

III. THE SON OF MAN, vs. 22-30.

Lead the scholars to tell you how Jesus turns from the Pharisees to His disciples, that He may talk with them more freely about the time when the kingdom of God will be seen in its full glory. Question about the name "Son of man" which Jesus here gives to Himself and the description which He gives of His second coming in v. 24 and the events which must happen before that takes place. Discuss what He says will be going on when He comes again, the point to bring out being that people will be wholly taken up with their worldly business and enjoyments. Recall the happenings in the days of Noah and of Lot.

IV. JESUS' WARNING, vs. 31-37.

In order to make plain the meaning of

v. 31, there will need to be a little talk about the kind of roofs common in the East and the use to which they were and are put (see Lesson Explained). Draw the lesson from Lot's wife, that we should not be wholly taken up with the things of this world. V. 33 gives an opportunity to discuss with the class how to make the best and most of life. Try to bring out the vivid pictures in vs. 34-36 of the separation which will take place at His coming between those who really belong to His kingdom and those who do not.

The teaching to press home upon the scholars is the importance of being sure that we belong to Christ's kingdom because we have given our hearts to Him and are seeking to serve and obey Him.

WOMEN GRINDING AT A MILL

Looking out through the stereoscope, we see two women at work grinding wheat or barley to make bread flour. They sit on the ground, one at each side of a stone trough. One end of the trough is free for receiving flour. In the other end a heavy stone with a flat and circular upper face has another flat circular stone laid upon it. A hole a few inches in diameter has been cut through the upper stone, and an iron pin, set into the lower stone, sticks up through that hole, making a sort of axle on which the upper stone can be pushed round and round, while the lower stone remains stationary. The

workers get the necessary leverage by taking hold of a second stout iron pin, set vertically in the upper stone near its outer edge. The whole grain is dropped, a handful at a time, in the central hole. As the upper stone is pulled slowly round and round, the kernels are crushed and torn to fragments between the two hard surfaces, and the coarse flour or meal thus produced works out to the edges of the stones, to fall into the trough. To see the curious apparatus for yourself, use a stereograph entitled, Women Grinding at the Mill.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Lesson Points

It is not a change of conditions but a change of character that brings in the kingdom of God. v. 20.

Before we can enter heaven it is necessary that heaven should enter us. v. 21.

"The days of the Son of man are wherever Christ and misery stand face to face." v. 22.

Our watchfulness against impostors should be as strict as our trust in Christ should be implicit. v. 23.

Preparation for Christ's coming must be made, not when, but before, He comes. v. 24.

As for the Master, so for His disciples, there can be no crown without a cross. v. 25.

The true use of the present world is to fit us for the world to come. v. 27.

Sin draws judgment upon itself as the magnet attracts steel. v. 31.

Jesus will not save our souls unless we allow Him to control our lives. v. 33.

Every man's destiny in the future depends upon his conduct in the present. v. 34.

Something to Look Up

[FROM THE INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY AND LEAFLET

1. Find the promise: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."