

Lesson I.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

October 7, 1906

Mark 12 : 28-34, 38-44. Commit to memory vs. 30, 31.* Read Matthew 22 : 34 to 23 : 39.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.—Mark 12 : 30.

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, ²Which is the first commandment of all?

29 ⁴And Je'sus answered ⁵him, The first ⁶of all the commandments ⁷is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God ⁸is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: ⁹this is the first commandment.

31 ⁹And the second ¹⁰is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, ¹⁰Well, Master; thou hast ¹¹said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, ¹²and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is ¹³more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Je'sus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the ¹⁴revised version—

¹⁵heard them questioning; ¹⁶knowing; ¹⁷What commandment is the first of all? ¹⁸Omit And; ¹⁹Omit him; ²⁰Omit of all the commandments; ²¹The Lord is one; ²²Omit rest of sentence; ²³The second is this; ²⁴Of a truth; ²⁵well said that he is one; and; ²⁶Omit and with all the soul; ²⁷much more; ²⁸in his teaching he said; ²⁹desire to walk; ³⁰robes; ³¹to have; ³²Omit the; ³³chief places; ³⁴they which; ³⁵condemnation; ³⁶he sat down; ³⁷multitude; ³⁸Omit certain; ³⁹cast; ⁴⁰Omit That; ⁴¹cast in more; ⁴²are casting; ⁴³superfluous.

LESSON PLAN

I. Love Commanded, 28-34.

II. Love Withheld, 38-40.

III. Love Shown, 41-44.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—The two great commandments, Mark 12 : 28-34.
T.—The two great commandments, Mark 12 : 35-44.
W.—Love to God, Deut. 6 : 1-9. Th.—Love to neighbour, Lev. 19 : 9-18. F.—Better than sacrifice, 1 Sam. 15 : 16-23. S.—Outward show, Luke 11 : 37-46. S.—A cheerful giver, 2 Cor. 9 : 1-7.
Shorter Catechism—Ques. 30. How doth the

Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? A. The Spirit applyeth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

The Question on Missions.—(Fourth Quarter, FORMOSA.) 37. Who was the first foreign missionary from the Western Division of our church, and to what field did he go? The Rev. George Leslie MacKay, a native of Zorra, in the county of Oxford, who was sent to China in 1871, and began work in the northern part of Formosa, a large island off the coast of China, in 1872.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 389 (from Supplemental Lesson) : 223 ; 80 ; 38 (Ps. Sel.) ; 427 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY) : 180.

EXPOSITION

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Time and Place—Tuesday, April 4, A.D. 30 ; Jerusalem. ["Time and Place" for lessons of the month is given as in HOME STUDY QUARTERLY.—EDITORS.]

Connecting Links—Jesus had just answered the Sadducees with extreme wisdom, and greatly impressed their party rivals, the Pharisees. Now, one of the latter, a scribe, brings a question to Him in an honest spirit. He wishes to learn from so great a Teacher the greatest commandment in the law.

I. Love Commanded, 28-34.

V. 28. One of the scribes. The scribes belonged almost entirely to the party of the Pharisees. Heard them reasoning (Rev. Ver., "questioning") together; that is, Jesus and

the Sadducees (see Connecting Links). Had answered them well. The answer of Jesus to the Sadducees was thoroughly satisfactory to the Pharisees, for He was clear that the scriptures taught the doctrine of the resurrection, as they maintained, and that the Sadducees had a very imperfect idea of God's power. What commandment is the first...? (Rev. Ver.). This was a very important question for a Pharisee, because he believed that goodness consisted in fulfilling the law; and the law was made up of a large number of precepts (613 the Pharisees found in the Books of Moses), each with a fixed value. God, they believed, kept account of their deeds; and they naturally wished to know

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Lessons are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. They will be found in the Supplemental Lessons Leaflet.