

Lesson VIII.

JESUS TEACHES HUMILITY

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Mark 10 : 35-45. Study vs. 32-45—Memory verses, 43-45.

Golden Text—For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.—Mark 10 : 45.



are accounted to rule over the Gen'tiles exercise lordship over them ; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43 But so shall it not be among you : but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister :

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus went along the way toward Jerusalem, He talked more and more often of the time when He must be put to death. But though He spoke sadly of what should happen to Him at Jerusalem, He constantly reminded His beloved disciples that, after He had risen from the dead, He should return to His Father, and prepare a place for them in His heavenly kingdom.

Among the throng that followed Jesus from place to place was a woman called Salome, who was the mother of James and John. These two, with Peter, were the three whom Jesus loved best of all His disciples. One day Salome, with her two sons, pushed their way through the crowd, and coming to the place where Jesus stood, they worshipped Him, saying, "Dear Master, promise that Thou wilt give us whatever we desire." "What is it that I can do for

35 And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38 But Je'sus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask : can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39 And they said unto him, We can. And Je'sus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of ; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized :

40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give ; but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared.

41 And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

42 But Je'sus called them to *him*, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which

you?" answered Jesus. Then they asked that James and John might sit, one on His right hand and the other on His left hand, in His kingdom.

"You know not for what you are asking," said Jesus. "Your words show that you are thinking only of honor to yourselves; you forget that those who would be with Me in My glory must be able now to endure much that is hard and disappointing, for My sake." Then Jesus asked them if they thought they were able to bear such sufferings as were soon to come upon Him? Could they drink of the cup of sorrow and pain that would in a few days be His? James and John, feeling strong enough for anything while Jesus was beside them, answered both together, "Master, we can."

Jesus then told them that they should indeed suffer many things for His sake and