

Lesson VII.

JESUS HEALS THE NOBLEMAN'S SON February 16, 1908

John 4 : 43-54—Memory Verses, 49, 50.

Golden Text—The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.—John 4 : 50.



43 Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Gal'ilee.

44 For Je'sus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

45 Then when he was come into Gal'ilee, the Galilæans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jeru'salem at the feast : for they also went unto the feast.

46 So Je'sus came again into Ca'na of Gal'ilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Caper'naum.

47 When he heard that Je'sus was come out of Judæ'a into Gal'ilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son : for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Je'sus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way ; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Je'sus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his

servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Je'sus said unto him, Thy son liveth : and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This is again the second miracle that Je'sus did, when he was come out of Judæ'a into Gal'ilee.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus stayed in the city of the Samaritans for two days, and then He and His disciples went on their way into Galilee. Jesus had been brought up amongst the Galileans, in the little village of Nazareth, but they had taken little notice of Him, because He had lived in a poor and lowly home. But now they were proud of Him and welcomed Him gladly, because the fame of His wonderful teachings and His miracles had been told all over the land. Many of the Galileans had seen some of the miracles themselves, for they had been at Jerusalem at the time of the Passover.

So Jesus came once more into the village of Cana, where, at the marriage feast, He had turned water into wine. Now, about a day's journey from Cana was the city of Capernaum; and the people there heard that the great Healer had come to Cana. In the city was a certain rich nobleman, an

officer of the king's court. He had a dearly loved son, who was sick. As soon as He heard that Jesus was in Cana, he hurried there to ask Him to come to Capernaum to heal his son who was now at the point of death.

Then Jesus said to him sadly, "None of you believe on Me, except when you see Me do these signs and wonders". But the nobleman was so filled with grief at the thought of his dying son, that he only pleaded again, "Come down with me, before my child dies."

Then Jesus said kindly, "Go home, and you will find your son quite better." And the man believed what Jesus said, and at once set out on his homeward journey.

On the way, he met some of his servants, who had been sent to tell him that his son was well again. "When did the fever leave him?" asked the father. "Yesterday