

Lesson X.

THE TWELVE SENT FORTH

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Matt. 9: 35 to 10: 8—Memory Verses, 9: 36-38.

Golden Text—It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.—Matt. 10: 20.



35 And Je'sus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Ch. 10: 1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first Si'mon, who is called Pe'ter, and And'rew his brother; James the son of Zeb'edee, and John his brother;

3 Phil'ip, and Barthol'omew; Thom'as, and Matth'ew the publican; James the son of Alphæ'us, 4 Si'mon the Ca'naanite, and Ju'das

and Lebba'eus, whose surname was Thaddæ'us; Iscar'iot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelve Je'sus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gen'tiles, and into any city of the Samar'itans enter ye not:

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Is'rael.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus was walking about among the towns and villages of Galilee working His wonderful cures and preaching the good news, His disciples were generally with Him.

Though Jesus was so busy talking to the crowds and curing every kind of sickness, yet He spent much time teaching and training these chosen ones for the work they must do.

As Jesus looked sometimes at the numbers

of people who crowded to hear Him, He said to the disciples, "These people are wandering as sheep who have no leader. They are as ready to be taught as ripe grain is to be gathered in harvest. But the harvesters are few. Pray all of you to God to send forth His reapers."

Soon after this Jesus called the twelve disciples to be preachers and to go everywhere saying: "The kingdom of God is near at hand."