

THE BLACKBOARD.

THOU SHALT

GOD
SUPREMEPLY.



NEIGHBOR
AS THYSELF.

ALWAYS HAVE

KIND

THOUGHTS
FEELINGS
WORDS
DEEDS

FOR ALL.

"God is Love."

LESSON XI—March 15th, 1896.

Teaching about Prayer. LUKE 11: 1-13.

(Commit to memory verses 9 and 10).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11: 9.

PROVE THAT—We should pray at all times. Eph. 6: 18.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 51. *What is forbidden in the second commandment?* A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal.* Nos. 3, 135, 218, 139.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Teaching about Prayer. Luke 11: 1-13. *Tuesday.* Sincerity in prayer. Matt. 6: 1-15. *Wednesday.* In His name. John 16: 23-33. *Thursday.* Ask in faith. 1 John 5: 9-15. *Friday.* Importunity in prayer. Luke 18: 1-8. *Saturday.* Prayer answered. 2 Kings 20: 2-11. *Sabbath.* Testimony of experience. Psalm 34: 1-10. *(The I. B. R. A. Selections).*

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. We cannot tell exactly when the words of our lesson were spoken. It was probably just before Christ's final departure from Galilee to Jerusalem when he began to denounce the hypocrisy of the scribes and pharisees. There are no parallel passages.

LESSON PLAN. I. A Model Prayer. vs. 1-4. II. An Earnest Petitioner. vs. 5-8. III. A Heavenly Father. vs. 9-11.

I. A MODEL PRAYER. 1. And it came to pass that, as he was praying in a certain place—Somewhere in Perea probably. This and the next chapter describe the events of the day on which Christ's decisive rupture with the pharisees took place (Mark 1: 35). When he ceased—Twenty-one instances of our Lord's praying are given in the gospels. One of his disciples said unto him—Perhaps one who had not been present when Christ spoke on this subject before (Matt. 6: 9-13). Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples—It was common for the rabbis to give forms of prayer to their disciples. They wished to learn the secret of that holy delight which our Lord seemed to take in communion with his Father.

2. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say—This prayer has been called "the Epitome of the Gospel," and "the pearl of prayers." It is a pattern prayer after which all prayers should be more or less closely modelled, but the church has always considered it to be also a form to be devoutly used on suitable occasions. **Our Father—**We are to come to God in the spirit of children who love and trust him (Rom. 8: 15). Note that two petitions sum up the first table of the law and three the second; two exhibit the filial relationship and three the paternal. (Lindsay). **Which art in heaven—**The all-glorious Being, whom angels adore, condescends to regard us as his children and is pleased with our filial love and confidence. **Hallowed be thy name—**God's