

Lesson X.

JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS—When Jesus and his disciples had landed on the western side of the lake, they went again to Capernaum.

GOLDEN TEXT—Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.—John 6 : 35.

*Memorize Isa. 55 : 13.

THE LESSON PASSAGE—John 6 : 24-37. Study John 6 : 22-40.

24 When the ¹ people therefore saw that Je'sus was not there, neither his disciples, they ² also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking ³ for Je'sus.

25 And when they ⁴ had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rab'bi, when camest thou hither ?

26 Je'sus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw ⁵ the miracles, but because ye ⁶ did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 ⁷ Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for ⁸ that meat which ⁹ endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you : for him ¹⁰ hath God the Father sealed.

28 ¹¹ Then said they unto him, What ¹² shall we do, that we ¹³ might work the works of God ?

29 Je'sus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What ¹⁴ sign shew-

Revised Version—¹ multitude ; ² themselves got into the boats, and came ; ³ Omit for ; ⁴ Omit had ; ⁵ signs ; ⁶ ate ; ⁷ Work not ; ⁸ the ; ⁹ abideth unto eternal life ; ¹⁰ the Father, even God, hath sealed ; ¹¹ They said therefore unto ; ¹² must ; ¹³ may ; ¹⁴ then doest thou for a sign ; ¹⁵ workest thou ; ¹⁶ ate the ; ¹⁷ wilderness ; ¹⁸ out of ; ¹⁹ Jesus therefore said ; ²⁰ It was not Moses that gave you the bread out of heaven ; ²¹ that which ; ²² Omit And ; ²³ not ; ²⁴ Omit also ; ²⁵ yet ; ²⁶ which ; ²⁷ unto.

† HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Jesus the bread of life, John 6 : 22-27.

T.—Jesus the bread of life, John 6 : 28-40.

W.—The life-giving bread, John 6 : 41-48.

S.—"They shall hunger no more," Rev. 7 : 9-17.

Th.—The Last Supper, Luko 22 : 7-20.

F.—"Come ye, buy and eat," Isa. 55 : 1-7.

S.—"Food convenient," Prov. 30 : 4-9.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. A GRACIOUS INVITATION.—24, 25.

The multitude who had been fed, when they found that Jesus had left the eastern shore of the lake, followed him in boats to Capernaum. Having found him, they asked, in wonder, how he had crossed the lake, knowing that the disciples had gone away without him.

26. Jesus answered . . . Verily, verily, words

which, on our Lord's lips, always introduce some serious and important matter. Ye seek me, not because ye saw signs (Rev. Ver.). The multitude had no desire for spiritual blessings, but only a greedy wish for more bodily food. Did eat . . . and were filled ; and they would have been well pleased, if Jesus had continued to give them food for their bodies.

27-29. Labour not for the meat (food) which perisheth ; like the loaves and fishes. But for . . . meat which endureth ; the food of the soul, which



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Him hath God the Father sealed. To seal means to attest, to witness to. The miracle just performed was a witness to Jesus' divine authority and power. He who had thus given them bread for their bodies could give them bread for their souls. What shall we do ? In order to do things pleasing to God. Believe on him . . . sent. The very first thing to do, if we would do things pleasing to God, is to listen believingly to the messenger sent to teach his will.

II. A WONDERFUL GIFT.—30-33. What sign,

will give undying life. Unto everlasting life. This spiritual food is not destroyed, but remains in the soul, giving continual strength and joy. The Son of man ; a title which expresses our Lord's sympathy with every human need. Shall give. The food that nourishes the soul's life is the free, personal gift of Christ, as was the food supplied on the preceding day.

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