

insidiously, without much pain; (3) Ruins and despoils; (4) Is foul and pollutive; (5) Is incurable by man.... In applying this lesson: (1) Show the condition of these ten lepers as a type of sin; (a) In misery; (b) In helplessness; (c) Outside the gate; (d) With no association among the holy. (2) Show how they illustrate salvation: (a) They realized their need; (b) Called on Christ; (c) Believed; (d) Obeyed, appropriating to themselves the privilege of cleansing. (3) Exhibit especially the example of thankfulness and acknowledgment of God's mercies as our duty and our privilege.... The teachings might be vividly grouped around these brief texts: (1) "Afar off," verse 12; (2) "Master have mercy," verse 13; (3) "Thy faith hath made thee whole," verse 19; (4) "He saw that he was healed," verse 15; (5) "Giving him thanks," verse 16; (6) "Where are the nine?" verse 17.

References.

FREEMAN'S HANDBOOK. Ver. 8: The girdle, 314.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 1.

O for a thousand tongues to sing.
Pass me not.
More love to thee.
O could I speak.
I love to tell the story.

No. 2.

Yes, I will bless thee.
O, my Saviour, how I love thee.
Lift up your hearts.
Jesus Christ is passing by.
We come thy praise to sing.

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LESSON VI. LESSONS ON PRAYER.

[May 10.]

GOLDEN TEXT. The publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke 18. 13.

Authorized Version.

Luke 18. 9-17. [Commit to memory verses 15-17.]

[Study the whole chapter, Luke 18.]

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Revised Version.

9 And he spake also this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were 10 righteous, and set all others at naught: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one 11 a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even 12 as this publican. I fast twice in the week; I 13 give tithes of all that I get. But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, 14 saying, God, be merciful to me a sinner. I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And they brought unto him also their babes, that he should touch them: but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.

TIME.—Probably A. D. 30. **PLACE.**—Somewhere on the journey from Perea to Jerusalem.

HOME READINGS.

M. Lessons on Prayer. Luke 18. 1-8.

Tu. Lesson on Prayer. Luke 18. 9-17.

W. Unacceptable prayer. Isa. 1. 10-20.

Th. Penitent prayer. Neh. 1.

F. Humility in prayer. Psalm 25. 1-14.

S. Prayer for pardon. Psalm 51. 1-13.

8. As little children. Matt. 18. 1-6.

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