

LESSON X—June 7th, 1896.

Warning to the Disciples. LUKE 22: 24-37.

(Commit to memory verses 31-26).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2: 5.

PROVE THAT—The Lord sustains in trials. 2 Pet. 2: 9.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 62. *What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?* A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 7, 35, 186, 209.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* The last passover. Luke 22: 10-23. *Tuesday.* Warning to the disciples. Luke 22: 24-37. *Wednesday.* Gethsemane. Luke 22: 39-53. *Thursday.* Peter's denial. Luke 22: 54-62. *Friday.* Teaching by example. John 13: 1-11. *Saturday.* Lessons from the example. John 13: 12-20. *Sabbath.* Humbled and exalted. Phil. 2: 1-11. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. Jesus spent Wednesday and Thursday in retirement at Bethany. On Thursday he sent Peter and John to Jerusalem to prepare the passover. Towards evening he followed with the rest of his disciples. Even on such a solemn occasion the disciples could not avoid their unseemly rivalry and strove among themselves for the places of honor at the table. This gave occasion to the touching object lesson presented by Jesus when he washed the disciples' feet. In connection with this he spoke the words of our lesson. Read the whole story of the last supper (John 13: 1-38; Matt. 26: 26-29; John 14, 15, 16, 17; 18: 1).

LESSON PLAN. I. Warning Against Selfish Ambition. vs. 24-30. II. Warning Against Self-confidence. vs. 31-34. III. Warning Against Coming Danger. vs. 35-37.

24. A strife—"An ambitious contention" (Mark 9: 34; Luke 9: 46; Matt. 20: 20-24). 25. Benefactors—"The title *Euergetes*, or "Benefactors," was common amongst eastern monarchs. Many cruel tyrants wore it. 26. The younger—"The young are expected to be modest and retiring and to wait upon older persons (Matt. 20: 26; 1 Pet. 5: 3; Luke 9: 48; Acts 5: 6). 27. I am among you as he that serveth—"The true "benefactor" is the one who makes himself most useful to his brethren (Luke 12: 37; Matt. 20: 28; John 13: 13, 14; Phil. 2: 7). 28. Temptations—"Trials." Judas was arranging for his betrayal at the very moment when Jesus so tenderly and affectionately spoke of the unswerving loyalty of the eleven. 29. I appoint—I ordain. A kingdom—"A kingdom over the hearts of men, through the preaching of the gospel, and a crown hereafter in heaven (ch. 12: 32; 2 Tim. 2: 12; Rom. 8: 17; 1 Cor. 1: 7; 9: 25; 1 Pet. 5: 4). 30. Eat and drink at my table—"Enjoy the closest friendship with the King of Kings (Matt. 8: 11; Rev. 19: 9). Sit on thrones—"Occupy positions of distinguished honor and responsibility (Matt. 19: 28; 1 Cor. 6: 2, 3; Rev. 3: 21). 31. Hath desired to have you—"R. V. marg. "obtained you by asking." Peter was about to be subjected, with Christ's permission, to a severe trial of his faith by

Satan (Job. 1: 12; 1 Pet. 5: 8; Matt. 6: 13 [R. V.]). Sift you as wheat—"Prove whether you are chaff or good grain (Amos 9: 9, 10). 32. I have prayed for thee—"The prayer of Jesus was a sure defence against the Evil One. Though Peter fell he did not, like Judas, despair (John 17: 9, 11, 15). Jesus is now praying for all his people (Heb. 7: 25; 1 John 2: 1). Converted—"Hath turned again to God," referring to Peter's repentance and restoration (John 21: 15-17; Ps. 51: 13). 33. Compare John 13: 37; 2 Kings 8: 13. 34. Peter—"The only time Jesus called him by this name. Shalt not crow—"Mark (14: 30) says "crow twice" (Matt. 26: 33, 34; John 13: 37, 38). 35. Without purse &c.—(ch. 9: 3; 10: 4). Hitherto in Jesus' company and protection they had enjoyed peace and comfort. Having nothing they yet lacked nothing. But a change was coming. 36. They would receive no hospitality but encounter the most cruel opposition. Buy a sword (R. V.)—"This means that they were to be like soldiers armed and on their guard against enemies (Matt. 26: 52). 37. This that is written—"Isa. 53: 12; Mark 15: 28. 37. That which concerneth me hath fulfilment (R. V.)—"The close of his ministry was drawing near and all prophecy regarding him was about to be fulfilled.

LESSONS. 1. The danger of a self-seeking spirit. 2. True greatness measured by service. 3. Testing times are before us. 4. Warning against self-confidence. 5. Our Lord's intercession is a source of strength.