

THE HEAVENLY HOME.

**I**T is not the walls of the building in which you live that makes your earthly home but the company of those you love.

A little boy about four or five years old was returning from school one day. He bounded into the house, exclaiming as he hung his hat up in the entry, "This is my home! this is my home!"

A lady was then on a visit to his mother and was sitting in the parlour. She said to him, "Willie, the house next door is just the same as this; suppose you go in there and hang your hat up in the lobby, wouldn't that be your home as much as this?"

"No, ma'am," said Willie, very earnestly, "it would not."

"Why not?" asked the lady. "What makes this house your home more than that?"

Willie had never thought of this before. But after a moment's pause he ran up to his mother, and throwing his arms around her neck, he said, "Because my dear mother lives here."

It is the presence and company of those we love which makes our earthly home; and it is just so with our heavenly home—that home to which our dear Saviour has gone.

A little Sunday School boy lay upon his dying bed. His teacher sat at the bedside holding the hand of his scholar. "I'm going home to heaven," said the little fellow.

"Why do you call heaven your home?" asked the teacher.

"Because Jesus is there."

"But suppose," said the teacher, "that Jesus should go out of heaven?"

"Then I would go out with Him," said the dying child. This dear child loved Jesus.

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LESSON NOTES.

A.D. 27.] LESSON II. [April 11.  
THE INVITATION OF CHRIST; or, Christ the Revealer.  
*Matt. 11. 20-30. Commit to memory verses 27-30.*

**THE LESSON STORY.**

Jesus was living at a city called Capernaum, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. There he wrought many wonderful miracles, healing the sick and giving sight to the blind. Yet the people of the city and of the villages Chorazin and Bethsaida, which were near by, refused to believe in him. He told them that if the people of the heathen cities, Tyre and Sidon, had seen such miracles, they would have turned to God; that Sodom, upon which God sent fire from heaven for its sins, would have been saved if its people could have seen his mighty works and heard his words, and that God would surely punish those who were so near his Son, yet would not believe in him. Then Jesus gave thanks to his Father, that while the wise and the great had not believed those who were like children in their hearts had received him.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matt. 11. 28.*

A.D. 27.] LESSON III. [April 18.  
THE WHEAT AND THE TARES; or, Christ the Divider.  
*Matt. 13. 24-30, 37-43. Commit to memory vrs. 40-43.*

**THE LESSON STORY.**

Jesus once told a parable or story about "the wheat and the tares." He said that a man once sowed good seed in his field; but while he was asleep an enemy came and scattered the seed of a weed called "tares" among the wheat, and then went away. By and by the wheat and the tares grew up together. The workmen of the farm asked the owner, "Shall we pull up the tares?" But he said, "No; for then you would root up the wheat with them. Let them grow together until the harvest-time. Then I will tell the reapers to take out the tares from the wheat and burn them, and afterward to store up the wheat in the barn." When the disciples came to Jesus and asked the meaning of all this, he said: "The field is the world, in which the good are the children of God, and the wicked are the children of Satan, his enemy. But both good and evil are together until the judgment day. Then God will send his angels to take out the wicked, who shall be destroyed forever, while the good shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom."

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

The harvest is the end of the world. *Matt. 13. 39.*