

Lesson VI.

THE MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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John 16 : 4-15. Study John 15 : 26 to 16 : 24—Memory Verse, 13.

Golden Text—I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.—John 14 : 16.



4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou ?

6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

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.

15 All things that the Father hath are mine : therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Before Jesus and His disciples left the room where they had eaten their last supper together, Jesus told them that when He left them, God would send down His holy Spirit, called the Comforter, to be with them and teach them what they should do.

He said, that, after He had gone, they would be hated and despised, and that even their lives would be in danger. But the Holy Spirit would come to them and give them courage and strength. Jesus had not told His disciples before of these things, because He was with them Himself to care for and encourage them; but now He was to leave them, and they would need the Comforter to keep them from being afraid.

Still their hearts were filled with sorrow and grief at the thought of the trouble that might soon come to them; and Jesus, seeing this, said kindly, "Your hearts are filled with grief because I have told you these things. But not one of you asks Me whither

I am going. I am going to My Father, and this should make you happy, and not sad. Your forget the comfort I have given you, and think only about My leaving you so soon and about the trials which will come to you. But it is better for you that I should go away. For if I did not leave you, your great Helper, the Holy Spirit, would not come to you; but if I go away, I will send Him to you.

"You yourselves could never make men see how sinful and wicked they are, but when the Holy Spirit is come, He will, through you, show them their sin in not believing in Me; and He will teach them that I am not wicked, as they suppose, but truly the Son of God come down from heaven; and He will teach them also that God is just and will punish them for their sins, if they do not believe on Me."

And Jesus went on to say to His disciples, that He had many other things to tell them,