

THE Teachers' Preparation Leaflet

LESSON 4.

OCTOBER 28th, 1894.

4th QUARTER.

A Paralytic Healed. MARK I: 1-12.

(Commit to memory verses 9-12.)

GOLDEN TEXT.

"The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins." Mark 2: 10.

PROVE THAT

Unbelief is sinful. Heb. 3: 12.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Quest. 99, *What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?* A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called *The Lord's Prayer*.

LESSON HYMNS.

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DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the I. B. R. A.)

MONDAY—A Paralytic Healed.

Mark 2: 1-12.

TUESDAY—Plentiful Redemption.

Psalms 130.

WEDNESDAY—Sins Blotted Out.

Isaiah 43: 14-25.

THURSDAY—Trespasses Forgiven.

Col. 2: 6-15.

FRIDAY—Forgiven through Christ.

Acts 13: 32-39.

SATURDAY—For His Sake.

1 John 2: 1-12.

SUNDAY—Prayer for Pardon.

Psalms 25: 1-11.

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY. Jesus labored at his work of healing far on into the night. There need not have remained one sick or infirm person in Capernaum, for he healed all that came to him. His heart was sore and his body was weary, yet he rose long before daylight next morning that he might refresh himself by communion with his Father in prayer. But the eager crowds would give him no time for quiet retirement. He set out at once on a tour throughout Galilee. Great multitudes followed him (Matt. 4: 25) and his fame extended beyond the borders of Palestine. He healed diseases and cast out devils, and, for the first time, that loathsome and incurable disease, leprosy, the type of sin, fled at his touch (Mark 1: 41-45.) Then again we read that "he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed." (Luke 5: 16.) If we would do good service for God and our fellow men, communion with our Heavenly Father must be the habit of our daily life. On his return to Capernaum the incident recorded in our lesson took place. Parallel passages, Matt. 9: 2-8; Luke 5: 17-26.

LESSON PLAN. I. Faith Manifested. vs. 1-4. II. Pardon Proclaimed. vs. 5-9. III. Healing Bestowed. vs. 10-12.

I. FAITH MANIFESTED. After some days—From Matthew we learn that he had been on the eastern side of the lake (Matt. 9: 1). The excitement following upon the cleansing of the leper was so great that Jesus had to avoid the larger towns for some time (Mark 1: 45), but when it had quieted down he returned to Capernaum, which was now "his own city" (Matt. 9: 1). This was his headquarters for more than a year and a half. It was noised—lit. "heard," rumored, reported. In the house—R. V. marg. "at home." This was probably Peter's house. From Matt. 8: 20 it is evident that Jesus had no home of his own, but this and other passages (3: 19-21) shew that there was one dwelling at Capernaum which was his well-known abode.

2. No longer room for them—They crowded the central courtyard of the house and doorway leading to the street. The words of Jesus drew them more than his miracles. He preached the word—i. e. the gospel (Luke 1: 2). The same glad tidings as he had preached at Nazareth. He told them of the mercy and love of God, and illustrated it by miracles of healing (Luke 5: 17). "An Eastern house consists generally of a blank

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