

SABBATH, October 18.—LESSON III.—The Mind of Christ.—Mark ix. 33-42.

Leader. 33. And he came to Capernaum : and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way ?

School. 34. But they held their peace : for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who *should* be the greatest.

L. 35. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and said unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

S. 36. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them : and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

L. 37. Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me ; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

S. 38. And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us ; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us.

L. 39. But Jesus said, Forbid him not : for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

S. 40. For he that is not against us is on our part.

L. 41. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

S. 42. And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

TOPIC—We shall be like Him.

Golden Text—Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.—Phil. ii. 5.

OUTLINE :

- I. THE LOWLY MIND, v. 33-35 ; Luke xviii. 14.
- II. THE LOVING MIND, v. 36 ; Matt. xix. 14, 15 ; Mark x. 16.
- III. THE LOYAL MIND, v. 37 ; Matt. x. 40, 42 ; xxv. 40.
- IV. THE LIBERAL MIND, v. 38-41 ; Luke ix. 49-50.

QUESTIONS, &c.—What is meant by the **TITLE** ? In what way may we be like him ? What does the **GOLDEN TEXT** enjoin upon the disciples of Christ ?

1. *The Lowly Mind*—
Of whom did Jesus inquire ?
What had been their dispute ?
Had they shown themselves of a lowly mind ?
How had Jesus known their private disputes ?—Heb. iv. 13.
How should we seek to be greatest in the kingdom of God ?
Who has set the Divine example of lowliness ?—Phil. ii. 6, 7.
What promise is given to the humble in heart ?—Luke xiv. 11.
2. *The Loving Mind*—
How did Jesus show this "loving mind" ?
Is kindness to children the mark of a loving heart ?
What other instance is recorded of little children being in the arms of Jesus ?—Mark. x. 16.
What blessing is promised those who care for the children for Jesus' sake ?—v. 37.
3. *The Loyal Mind*—
What is it to be "loyal" ?
[*Ans. To be true to our duty to those who trust us.*]
In receiving the little ones in Christ's name, to whom would the disciples be loyal ?
In obeying Christ, whom would they honour ?
Whom do we dishonour in rejecting the message of Jesus ?—Luke x. 16.
How did the Son of God show his loyalty ?
4. *The Liberal Mind*—
Of what did the disciples complain to Jesus ?
Why had they forbidden the working of miracles by others ?
What rebuke did Jesus give them ?
What reason did he give ?
What encouragement to Christian liberality is given in v. 41 ?
Does this liberality interfere with justice ? v. 42.

Where do we learn from this lesson—

1. That the humblest service for Christ is exaltation ?

Home Readings.

M. Mark ix. 33-42.
Th. Matt. xx. 21-23.
W. Num. xi. 24-30.
Th. Phil. ii. 3-11.
F. Mark x. 35-45.
S. 1 Thes. iv. 1-12.
S. 1 Cor. xiii.

2. That in serving and loving Jesus we are honouring the Father ?
3. That all our service should be "in his name" ?
4. That the lowly way is the way to glory ?
5. The duty of Christian brotherhood ?

LESSON HXIII.—7's.

Ever patient, gentle, meek,
Holy Saviour ! was my mind ;
Vainly in myself I seek,
Likeness to my Lord to find ;
Yet, that mind which was in thee,
May be, must be, formed in me.
Days of toil, 'mid throngs of men,
Vexed not, ruffled not thy soul ;
Still collected, calm, serene,
Thou each feeling could'st control ;
Lord, that mind which was in thee,
May be, must be, formed in me.
Though such griefs were thine to bear,
For each sufferer thou could'st feel ;
Every mourner's burden share,
Every wounded spirit heal ;
Saviour ! let thy grace in me
Form that mind which was in thee.
When my pain is most intense,
Let thy cross my lesson prove ;
Let me hear thee, e'en from thence,
Breathing words of peace and love ;
Saviour ! let thy grace in me
Form that mind which was in thee.

FIRST AND SECOND COMMANDMENTS.

7. Repeat the First and Second Commandments.

- I. Thou shalt have no other gods but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth : thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them : for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me ; and show mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.