

THE Teachers' Preparation Leaflet

LESSON 7.

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4th QUARTER.

The Sermon on the Mount. LUKE 5: 20-31.

(Commit to memory verses 27-31.)

GOLDEN TEXT.

"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6: 31.

PROVE THAT

God's people may expect persecu. n. John 15: 20.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Quest. 102. *What do we pray for in the second petition?* In the second petition (which is, *The kingdom come*) we pray, that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

LESSON HYMNS.

CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, NOS 143, 72, 101, 134.

DAILY PORTIONS.

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

- MONDAY—The Sermon on the Mount.
Luke 6: 20-31.
TUESDAY—The Sermon continued.
Luke 6: 32-38.
WEDNESDAY—Matthew's Narrative.
Matt. 5: 1-12.
THURSDAY—Humility and Gladness.
Ps. 69: 29-36.
FRIDAY—Bearing Reproach.
I Pet. 2: 17-25.
SATURDAY—Coals of Fire.
Prov. 25: 14-22.
SABBATH—The Golden Rule.
Matt. 7: 1-12.

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY. After spending the night in prayer, Jesus selected and appointed his twelve apostles. He then descended to the plain at the foot of the mountain and healed the multitudes who had come thither from all quarters. He then, from the mountain-side, addressed to his disciples; and to the assembled people the discourse commonly known as the Sermon on the Mount. Of this our lesson is a brief synopsis. It is given more fully in Matt. chaps. 5-7, and should not only be read but committed to memory by every scholar.

LESSON PLAN. I. Love in the Heart. vs. 20-26. II. Love in the Life. vs. 27-31.

I. LOVE IN THE HEART. 20. Lifted up his eyes—One can almost see the grave, earnest, sympathizing, holy look of Jesus as he opened his mouth to utter these words of blessing. "These beatitudes teach us wherein the only true, pure, lasting blessedness for man consists; not in anything outward, not in the gratification of our natural passions or desires, our covetousness, or pride, our ambition, or love of pleasure; not in what we have, but in what we are in God's sight, and in relation to his empire over our souls." (Hanna.) **His disciples**—He spoke to the Twelve and to all who followed him, but his words were meant for the multitude as well (Luke 7: 1). This was the manifesto of his kingdom. One naturally compares it with the law given from Mount Sinai. "We think of that as a 'fiery law,' whose promulgation is surrounded by the imagery of thunders and lightnings, and the voice of the trumpet sounding long, and wax-

ing louder and louder. We think of *this* as flowing forth in divinest music amid all the calm and loveliness of the clear and quiet dawn. That came dreadfully to the startled conscience from an Unseen Presence, shrouded by wreathing clouds, and destroying fire, and eddying smoke; this was uttered by a sweet human voice that moved the heart most gently in words of peace." (Farrar.) **Blessed**—"The word expresses a permanent state of felicity, rather than the passive reception of a blessing bestowed by another." (Ellicott.) Those are "blessed" whom God loves and cares for. These blessings are called "The Beatitudes," from the word with which, in the Latin version, each begins, viz: "*Beatus*." **Poor**—Matthew has it "poor in spirit." The meaning here is the same. The word would fall gratefully upon the ears of those who heard it, because the great bulk of the people was really poor, impoverished by tyrannous misrule. Yet

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