

LESSON VII—February 16th, 1896.

The Great Helper. LUKE 7: 2-16.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

As there are no events between this lesson and the last, we insert here a few guiding questions on the Sermon on the Mount. Where was the Mount of Beatitudes? What important step in the inauguration of his kingdom did Jesus take at this time? With what part of the Old Testament would you compare the Beatitudes, and why? What relation did the mission of Jesus hold to the law? Shew from Old Testament passages that his interpretation of the commandments, as dealing with a state of heart, was correct. Does Jesus forbid taking an oath in a court of justice? Does he forbid defending a suit at law? On what high ground does he urge love to our enemies? What difference must there necessarily be between the love we bear to our enemies and that we cherish towards our dear friends? How will Christlike love to our enemies shew itself? What does Jesus say regarding ostentation in religion and charity? Mention some way in which this is shewn in our day. Was "The Lord's Prayer" meant as a form to be used, or as a model to be copied, or partly both? Does Jesus forbid the accumulation of wealth? What, in regard to worldly goods, does he condemn? What warning does he utter to those who are harsh and uncharitable in judging other people's motives? By what illustration does he assure us of God's readiness to answer prayer? How are we to know whether anyone is to be accounted a Christian brother or not?

LESSON VIII—February 23rd, 1896.

Faith Encouraged. LUKE 8: 43-45.

BETWEEN THE LESSONS.

When John the Baptist heard of the miracles of Jesus what did he do? (Luke 7: 19). What answer did Jesus give? What testimony did he bear to John? (Matt. 7: 11). Why were the cities of Galilee more guilty than Nineveh? (Matt. 11: 20-30). On what occasion was a box of ointment poured on our Saviour's feet? (Luke 7: 36-39). How did the pharisees attempt to explain Christ's power of casting out demons? (Matt. 12: 24). Of what awful sin did he say they were guilty? What comparison and contrast does Christ draw between the Jews of his day and the Ninevites? (Matt. 12: 38-42). What plain words does Jesus speak to the pharisees and lawyers? (Luke 11: 37-54). Read Luke 12. How does Jesus distinguish between calamities and judgments? (Luke 13: 1-5). Read the parables of the Sower (Mark 4: 3-21); the Tares (Matt. 13: 24-30; 37: 43); the Seed (Mark 4: 26-29); the Mustard Seed (Matt. 13: 31-36); the Leaven; and the Pearl of great price; the Net (Matt. 13: 44-53). How does Jesus describe his homelessness? (Matt. 8: 20). What miracle shews Jesus' command over nature? (Mark 4: 36-41). What notable miracle did Jesus work at Gergesa? (Mark 5: 1-21). What murmurs did the pharisees now raise against Jesus and his disciples? (Matt. 9: 10-17; Mark 2: 18-20).