

was tempted to bow down in worship of the devil, and thus by wicked means secure the kingdom which he had come to establish.

Girls. Jesus went up into Galilee and began the public proclamation of his kingdom. Second, he secured his first disciples, Peter and Andrew, James and John; third, he went about healing all manner of diseases; fourth, he secured for his message attention from great multitudes from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond Jordan.

Supt. The events of these lessons teach us certain truths. What are some of them?

School. They teach us that this light shining upon a people sitting in darkness will reveal itself. "The people saw a great light," and "there followed him great multitudes." They teach again that this light shining upon the prince of the power of air will scatter his night and conquer the king of darkness in his most virulent attacks. "Then said Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan." "Then the devil leaveth him, and behold angels came and ministered unto him."

HYMN. 11, 10.

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning!
Joy to the lands that in darkness have lain!
Hushed be the accents of sorrow and mourning—
Zion in triumph begins her mild reign.

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning,
Long by the prophets of Israel foretold;
Hail to the millions from bondage returning;
Gentiles and Jews the blest vision behold!

IV. The Influence of the Risen Light; or, the Principles of the Kingdom of Light.

Supt. The subjects and Golden Texts of the last six lessons may be given by the six classes selected for that purpose.

First Class. "The Beatitudes" "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." "Jesus and the Law." "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

Second Class. "Pietism without Display." "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Third Class. "Trust in our Heavenly Father." "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Fourth Class. "Golden Precepts." "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Fifth Class. "Solemn Warnings." "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

Supt. In this Sermon on the Mount, in which these last five lessons occur, we find many of the principles of this Kingdom of Light now set up. Will the school name them?

School. The lesson on the Beatitudes describes the character of the citizen of this kingdom. It declares he must be

First Class. "Poor in spirit;" that is, feeling the need of what is higher and better than himself.

Second Class. In sorrow for his own and others' sins.

Third Class. Meek; mild of temper, gentle, given to forbearance under injury.

Fourth Class. Hungry and thirsty for righteousness; that is, have a deep longing after goodness and godliness.

Fifth Class. Merciful; moved by a feeling of pity, forgiveness, and helpfulness for all who are in misery or suffering.

Sixth Class. Pure in heart.

Seventh Class. Peacemakers.

Eighth Class. Willing to endure for righteousness' sake.

Supt. What relation does the lesson declare the citizens of the kingdom of light hold to the world?

School. They are declared to be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world.

HYMN.

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty,
Teach me faith and duty.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life;
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven.

Supt. The eighth lesson teaches the relation of the righteousness of the kingdom of light to the kingdom of God, as taught in the Old Testament. Name some of the points of resemblance and contrast.

School. The Lord came not to destroy, but to fulfill. He came to supplement the law by teaching that righteousness consists in the spirit rather than in the letter.

Supt. The ninth lesson teaches that sincerity is needed in works and worship; to what is this general principle applied?

School. First, to giving. "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them." Second, to praying. "When thou prayest thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are."

All. "But when thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door pray to thy Father which is in secret."

Supt. What are we taught in the tenth lesson?

School. "Trust in our Heavenly Father."

Supt. By what illustrations is this lesson enforced?

School. First, by the habits of the birds of the air. Second, by our own powerlessness—"Which one of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" Third, by the flowers of the field; how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin. "Wherefore if God so clothe the grass . . . shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

HYMN. C. M.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie,
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Supt. The golden rule is the text of the eleventh lesson—the school will all repeat it.

School. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Supt. To what is this golden rule applied in this lesson?

School. First, applied to judging others; second, applied to the treatment of faults.

Supt. How can we get strength to keep the golden rule?

School. By asking of God, who is represented as being willing to give us the aid we need.

Supt. The last lesson contains a series of warnings, uttered for our protection; will the school mention them as they occur?

School. The first warning is uttered at the very entrance into the way of life: The gate is strait and narrow, while the way to destruction is broad and wide.

Second warning. Beware of false prophets, with the declaration that "by their fruits ye shall know them." The third is,

Beware of false peace, for "not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;" and the fourth is against false foundations—

against building upon the sand, with a recommendation to build on the rock of his word.

Supt. What is our duty concerning these teachings of this inaugural sermon by our Lord?

School. Let the light into our own lives, and seek to reflect it back upon the world about us.

All. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

HYMN. 6, 4. (Tune, America.)

Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.