

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 12]

THE RICH FOOL

[SEPT. 16.

Luke 12. 13-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul.—Mark 8-36.

MEMORY VERSES, 19-21.—And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

But God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

To the folks at home: Please help the little ones to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

If you will read the first verse of the chapter from which the lesson verses are taken, you will see how eager the people were to see and hear Jesus. If he should come to-day to our world it would be just so; but perhaps there would be no more to really follow him than there were then.

You learn from the lesson how the people asked questions of Jesus, and here we see how one tried to get him to take part in a dispute. This gave Jesus a text from which to preach a little sermon against covetousness. God has provided better things than money and clothes and fine houses for us. He wants his children to have the best things, and when he sees them seeking the little things he is sad. He cared enough about it to give us a command not to covet. What do you think of the rich man who had all his treasure here on earth? There are such people now. Let this lesson help you to strive not to become such a one.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who came to hear Jesus preach?

Great crowds.

2. To whom did a man ask Jesus to speak?

To his brother.