

day at the seventh hour (one o'clock p.m.). We can only conjecture the cause of the father's delay in reaching home. **The fever left him**; showing a sudden and decisive change.

**IV. THE HOUSEHOLD'S FAITH.—53, 54.** It was at the same hour. Jesus spoke the word at Cana. At Capernaum, 20 miles away, at the same moment the cure was wrought. Here is a power and knowledge more than human; here is a miracle! **Himself believed**; not only in the special promise (v. 50), but in Jesus as his Saviour. **And his whole house**; "the first converted family." **The second miracle**; that is, in Galilee. The first (ch 2 : 1-11) produced faith in the disciples; this, in the nobleman and his household.

## DAILY READINGS

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M.—The second miracle in Cana, John 4 : 43-54. T.—No honor, Mark 6 : 1-6. W.—At the feast, John 2 : 13-25. Th.—Requiring a sign, Matt. 12 : 38-45. F.—"The word only," Matt. 8 : 5-13. S.—Faith necessary, Heb. 11 : 1-6. S.—"As Thou wilt," Matt. 15 : 21-28.

**Prove from Scripture—That Jesus answers prayer.**

**Shorter Catechism—Ques. 63.** Which is the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment is, Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

**The Question on Missions—7.** Who were the first missionaries to foreign countries? Paul and Barnabas, who were sent forth from the church at Antioch, were the first foreign missionaries. (Acts 13 : 1-5.)

**Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 418** (Supplemental Lesson); 168; 80; 34 (Ps. Sel.); 38 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 152.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

**Juniors—How long did Jesus remain in Samaria? Whither did He then go?**

**43-45** Where had Jesus been teaching? Why is Judæa called "His own country"? How had its people treated Him? How did the Galileans receive Him? How had they heard of Him before?

**46-49** What miracle already wrought at Cana? Who now came to Jesus? What did he ask? How ill was his son? Where was he? How far from Cana? Where did the father think Jesus must go, to heal his son?

**50-52** With what words did Jesus comfort the

father? How did the man show his faith? Who met him on the way? With what news? When had the fever left the sick son?

**53, 54** At what hour had Jesus spoken the words of healing? Who believed in Jesus?

**Seniors and the Home Department—Where was Cana? Capernaum? To whom did the woman of Samaria testify of Jesus? With what result? The fruits of Jesus' teaching at Sychar?**

**43-45** Explain v. 44. On what ground did the Galileans welcome Jesus? What prophecy made concerning them? (Isa. 9 : 1, 2.)

**46-49** To whose court did "the nobleman" belong? Where did his master live? What two mistakes did the father make in regard to his son's healing? Why did Jesus seemingly rebuke him? Show that Jesus had knowledge of things without being present (ch. 11 : 11-13.)

**50-54** What is faith? What does it produce? (Rom. 5 : 1, 2; 1 Pet. 1 : 8.) What believers did Jesus pronounce blessed? (ch. 20 : 29.)

## THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. About the prophet without honor in his own country, Dr. Dods has this to say—the dry humor of it is as rich as its wisdom :—"Every one has seen the same thing a hundred times. A lad who has been despised as almost half-witted in his native place, goes up to London and makes a name for himself as poet, artist, or inventor, and when he returns to his village, everybody claims him as a cousin."

2. As the perfume of roses clings about the room where they have been, so the memory of a good deed does not perish.

3. When a hungry child asks for bread, or a wounded man for help, there is no round-about. Why not speak as straight to our blessed Saviour, who can fill our hungry souls with the bread of life, and can heal our deepest heart wounds; and loves to do it?

4. Some things are too profound to be explained, and other things too simple. No one needs to be told what faith in father or mother means. We trust them as naturally as we breathe. And it is such faith in Jesus—just trusting Him—that saves.

5. It is the ship that carries you across the Atlantic, not your trust in the ship or its captain. But without the trust you would not go aboard. It is Christ, not our faith, that saves us. But faith lays hold upon Christ.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why had Jesus left Judæa?.....

2. Why are miracles called signs?.....

3. What was the effect of this miracle?.....