

Lesson X.

THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

September 6, 1914

Mark 12 : 28-34, 41-44. Study Mark 12 : 28-44. Read Matthew 22 : 23-46. *Commit to memory vs. 29-31.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind ; and thy neighbour as thyself.—Luke 10 : 27.

28 And one of the scribes came, and ¹ having heard them ² reasoning together, and ³ perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, ⁴ Which is the first commandment of all ?

29 ⁵ And Je'sus answered ⁶ him, The first ⁷ of all the commandments is, Hear, O Is'rael ; The Lord our ⁸ God is one Lord :

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength : ⁹ this is the first commandment.

31 ¹⁰ And the second ¹¹ is like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, ¹² Well, Master, thou hast ¹³ said the truth : for there is one God ; and there is none other but he :

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, ¹⁴ and with all the soul, and with

Revised Version—¹ Omit having ; ² questioning ; ³ knowing ; ⁴ What commandment is the first of all ; ⁵ Omit And ; ⁶ Omit him ; ⁷ Omit four words ; ⁸ God, the Lord is one ; ⁹ Omit rest of verse ; ¹⁰ is this ; ¹¹ Of a truth, Master ; ¹² well said that he is one ; and ; ¹³ Omit five words ; ¹⁴ much more ; ¹⁵ he sat down over against ; ¹⁶ multitude ; ¹⁷ Omit certain ; ¹⁸ cast in ; ¹⁹ said ; ²⁰ Omit That ; ²¹ Omit hath ; ²² in more ; ²³ are casting ; ²⁴ they all ; ²⁵ superfluous.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Two Commandments, 28-34.
II. The Two Mites, 41-44.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 56 Old Bailey, London, England.)

M.—The great commandments, Mark 12 : 28-34.
T.—The great commandments, Mark 12 : 35-44. W.—Love not in word but in deed, 1 John 3 : 14-24. Th.—The law in one word, Gal. 5 : 13-18. F.—Ministry to others, 2 Cor. 9 : 1-7. S.—To obey better than sacrifice, 1 Sam. 15 : 18-23. S.—Love thy neighbor as thyself, Lev. 19 : 9-18.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 94-100.

The Question on Missions—10. Are there enough workers and schools ? No, many villages have neither schools nor religious teachers. Thousands of children are growing to be men and women without learning

all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is ¹⁵ more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Je'sus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

41 And ¹⁶ Je'sus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the ¹⁷ people cast money into the treasury : and many that were rich cast in much.

42 And there came a ¹⁸ certain poor widow, and she ¹⁹ threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

43 And he called unto him his disciples, and ²⁰ saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, ²¹ That this poor widow ²² hath cast ²³ more in, than all they which ²⁴ have cast into the treasury :

44 For ²⁵ all they did cast in of their ²⁶ abundance ; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

about Je'sus. In many cases people beg the missionaries to go to them ; but there are neither enough men nor money.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 449 (Supplemental Lesson), 187, 183, 10 (Ps. Sel.), 229 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 180.

Special Scripture Reading—Mal. 3 : 1-10. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 179, The Widow's Mite. For Question on Missions, S. 77, Merry Boys of a Heathen Village. (These Slides are obtained from Rev. D. M. Ramsay, D.D., Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 95 Queen St. East, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen. Schools desiring slides made may procure them on short notice by sending negatives, prints or photographs. Slides are colored to order.)

Stereographs—For Lesson, Samaritan High Priest with the Pentateuch Roll at Shechem (Underwood & Underwood, Dept. D., 62 Adelaide St. East, Toronto), set of 12 stereographs for this Quarter's Lessons, \$2.00. Three for September, 50c. ; less than three in one order, 20c. each ; stereoscopes, 85c. (postage or express is prepaid on all orders for stereographs or stereoscopes.) In ordering please be sure to mention THE TEACHERS MONTHLY.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

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Time and Place—Tuesday, April 4, A.D. 30 ; the temple at Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—The last Lesson (Matt. 22 ; 15-22) dealt with the question of the Pharisees and Herodians about tribute. This was followed by the Sadducees' question about the resurrection, vs. 18-27 ; Matt. 22 : 23-33 ; Luke 20 : 27-40. Then comes the Lesson for to-day.

I. The Two Commandments, 28-34.

V. 28. *One of the scribes* ; those whose business it was to explain and apply the law

of Moses. Matthew tells us (Matt. 22 : 34, 35) that he was a Pharisee and that his purpose was to test the skill of Jesus. *Heard . . . questioning together* (Rev. Ver.) ; that is, Jesus and the Sadducees, vs. 18-27. *Answered them well.* Jesus had put the Sadducees to silence, Matt. 22 : 34. *What commandment* (Rev. Ver.) ; literally, "What kind of commandment." There were two kinds of laws amongst the Jews—first, those which related to such matters as circumcision, Sabbath-keeping and the like, and secondly,

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.