

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE—CONTINUED.

A. D. 30.]

LESSON V. FAITH.

[May 3.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Increase our faith. Luke 17. 5.

Authorized Version.

Luke 17. 5-19. [Commit to memory verses 17-19.]

[Read the chapter, Luke 17.]

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

11 And it came to pass, as he went to Je-ru-salem, that he came through the midst of Sa-ma-ri-a and Gal-i-lee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Je-sus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Sa-ma-ri-tan.

17 And Je-sus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Revised Version.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye would say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou planted in the sea; and it would have

7 obeyed you. But who is there of you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say unto him, when he is come in from the field, Come straightway and sit down to meat;

8 and will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and

9 afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank the servant because he did the things

10 that were commanded? Even so ye also, when ye shall have done all the things that are com-

manded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do.

11 And it came to pass, as they were on the way to Je-ru-salem, that he was passing through the

12 midst of Sa-ma-ri-a and Gal-i-lee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten

13 men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, saying, Je-sus, Mas-

14 ter, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass,

15 as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned

16 back, with a loud voice glorifying God; and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him

17 thanks: and he was a Sa-ma-ri-tan. And Je-sus answering said, Were not the ten

18 cleansed? but where are the nine? Were there none found that returned to give glory to God,

19 save this stranger? And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

HOME READINGS.

M. Faith. Luke 17. 5-19.

Tu. The law of cleansing. Lev. 14. 21-32.

W. Naaman cured. 2 Kings 5. 8-14.

Th. Confident trust. Psalm 27.

F. Faith and sight. John 20. 24-31.

S. Both able and willing. Mark 1. 35-45.

S. Heroes of Faith. Heb. 11. 32-40.

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TIME.—Probably A. D. 30. **PLACE.**—We do not know where the words of the first part of this lesson were spoken. The miracle was wrought at some point on the boundary line of the provinces of Samaria and Galilee. Jesus was going south-eastward toward the Jordan, which he crossed probably not far from Bethabara. It is to be dated, therefore, in all probability, somewhat earlier than the Perean parables which we have recently studied.