

A. D. 30.]

LESSON IV. THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS.

[April 26.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Luke 16, 13.

Authorized Version.

Luke 16. 19-31.

[Commit to memory verses

25, 26.]

[Read the chapter, Luke 16.]

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day :

20 And there was a certain beggar named Laz'a-rus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table : moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into A'bra-ham's bosom : the rich man also died, and was buried ;

23 And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth A'bra-ham afar off, and Laz'a-rus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father A'bra-ham, have mercy on me, and send Laz'a-rus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue ; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But A'bra-ham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Laz'a-rus evil things : but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed : so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot ; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house :

28 For I have five brethren ; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 A'bra-ham saith unto him, They have Mo'ses and the prophets ; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father A'bra-ham : but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Mo'ses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Revised Version.

19 Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, faring

20 sumptuously every day : and a certain beggar named Laz'a-rus was laid at his gate, full of

21 sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table ; yea, even the

22 dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and that he was

23 carried away by the angels into A'bra-ham's bosom : and the rich man also died, and was

24 buried. And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth A'bra-ham afar

25 off, and Laz'a-rus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father A'bra-ham, have mercy on

26 me, and send Laz'a-rus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue ;

27 for I am in anguish in this flame. But A'bra-ham said, Son, remember that thou in thy life-

28 time receivest thy good things, and Laz'a-rus in like manner evil things : but now here he is

29 comforted, and thou art in anguish. And be- side all this, between us and you there is a

30 great gulf fixed, that they which would pass from hence to you may not be able, and that

31 none may cross over from thence to us. And he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou

32 wouldest send him to my father's house ; for I have five brethren ; that he may testify unto

33 them, lest they also come into this place of tor- ment. But A'bra-ham saith, They have Mo'ses

34 and the prophets ; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father A'bra-ham : but if one go

35 to them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Mo'ses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, if one rise from the dead.

TIME.—A. D. 30 (probably). **ENVIRON-
MENT.**—This parable was uttered by our Lord somewhere in Perea, during his last journey to Je-
rusalem. It is given only by Luke.

HOME READINGS.

M. The Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16, 19-31.

Tu. Dangerous ease. Amos 6, 1-8.

W. Unsafe trusting. Luke 12, 13-21.

Th. Wealth without goodness. Eccles. 6.

F. "Love not the world." 1 John 2, 8-17.

S. Treasure in heaven. Matt. 6, 19-34.

S. The eternal reward. Matt. 25, 31-46.

LESSON HYMNS.

No. 248, New Canadian Hymnal.

Give me the wings of faith to rise,
Within the veil, and see.

No. 235, New Canadian Hymnal.

Who are these arrayed in white.

Brighter than the noon-day sun !

No. 243, New Canadian Hymnal.

Sitting by the gateway of a palace fair,

Once a child of God was left to die.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

I. Our Lord's View of a Palace, v. 19-21.

What class in antiquity was robed in purple ?
Was it sinful to live, like the rich man, a life of
banquets ?

Were there many beggars in the ancient Orient ?
Why was this one laid at the rich man's gate ?

For what portion of the rich man's food did Laz-
arus hunger ?