

Lesson X.

THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE

September 8, 1912

Matthew 9 : 35 to 10 : 15. Study Matthew 9 : 35 to 10 : 15 ; 10 : 40 to 11 : 1
—Memory Verses, 7, 8.

Golden Text—He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.—Matthew 10 : 40.



10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves : for the workman is worthy of his meat.

11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy ; and there abide till ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it : but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sod'om and Gomor'ra in the day of judgment, than for that city.

THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus went about through the land, teaching the people and healing their diseases, His heart was filled with sorrow, for they seemed to have no strong leaders among them, and no faithful teachers to tell them the things of God and His kingdom.

So Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him, that He might send them out to preach the gospel and to heal diseases. Now the names of the twelve apostles were, Simon Peter, and his brother Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, James the son of Alphæus and Lebbæus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who afterwards betrayed Him. These twelve the Master sent forth as the first missionaries, to do His work, and

35 And Je'sus went about all the cities and vil-lages, 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 diciples, 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 An'drew 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*, and Lebbæ'us, whose surname was Thaddæ'us ;

4 Si'mon the Ca'naanite, and Ju'das Iscariot, 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.

9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

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before they went, He told them what they were to do.

"On this journey", He said, "you are not to go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, but only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, warn them that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and that Christ has come to save all that believe in Him. You shall be given power to heal the sick, to make the lepers well and to raise the dead. Give freely of all that has been so freely given to you."

Jesus also told His disciples not to take money or food with them for their journey. All they needed would be provided for them, because they were doing His work. When they entered a city or town, they were to