

## Lesson VII.

## CHRIST'S HATRED OF SHAMS

February 15, 1914

**BETWEEN THE LESSONS**—The Lesson continues Luke's narrative without a break.**GOLDEN TEXT**—Be not deceived; God is not mocked.—Galatians 6:7.**Memorize v. 42. THE LESSON PASSAGE**—Luke 11:37-51. Study Luke 11:37-54.

37 And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.

38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

**Revised Version**—Now as; 3 Omit certain; 4 asketh; 5 cleanse; 6 of; 7 extortion; 8 foolish ones; 9 the outside; 10 the inside; 11 Howbeit give for alms those things which are within; 12 every herb; 13 but; 14 chief; 15 the salutations in the marketplaces; 16 Omit four words; 17 the tombs; 18 know it not; 19 And one; 20 answering saith; 21 in saying this; 22 lawyers also; 23 tomb; 24 So ye are witnesses and consent unto the works; 25 Omit indeed; 26 unto; 27 kill; 28 Zachariah, who; 29 sanctuary; yea, I say.

**Daily Readings**—(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 56 Old Bailey, London, England.)—M.—Christ's hatred of shams, Luke 11:37-44. T.—Christ's hatred of shams, Luke 11:45-54. W.—A prayer for sincerity, Ps. 19:7-14. Th.—Self examination, Rom. 2:17-24. F.—Profession and practice, James 2:1-13. S.—Known by fruits, Matt. 7:15-23. S.—Be sincere, Gal. 6:1-7.

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

**I. JESUS CRITICIZED.**—37, 38. A . . Pharisee; a member of the Jewish sect which laid great stress on the observance of the law of Moses and the rules laid down by the rabbis or teachers. To dine (Rev. Ver. Margin, "breakfast"); a slight meal taken about 9 or 10 a.m. The other two Jewish meals were dinner at mid-day, and supper, the more important, in the evening. Sat down to meat; at table. The Greek is one word, meaning to lie down or recline. The Jewish custom at meals was to lie on a couch, resting on the left elbow, with the feet outward. Small tables stood in front of the couches. Washed. The washing before meals, and, with the stricter Pharisees, between the courses, was done by pouring, the hands being held with fingers up. Such washing was made a religious ceremony.

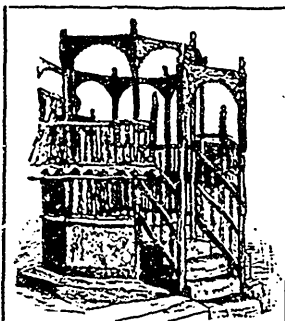
39-41. Cleanse the outside (Rev. Ver.); the least important side, which the food did not touch. Cup; the cup used for drinking. Platter; a flat dish, the "charger" on which John the Baptist's head was sent, Matt. 14:8, 11. The Jewish scribes had laid down a multitude of minute rules about the cleansing of vessels. So the Pharisees were very particular about the religious forms and ceremonies which could be seen by men. Your inward part. The most important part of the man, his heart, is not cleansed. Extortion and wickedness (Rev. Ver.). Greed for gain was a special sin of the Pharisees (see Mark 12:40). He that made . . outside . . inside also (Rev. Ver.); therefore the soul should be kept clean for Him, as well as vessels for food. Give for

alms . . things . . within (Rev. Ver.); give the contents of cup and platter to the poor; that will take away the defilement of extortion.

All things . . clean. The true way to keep vessels clean is to use them for charity, not merely to wash them with care.

## II. THE PHARISEES CONDEMNED.

—42-44. Woe unto you. A curse is upon you. Tithe; tenth. The Jews were required to give two tenths of all the produce of their lands



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for religious purposes. Mint; much used in salads and cooked dishes. Rue; a heavy-smelling, shrubby plant, 2 to 4 feet high, used as a medicine. The Pharisees tithe these herbs of little value, for a show. Pass over judgment; neglect the difference between right and wrong. Love of God; the chief commandment, ch. 10:27. Chief seats (Rev. Ver.); on the