

# INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. FOURTH QUARTER.

## LESSON X. (December 5.)

### CHRIST'S HUMILITY AND EXALTATION. Phil. 2. 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2. 5.

#### Primary Notes.

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"How I would like to be a queen, and wear a crown!" It was a rosy-cheeked little girl who said it, and her earnest tone and words brought a smile to the face of her mother, who sat near by. "What should I do, then, without my little girl?" she said. "But I know how you can be making a crown now, to wear some day." "Tell me about it, please," cried Ray, dropping the doll's hat she was trimming and leaning up against her mother. "The way that Jesus did, and the way that everyone who wears a crown in heaven now won it—by getting the humble, lowly, loving mind of Jesus. He offers it to us if we want it. If we have it, we shall think of others before self, and always try to do as Jesus would do if he were in our place. That is the way to make a crown brighter than any crown ever worn by any king or queen."

*Map Lesson.* [If you have the sand map, place a tiny flag at Philippi, and tell something of Paul's experience in that city. Help the children to tell about the singing in prison at night, and the happy conversion of the jailer.] It was not strange that the people of Philippi loved Paul. They had often given money to help him in his work, and now they sent a good man to Rome to see Paul and to carry a present to him to show their love and desire to help him. Then Paul wrote a letter to thank them, and our lesson today is from this letter. In it he gives the Philippians [and us] much good advice. If we remember it, and try to follow it, we shall please Jesus, and grow to be like him.

*The Peaceful Mind.* There was once a little girl named Mary who had the peaceful mind. At one time she was away from home among strangers. Her father went to see her, and he told the lady at whose house she was staying that they missed Mary very much at home. "There can never be any trouble where Mary is!" said her father. Was not that a beautiful thing to say about a child? Can it be said about you? He

meant that Mary was so loving and unselfish that she not only did not make trouble herself, but was always ready to make peace when others were in trouble.

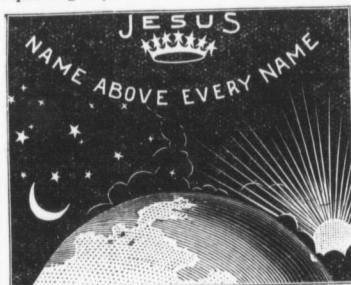
*The Lowly Mind.* Did you ever see a conceited boy or girl? Some children think their own way is best, and are not willing to give it up. A lady who was left in charge of some children while their mother was away said: "It is very hard to get Dora to do a thing unless she likes it. She will nearly always manage to have her own way." She did not have the lowly mind. She wanted her own way because she thought it must be the best way.

There are some children who want the best of everything. Do you know someone like this? "See, teacher," said a little Sunday school boy, "I bring more missionary money than any boy in the class!" He did not have the lowly mind.

A little girl went home from church one day and said, "My hat was the prettiest one in the whole church!"

Paul says in this lesson, "Let each esteem other better than themselves." If you do that, then you have the lowly mind. Do you know that was the kind of mind Jesus had, and which he wants us to have?

*The Great Name.* [Show the lower part of the blackboard, and talk about the world in which we live. Children love to tell what they know, and it is always well to draw them out about familiar things. Speak of great men, kings, generals, etc.; of great kingdoms and nations, of great inventions, and wonderful deeds, helping children to see that this is a world of wonders in which we live. Then tell them that this is only one world of many in the great universe of God! Uncover the other part of the board, and let the children tell whose is the "Name above every name," and read from the Bible verses 5-11, explaining as you read, and showing that it was



because Jesus had the lowly mind that he came to such great power and glory.]