

Responsive Review Service for the Second Quarter.

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I. The Marriage Feast.

Supt. In the opening lesson of the quarter we find a similitude taken from natural things to instruct us in the knowledge of spiritual things. What is this?

School. The parable of "The Wedding Feast."

Supt. What is the Golden Text?

School. "Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

Supt. Mention some of the important truths of this parable.

First Scholar. As in the parable the king made a marriage for his son and sent his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding, and they would not come, so the King of kings sent his prophets and teachers to his chosen people inviting them to a feast of pardon and peace upon the merits of his Son Jesus Christ and they refused, and so to-day do the thoughtless and careless reject the Saviour.

School. "To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Second Scholar. As in the parable the king found those who were first called unworthy to taste of his supper and furnished his table with guests from among the poor and the meek of his kingdom, so must God ever reject the self-righteous, the proud, and the unbelieving, and gather to himself the lowly, the loving, and the trustful.

School. "For God resisteth the proud and giveth grace unto the humble."

Third Scholar. If we would find acceptance with Christ we must come to him in the way of his appointments, putting off our own garments of self-righteousness, and putting on the pure white raiment he has prepared for all who love him and do his works.

School. "And they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy."

II.—Christ's Last Warning.

Supt. To whom was Christ's last warning, the theme of the second lesson, more particularly spoken?

School. To the scribes and Pharisees before whom he stood.

Supt. How does he speak of their righteousness?

School. "Ye outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

Supt. Why did Christ utter the terrible denunciations contained in this lesson?

School. To open the eyes of the people to their great wickedness, for they were spiritually blind, and to warn others not to be like them.

Supt. What is the Golden Text of this lesson?

School. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Supt. Does every one need to utter this petition?

School. Yes, "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

III. Christian Watchfulness.

Supt. In lesson third what Christian duty does Christ particularly enjoin upon his followers?

School. The duty of watchfulness.

Supt. How does the Golden Text show that this admonition was universal.

School. "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

Supt. What are some of the reasons given in this lesson for watchfulness?

Fourth Scholar. But know this, that if the Goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. He who is watchful keeps the door of his soul constantly barred against sin, but stands ready to admit the Master.

Supt. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?"

Fifth Scholar. It is he who is faithful to the trust the Lord hath imposed, who is ever watchful for the good of others, constantly striving to promote both their spiritual and temporal welfare.

School. "Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

Supt. "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken?"

Sixth Scholar. If a servant of the Lord prove unworthy and faithless to his trust, turning aside to the

vain pleasures and sins of the world, then shall he be visited not with reward but punishment.

School. "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent."

HYMN 200. (No. 209, Epworth Hymnal.)

IV. The Ten Virgins.

Supt. In the parable of lesson fourth we find the kingdom of heaven likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Of what is this parable typical?

School. Of the coming of Christ to receive his own.

Supt. Who are the virgins?

School. This term may be applied to all who have come to a knowledge of gospel truth.

Supt. Who are the wise among the virgins?

School. They who are "wise unto salvation." They take oil in their vessels with their lamps. Oil is a symbol of grace in the heart.

Supt. Who are the foolish?

School. They who hear about with them only the empty lamp of profession.

Supt. What is the Golden Text of the lesson?

School. "And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut."

Supt. What does this shutting of the door mean to all who are within?

School. That they are shut away from the trials, sorrows, and temptations of this temporal life. They are at home with Christ; they shall go no more out forever; for they have entered upon their eternal rest.

Supt. What does the shutting of the door mean to those who are without?

School. They are alone in darkness and dread, shut out from the blessedness and peace upon which the others have entered, and burdened with senseless regret over misspent time and wasted opportunities.

V. The Talents.

Supt. In lesson fifth, containing the parable of the talents, we learn that there was not an equal division made among the servants, but that one received five talents, another two, and another one. What is the spiritual meaning of this?

School. That God bestows gifts upon his children according to their capability of using them for his glory.

Supt. What words of commendation does he bestow upon the faithful?

School. "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Supt. Who among Christ's followers will receive his greatest blessing in the day of final reckoning?

School. They who have borne with them through life the most loving hearts and the most willing hands.

Supt. How will it be with those who deny that they owe any duty to God or their fellow-men?

School. As the one talent was taken from this wicked servant and given unto him who had ten talents, so will all those who refuse to improve the gifts God has bestowed behold another receive the reward which might have been theirs had they striven to obtain it.

Supt. How does the Golden Text speak of the reward of the faithful?

School. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

HYMN. No. 258, Epworth Hymnal.)

"When that glorious morn shall come," etc.

VI. The Judgment.

Supt. In the sixth lesson of the quarter we have for a subject "The Judgment." What is the Golden Text?

School. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

Supt. Who is our spiritual Judge?

School. Christ. "For the Father judgeth not man; but hath committed all judgment unto the Son."

Supt. With what words of welcome does he receive those found at his right hand?

School. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world."

Supt. Who are they upon his left hand, from whom he turns away?

School. They are those who have never shown any kindness to his people for his sake, who have never