

LESSON X—March 8th, 1896.

True Love to One's Neighbor. LUKE 10: 25-37.

(Commit to memory verses 25-27).

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: and thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10: 27.

PROVE THAT—We should love one another. I John 4: 11.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 50. *What is required in the second commandment?* A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

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DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* True Love to One's Neighbor. Luke 10: 25-37. *Tuesday.* Samaritans despised. John 4: 1-9. *Wednesday.* The law to Israel. Lev. 19: 9-18. *Thursday.* The royal law. James 2: 1-9. *Friday.* Divine compassion. Matt. 5: 38-48. *Saturday.* Overcome with good. Rom. 12: 9-21. *Sabbath.* Love, the chief. I Cor. 13. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

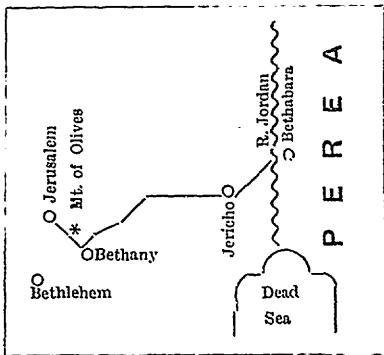
HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. The intervening history includes Matt. 18: 15-36; Luke 9: 57-62; John 7: 11; 10: 21, and Luke 10: 1-24. The parable of the Good Samaritan was probably spoken in Perea, the district beyond Jordan, as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem to the Feast of the Dedication. (Luke 9: 51). There are no parallel passages, the parable occurs in Luke only.

LESSON PLAN. I. A Great Question. vs. 25-29. II. Answered by an Example. vs. 30-37.

25. **Tempted him**—put him to the test (Matt. 22: 35). What shall I do—This question was doubtless often asked. (ch. 18: 18; Matt. 19: 16; Mark 10: 17; Acts 16: 30). 26. **How readest thou?**—He refers him to the Bible for his answer. (Gal. 3: 24). 27. **Thou shalt love, etc.**—Deut. 6: 5; 10: 12; Lev. 19. Compare Rom. 13: 9; Gal. 5: 13;

mind and body. (Rom. 13: 10; I John 4: 16). 29. **Justify himself**—Shew that he had not asked a question that could be so easily disposed of. The rabbis understood "neighbors" to mean Jews only, appealing to Lev. 19: 18. (Read Matt. 5: 43, 44). 30. **From Jerusalem to Jericho**—about 20 miles. The road descended 3,500 feet, through a deep ravine, abounding in caves and infested with bandits. It was called the "Bloody way." Even at the present day travellers require an armed escort. 32. **Priest**—Jericho was one of the cities of the priests. Perhaps he thought there was danger, and he had better hurry on; he would be ceremonially defiled by touching the man if he were dead, or died on his hands; somebody else would help him perhaps, etc. It is easy to make excuses if we are selfish and cowardly. The Levite acted precisely as the priest, doubtless from similar motives. 33. **Samaritan**—(See Bible Dictionary). More hated and despised by the Jews than any other nationality. (John 4: 9; 8: 48). The Samaritans treated the Jews in a similar manner. (ch. 9: 53). The kindness of this one is made the more striking. 34. **Oil and wine**—The wine would cleanse the wounds, and the oil would help to heal them. He treated him as kindly as possible. 35. **Two pence**—A *denarius* was equal to about 17 cents, but would purchase ten times as much of anything as 17 cents would with us. 37. **Anyone is your neighbor who needs kindness at your hands.**



14; Jas. 2: 8. He gave Jesus' own answer. (Matt. 22: 37-40). By such an answer this lawyer shewed that he was "not far from the kingdom of God." (Mark 12: 34). **Heart and soul**—We use the expression "with all my heart and soul," to mean entire and warm approval. **Strength and mind**—with full and supreme devotion of all the powers of

LESSONS. 1. Jesus is very patient with inquirers. 2. The Bible is a complete guide to duty. 3. The essence of religion is love. 4. We should love God supremely. 5. We should do a kindness to others whenever possible. 6. Be always "neighborly."