

Lesson XII.

THE FEEDING OF FIVE THOUSAND

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John 6 : 5-14—Memory Verses, 9-12

Golden Text—Give us this day our daily bread.—Matt. 6 : 11.

5 When Je'sus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him : for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, An'drew, Si'mon Pe'ter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes : but what are they among so many?

10 And Je'sus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Je'sus took the loaves ; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down ; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up

the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. 13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Je'sus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Late one afternoon, near the time of the passover-feast, Jesus was sitting out of doors on a quiet mountain-side overlooking the sea of Galilee, talking with His disciples.

As He walked up, He saw the crowds of people who had been following Him all day and watching His miracles, coming to hear Him again.

Jesus was sorry for them. He knew they must be tired and hungry. Now there were no shops in the place and though Jesus had His own plan for feeding the people, yet He wanted to see if His disciples believed in Him, so He said to Philip, "Where can we

buy food for these people?"

"Why," said Philip, "We have not money enough. It would take fifty dollars' worth of bread to do it."

"But," said Andrew, "there is a little boy here with a small lunch. He has five little flat loaves and two tiny fish. But what's the use of that among so many?"

Jesus said "Make all the people sit down in good order on the grass." There were five thousand men, not counting the women and children. Then the boy gave Jesus his bread and the fishes and Jesus asked God to bless them and gave the food to the disciples and