

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.)

LESSON XI.

June 15, 1884. (Rom. 8: 28-30) THE BLESSEDNESS OF BELIEVERS.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 27-29.

28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

30. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32. He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33. Who shall give us anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36. As it is written, For his sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOLDEN TEXT

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."—Rom. 8: 28.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Rom. 8: 1-11. ... No Condemnation.
T. Rom. 8: 12-27. ... Saved by Hope.
W. Rom. 8: 28-30. ... No Separation.
Th. Ps. 137: 1-6. ... Call or Cancer.
F. Rom. 12: 1-21. ... A Reasonable Service.
Sa. John 10: 22-30. ... They shall never perish.
S. John 17: 1-26. ... With Him in Glory.

LESSON PLAN.

1. All Things for their Good. 2. God on their Side. 3. No Separation from God's Love. Time—A, B, C (script). Place—Written from Corinth.

INTRODUCTORY.

The theme of this chapter is the absolute certainty of the believer's salvation. It opens with the declaration that there is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus (v. 1). It then gives the grounds on which the believer's security rests—freedom from the law (v. 2); the indwelling Spirit of God (v. 9); the being sons of God (v. 14); the being heirs of God (v. 17); the intercession of the Spirit (v. 26); the unchangeableness of the divine purpose (v. 29) and the greatness and consistency of God's love (vs. 35-39). The last two of these are the subject of this lesson.

LESSON NOTES.

1.-V. 28. WORK TOGETHER.—as parts of one plan. FOR GOOD.—real, spiritual, eternal good. 27, 28. HIS OWN SON.—Loved and chose. Rom. 11: 2; 1 Pet. 1: 20. (Compare Acts 2: 31; 1 Pet. 1: 12.) PREDESTINATE.—determine before. (Compare Acts 1: 25; Eph. 1: 11; 1 Cor. 2: 7.) CHOICE.—made to be like Jesus Christ. Now in this life, and for ever in glory. 1 John 1: 5; 1 Cor. 15: 49; 1 Pet. 1: 21. THE FIRST-BORN.—vs. 28, 29; Col. 1: 15; Heb. 2: 11. V. 30 CALLED.—by the inward, effectual call of the Spirit. 1 Cor. 1: 25; 2 Tim. 1: 9; Heb. 3: 15. GLORIFIED.—with Christian gifts and grace in this life and complete and eternal glory in heaven.

1.-V. 31. THESE THINGS.—these grounds of security and blessedness. WHO CAN BE AGAINST US.—SO AS TO HARM US or prevent our salvation. V. 32. SPARED NOT.—did not treat with tenderness. HIS OWN SON.—Rom. 8: 3; Heb. 1: 3. HOW SHALL HE NOT.—if he did the greater he will surely do the less. V. 33. GOD'S ELECT.—chosen ones, called and justified. IF—if results none can bring a charge against them. V. 34. CONDEMNETH.—gave judgment against. 1. Christ will not, who can?

11.-V. 35. THE LOVE OF CHRIST.—Christ's love for us. TRIBULATION OR DISTRESS.—any kind of evil that may befall the believer, no one of which, for all of them together, shall separate from Christ's love. V. 36. AS IT IS WRITTEN.—Ps. 41: 22. V. 37. MORE THAN CONQUERORS.—everything ministering to their good and swelling the glory of the victory. V. 38. DEATH.—at any time and in any form. LIFE.—its trials and dangers. ANGELS. PRINCIPALITIES, POWERS.—superior powers. 1 Cor. 6: 3; Eze. 4: 21; 1 Pet. 1: 12; Col. 1: 16. V. 39. NONE AS YET OTHER CREATURE.—no created thing in the universe of God. THE BELIEVER'S BLESSEDNESS IS THIS FIRMLY SECURED.—(1) by the purpose of God, (2) by his power and his unchanging love.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That God will make all things work together for the good of believers.
2. That the glory which is begun in heaven, will be completed in and for them.
3. That there is perfect, absolute, eternal security to them that love God.
4. That we may be sure that the love of God 1. Christ will never fail us.
5. That since God's love is so great and constant, it is a great sin to doubt or mistrust it.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, June 4, 1884.

Chicago is about steady, but the price has fluctuated during the week. The quotations are as follows:—89 June, 91 1/2 July; 92 1/2 August; 92 1/2 Sept. Corn is dearer, 55 1/2 June; 56 1/2 July; 58 1/2 August; and 59 September. Liverpool is sullen and weaker, Spring wheat being quoted at 75 3/4 to 75 5/8 and Red Winter 75 6/8 to 75 7/8. The local market is active, for it, at higher prices. The quotations are as follows:—Canada Red Winter, \$1.15 to \$1.17; Canada White, \$1.12 to \$1.13; Canada Spring, \$1.14 to \$1.15; Corn, 70c to 72c; Peas, 92c to 94c; Barley, 55c to 65c; Rye 67c to 69c.

FLOUR.—The market is quiet, unchanged prices. We quote as follows:—Superior Extra, \$5.50 Extra Superfine, \$5.15, to \$5.25; Fancy, \$4.80 to \$4.90; Spring Extra, \$4.55 to \$4.60; Superfine, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Strong Bakers', Can., \$5.10 to \$5.40; do., American, \$5.40 to \$5.80; Fine, \$3.45 to \$3.55; Middlings, \$3.25 to \$3.40; Pollards, \$3.00 to \$3.20; Ontario bags, (medium), bags included, \$2.30 to \$2.40; do., Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; do., Superfine, \$2.10 to \$2.15; City Bags, delivered, \$2.85 to \$2.90.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, nominal; Oatmeal, ordinary, \$4.35 to \$4.75; granulated, \$4.80 to \$6.00.

STOCKS IN STORE MONTREAL.

Table with 4 columns: Stock Name, 1884, 1884, 1883. Rows include Wheat bush, Corn bush, Peas bush, Barley bush, Rye bush, Flour bush, Oatmeal bush, Cornmeal bush.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—New creamery butter is bringing 20c to 22c. Eastern Townships, 17c to 19c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 14c to 17c. Add to the above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selections for the jobbing trade. Cheese is quoted at 9 1/2 to 10 1/2.

Eggs are at 15c per dozen.

HOG PRODUCTS.—Are very dull. We quote as follows:—Western Mess Pork, \$20.50 to \$21.00; Canada Short Cut, \$21.50 to \$22; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14 1/2c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pails, Western, 11 1/2c to 12c; do., Canadian, 11 1/2c to 11 3/4c; Tallow, refined 6 1/2c to 7c to quality.

ASHES are quiet at \$4.00 to \$4.30 for Pots.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The live stock market continues dull but without much change in prices since last week, except for leanish stock and bulls, which are rather difficult to sell at present and bring lower rates. Shippers are again buying a few cattle, but except for very choice animals 6c per lb. is about the top figure paid by them. Good butchers' cattle sell at 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c; fair conditioned steers and fat oxen 5c to 5 1/2c; bulls 3 1/2c to 4 1/2c; small lean stock 3 1/2c to 4c. Good calves bring from \$5 to \$8 each, and common ones from \$2 to \$4 each. Sheep and lambs are plentiful and prices continue to decline. Sheep sell at \$3.50 to \$7.00 each. Lambs from \$2 to \$4.50 each. Fat hogs are in fair supply and prices average about 6 1/2c per lb.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The farmers are bringing produce to the market more freely since their spring work, and prices are generally lower. The market gardeners have overstocked the market with green vegetables such as rhubarb, lettuce, radishes and green onions; and there are pretty large supplies of spinach, and asparagus. Prices are unusually low for so early in the season. The prices of oats and potatoes are declining and the same may be said of butter and eggs, which are now sold at pretty low figures. The prices of bran and grain are declining and so also are the prices of hay and straw, the demand having fallen off considerably since the cows have been put out to pasture. Oats are \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bag; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 60c to 75c per bag; Swedish turnips, 75c to \$1.00. Tub butter, 16c to 22c per lb; eggs, 15c to 18c per dozen. Apples, \$6.00 to \$7.00 per barrel; Hay, \$6.00 to \$8.50 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs. Pressed hay, 55c to 65c per 100 lbs.

NEW YORK, June 3, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat \$1.01 1/2 June; \$1.04 July; \$1.05 1/2 August; \$1.06 1/2 Sept. Corn, 63 1/2c June; 64c July; 65 1/2c August; 66 1/2c Sept. Oats, 37 1/2c June; 34 1/2c July.

FLOUR.—quotations are Spring Wheat—Superfine, \$2.45 to \$3.35; Low Extra, \$3.30 to \$3.50; Clears, \$4.10 to \$5.10; Straight (full stock), \$5.25 to \$6.10; Patent, \$5.40 to \$6.75. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.90 to \$3.40; Low Extra, \$3.35 to \$3.50; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.50 to \$5.60; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.75 to \$6.00; Patent, \$5.20 to \$6.60; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.50 to \$5.60; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.60 to \$4.10; West India, sacks, \$3.75 to \$4.85; barrels, West India, \$5.05 to \$5.05; Patent, \$5.50 to \$6.15; South America, \$5.00 to \$5.15; Patent, \$5.45 to \$5.95. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.75 to \$5.25; Family, \$5.40 to \$6.25; Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine \$2.75 to \$4.00.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Coarse, \$5.40 to \$5.90 per bl. Cornmeal, Brandywine, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Western Yellow, \$3.00 to \$3.25; Bag meal, Coarse City, \$1.10 to \$1.15; Fine white, \$1.40 to \$1.50; Fine yellow, \$1.40 per 100 lbs. Corn flour, \$3.00 to \$3.75; Hominy, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, at \$22.00 to \$23; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$20.00 to \$21.00; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at \$17 to \$18; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, \$15.00 to \$16.00; 50 lbs or medium feed, \$15.00 to \$16.00; 40 lbs or No. 2 feed, \$15.00 per ton. Rye feed at \$18.00 to \$19.00.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, 10c to 10 1/2c for fair to choice; timothy, retail parcels \$1.55 to \$1.70; round lot \$1.50 to \$1.60; domestic flaxseed nominal, \$1.60 to \$1.70; California linseed, spot \$2, and to arrive, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

BUTTER.—There has been a decided drop in prices but, there is also a more hopeful tone to the market. We quote for new:—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 15c to 20c. State dairies, not quoted; State factory, fair to best, 15c to 20c; State Welsh tubs, fair to choice, 17c to 19c; Western imitation creamery, 14c to 17c; Western dairy, not quoted; Western factory, ordinary to best made, 8c to 15c.

CHEESE.—A quiet and somewhat uncertain market. We quote as follows:—State factory, skims select, 6c to 11c; Pennsylvania skims, good to prime, 2c to 4c; Ohio flat ordinary, 7c to 10c.

BEEF.—We quote:—Extra mess, \$12.00. Extra India mess, \$19. to \$21.00; Packet, \$12.50 to \$13.00 in bris.

BEEF HAMS.—Sellers were firm at \$35.00 to \$36.00 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

PORK.—We quote:—\$17.00 for old brands mess; \$17.50 new mess; \$16.00 for extra prime; \$18.00 to \$18.75 for clear back \$16.50 to \$17.00 for family.

BACON.—The market much quieter but strong at 8.40c.

CUTMEATS.—Pickled bellies, 12c lb. average, 7 1/2; pickled shoulders, 7 1/2; pickled hams, 11c to 11 1/2; smoked shoulders, 8 1/2; smoked hams, 12 1/2 to 13c.

LARD.—Prices are about steady. City lard bringing 8.10c. Western 8.35c.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine is at 9 1/2c for choice city. Oleomargarine, firm at 8 1/2.

TALLOW.—Demand more active at 6 1/2 to 6 9-16 for prime city.

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