

Jesus Teaches Humility

Jesus and the twelve disciples on the way to Jerusalem. Jesus is talking to them, telling them that when they arrive at Jerusalem many sad things would happen to Him, vs. 33, 34. It was there that He was to die the shameful, cruel death of the cross—and all because He loved us and longed to save us.

Securing Best Places—Watch the two disciples walking beside Him—James and John. Listen to what they are saying to Him! “Master, will you do for us whatever we wish you to do?” Jesus does not promise, but says, “What do you want me to do?” “Give us the best places in heaven, let us sit one on Thy right hand, and one on Thy left hand.” Tell Jesus’ reply, so kind, yet with rebuke in His tone. He would feel sorry to see this self-seeking blot appearing. It is so that He always feels when He sees anything wrong in us. How careful we should be not to grieve His loving heart!

The other ten were much displeased when they heard James and John asking this—perhaps they too wanted “best places.” Jesus gathers them all around Him, and lovingly talks to them. If they are true disciples, they must not be proud and self-seeking. He tells them that He came into the world to serve people, and although He is King of Kings, greater than anybody in

the world, He is willing to be very humble and to serve rather than to be honored, and His followers should not be seeking honor. Repeat—“Before honor is humility;” “Them that honor Me I will honor.” Jesus knows what we deserve. We do not need to seek reward from Him. God knows all about each of us, and He has a place ready in heaven for each of us. Our part is just to do what we can humbly, and beware of the blot!

Humility—

“Find out what God would have you do
And do that little well,
For what is great or what is small.
’Tis He alone can tell.”

Wherever we are, we can do something for Jesus. Some can speak for Him, some can sing for Him, and all can smile for Him. Shall we not do what we can?

A Lesson from the Birdies—Repeat—

“The birdies are content to sit
Unnoticed by the way,
And sweetly sing their Maker’s praise
From dawn till close of day.”

Something to Remember—Jesus wants me to be humble.

Something to Draw—Draw a large BLOT marked SELF-SEEKING PRIDE.

SUPERINTENDENT’S BLACKBOARD REVIEW

This lesson tells how two of by a great ambition. They supreme desire. What was it? No. Luxury? No, they wanted as would command the homage gently rebukes them for this, thing they had never thought portant to get honors as to drink the cup?” “Can you earn these honors?” That is the important point. (Erase GER.) Seek to DESERVE honors. This is the grander ambition. Never mind whether you get honors

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or not, but strive with all your might to deserve them. This change in the aim of life calls for a change in the method of living: a common way to get honors is by scheming for favor, but the only way to deserve honors is By SERVING. Jesus

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says let the rule of your life be to serve. And in service He is Himself our great Example.