

Lesson XI.

JESUS SAVES FROM SIN—TEMPER-
ANCE LESSON

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS—About six months intervene between last lesson and to-day's. Jesus had now come up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, held in October, the annual thanksgiving feast of the Jews. During the Feast, he taught in the temple, until the Jews, in their hatred, attempted to stone him. The lesson is from this temple teaching.

GOLDEN TEXT—If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.—John 8 : 36 (Rev. Ver.).

*Memorize Isa. 55 : 8-13.

THE LESSON PASSAGE—John 8 : 12, 31-37, 56-58.
Study John 8 : 12, 28-37, 56-59.

12 Then spake Je'sus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world : he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

31 Then said Je'sus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed ;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be A'braham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man : how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free ?

34 Je'sus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Revised Version—Again therefore Jesus spake unto ; the ; Jesus therefore said ; had believed him ; abide ; truly my disciples ; unto him ; have never yet been ; Every one that committeth ; bondservant ; the son (small "s") abideth for ever ; therefore the Son ; yet ye ; not free course in you ; The Jews therefore said unto.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever : but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are A'braham's seed : but ye seek to kill me, because my word is, that I have no place in you.

56 Your father A'braham rejoiced to see my day : and he saw it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen A'braham ?

58 Je'sus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before A'braham was, I am.

† HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Jesus saves from sin, John 8 : 12, 28-37, 56-59.

Th.—"He is our peace," Eph. 2 : 11-18.

T.—The servant's freedom, Deut. 15 : 12-18.

F.—"Free from the law," Rom. 8 : 1-14.

W.—A pardoning God, Jer. 31 : 31-34.

S.—Christian freedom, Gal. 5 : 1-13.

S.—The law of liberty, James 1 : 19-27.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. JESUS GIVING LIGHT.—12. Then spake Jesus ; in the temple at Jerusalem, on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles (ch. 7 : 37), which lasted eight days. The light of the world.

At the Feast of Tabernacles, the four immense candelabra, 75 feet high, each with four golden bowls for oil, which stood in the Court of the Women, were lighted at night. Jesus refers to this custom, and, contrasting himself with that light, calls himself "the light of the world." He that followeth me; as the Israelites followed the pillar of fire which led them through the wilderness (see Ex. 13 : 21), and of which the lighted lamps in the temple court were a reminder. Not walk in darkness ; the darkness of sin. The light of life ; the guidance of Jesus, which leads to life eternal.

Vs. 13-20 continue the conversation of Jesus with the Jews in the temple.

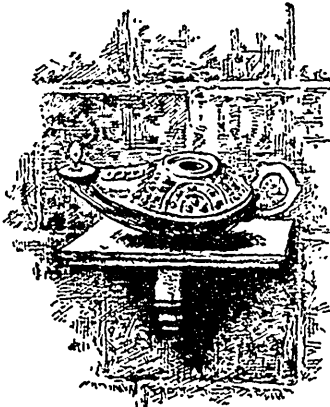
II. JESUS GIVING FREEDOM.—31, 32. To those Jews which . . . believed him (Rev. Ver.); that is, who not only believed the words which he spoke, but accepted him as the messenger of God. If ye continue

in my word ; studying that word humbly and patiently and striving day by day to practise it. My disciples indeed ; learners, who love to learn, and learn in order to obey. Ye shall know the truth ; Jesus' teaching about God and what he requires. Shall make you free. When we really know God, we shall do everything through love of him. Then we are free, with "the glorious liberty of the children of God," Rom. 8 : 21.

33, 34. We be Abraham's seed. "They had Abraham's blood in their veins, but not his faith in their hearts," Matt. 3 : 9. Never in bondage. This statement was not true to history, since the Jews had been captives in Egypt and Babylon, and were even now under Roman rule. But they were not personal slaves. Whosoever committeth sin ; with whom sin is a habit. Is the bondservant of

sin (Rev. Ver.). Ah, here is slavery, indeed, the cruellest, the most hopeless.

35-37. The servant abideth not ; but may be sold or dismissed, at the master's pleasure. The Son



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