

[NEAR CAPERNAUM, A. D. 27.]

SABBATH, August 10.—**LESSON VI.—The Beatitudes.**—Matt. v. 1-12.

Leader. 1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: *School.* 2. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

L. 8. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Prov. xvi. 19.

S. 4. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Isa. lxi. 2, 3.

L. 6. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Ps. xxviii. 11.

S. 6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

L. 7. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Text 8. 8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Heb. xii. 14; 1 Cor. xiii. 12.

Text 9. 9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Text 10. 10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Text 11. 11. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Text 12. 12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Neh. ix. 23.

TOPIC—Blessings from the Author of every good and perfect gift.

Golden Text—Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.—Ps. cxviii. 1.

LESSON SCHEME.**BIBLE SEARCHINGS:**

Prov. xli. 7.	John vii. 37.	Ps. xlii. 1, 2.
Isa. lxvi. 1.	Luke vi. 35, 36, 38.	John vi. 35.
Ps. xxv. 9.	Isa. liv. 15.	Matt. vii. 1, 2.
Matt. ix. 29.	2 Cor. i. 3, 4.	Ps. lxxiii. 1.
Ps. cxlv. 8.	Ps. cxlviii. 11.	

OUTLINE:

- I. THE POOR IN SPIRIT, v. 3;
- II. THE MOURNERS, v. 4;
- III. THE MEAK, v. 5;
- IV. THE PEACEMAKERS, v. 6;
- V. THE MERCIFUL, v. 7;
- VI. THE PURE IN HEART, v. 8;
- VII. THE PEACEMAKERS, v. 9;
- VIII. THE PERSECUTED, v. 10, 11.

Recite Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.

1. Why did Jesus go up into a mountain?
How did he spend this time of rest? v. 2.
How did he begin his sermon to his disciples?
What are these blessings called? [Beatitudes.]
What is it to be poor in spirit?
What does the Psalmist say of such? [Ps. xxxiv. 18.]
2. What blessing is promised to them that mourn? v. 4.
Who will comfort the mourner? [Isa. ii. 12; Ps. xxx. 11.]
3. What is the third beatitude? v. 5.
Who is our great example of meekness? [Matt. xi. 29.]
4. What blessing is pronounced upon those who desire righteousness? v. 6.
What terms are used to express this desire?
What does Jesus say of himself? [John vi. 35.]
Can those who stay away from Jesus be said to hunger and thirst for him?
What invitation is given in Isaiah iv. 1?

5. What is meant by "mercy?" [The Jews gave it two meanings—the forgiveness of injuries, and almsgiving.]

6. Upon whom is the sixth blessing pronounced? v. 8.
How may we become pure in heart? [Ps. li. 2, 10.]
What is meant by "seeing God?" [Being admitted to his presence—enjoying his glory.]

7. What is the seventh beatitude?

Who is the great peacemaker? [Eph. ii. 14, 17.]

8. Whom does our Lord number among blessed people?
What is said of the persecuted in Rev. vii. 14?

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. The happiness which comes from an inward state of grace?
2. The happiness which comes from correct outward acts?
3. The blessedness of suffering for Christ's sake?
4. The duty of rejoicing even in the midst of trouble?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**3. What do you mean by an eternal Spirit?**

An eternal Spirit is one who is without beginning and without end.

Ps. m. xc. 2.—From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

4. Where is God?

God is everywhere.

Jeremiah xxiii. 24.—Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

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SABBATH, August 17.—**LESSON VII.—Teaching to Pray.**—Matt. vi. 5-15.

Text *Leader.* 5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Text *School.* 6. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. 2 Kings iv. 33.

L. 7. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Eccles. v. 2.

S. 8. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

L. 9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke xi. 2.

S. 10. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Ps. ciii. 20, 21.

L. 11. Give us this day our daily bread.

S. 12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

L. 13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: