

Lesson II.

*THE MISSION OF THE SEVENTY

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS—The sending out of the Seventy took place just before Jesus' final departure from Galilee.

GOLDEN TEXT—It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you.—Matthew 10: 20 (Rev. Ver.).

Memorize vs. 1, 2. THE LESSON PASSAGE—Luke 10: 1-16. Study Luke 10: 1-24.

1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto

Revised Version—1 Now after; 2 seventy others, and; 3 was about to come; 4 And he said unto; 5 is plenteous, but; 6 Omit would; 7 in the midst of wolves; 8 no purse, no wallet, no shoes; 9 on the; 10 shall enter; 11 a; 12 him; but if; 13 that same; 14 Omit your ways; 15 thereof and; 16 Omit very; 17 from your; 18 that cleaveth to our feet, we; 19 howbeit know this; 20 Omit unto you; 21 Omit But; 22 It shall; 23 were done; 24 would have repented long ago; 25 Howbeit; 26 in; 27 judgement; 28 shalt thou be exalted unto heaven; 29 thou shalt be brought down unto Hades; 30 rejecteth.

Daily Readings—(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 59 Old Bailey, London, England.)—M.—The mission of the Seventy, Luke 10: 1-16. T.—The mission of the Seventy, Luke 10: 17-24. W.—Instructions to the Twelve, Matt. 10: 16-24. Th.—An Old Testament missionary, Jonah, ch. 3. F.—New Testament missionaries, Acts 13: 44-52. S.—The harvest field surveyed, John 4: 31-38. S.—Speak as God commands, Jer. 1: 7-19.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE APPOINTMENT.—

1. After these things. See ch. 9: 51-62. Seventy others (Rev. Ver.); besides the Twelve. Two and two; for companionship and because the witness of two to Christ's words and works would carry more weight than of one.

2, 3. Harvest great. The barley harvest in Palestine was about the middle of April, and the wheat harvest two weeks later.

Here, of course, Jesus means the ingathering of people into His kingdom. The description fits also our great mission fields

them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

13 Woe unto thee, Chora'zin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.

15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

16 He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

in Canada and amongst the heathen. Labourers few; only the little company whom Jesus had gathered about Him. So, in our day, the missionaries are too few for the work. Pray ye therefore; a way of helping on mission work open to all. Lord of the harvest; to whom all men belong and who has a right to their worship and service. Send forth labourers; "send forth with haste and urgency" Lambs among wolves. The wolves were the Jews who were coming to hate Jesus and His followers more and more bitterly.

II. THE INSTRUCTIONS.—4-6. No purse (Rev. Ver.); a little bag for money, made in modern times of woven silk or yellow cotton, the mouth being closed by carefully whipping the neck round. No wallet (Rev. Ver.); a bag of kid's skin, with straps fastened to the ends by which it hangs from the shoulder, and holding one or two days' allowance of bread, raisins, olives, cheese, etc. No shoes (Rev. Ver.); sandals, the simplest sort being merely a plain sole of leather bound to the foot with a leather thong. None but those worn on the feet were to be carried. Only necessities were to be taken. Salute no man by the way. Eastern salutations are very formal and consume much time, and the Lord's business required haste. Peace be to this house; a usual Eastern salutation. It was only greetings "by the way;" these wasted time. Son of peace; a kindly disposed person.



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