

COURSE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR 1853.

FIRST SERIES.

- July 3.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mat. v. 1-12 *To be committed*—James i. 17, 18. *Subject*—The Beatitudes. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Illustrate the beatitudes in whole or in part.
- July 10.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mat. v. 13-16. *To be committed*—Eph. v. 8, 9. *Subject*—What believers should be to the world. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Employ the two analogies, salt and light, to illustrate the position, and duty, and responsibility of Christians toward them that are without. How God is glorified.
- July 17.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mat. xviii. 21-35. *To be committed*—Eph. iv. 32. *Subject*—Servant in duty. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—The day of retributions—and the motive, Eph. i. 32.
- July 24.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mat. xxii. 1-14. *To be committed*—Luk. xviii. 13. *Subject*—Worship heart. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Those who lay up their treasure on earth are deaf to the offers of the Gospel—ven persecute its messengers—joined to their idols, they are let alone—Gospel to the poor—came to heal the sick—not having our own righte usness—accepted in the beloved—the spirit of the publican's prayer.
- July 31.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luk. xii. 13-21. *To be committed*—Mat. vi. 19-21. *Subject*—The Treasure on Earth. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Per- vading worldliness—the man was one of an assembly hearing Jesus speak of heavenly things, but his heart was on the world, and at the first pause put it in—this sin rebuked in the parable—the corruptible treasure.

SECOND SERIES.

- July 3.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts iii. 19-26. *To be committed*—Heb. iii. 4-6. *Subject*—Moses a servant,—Christ the Son. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Christ in suffering has fulfilled the covenant, therefore rejoyce—there is hope—how sin blotted out—refreshing—drops on way, but a river makes glad the city of God—the presence of the Lord is enough.—The prophet like Moses, Deut. xviii. 18, 19—Samuel—the promise to Abraham—the blessing is a turning away, &c.
- July 10.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts iv. 23-31. *To be committed*—Mat. xxvii. 18-20. *Subject*—Praise to God for deliverance. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Let go, they went to their own instinct of the new nature to be among the children of the family—thanks to God for deliverance—the King of Zion, Ps. ii—prophecy fulfilled—the prayer, not for punishment to ene- mies, but for boldness to them-selves—got what they asked, boldness.
- July 17.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts v. 1-11. *To be committed*—Ps. v. 4-5. *Sub- ject*—Ananias and Sapphira. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Ex. l in from preceding—where sin lay, not in keeping part of price, but in pete- nding they gave the whole—lying—danger of gliding on with a religious ri- val, and among the hypocrite—the narrative—the judgment of God—the fear of the people.
- July 24.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts v. 17-33. *To be committed*—John xv. 26, 27. *Subject*—Prince and Saviour. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Indigna- tion of Sadducees—Apostles preach the resurrection—imprisonment—deli- verance—God brings them out by an angel—and defends them when out by the people (v. 26), the shields of the earth are his—blood upon us—it is on the Jews in this sense (Mat. xxvii. 25)—Peter's preaching—a Prince and Saviour—the Spirit given.
- July 31.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts viii. 26-40. *To be committed*—Zeph. iii. 10. *Subject*—Philip and the Ethiopian. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—From Samaria, go to the desert—a work for him there—the Ethiopian—pr selyte—worshiper at the passover—had heard of Christ, and was searching the Word for proof (ch. xvii. 11)—read Isa. liii—Philip preached Jesus—the belief—the baptism—the gladness.

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