

THE COMFORTER PROMISED

Lesson V.

John 14 : 15-27—Memory Verses 25, 26

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15. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever ;

17. *Even* the Spirit of truth ; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him ; but ye know him ; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18. I will not leave you comfortless : I will come to you.

19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more ; but ye see me : because I live, ye shall live also.

20. At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me : and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22. Ju'das saith unto him, not Iscar'iot, Lord,

how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world ?

23. Je'sus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words : and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings : and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25. These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.

26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Before Jesus left this world He made a promise to His friends.

He knew that they would miss Him very much



when He was away, and would have no one to tell them what to do when they were in trouble. So He said, "I will ask my Father to send you

another Comforter." This Comforter is God's Holy Spirit, and He is God too.

Jesus said, "It is a good thing that I am going away ; because if I did not go away the Comforter would not come.

Jesus told His friends what the Comforter would do when He came.

He would help them to remember Jesus ; He would teach them everything they did not know ; and He would stay with them for ever.

Jesus said something more to His disciples while they were talking about the Comforter. He said, "If you love Me you must keep My commandments ; and if you do what I say My Father and I will love you and We will come and stay with you."

So the disciples heard what afterwards made them very happy ; for Jesus promised that, although He was going away, He would always be quite near them through His Spirit.

And there was a little promise inside the large one. It was this : that by keeping His commandments they would really get to know Him better than when they saw Him working miracles.

So we see how we can have Jesus with us all the time, and how we can come to know Him better—by doing whatever He commands us to do.