

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD YEAR—1875—AUGUST.

THIRD QUARTER: TWELVE LESSONS IN JOHN.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1875.

LESSON V.—THE WATER OF LIFE. John 4.
5-15.

Berean Notes.

Leader. 5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

School. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well; and it was about the sixth hour.

L. 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

S. 8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

L. 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, asketh drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

S. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

L. 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

S. 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

L. 13. Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

S. 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

L. 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

HOME READINGS.

M. John 4. 5-15. Th. John 7. 28-39.

Tu. Isaiah 55. F. 1 Cor. 10. 1-13.

W. Jeremiah 17. 7-14. S. Psalm 42.

Sabbath. Revelations 22. 1-14.

TOPIC: *Help for the Thirsty Soul—Jesus the Water of Life.*

GOLDEN TEXT: *Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.* Isaiah 12. 3.

OUTLINE: 1. *The Well of Sychar.*
2. *The Well of Salvation.*

GENERAL STATEMENT.

That is a high type of piety which flows through the whole life, and into all its details. Such was the piety of Jesus. In this lesson we find him sitting beside Jacob's well at noon-day. He was weary, hungry, and thirsty. His disciples had gone into the city to buy meat, he had nothing with which to draw water, and thus he sat, waiting and resting. At this juncture a woman of the city came to draw water, and Jesus instantly seized the opportunity to impart unto her a spiritual blessing. From the water of that well, which would slake natural thirst, he leads her up to *The Water of Life*, named in our TITLE. Thus he links the two points of the OUTLINE: 1. THE WELL OF SYCHAR; 2. THE WELL OF SALVATION. Hence, too, arises the TOPIC: *Help for the thirsty soul—Jesus the water of life.* Because of Jesus' love, and the freeness of his salvation, we have the grand truth of our GOLDEN TEXT: "*Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.*" Isaiah 12. 3. The DOCTRINE suggested by the whole lesson is *The spiritual life.*

LESSON HYMN. 87, 87, 77.

Come to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners ruined by the fall!
Here a pure and holy fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,—
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Saviour died.

He that drinks shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood;
God is faithful; God will never
Break his covenant in blood,
Signal when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when he was glorified.