

Lesson X.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

September 7, 1913

Exodus 20 : 1-11. *Commit to memory vs. 1-11.

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.—Luke 10 : 27.

1 And God spake all these words, saying,
2 I am the Lord thy God, which ¹ have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have ² no other gods before me.
4 Thou shalt not make unto thee ³ any graven image, ⁴ or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth :

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself ⁵ to them, nor serve them : for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children ⁶ unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me :

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Revised Version—¹ Omit have ; ² none ; ³ a ; ⁴ nor the likeness of any form that ; ⁵ unto ; ⁶ upon the third and upon the fourth.

LESSON PLAN

- I. Worship—Why ? 1, 2.
- II. Worship—Whom ? 3.
- III. Worship—How ? 4-7.
- IV. Worship—When ? 8-11.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The Ten Commandments (I), Ex. 20 : 1-11.
T.—God's law to be loved, Ps. 119 : 97-104. W.—Hearing and doing, Jas. 1 : 21-27. Th.—Love made perfect, 1 John 4 : 11-21. F.—The perfect law, Ps. 19 : 7-14. S.—Study diligently, Deut. 11 : 18-25. S.—The secret of life, Luke 10 : 21-28.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment ? A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, and whatsoever tendeth thereunto. Ques. 70. Which is the seventh commandment ? A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

The Question on Missions—10. What is being done for the Indians of British Columbia, and at what points ? There are boarding schools for Indian children at Ahousaht and Alberni, and a day school at Uleuelet, all on Vancouver Island. In these schools, besides the teaching of ordinary day school subjects, much attention is given to instruction in the Bible. Sabbath services are held for young and old.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work :

10 But the seventh day is ¹ the sabbath ² of the Lord thy God : in ³ it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates :

11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 252 (Supplemental Lesson), 205, 210, 69 (Ps. Sel.), 575 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 211.

Special Scripture Reading—Deut. 6 : 1-9. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, Set of Slides on Ten Commandments ; B. 564, Moses With the Tables of the Law ; B. 557, Tables of the Law. For Question on Missions, Slides of each School mentioned. (These Slides are obtained from Rev. F. A. Robinson, B.A., the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 447 Confederation Life Building, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen. The slides catalogued by Mr. F. W. Moffat, Weston, Ont., may be ordered under the original numbers. To these several thousand slides have been added. Schools desiring slides made may procure them on short notice by sending negatives, prints or photographs. Slides are colored to order.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, From Mount Where Moses Received the Law, Northwest Over the Plain of Assembly (Underwood & Underwood, Dept. D., 62 Adelaide St. East, Toronto), set of 12 stereographs for this Quarter's Lessons, \$2.00. Three for September, 50c.; less than three in one order, 20c. each ; stereoscopes, 85c. (postage or express is prepaid on all orders for stereographs or stereoscopes.) In ordering please mention THE TEACHERS MONTHLY.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

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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 upon that for last Sabbath.

I. Worship—Why ? 1.

1. *God spake* ; probably from the summit of the peak Ras es-Sufsafah, at the north-west of the Sinai ridge. Himself hidden by the thick clouds which wrapped the mountain top (ch. 19 : 16), God now spoke to Moses and Aaron (ch. 19 : 24), but the people encamped on the broad plain er-Rahah, at the base, could also hear, ch.

19 : 9. *All these words* ; the Ten Commandments, called also (Deut. 4 : 13 ; 10 : 4, Margin) the Ten Words (Decalogue) ; the Testimony (ch. 25 : 16), that is, the declaration of God's will, and the covenant (Deut. 4 : 13), that is, the laws which Israel were required to obey if they would enjoy God's blessing. *Saying*. The Ten Commandments are from God's lips, not man's, written on human hearts and consciences from the beginning (Rom. 2 : 15) ; they were now uttered by His own voice, afterward to be written by His own finger on tables of stone, chs. 24 : 12 ; 31 : 18.

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.