

see it. I cannot come. I pray thee to excuse me."

Another said: "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to try them. I pray thee, excuse me."

Another said: "I have married a wife. I cannot come. Pray, excuse me." Not one of those guests would come.

The owner of the house was very angry. He said to his servant: "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city. Bring in the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind."

The servant went out and did his master's bidding. Then he said, "Lord, I have gathered these in, yet still there is room."

The master said, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and gather all in, that my house may be filled."

Now Jesus, by telling this story, wanted to teach what God's invitation to heaven is like. The Pharisees thought that this invitation was meant only for respectable people like themselves, but Jesus taught them that it was meant also for the publicans and other people whom the Pharisees despised, and not for the Jews alone, but for the people in every country the world over.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What invitation did Jesus receive?
2. By whom was the invitation given?
3. What did Jesus do? 4. What made Him sorry? 5. What did He say? 6. Who did He tell the master of the house should be invited to his feasts? 7. Who would reward him for this? 8. About what did Jesus tell a story? 9. To whom were invitations to the supper sent? 10. How did they treat the invitations? 11. What did the one who made the feast do then? 12. What did Jesus teach by this story? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Whosoever heareth, shout, shout the sound,
Send the blessed tidings all the world around!
Spread the joyful news wherever man is found,
'Whosoever will' may come!

'Whosoever will! whosoever will!'

Send the proclamation over vale and hill;

'Tis a loving Father calls the wanderer home:

'Whosoever will' may come. Amen.

—Hymn 457, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—81. Which is the Fifth Commandment? The Fifth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother." 82. What is it to honour our father and mother? To honour our father and mother is to love and obey them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—88. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption? A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are His ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

The Question on Missions

(Second Quarter, OUR HONAN MISSION.)—

1. Where is our Honan Mission? Honan is a province in North Central China. That part of it lying north of the Yellow River, comprising one-fifth of its total area, and containing about 14,000 square miles, is called North Honan. Our church is entirely responsible for mission work in this section of Honan.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the drawing of a blind man, and think how thankful you ought to be that you can see



all the beautiful things in the world, and find your way about. And how ready you should be to help those who cannot see.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I NEED A SAVIOUR