

# INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

A. D. 29 or 30.] **LESSON X. THE TRUE CHILDREN OF GOD.**

[Sept. 6.]

**GOLDEN TEXT.** As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. John 1. 12.

## Authorized Version.

John 8. 31-47. [Commit to memory verses 33-36.]

31 Then said Je'sus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be A'bra-ham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Je'sus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house forever: *but* the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are A'bra-ham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, A'bra-ham is our father. Je'sus saith unto them, If ye were A'bra-ham's children, ye would do the works of A'bra-ham.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not A'bra-ham.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.

42 Je'sus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do; he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

## Revised Version.

31 Je'sus therefore said to those Jews which had believed him, If ye abide in my word, *then* are ye truly my disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered unto him, We be A'bra-ham's seed, and have never yet been in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Je'sus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Every one that committeth sin is the bond-servant of sin. And the bond-servant

abideth not in the house forever: the Son abideth forever. If therefore the Son shall

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## HOME READINGS.

M. The true children of God. John 8. 31-35.

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W. Children of Abraham. Gal. 3. 7-14.

Th. An heir of God. Gal. 4. 1-7.

**TIME.**—A. D. 29 or 30, immediately after the last lesson.

**PLACE.**—The temple courts.

**RULERS.**—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The sonship of believers.