-morrow we, too, must enter upon that interminable existence. Where, what shall we be? Compare with these questions all other enquiries, all other investigations, are perfectly insignificant. We learn to know something of the life beyond the grave; but the senses, reason, science, experience, afford not a single glimpse of the unseen world. Is it incredible that the eternal Father should vouchsafe us the knowledge which so unspokeably concerns us, and for which he has imparted in our souls such inextinguishable desire?

CHRISTIAN JOY.

You are to find Christian joy in your duties in the family, and in your duties outside of the family, in your every-day life at home and in society. The great truths of God's love, of the redeeming power of the Holy Ghost, of the watchfulness of God over men, and of his helpfulness toward them, are to have such an effect on your mind that when you enter upon your daily tasks you shall have power of hope in you so that you can extract joy from common things. There is where you must get your joy—in nature; in society; in social intercourse; in all things. Paul said he rejoiced even in infirmities.

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