

Lesson V.

THE UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS—To-day's Lesson continues the narrative from the point reached in that for last Sabbath.

GOLDEN TEXT—Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—Luke 11 : 9.

Memorize vs. 9, 10. **THE LESSON PASSAGE**—Luke 11 : 1-13.

1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, 'Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins ; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say 'unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves ;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him ?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not ; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed ; I cannot rise and give thee.

Revised Version—Omit that ; that when ; even as ; Father, Hallowed ; Omit rest of verse, ourselves also ; bring ; to, is come to me from a journey ; arise, And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask a loaf, and he ; Omit if he ask ; and he ; give.

Daily Readings—(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 56 Old Bailey, London, England.)—M.—The Unfriendly Neighbor, Luke 11 : 1-13. T.—The model prayer, Matt. 6 : 5-15. W.—Our gracious Lord, Ps. 145 : 8-21. Th.—Ask in His name, John 16 : 23-33. F.—Prevailing prayer, Gen. 18 : 23-33. S.—Not to be denied, Matt. 15 : 21-23. S.—"The Lord heareth," Ps. 34 : 1-17.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE LORD'S PRAYER.—1. As he was praying.

It is a mark of Luke's Gospel, that it refers frequently to Jesus' prayers (compare chs. 3 : 21 ; 6 : 12 ; 22 : 41, etc.). A certain place ; somewhere in Perea, a region east of the Jordan, through which Jesus, with His disciples, was journeying to Jerusalem. Lord, teach us to pray. It was the custom for Jewish rabbis or teachers to draw up forms of prayer for their disciples or scholars. Even as John (Rev. Ver.). Nothing is known of a form of prayer taught by John.

2. When ye pray, say ; not necessarily in the same words, but in the same spirit and with the same desires. Our Father. The "our" links together as brethren those who offer this prayer. "Father" is Jesus' special title for God. It teaches us to come to God with the confidence of children (see John 1 : 12). Which art in heaven ; and therefore to be approached with reverence as well as confidence. Hallowed ; treated as holy. Thy name ; not only the title, God, but everything which makes God known, including His word, day and house. Thy kingdom

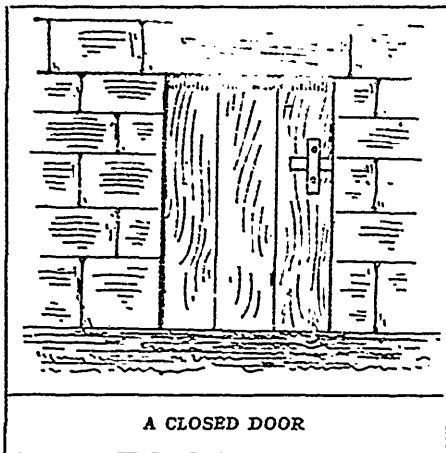
come . . . thy will be done ; a prayer that God's rule may be set up and extended. As in heaven ; willingly and perfectly by the angels. So in earth ; amongst men.

3, 4. Give us. First in our prayers should come God's honor, kingdom and will ; our own needs should have the second place. Daily bread ; "bread of the coming day," a prayer in the morning for to-day's

bread and in the evening for to-morrow's bread. Forgive us our sins ; our wrongs against God and man. For we also forgive. We must practise forgiveness if we would receive it. Lead us not into temptation ; keep us from coming under the power of temptation, which we must meet. Deliver us from evil ; free us from the power of Satan, "the evil one" (see Matt. 6 : 13, Rev. Ver.).

II. THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT.—5-8. At midnight.

According to Jewish laws of hospitality, shelter, but not food, might be demanded after sundown. Lend me ; allow me the use of, as a friendly act, not for reward. Three loaves. Bread was made of wheat,



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