

LESSON IX—May 30th, 1897.

Christian Faith leads to Good Works. JAMES 2: 14-23.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

14. What does Christ say about hearing and doing? (Matt. 7: 26; read Jas. 1: 22-25). What question in profit and loss did Christ ask? (Mark. 8: 36). Where did Paul say gain was to be found? (1 Tim. 6: 5, 6). What kind of faith, does Paul say is alone worth anything? (Gal. 5: 6; 1 Thess. 1: 3).

15, 16. How would Job's faith stand this test? (Job. 31: 19, 20). That of the early church? (Acts 11: 29). When will this test be finally applied to all? (Matt. 25: 34-45).

17. Can there be true love without loving deeds? (1 John 3: 18; Ezek. 33: 31; Rom. 12: 9; 1 Pet. 1: 22). What was done to the servant who had a talent and did not use it? (Matt. 25: 28).

18. By what will we be judged at last? (Rev. 20: 12). What does Christ say of those who make loud professions, but do not obey him? (Matt. 7: 22, 23).

19. Where is the unity of the God-head distinctly taught? (Deut. 6: 4; Neh. 9: 6; Mark 12: 29, 32; Rom. 3: 30; 1 Cor. 8: 6). Where have evil spirits declared their belief in God? (Matt. 8: 29; Mark 1: 24; 5: 7; Luke 4: 34; Acts 16: 17; 19: 15). What more is required of men? (Matt. 22: 37; 1 John 4: 18; Rom. 8: 15, 16).

21. In what did Abraham display faith when offering Isaac? (Heb. 11: 17-19). Why was Abraham's faith tried? (Gen. 22: 1).

22. Illustrate the phrase "made perfect" as meaning "shown to be real" (1 John 4: 7; Heb. 2: 10; 5: 9; 2 Cor. 12: 9).

23. Where is Abraham called God's friend? (2 Chr. 20: 7; Isa. 41: 8). Illustrate "imputing" as laying anything to one's account (2 Sam. 19: 19; 2 Cor. 6: 19; Lev. 17: 3, 4). When we believe in Christ what is "imputed" to us? (Rom. 3: 22, 24; 5: 19; 8: 1).

LESSON X—June 6th, 1897.

Sins of the tongue. JAS. 3: 1-13.

1. Did our Saviour condemn those who were ambitious to be religious leaders? (Matt. 23: 8, 14). What does Paul say of those who did not practice what they taught? (Rom. 2: 20, 21). What does Peter say about overbearing pastors? (1 Pet. 5: 3). What does Christ say about censorious teachers? (Luke 6: 37). Shew that position carries with it responsibility. (Jer. 17: 10; Luke 12: 48; Jas. 2: 13; Heb. 2: 2, 3).

2. None are free from sin (1 Kings 8: 46; Prov. 20: 9; Ecc. 7: 20; 1 John 1: 8, 10). Where are we specially warned against sins of speech? (Ps. 34: 13; ch. 1: 26; 1 Pet. 3: 10). May our speech be taken as a true index of our character? (Matt. 12: 37).

5. What is said of the tongue of the wise? (Prov. 12: 18; 15: 2). How are the boastful described? (Ps. 73: 8, 9). What judgment will befall them? (Ps. 12: 3).

6. What did Christ say of the defiling effects of evil speech? (Matt. 15: 11, 18-20; Mark 7: 15, 20, 23). What advice does Peter give regarding our speech? (1 Pet. 3: 10; 2: 1).

8. Where are evil tongues compared to poisonous serpents? (Ps. 140: 3; Ecc. 10: 11).

10. What is the best cure for the evils of the tongue? (Prov. 16: 23; 4: 23; Matt. 12: 34; Luke 6: 43-45).

12. Commendations of meekness (Prov. 14: 29; 15: 1; 16: 30; 1 Cor. 13: 7; Gal. 5: 22, 23, 26; Jas. 1: 4; 1 Pet. 3: 4; 2 Pet. 1: 5).