

LESSON V.

THE COMFORTER PROMISED

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John 14: 15-27. Commit to memory vs. 25, 26. Study also John 16: 1-15.

15. If ye love me, (1) keep my commandments.
16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another (2) Comforter, that he may (3) abide with you for ever;

17. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, (4) because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he (5) dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18. I will not leave you (6) comfortless: I (7) will come to you.

19. Yet a little while, and the world (8) seeth me no more; but ye (9) 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. Ye have said unto him, not I: cariot, Lord, (10)

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

23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep (11) 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 (12) 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 (13) present with you.

26. But the Comforter, (14) which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and (15) 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 (16) afraid.

Revised Version.—(1) Ye will keep; (2) Margin, Or Advocate, Or Helper; Greek Paraclete; (3) Be with you; (4) For it becometh him not; (5) Abideth. (6) Desolate. Margin orphans. (7) I come unto you; (8) Beholdeth; (9) Behold; (10) What is come to pass that; (11) My word; (12) My words; (13) While yet abiding; (14) Even the Holy Spirit; (15) Bring to your remembrance all that I said; (16) Fearful.

GOLDEN TEXT

"I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter."—John 14: 16.

DAILY READINGS

M—John 14: 15-27. The Comforter promised.

T—John 15: 17-27. To testify of Christ.

W—John 16: 1-15. The Spirit of Truth.

T—1 Cor. 2: 9-16. The Revealer.

F—Rom. 8: 12-17 and 28-30. Led by the Spirit.

S—Joel 2: 28-32. The Prophecy.

SA—Acts 2: 1-13. The Spirit given.

LESSON PLAN

THE COMFORTER PROMISED.

I. To the obedient, 15.

II. As an abiding Presence, 16-17.

III. To join them with God, 18-24.

IV. To teach them all things, 25, 26.

V. The legacy of peace, 27.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise 585, 105, 106, 551, 111.

TIME AND PLACE

As in previous lesson.

CATECHISM

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 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.

CONNECTING LINKS

In the last lesson Jesus was seeking to comfort the dull, sad hearts of His disciples by the promise of a home with Him in heaven, by a clear revelation of the way thither and the assurance of heavenly blessings by the way. To further cheer them He now promises them the great gift of the Holy Spirit.

EXPOSITION

THE COMFORTER PROMISED

I. To the Obedient, 15.

V. 15. "If ye love me." Jesus would have their hearts suitably prepared to receive this new gift. Only to hearts loving Jesus and obedient to His word will the Holy Spirit come to abide (vs. 17, 21, 23).

II. As an Abiding Presence, 16, 17.

V. 16. "I will pray the Father." The "I"

is emphatic. "You do your part on earth, I will do mine in heaven." What Jesus as our mediator asks He has a right to claim and all power to secure. The Father willingly grants Him His desires (Ps. 2: 8; John 16: 26; 17: 9, 15). The Holy Spirit is the gift of the Father through the Son. "Another Comforter." A somewhat misunderstood word. The Greek is *Paraclete* (one called to the side of another). It occurs five times in the New Testament, four