

should read-it in connection with what follows. It is in the ninth volume of the American reprint of Spurgeon's Sermons.)

Write on the blackboard, **JESUS, MOSES, ELIJAH**. Suppose when the disciples had looked up they found that all three had vanished (wipe out the names), what a terrible disappointment that would have been? There would have been no cross of Calvary and no Saviour for sinners. (Write the names again.) Suppose when they looked up they saw only **MOSES** (wipe out the other two names), what would that have meant? That the law of Moses remained a permanent institution for mankind. Like the Jews of to-day, we should have no one who had taken away the curse of the law, having been made a curse for us. Suppose when they looked up they saw only **ELIJAH**. He would have represented reformation but not salvation. He could urge to decision, but could not save. He could say "How long halt ye between two opinions," but not "Come unto Me." He could point Godward, but could not lift us heavenward. Suppose all three had remained, **MOSES, ELIJAH, JESUS**, and all three had come down with them, would that have been better than "Jesus only"? No. They would have turned the eyes of some away from Jesus. Others would have tried to make up parties and sects, claiming the one or the other as leader, as at Corinth afterwards. Better far as it was. We now see Moses and Elijah vanish into heaven, and Jesus, only, Jesus wholly, remain with us. "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ." So we wipe out all the rest and leave



LESSON VI — February 10th.

Christ and the Children. MATT. 18: 1-14.

(Commit to memory verses 2-4.)

GOLDEN TEXT.

"It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." Matt. 18:14.

PROVE THAT

The children of God's people are the objects of God's special favor. Isa. 44: 3-5.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Quest. 8. *How does God execute his decrees?* A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

LESSON HYMNS.

CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, Nos. 34, 214, 32, 215.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Christ and the Children; Matt. 18: 1-14. *Tuesday.* In His Arms; Mark 9: 33-37. *Wednesday.* Blessing the Children; Mark 10: 13-16. *Thursday.* Taught of the Lord; Isa. 54: 11-17. *Friday.* How to be Great; Matt. 20: 20-28. *Saturday.* The Humble Spirit; 1 Peter 5: 1-7. *Sabbath.* Christ's Humility; Phil. 2: 1-11. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY. The day after the Transfiguration our Lord healed a demoniac boy whom the disciples could not cure (Mark 9: 14-29). He then returned to Capernaum where the temple tribute-money was demanded and miraculously provided for (Matt. 17: 24-27). Our lesson immediately follows the narrative of this incident. Parallel passages, Mark 9: 33-50; Luke 9: 46-50.

LESSON PLAN. I. Be Humble. vs. 1-5. II. Hate Sin. vs. 6-10. III. God Loves you. vs. 11-14.