

## LESSON VIII.—May 22nd, 1898.

THE DAY OF JUDGMENT. Matt. 25: 31-46.

I. **GOLDEN TEXT:** "He shall reward every man according to his works. Matt. 16: 27.

II. **PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER:** Jesus, our Loving Lord.

III. **PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON:** Jesus, our Rewarding Lord.

IV. **REVIEW:**

1. What was our Golden Text last Sunday?
2. To whom was this spoken?
3. Why were they to watch?
4. In what ways should we be watchful?

V. **INTERVENING EVENTS AND SYNOPSIS OF LESSON:** Our lesson to-day is a continuation of the teachings of the Saviour on the Mount of Olives, on the Tuesday of Passion Week. The lesson consists of a description of scenes of the Judgment Day.

1. The Son of Man shall come.



2. The angels will be with Him.
3. He shall sit upon the throne of glory.
4. All nations shall be gathered to Him.
5. A division will be made. Sheep from goats.

Now the teaching changes from the figurative to the spiritual.

1. The reward of the righteous. Because of actions, prompted out of unselfish hearts. (Verses 34 to 40.)

2. Sentence upon the unrighteous (42 to 45). These shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous unto life eternal.

VI. **SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON.**

Tell the story of Phil. Smart. Phil. Smart was one of five boys who belonged to a club. Each was the owner of a sail boat. Every

year during holiday time the boys greatly enjoyed their sail boats, and one Saturday afternoon of each summer was given up to a race that the boys called "The Championship."

The bishop's daughter had made a beautiful silken flag, on which was embroidered the word "Champion," and the winner was to fly it at the top of his mast for the rest of the summer.

The eventful Saturday afternoon came. The boats were all ready. Phil. Smart and his crew were on board their boat, which was called the "Flash," and all was ready for the start. The Bishop started the race that Saturday, and crowds of people watched from the shore. Phil. Smart was determined to win. There was one other boat he was particularly afraid of, but he was bound not to be beaten, and when the race was half over he was as much as twenty lengths ahead. Just then, one of the boys on board the "Flash," looking toward the mouth of the harbor, saw a kitten upon a rock. The tide was rising, and in a few minutes the water would cover the rock, and the kitten be drowned. Phil. said, "Boys, we must save that kitten."

"You will lose the race if you do," said the other boys. "I don't care," said Phil., "I am not going to allow that kitten to drown for half a dozen races," and turning the boat round he rescued the kitten.

That night in the boat house the prizes were distributed. Ralph Jones, the captain of the "Dreadnot," won the flag. Afterward Phil. Smart's name was called, and the Bishop handed him the booby prize, as it was called, given to the one who came in last—a large tin medal. As the Bishop handed the prize to Phil., he touched a spring, and between the two pieces of tin lay a beautiful gold watch, inscribed as follows:—

"Presented to Phil. Smart, captain of the yacht 'Flash,' for nobly rescuing a kitten from a watery grave. Presented by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

The Bishop's brother had come from the city that morning, and unknown to the boys, had put the kitten upon the rock to test them, and to find out which one of them was the most worthy of the reward.