

Lesson XI

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

September 14, 1913

Exodus 20 : 12-21. Read Exodus, chs. 20-24. Commit to memory vs. 12-17.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind ; and thy neighbour as thyself.—Luke 10 : 27.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother : that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Revised Version—do no murder ; voice ; trembled ; before you, that.

LESSON PLAN

I. Our Parents, 12.

II. Our Neighbors, 13-21.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The Ten Commandments, Ex. 20 : 12-21. T.—Obedient by love, John 14 : 15-24. W.—The law repeated, Lev. 19 : 11-18. Th.—A test of obedience, Matt. 19 : 16-22. F.—Declare unto the children, Ps. 78 : 1-8. S.—"Lest thou forget," Deut. 4 : 5-13. S.—The law diligently recalled, Josh. 8 : 30-35.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's chastity, in heart, speech and behaviour. Ques. 72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment forbideth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

The Question on Missions—11. Where are our church's missions to the Jews, and what are the chief

18 And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking ; and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Mo'ses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear : but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Mo'ses said unto the people, Fear not : for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Mo'ses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

hindrances to be overcome? Our church's missions to the Jews are at Toronto, where they number 22,500, and at Winnipeg, where there are over 12,000. The chief difficulties are: the Jews' ignorance of English, their natural hatred of Christ, and the prejudice against Christians because of their persecution in the Christian countries from which they have come.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 252 (Supplemental Lesson), 168, 152, 92 (Ps. Sel.), 535 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 151.

Special Scripture Reading—Matt. 5 : 17-20, 43-48. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 907, "The law was given by Moses," etc.; also Slides for September 7. For Question on Missions, Slides on almost all phases of Jewish life and work; H.M. 233, A Family of Jews; J.M. 42, The Jew as Most People See Him; J.M. 18, Members Toronto Bible Class. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 417 Confederation Life Building, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, A Bedouin Camp on the Israelites' Old Ground at Base of Mount Sinai (Underwood & Underwood, see page 421).

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—B.C. 1220 ; at Mount Sinai between the two arms of the Red Sea, the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Akabah.

Connecting Links—The Lesson follows immediately on the preceding one, and gives the second portion of the Decalogue, the six Commandments relating to our duties to our fellow men. Its precepts may be summed up in the second great commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," Matt. 22 : 39. (See also Rom. 13 : 8-10.)

I. Our Parents, 12.

V. 12. Honour ; render obedience, service, respect. These should spring from heartfelt love and reverence. Thy father and thy mother. The place of this Commandment, next to those dealing with our duties towards God, shows how high is the place that belongs to parents. Some, indeed, think that the Fifth Commandment belongs to the first table of the law, duties to parents thus being reckoned along with duties to God. It is argued, that this arrangement harmonizes with the ideas of the Hebrews, who

looked upon parents as God's representatives, and punished certain injuries to them with death, ch. 21 : 15. The more commonly accepted division, however, places four Commandments in the first, and six in the second, table. The Commandment gives the mother a right to equal honor with the father. In the East "father" includes rulers and other superiors. These, therefore, should be accorded due respect (see 1 Pet. 2 : 13, 14, 17). That thy days may be long ; a promise, first, to individuals. Along with a spirit of filial respect, goes a well ordered life in general, which tends to secure prosperity and long life (see Jer. 35 : 18, 19) ; secondly, a promise to nations. History shows that the enduring nations have been those amongst whom the authority of parents has been held sacred. Upon the land ; of Canaan, whither the Lord was guiding His people.

II. Our Neighbors, 13-21.

V. 13. Thou shalt not kill ; Rev. Ver., "do no murder." The Hebrew denotes violent, unauthorized killing (compare Jer.