

LESSON II. (April 8.)

PRECEPTS AND PROMISES. Matt. 7. 1-14.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7. 12.

Primary Notes.



through and see things far off, making them seem near.

This man's spyglass, when he looked through one end, made things seem very big, and through the other very little. The strange thing about it was that he looked at what people really were and what they did, and also at himself and what he did. Then, after looking, he made up his mind exactly about others and about himself, and refused to change it. When he looked at others he used one end of his glass, and behold! everything that did not quite please him, and was not quite right, was made very large, and the man made up his mind that his neighbors were very bad. He looked at his own faults through the other end, and they seemed so little that he said to himself, "I am almost good enough, as it is," when, in truth, he was much worse than his neighbors, only he could not make it out with his glass, and he made up his mind from what he saw through this. It was all wrong, and when he went to others saying, "You are doing very wrong here," or, "You must do better there," he never thought that he was doing much worse himself. He looked at himself through the wrong end of his glass.

Judge not. In this lesson Jesus tells us that we must not make up our minds about other people and their doings, but look at ourselves in the right way first, and see what we are about. We can't tell much about others' thoughts and deeds, but we know about our own. If you had a big splinter in your eye, you ought to take it out before saying to another, "Let me take out that tiny grain of dust from your eye." As a splinter is bigger than a grain of dust, so you may have a fault much bigger than your neighbor, and you must

first put away what is wrong in you. Jesus tells us this in to-day's lesson.

Ask, seek, knock. We have had a precept or teaching, and now in this lesson we have three promise words. If you want something that has been promised you, and you know the one who has it is able and willing to give it, you will ask, and get it. You will expect to get it. If you want to find something, you will seek for it, looking till you do find. If you want a door opened, you will knock. Praying to our heavenly Father is like all this. We must ask for what we need, seek for what is good for us, and come to him, as we would come to a friend's house and knock at the door, expecting it to be opened to let us in. We must look for the answer, knowing that the best answer will surely come.

The Golden Rule. Our Golden Text is the Golden Rule to measure our deeds by. It is the rule of love. We will write "Love" on our circle of blessing. If we love enough, we will give good measure of kindness, help, and everything good.

How much do you love yourselves? What do you want? How do you wish to be treated? Do you love others as much? You must do to them what you would love to have them do to you. O, this is the best, the happiest way, for "love is the greatest thing in the world."

Selfishness is the iron rule, Love the golden one.



Sub-Primary Hints.

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The children were pleased last week with the plan of organizing a Band of Mercy, and to-day their reports of work accomplished are so absorbing that we have difficulty in divert-