

COURSE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR 1853.

FIRST SERIES.

- Aug. 7.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mat. xiv. 22, 23. *To be committed*—Is. xliii. 1, 2. *Subject*—The Sea obeys. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Disciples were doing the bidding of their Lord when overtaken by the storm—He prayed for them, and came to them—on the sea—all are his servants—afraid—he comforts them by assurance of his presence—Peter—God's redeemed need not fear—in tribulation he is with them—out of tribulation he will bring them at last.
- Aug. 14.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luke xviii. 35-43. *To be committed*—Rev. iii. 17. *Subject*—Blind eyes opened. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Jericho, what and where—the blind man—his sense of want—his eagerness for relief—discouraged by the people—his faith in the promise—Son of David—the cure—the result, he glorified God, and the people seeing it praised God too. Psalm xl. 3.
- Aug. 21.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luke xix. 1-10. *To be committed*—John vi. 37. *Subject*—Zaccheus. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Pharisees, who they were, and what their character—not satisfied with his riches—would see Jesus—obeyed and received him joyfully—the murmuring—the resolution of Zaccheus—this day salvation come—work as great as any other miracle—save the lost.
- Aug. 28.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luke xix. 28-44. *To be committed*—Isa. i. 18. *Subject*—Enters Jerusalem. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Up to Jerusalem for the last time—the honor done to Jesus—the hosannah of the multitude—the Pharisee's envy—he accepts the adoration—the compassion of Jesus—for his worst enemies—to save sinners, the chief.
- Sep. 4.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luke xxii. 1-20. *To be committed*—1 Cor. xi. 28, 29. *Subject*—Institutes the Supper. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Passover—people congregated at that time—Judas tempted on his weak side, (see John xii. 6.)—“Give not place to the devil”—preparation for Passover—institution of Supper—benefits from it—the title—and meekness.

SECOND SERIES.

- Aug. 7.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts xi. 19-26. *To be committed*—2 Thes. iii. 1, 3. *Subject*—Progress of the Word. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Effect of persecution—the word spread—note the places—only the “hand of the Lord” can turn (Luke i. 15, 16.)—Sight of grace in its effects made the apostles glad—they exhorted to cleave to the Lord (Ps cxix 25)—people added to the Lord.
- Aug. 14.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts xii. 20-25. *To be committed*—Ps. cxlvi. 3, 5. *Subject*—The Judgment on Herod. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Herod (Agrippa) grandson of Herod the Great—quarrel with Tyre—Herod's pride—the people's idolatry—God's judgment. But the word of God grew—the persecutor fell, but the word was not bound.
- Aug. 21.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts xiv. 7-15. *To be committed*—Rom. i. 21-23. *Subject*—The Idolators. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—This their work wherever they were led—lights in the world, could not but let their light shine—the miracle—the “vain” thought of the idolators (Rom. i.)—Dan. iii., Isa. 44—turn from what?—to what?
- Aug. 28.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts xx. 13-27. *To be committed*—2 Tim. iv. 1, 2. *Subject*—Paul and the Elders at Miletus. *Prominent Topic of the Lesson*—The voyage—the route—the reason of it—warned on the coast, and sent up to Ephesus—the address—serving the Lord—humility, tears, temptations, kept back nothing, &c.; in short, the whole counsel of God.
- Sep. 4.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts xz. 28-38. *To be committed*—Eph. iv. 31, 32. *Subject*—The parting Word. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Recall who and where—flock—the good Shepherd purchased with blood—watch, warn with tears—explain fully v. 32—blessed to give—the prayer—the weeping, the parting.

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