

Jesus, but not knowing which way to turn to accomplish their purpose ; and Jesus, with a keenness, which rises to a white heat of wrath in chapter 23, pressing home His questions about the Christ. Their dilemma would be laughable, if it were not so tragic. Let them say : "Christ is the Son of David and nothing more," and they will be denying their own Scriptures. Let them acknowledge that He is David's "Lord," and they will be conceding the claim of this Man from Nazareth. It is not from wisdom, but in sheer helplessness that they hold their peace.

These three thoughts should be pressed home. (1) All else is worthless, if we fall short in love (1 Cor. 13 : 13) ; (2) Insincerity is the highway to failure and humiliation ; (3) The only honest course, when we perceive that Christ makes good His claim to be our Lord, is like Thomas to cry, "My Lord and my God." (John 20 : 28.)

Prove From Scripture

That we should love God supremely.

Topics for Brief Papers

- (To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)
1. The Pharisees and Sadducees and their enmity to Jesus.
 2. The two great commandments.
 3. Show that Jesus is Divine.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Connection—Speak of "introductions"—what do they mean? Do you remember who the people were who asked Philip to "introduce" them to Jesus? What did

they say? What did Philip do? What did Jesus say? Does Jesus want everybody to be introduced to Him? What does He want those who know Him to do?

A little Sunday School girl asked her father to pray. He said he could not, as he did not know Jesus. She said : "Come to my Sunday School ; my teacher will introduce you to him." Have you been trying to introduce anybody to Jesus?

Introduction—To-day we are going to hear more about this wonderful friend, Jesus. Every fresh thing we hear about Him just helps to show how worthy

The Catechism Question

How the Sabbath is to be kept. These seven points embrace the substance of the answer. Each one will bear elaboration, if there should be time.

1. The Sabbath is to be sanctified, *i. e.*, set apart from common to sacred uses. (Ex. 20 : 8.)

2. It is to be a day of rest. (Ex. 20 : 10.) To work on the Sabbath day is to profane it.

3. It is to be a holy resting, in holy obedience to God's command, with the holy purpose of honoring God, and of promoting one's own holiness of heart and life.

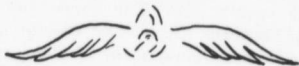
4. It is to be an all day rest. From evening till evening the Jews kept the Sabbath. There are no hours excepted in the commandment.

5. The rest is to be a complete rest—from all worldly recreation as well as all worldly work. (Neh. 13 : 15-22 is instructive.)

6. It is to be a day for worship ; and if worship be a joy, the day will be all too short.

7. It is to be a day of work ; but of work only that is *absolutely necessary*, or that is for the help and relief of those who need (Matt. 12 : 12.)

see Lesson



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