

LESSON X—June 7th, 1896.

Warning to the Disciples. LUKE 22: 24-37.

(Commit to memory verses 24-26).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2: 5.

PROVE THAT—The Lord sustains in trials. 2 Pet. 2: 9.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 62. *What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?* A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 7, 35, 186, 209.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* The last passover. Luke 22: 10-23. *Tuesday.* Warning to the disciples. Luke 22: 24-37. *Wednesday.* Gethsemane. Luke 22: 39-53. *Thursday.* Peter's denial. Luke 22: 54-62. *Friday.* Teaching by example. John 13: 1-11. *Saturday.* Lessons from the example. John 13: 12-20. *Sabbath.* Humbled and exalted. Phil. 2: 1-11. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

EXPOSITORY NOTES.

INTRODUCTORY. Jesus spent Wednesday and Thursday in retirement at Bethany. On Thursday he sent Peter and John to Jerusalem to prepare the passover. Towards evening he followed with the rest of his disciples. Read the whole story of the last supper (John 13: 1-38; Matt. 26: 26-29; John 14, 15, 16, 17; 18: 1).

LESSON PLAN. I. Warning Against Selfish Ambition. vs. 24-30. II. Warning Against Self-confidence. vs. 31-34. III. Warning Against Coming Danger. vs. 35-37.

I. WARNING AGAINST SELFISH AMBITION. It is well to note in passing, how great a part of each of the four gospels is occupied with the record of the events that occurred on the closing day of Christ's earthly ministry. On the evening of that eventful day Jesus with the twelve assembled in "a large upper room" to celebrate the last passover. On that occasion Jesus spoke to them of the desertion and treachery of one of his little band. Later on he manifested his love and forethought for his church in the world in instituting what "is commonly called The Lord's Supper." 24. **A strife among them—"A contention"** (R. V.) What unseemly and unworthy conduct on the part of the disciples after three years teaching and training in the school of Christ. **Accounted the greatest**—The disciples disputed among themselves (1) as to the places of honor at the table (Jno. 13: 4-17), (2) as to the positions of distinction they should severally hold in the great temporal kingdom which they believed that Christ was about to establish in the world (ch. 9: 46; Mark 9: 34). It is painfully sad to behold the spirit of envy and jealousy manifesting itself in the lives of professing Christians. 25. **Exercise lordship over them**—The course of "autocratic" and "despotic" forms of government in all ages has been that worldly rulers have regarded the nation as existing for their pleasure rather than they for its own good. **Benefactors**—A name applied to kings by way of compliment or flattery, especially to Roman governors. The more absolute their authority, and the more tyrannical their rule, the greater benefactors they were accounted. 26. **Ye shall not be so**—Christ took occasion to shew that the principles upon which his kingdom was established differed widely from those

of this world. His kingdom is established in "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14: 17). The subjects of his kingdom need not expect to don "the titles and power and offices of pomp" of this world. **Greatest among you**—Some possess greater gifts, powers, and ability for service than others. The greater our gifts, the more we should become "as the younger," humble, unassuming, unselfish, ever ready to serve. **Chief, as he that doth serve**—He is chiefest who serves best and most of all. 27. **Whether is greater?**—Naturally he that is served is accounted greater than he that serves. Not necessarily true. **I am among you**—"In the midst of you" (R. V.) I who am greatest of all take my place in your midst, "as he that serveth" (Jno. 13: 14). Jesus "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20: 28; Mark 10: 45). The secret pathway to real greatness consists in a life of self-sacrifice. 28. **Continued with me**—It is evident that Judas had gone forth on his mission of darkness, and Jesus having rebuked the disciples for their selfish ambition, proceeds now to commend the eleven on account of their unswerving devotion and loyalty to him. **My temptations**—Trials, assaults and persecutions during the three years ye have been with me. 29. **I appoint you a kingdom**—Jesus would not deceive his disciples. He assured them that they would receive a kingdom, but "not of this world" (Jno. 18: 36); a spiritual not a temporal kingdom; the kingdom of grace in this world, the kingdom of glory in the world to come. **And ye shall sit on thrones** (R. V.)—Those that are sharers of Christ's afflictions in this life shall be sharers of his glory in the life to come