

Lesson III.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

January 18, 1914

BETWEEN THE LESSONS—To-day's Lesson follows immediately upon that for last Sabbath.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.—Mark 12 : 31.

Memorize v. 25. THE LESSON PASSAGE—Luke 10 : 25-37.

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, say,ng, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life ?

26 ¹ He said unto him, What is written in the law ? how readest thou ?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind ; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right : this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, ² willing to justify himself, said unto Je'sus, And who is my neighbour ?

30 ² And Je'sus answering said, A certain man ⁴ went down from Jeru'salem to Jer'icho, and ⁵ fell among ⁶ thieves, which ⁷ stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance ⁸ there came down a certain priest that way : and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Revised Version—¹ And he ; ² desiring ; ³ Jesus made answer and said ; ⁴ was going ; ⁵ he ; ⁶ robbers ; ⁷ both stripped him and beat him ; ⁸ a certain priest was going down ; ⁹ in like manner a Levite also ; ¹⁰ came to the place, and saw him, passed ; ¹¹ was moved with compassion ; ¹² came ; ¹³ on them oil ; ¹⁴ Omit three words ; ¹⁵ Omit unto him ; ¹⁶ I when I come back again, will ; ¹⁷ Omit now ; ¹⁸ proved neighbour ; ¹⁹ And Jesus said.

Daily Readings—(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 56 Old Bailey, London, England.)—M.—The Good Samaritan, Luke 10: 25-37. T.—Good for evil, Matt. 5 : 43-48. W.—Love in deed and in truth, 1 John 3 : 15-24. Th.—"Love one another," 1 John 4 : 7-13. F.—Deeds acceptable to God, Isa. 58 : 6-11. S.—The reward of right doing, Ps. 15. S.—The law to be taught, Deut. 6 : 1-9.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE LAWYER'S QUESTIONS.—25. A certain lawyer ; one whose business it was to study and teach Jewish laws. Stood up. Perhaps Jesus had been sitting, after the fashion of Eastern teachers, on a raised place, with His listeners, also seated, in a semicircle on a lower level. Tempted him ; tried to lead Him into making some wrong statement. Master, Teacher. It was a law amongst the Jews that one's teacher was to be revered and honored more than one's father. What shall I do. What heroic deed shall I do? Or, what great sacrifice shall I make? To inherit eternal life ; the blessed life, to which the Jews looked forward when the Messiah should have set up His kingdom. This life was looked upon as endless.

26-29. In the law. A lawyer ought to know the answer plainly written in the law. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God ; a quotation from Deut. 6 : 4-9, one of the four passages written on the phylacteries or strips of parchment which strict Jews placed in small cube-shaped leather cases, with four divisions, which they wore on the forehead and left arm. The other three passages were Ex. 13 : 1-10 ; 11-16 ; and Deut. 11 : 13-21. Heart . . . soul . . . strength . . . mind. God is so to be loved that He will be served with all the powers of body, mind and spirit. Thy neighbour as thyself ; not on the phylacteries, but quoted from Lev. 19 : 18. This do . . . live. If one can keep these laws, Jesus teaches, he shall have eternal life ; but our Lord does not teach that any mere man can do this. Willing to justify himself ; wishing to put himself in the right. His point is, that the two laws are not sufficient, because they leave doubt as to who is one's neighbor.

32 And ⁹ likewise a Le'vite, when he ¹⁰ was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samar'itan, as he journeyed, came where he was : and when he saw him, he ¹¹ had compassion on him,

34 And ¹² went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring ¹³ in oil and wine, and ¹⁴ set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow ¹⁵ when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said ¹⁶ unto him, Take care of him ; and whatsoever thou spendest more, ¹⁷ when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which ¹⁸ now of these three, thinkest thou, ¹⁹ was neighbour unto him that fell among the ⁶ thieves ?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. ¹⁹ Then said Je'sus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

38 He made answer and said ; ⁴ was going ; ⁵ he ; ⁶ robbers ; ⁷ both stripped him and beat him ; ⁸ a certain priest was going down ; ⁹ in like manner a Levite also ; ¹⁰ came to the place, and saw him, passed ; ¹¹ was moved with compassion ; ¹² came ; ¹³ on them oil ; ¹⁴ Omit three words ; ¹⁵ Omit unto him ; ¹⁶ I when I come back again, will ; ¹⁷ Omit now ; ¹⁸ proved neighbour ; ¹⁹ And Jesus said.

II. THE LORD'S PARABLE.—30-32. Jesus answering ; literally, "taking him up," that is, to reply to him. A certain man ; likely a real person. Was going down (Rev. Ver.) It is a descent of over 3,000 feet from Jerusalem to Jericho. See Geography Lesson. Stripped him ; besides plundering him. Beat him (Rev. Ver.) ; to disable him. A certain priest ; perhaps on his way home after his turn of service at the temple in Jerusalem. Saw him ; so that there could be no plea of ignorance. Passed by etc. ; literally, "went by opposite."



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In like manner a Levite ; one of the assistants to the priests, also chosen from the tribe of Levi 33-35. A certain Samaritan. Samaria lay in