

BEREAN NOTES.

Oct 31.] LESSON 7. [John 15, 11-19. FRIENDS AND FOES OF JESUS.

HOME READINGS. MONDAY—John 15, 1-19. TUESDAY—John 4, 7-21. WEDNESDAY—Rom. 5, 1-10. THURSDAY—1 John 2, 1-17. FRIDAY—Exod. 33, 11-23. SATURDAY—Deut. 7, 1-11. SUNDAY—John 15, 20-27.

TOPIC: Immanuel the Friend. GOLDEN TEXT: Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4, 4.

GENERAL STATEMENT. These words and those of the last lesson were spoken on the same occasion. The whole lesson is full of friendship. The title is Friends and Foes of Jesus.

[See LESSON COMPEND. Also FOSTER: Nos. 3385, 3687, 3689, 2386, 2790.]

Where in this lesson do we learn— 1. WHY TO SPEAK? 2. HOW TO LOVE? 3. WHOM TO SERVE? 4. HOW TO BE HAPPY?

OUTLINES, NOTES, AND LESSONS.

1. JESUS THE FRIEND, verse 11-13. A friend who has a deep, loving interest in another, and who labors for his good. Jesus is pre-eminently "the friend," as this whole lesson, and its entire connection, most beautifully show.

2. THE FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS, verse 14-17. Hold to the same general definition of "friend," when here we apply to Christians, as when above it was applied to Christ.

3. THE FOES OF JESUS' FRIENDS, verse 18-19. Not only were they the foes of his friends, but also of him. "IT HATED ME," 2. THE WORLD HATETH YOU.

4. THE FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS' FRIENDS, verse 20. The minister should preach as if he felt that, although the congregation own the church, and have bought the pews, they have not bought him.

5. THE FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS' FRIENDS, verse 21. The minister should preach as if he felt that, although the congregation own the church, and have bought the pews, they have not bought him.

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9. THE FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS' FRIENDS, verse 25. The minister should preach as if he felt that, although the congregation own the church, and have bought the pews, they have not bought him.

10. THE FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS' FRIENDS, verse 26. The minister should preach as if he felt that, although the congregation own the church, and have bought the pews, they have not bought him.

11. THE FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS' FRIENDS, verse 27. The minister should preach as if he felt that, although the congregation own the church, and have bought the pews, they have not bought him.

LESSONS.

1. Speak when you can make others happy thereby, verse 11; 2. Love Christians for Jesus' sake, as well as for lovely traits to be found in them, verse 12, 17; 3. Though not servants, but friends, still obey Jesus; not in servile fear, but in grateful love, verse 14, 15; 4. The fruitful Christian fulfills his ordination received from Christ, verse 16; 5. Care not for the world's hatred, if only you possess Christ's love, verse 18, 19; 6. Be willing to suffer with him now, and to reign with him by and by, verse 18, 19; Rom. 8, 17, 18. "If so be that we suffer with him," etc.

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