

bible and find out exactly what it means, so that we may not be deceived by any misunderstanding of the word. Look for the seventeenth chapter of St. Luke, Amy, and read the third and fourth verses.

*Amy.*—“Take heed to yourselves. If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

“And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.”

*Mrs. Arnold.*—Now look, Susan, for the twenty-fourth chapter of Proverbs, and read the seventeenth verse.

*Susan.*—“Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth.”

*Mrs. Arnold.*—A very striking instance of forgiveness and of returning good for evil is found in the seventh chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, where Stephen, when dying under the violence and persecution of his enemies, yet prayed earnestly for them in his last moments in these words, “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.” Now find the sixth chapter of St. Luke, Harriet, and read the thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, and thirty-seventh verses, with which we will close the lesson for to-day.

*Harriet.*—“But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

“Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

“Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.”