

IV. The Good-Ground Hearers. vs. 8, 9.

Where did another part of the seed fall?
What was the result?

Who are they that receive the seed into good ground?

What is it to bear fruit?

What kind of fruit should the word of God produce in our lives? Ps. 119 : 11 ; Gal. 5 : 22, 23 ; John 15 : 18.

What must we do if we would have a heart like good ground?

How is the word to be read and heard that it may become effectual to salvation?

What Have I Learned?

1. That, as it is a great privilege to hear the gospel, we must take heed how we hear?

2. That we should prepare our hearts by casting out everything that is contrary to the word.

3. That we should not let the world creep into our hearts to destroy the good Christ plants there.

4. That we must prize the word of God, hear it prayerfully with faith, and receive it gladly as news from heaven.

Dec. 11.—Matt. 13 : 24-30 : Memory vs. 27-30.

Parable of the Tares.

GOLDEN TEXT.—MATT. 13 : 39. **CATECHISM.** Q. 52.

Introductory.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

What is the title of this lesson?

Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place?

Recite the memory verses? The Catechism.

I. The Sowing of the Tares. vs. 24, 25.

To what is the kingdom of heaven likened?

Who is the sower? v. 37.

What is the field? v. 38.

The good seed? v. 38.

What are tares?

Who sowed the tares?

When?

Who are meant by the tares? v. 38.

By the sower of the tares?

II. The Growing of the Tares. vs. 26, 27.

When did the tares appear?

What was the difference between the wheat and the tares?

What is the difference between God's people and Satan's? Matt. 7 : 16-20.

What did the householder's servants say to him?

What was his reply?

III. The Burning of the Tares. vs. 28-30.

What did the servants propose?

Why did he say, Nay?

What was his command?

What should, then, be done?

What does the harvest represent? v. 30.

Who are the reapers?

Who shall be gathered out of the kingdom?

What shall be their fate?

What shall be the condition of the righteous?

What Have I Learned?

1. That there is a mixture of good and evil in the Church.

2. That the enemy, the devil, is always ready to sow his seed in our souls.

3. That it is often hard to tell the good from the bad, but the end will show the difference.

4. That in the end of the world Christ will separate the bad from the good and each shall go to his own place.

Dec. 18.—Matt. 13:31-33,44-52. Memory vs.41-46.

Other Parables.

GOLDEN TEXT.—MATT. 13 : 49. **CATECHISM.** Q. 53.

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Recite memory verses. Catechism.

I. Small Beginnings. vs. 31-33.

To what seed did Jesus liken the kingdom of heaven?

What is said of this seed when sown?

How does this represent the kingdom in its beginning?

How does the Church resemble the mustard-seed in its growth?

Repeat the next parable.

What do you learn from it?