

to deduce the commentaries which we call Acts, Epistles, or Apocalypse.

27. He leaves "peace" behind him, the peace which as their Brother he felt; he gives it as the parting bounty of a Master and Lord. There is no idea of a legacy, as often supposed, for this is an image which Jews would not have understood. Peace is a sense of security and triumph based upon faith. We may bring out the telling emphasis by rendering "a peace that is mine." **Not as.** The world's gifts (chap. 2. 10) give their utmost at first, and then deteriorate; this gift is "like the light of dawn, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." With such a possession given the exhortation which opens the discourse is repeated with new meaning. **Fearful.** Rev. 21. 8, is a most impressive commentary.

The Lesson Council.

Question 4. In what sense does the Holy Spirit dwell with believers?

Evidently the Holy Spirit moves upon man in the realm of the mental and spiritual. He touches the very springs of action and affection. He suggests the idea, he awakens the desire, he strengthens the will. When one has holy ideals presented to him, and holy desires to realize them awakened, and a speedy and righteous execution of the will insured, then he may know that the Holy Spirit is within. "The Comforter" shall comfort by teaching "all things." And yet this teaching is to be no other than that of Jesus: "Whatsoever things I have said unto you." The Spirit abides with us, then, as a suggestive and impulsive power in the heart.—*Rev. S. C. Bronson.*

Called Comforter in our English version, the Holy Spirit is also Intercessor, Helper, Assistant. To the believer he imparts conscious quickening of spiritual discernment, the blessing of peace and of communion with the divine Person, and an aptitude for, and sense of dependence upon, the will of God. He continually enables when the believer would be powerless of himself, and in maintaining this intimate relation is spoken of as abiding, dwelling.—*Rev. Edmund M. Holmes, B.D.*

The Holy Spirit dwells with believers as a revealer of spiritual truth. Man possesses a gift sometimes called the power of faith, by which he apprehends truths other than those gained through the logical faculty. In a peculiar sense the Spirit operates through this, bearing him intelligence gained from no other source. Among the facts of this revelation we may mention: 1. An interpretation of the mystery of the person of Christ, "He shall glorify me." 2. A clearer apprehension of the truth of revelation. 3. A knowledge of our adoption into God's family. 4. Guidance and com-

fort along the way of duty.—*Rev. Alfred E. Craig, B.D.*

Not physically, of course, which would be impossible, but really and spiritually, by holy influences, in blessed fellowship, melting the hardness of the heart, opening it to Christ, kindling in us desires after personal sanctity, leading us into all truth, imparting to us a relish for prayer and helping us to pray, working in us perpetual penitence, peace, and joy, and giving us victory over self and sin. If we would enjoy these blessings of the indwelling Comforter we must seek them—and seek them on our knees, and in the spirit of him who cried, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."—*Rev. J. F. Marlay, D.D.*

The contact implied in the doctrine of the indwelling Spirit is real (verse 17), and believers may be, and ought to be, "filled with the Spirit." He dwells in them for the purpose of inspiring and directing their prayers (Rom. 8. 26); of witnessing to them concerning their acceptance and sonship (Gal. 4. 6); and, consequently, as a "Comforter." His indwelling is also a source of authority and power for all Christian work; for "the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." We love, we rejoice, we pray, we work because "he hath given us of his Spirit."—*Rev. W. J. DuHadway.*

Analytical and Biblical Outline.

Christ's Comfort.

I. THE COMFORT OF FAITH.

Believe also in me. v. 1.

"Believing, ye rejoice." 1 Pet. 1. 8.

"We walk by faith." 2 Cor. 5. 7.

II. THE COMFORT OF HOPE.

1. *Many mansions.* v. 2.

"A city which hath foundations." Heb. 11. 10.

2. *A place for you.* v. 2.

"The holy city, new Jerusalem." Rev. 21. 2.

III. THE COMFORT OF PROMISE.

1. *I will come again.* v. 3.

"This same Jesus... shall so come." Acts 1. 11.

2. *Where I am... ye may be.* v. 3.

"Ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4. 17.

IV. THE COMFORT OF THE SPIRIT.

1. *Another Comforter.* v. 16.

"I will send him." John 16. 7.

2. *The Spirit of truth.* v. 17.

"The Spirit... beareth witness." Rom. 8. 16.

3. *Shall be in you.* v. 17.

"The Spirit... dwelleth in you." 1 Cor. 3. 16.

V. THE COMFORT OF LOVE.

1. *That loveth me.* v. 21