

## Lesson IX.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS WORK

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**LESSON SETTING**—The lesson is a portion of our Lord's farewell discourse to his disciples.**GOLDEN TEXT**—He shall teach you all things.—John 14 : 26.

\*Memorize John 1 : 6-14.

**THE LESSON PASSAGE**—John 15 : 26, 27 ; 16 : 7-14.  
Study John 15 : 26 to 16 : 14.

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me :

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Ch. 16 : 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth ; It is expedient for you that I go away : for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you ; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment :

Revised Version—bear witness of me ; go ; he, when ; behold ; hath been ; shall ; from ; what things that are to come ; take ; declare.

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me ;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more ;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth : for he shall not speak of himself ; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak : and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me : for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

## HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—The Comforter promised, John 14 : 15-25.

T.—The Holy Spirit and his work, John 15 : 26, 27 ; 16 : 7-14.

W.—The Spirit's descent, Acts 2 : 1-13.

S.—The Spirit's revealing, 1 Cor. 2 : 9-16.

Th.—The Spirit's illumination, Acts 2 : 14-24.

F.—The operation of the Spirit, Rom. 8 : 1-11.

S.—The intercession of the Spirit, Rom. 8 : 12-19, 24-27.

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

**I. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS WITNESS.**—26, 27. The Comforter ; a title of the Holy Spirit. A better translation of the Greek word is "Advocate," literally, "one called to help another," whether as counsel in a court of law, or as a friend who can give assistance. Whom I will send. Here it is the Son who sends

the Holy Spirit from the Father. In ch.

14 : 16 the Father

sends in answer to

the Son's prayer. In

ch. 14 : 26 the Father

sends in the

Son's name. These

are three ways of

expressing that the

sending of the Holy

Spirit is the act of

both Father and

Son who are one.

Spirit of truth ;

that is, the Spirit

who reveals the

truth about Christ and

brings it home to the

hearts of men. Testify

of me. The Holy Spirit

is Christ's chief

witness. Ye also. The

disciples were to bear

witness, both of the

facts within their

knowledge and the

truths which the Spirit

should reveal to them.

From the beginning ;

the commencement of

our Lord's earthly

ministry.

Ch. 16 : 1-6 describes

the sufferings which

the disciples would

have to endure.

**II. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS COMFORTER.**—7.

Nevertheless . . . expedient

for you, etc. ; better for

you. For if . . . not . . . Comforter will not come. Jesus must return to heaven, before the Holy Spirit can come to do his great work in and through the followers of Jesus. If I go, I will send him (Rev. Ver.) ; so that, through him, the grace and power of Jesus might be everywhere in the hearts of believers.

**III. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS JUDGE.**

—8, 9. He will

convict (Rev. Ver.)

the world (that is,

those not saved

through Christ) ;

prove to them that

God's law condemns

them, and show

them the way of

salvation. Of sin,

because, etc. To

be saved, men must

first of all know that

they are sinners ;

and not believing in

Jesus, God's Son, is

singled out as the

darkest sin, the

root of all other sins.

It was this sin that

led men to nail him to

the awful cross.

10, 11. Of righteousness, because, etc. Jesus

is perfectly righteous in God's sight, and when we

believe in Jesus, God looks upon us also as righteous

for his sake, 2 Cor. 5 : 21. Of judgment, because, etc.

Satan's (the prince of this world) kingdom is under

sentence to be destroyed, and all belonging to it must

perish, unless Jesus saves them. It is the work of the

Holy Spirit in missions to bring these truths home to



THE LAST SUPPER : Raphael

Jesus, God's Son, is singled out as the darkest sin, the root of all other sins. It was this sin that led men to nail him to the awful cross.

\* For the recitation of the Scripture Memory Passages in either Part of List IV., a Red Seal is added to the Diploma in Colors given for List III., and a Gold Seal for the verses of the other Part. For Form of Application, apply to Rev. J. C. Robertson, our General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

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