

SABBATH, October 25th.—LESSON IV.—Blind Bartimeus.—Mark x. 46-52.

Leader. 46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimeus, the son of Timeus, sat by the highway side begging.

School. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

L. 48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

S. 49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be

called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

L. 50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

S. 51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

L. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

S. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

TOPIC—The Blind See.

Golden Text—Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Psa. cxix. 18.

OUTLINE:

I. THE CROWD IN THE HIGHWAY, v. 46; Luke xvi. 20, 22; John ix. 8.

II. THE CRY OF THE BEGGAR, v. 47; Matt. viii. 25; ix. 27; xx. 31; xxi. 9; Luke iv. 16; xviii. 36-37.

III. THE COMMAND OF CHRIST, v. 49, 50; Psa. cxiv. 8; John xi. 28; Heb. iv. 15.

IV. THE CONVERSATION, v. 51; 2 Chron. i. 7; Matt. vi. 8; Phil. iv. 6.

V. THE CURE, v. 52; Isa. xxix. 18-19; xlii. 16-18; Matt. ix. 22; Acts iii. 6.

QUESTIONS, &c.—How was Bartimeus afflicted? May we have our natural eye-sight, and yet be spiritually blind? What should be the prayer of those who are soul-blind? [GOLDEN TEXT.]

1. The Crowd in the Highway.—

From what city did this highway lead?
Where is Jericho?

[Ans. About twenty miles north-east of Jerusalem.]

Why was the Crowd there?

Who sat by the way-side?

How did he know that Jesus was near? (Luke xviii. 36, 37)

2. The Cry of the Beggar.—

What was his cry?

What name did he give to Jesus?

What treatment did the crowd give the beggar?

Did this stop his prayer?

Jesus is "passing by" now: what should be the prayer of the spiritually blind?

Should we let any obstacle hinder us in coming to Jesus?

3. The Command of Christ.—

What was the command of Christ?

Does any one call upon Jesus for help unheard by Him?

How did Bartimeus obey the command?

How should we obey the command to "come?"

4. The Conversation.—

What was Jesus' inquiry of the blind man?

Did not Jesus know what he desired?

Why, then, did he ask?

What was the reply of the blind man?

Have you asked that your greatest need should be supplied?

5. The Cure.—

What was the result of the cure?

Home Readings.

M. Mark x. 46-52.

Tu. Psa. li. 1-10.

W. Luke xviii. 35-43.

Th. Psa. li. 11-19.

F. Matt. xx. 39-44.

S. 1 John ii. 8-11.

Sa. Rev. iii. 14-22.

How was it produced?

How had the blind man himself aided in the cure?

[Ans. By believing in Christ: "Thy faith hath made thee whole."]

Where are we taught from this lesson—

1. That any affliction which brings us near to Jesus is a blessing?

2. That we should promptly seek Jesus when He calls?

3. That great distress makes earnest petitioners?

4. The grace and power of Christ?

5. That we should never yield to discouragements or opposition in seeking Christ?

HYMN—Tune "Peterborough."—C.M.

Jesus, and did'st Thou condescend,
When veiled in human clay,
To heal the sick, the lame, the blind,
And drive disease away.

Did'st Thou regard the beggar's cry,
And give the blind to see?
Jesus, thou Son of David, hear—
Have mercy, too, on me.

And did'st Thou pity mortal woe,
And sight and health restore?
Then pity, Lord, and save my soul,
Which needs Thy mercy more.

THIRD AND FOURTH COMMANDMENTS.

Repeat the Third and Fourth Commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.