

III. Application.

This lesson is especially abundant in important analogies. Now that you know its contents, inquire: What is my particular spiritual need? To whom am I to apply the facts which Mark presents, and what is the spiritual state of each one? Do you know your pupil's devotional habits? Do you not find thrilling suggestions in thoughts like the following: (a) Finding time for

secret prayer; (b) "let us go"—Christ's call to the preacher; (c) the mistake of judging a man by his outward appearance; (d) the scarcity of sympathy in the world, and the Christian's duty in supplying it; (f) a Christian's reticence and obedience; (g) divine plans frustrated; (h) our missionary duty to the next towns and to the world.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Healing the leper. Mark 1, 35-45.
Th. Nauman healed. 2 Kings 5, 8-14.
W. The ten lepers. Luke 17, 11-19.
Th. The law of cleansing. Lev. 14, 21-32.
P. The testimony of miracles. Matt. 11, 1-6.
S. Cleansing from sin. 1 John 1, 5-10.
S. Prayer for soul-cleansing. Psa. 51, 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

As soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. Mark 1, 42.

LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 69, Dominion Hymnal.
Come to the Saviour, make no delay,
Here is his word he has shown us the way.
No. 71, Dominion Hymnal.
Why should I wait when Jesus is calling?
Why should I wait when mercy is free?
No. 79, Dominion Hymnal.
Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me.

TIME.—27 A. D.

PLACE.—Galilee and the towns about Capernaum.

RULERS.—Same as before.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The God-man.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

- Praying.**
What great lesson is taught to Christians in ver. 35? Was Jesus in the habit of going alone to pray? Find two instances where he went alone at night for this purpose? What was his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount concerning prayer? How was his solitude disturbed?
- Teaching.**
Why did Simon and the rest follow him? What was the lesson he taught them concerning his mission? Is there any evidence here that they understood his true character? What was the real reason of the throng seeking him? What was the character of the preaching which he did through their towns? Matt. 4, 17 and 23.
- Healing.**
When was it that this incident of healing happened? Matt. 8, 1-2
What was the nature of this disease? If Christ could heal by a word, what would it prove? Was it a case well enough marked not to allow of doubt as to whether it was leprosy or not? Luke 5, 12.
What was the effect of the cure?
For what did Jesus feel the need after this miracle? Luke 5, 16.
Why do you suppose he prayed so much in these days?

Practical Teachings.

Jesus went early alone to pray. If he needed to pray, how we must need it!
All men sought him, but not to believe.
They sought to gaze and wonder. How men now crowd our churches to see or hear a great preacher!
Here was a man who prayed for cure, believed, received, and then disobeyed.
His desire moved Christ's great heart to heal, but Christ's desire did not move his heart to obey. He acted like many a man to-day. He sought, he took, he gave back nothing. How is it with you?

Hints for Home Study.

- Find all the instances you can that speak of Jesus as praying.

- Find on a map of Palestine ten towns in Galilee to which Jesus may have gone in this preaching tour. B. C. S. M., T. N. S., I. M., J., A.

3. Read the accounts given by Matthew and by Luke of these events.

- Where were the desert places to which he could go? Would boats at Capernaum help him any?

5. Read the directions for cleansing leprosy in Lev. 14.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

- Praying.** v. 35.
When did Jesus pray?
Where did he pray?
Wherein was this prayer an example to us? Matt. 6, 6.
What is said of Jesus praying in Heb. 5, 7?
Why do we need to pray more than Jesus needed?
- Teaching.** vs. 36-39.
Who came to Jesus while he was praying?
Why did so many people seek Jesus?
How may we seek him?
What did Jesus say that he came to do?
What did he preach? Luke 4, 18, 19.
- Healing.** vs. 40-45.
Who came to Jesus?
What is a leper?
Who only could cure leprosy? 2 Kings 5, 7.
In what respects is a leper like a sinner?
How did this man come to Jesus?
What did Jesus do to him?
What followed? (Golden Text.)
What did Jesus command him to do?
Why did he not do as Christ told him?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

- How and when to pray?
- How to call upon Christ?
- How we should obey Christ?

Home Work for Young Bereans.

Find an example of Jesus praying all night.
Of Jesus praying upon a mountain just after and just before a miracle.
Of Jesus praying in a garden.
Of a leper who was healed by a prophet.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

- Where did Jesus go in the early morning? To a solitary place.
Whom did he go to meet? God, his Father.
Why did Jesus need to pray? Because he was man as well as God.
Who followed him to the place of prayer? Simon Peter and others.
What did they tell him? That all men were seeking him.
What did Jesus say! That he must go to other towns.
What did Jesus do throughout Galilee? He preached, and cast out devils.
Who came to him for healing? A leper.
What did the leper say to Jesus? "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."
What did this show? Strong faith in Jesus.
What did Jesus do? He healed the leper.
How did he heal him? By his word of power.
What did the man do? He went out, and told what Jesus had done.
Of what is leprosy the type? Of sin.
Who only can cure sin? God.
When may a sinner be cured? When he goes to Jesus.

Words with Little People.

IF Thou wilt. Make me clean
Thou canst. In body,
In mind,
In spirit.
Jesus says, "I will."