

Lesson IX.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS WORK

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John 15 : 26, 27 ; 16 : 7-14. Study John 15 : 26 to 16 : 14. *Scripture Memory Verse, Gen. 21 : 19.

Golden Text—He shall teach you all things.—John 14 : 26.

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26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me :

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Ch. 16 : 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth ; It is expedient for you that I go away : for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you ; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment :

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me ;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more ;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth : for he shall not speak of himself ; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak : and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me : for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Suppose a very dear friend of yours were going away to a far country to live, and you were to be left alone, how sorry you would be ! I am sure you would cry very hard indeed, and beg your friend not to leave you alone.

Jesus' disciples felt very sad because their dear master had told them that he was going to be taken away from them. What would they do without him ? Who would teach and guide and comfort them after he was gone ? How could they carry on his work alone ? Jesus had thought of this very thing. He knew that his followers needed a comforter and guide and teacher who would never leave them. So he told them he would ask God, his Father, and he would send them another comforter, who should be with them always. This comforter was the Holy Spirit,

whom God would send after Jesus went back to heaven.

Jesus and his disciples were still sitting at the supper table in that upper room in Jerusalem, when he told them about the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, "He shall teach you all things" (this is our Golden Text). This teacher is different from all other teachers. You can see your teacher in day school and in Sunday School, but the Holy Spirit is a teacher whom you cannot see, and he never speaks aloud for you to hear. Yet he is near you all the time, and it is he who is putting all the good thoughts into your hearts, and it is he who takes away all the bad thoughts.

The Holy Spirit will never come into any place that is not clean, and it is part of his work, to make our lives clean and pure. He

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