

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS:
 Psa. i. 6. Matt. xi. 27. Psa. xxxi. 3.
 Mark ix. 38, 40. John vii. 40. 2 Tim. i. 12.
 Acts xix. 13. Jer. xxiii. 25, 26, 27, 28. Jer. xli. 5.
 Deut. xxviii. 31. John x. 14. Luke iv. 22.
 Matt. xvi. 18. James i. 22. John xvii. 3.
 2 Pet. i. 10.

OUTLINE:

- I. PROFESSION AND PRACTICE, v. 21, 23;
- II. THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK, v. 24;
- III. THE HOUSE ON THE SAND, v. 26; [v. 25, 27.
- IV. THE TRIAL OF THE STORM—SALVATION OR RUIN, v. 28, 29.
- V. THE WISDOMOUS TEACHER, v. 28, 29.

Recite *Title, Top c, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*

1. What does Jesus say of those who are merely outwardly religious? v. 21.
2. What must every true child of God do? v. 24.
3. What is meant by "in that day" in v. 22? [The judgment-day.]
4. What claim will many urge for admission into the joys of heaven? v. 24.
5. What will be the answer of the Judge? v. 23.
6. 2. To what "sayings" does v. 24 refer?
7. What is one called who carries out in his life the teachings of Jesus? v. 24.
8. What is the wise man represented as doing? v. 24.
9. Recite **GOLDEN TEXT.**
10. To what are those likened who neglect to do God's will? Why are they "foolish"?
11. What tried the foundations of both the wise and the foolish builders? v. 25, 27.
12. What great day of trial awaits all the living?

How must we build to be saved?
 5. How were the people affected by the teachings of Jesus? v. 23.

How is his teaching described in v. 29?
 What was the testimony of his enemies? [John vii. 46.]
 Where are we taught in this lesson—

1. That mere profession of religion will be of no avail in the judgment?
2. That a man's faith is seen in his life?
3. That men may live outward religious lives, and yet be finally lost.
4. That the foundation on which we build our lives should engage our most serious attention?
5. That neglect to do the will of God will insure our final ruin?
6. That there is a "Rock" upon whom all may build

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

7. *Where is it said in the Scriptures that God knows all things?*

See *Psalms cxxxix. 2-4.* Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassesst my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

8. *What more do the Scriptures teach you concerning God?*

The Scriptures teach me likewise concerning God that he is holy and righteous, faithful and true, gracious and merciful.

SABBATH, August 31.—LESSON IX.—Power to Forgive Sins.—Matt. ix. viii.

Leader. 1. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. Matt. iv. 13.

School. 2. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy: Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. Luke v. 18.

L. 3. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

S. 4. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? Psa. cxxxix. 2.

L. 5. For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?
S. 6. But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

L. 7. And he arose, and departed to his house.
S. 8. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

TOPIC—Forgiveness and salvation only in Jesus.

Golden Text—Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. Acts xiii. 33.

Home Readings.

- M. Matt. ix. 1-8.
- Th. Isa. i. 3-18.
- W. Mark iv. 30-41.
- Th. Jer. viii. 11-22.
- F. Acts iii. 1-12.
- S. 1 Kings viii. 33-50.
- N. Luke vii. 30-50.

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BIBLE SEARCHINGS:
 1 Kings xxi. 10. Psa. cxxxix. 1, 2. Acts x. 43.
 Matthew ix. 13; Luke vii. 34; v. 2. Lev. xxiv. 16.
 xxvi. 28. Psa. lxxvii. 3. Matt. xxvi. 65.
 John ix. 2, 3. Psa. ciii. 2. Acts iii. 6.
 1 Tim. i. 15. Luke xv. 7. Matt. xxi. 9.
 [Study also the parallel passages, Mark ii. 1-12; Luke v. 15-26.]

OUTLINE:

- I. GOOD CHEER FOR THE SUFFERING, v. 1, 2;
- II. THE ENVIUS BLASPHEMERS, v. 3-5;
- III. JESUS, THE OMNIPOTENT PHYSICIAN, v. 6, 7;
- IV. GLORY AND PRAISE FOR HIS LOVE AND POWER, v. 8.

- Recite *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*
1. What city was the scene of this miracle? [Mark ii. 1.]
 2. Why is it called "his own city"?
 3. What was Jesus doing there? [Mark ii. 2.]
 4. How did the palsied man reach Jesus? v. 2.
 5. Did they take more than ordinary pains in bringing this man within reach of help? [Mark ii. 4.]
 6. What did Jesus call the man? v. 2.
 7. What words of cheer did he give him? v. 2.
 8. 2. What did the Jews say concerning these words of Jesus? v. 3.
 9. Why did they consider it blasphemy? [John x. 33, 36.
 10. What is "blasphemy"?

Who only can forgive sin? [Dan. ix. 9; Micah vii. 18.
 What question did Jesus ask? v. 5.

Who were the real blasphemers?

How may we learn from this lesson—

1. That Jesus is in sympathy with the afflicted?
2. That we should come to him with our sinful hearts?
3. That when we have done all, we should wait for the Master's word?
4. That he is ready and willing to forgive us our sins?
5. That the secret thoughts of the heart are known to the Lord?
6. That Jesus is God, one with the Father?
7. That our faithful efforts and prayers for others avail with Jesus?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

9. *How does it appear from Scripture that he is holy and righteous?*

Ecclesiast. xv. 11. Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises doing wonders.
Psalms cxlv. 17. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

10. *How does it appear from the Scriptures that God is faithful and true?*

Numbers xxiii. 19. God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent.
Deuteronomy xxxii. 4. A God of truth and without iniquity; just and right is he.