upon fathers special duties to their children, ver. 4. Prov. 22. 6; 1. 18; 3. 12; 13. 24; 19. 18; 22. 15; 23. 13; 29. 15; 20. 7; Col. 3. 21; Deut. 4. 9; 5. 31; 6. 7; 11. 19; 21. 18; Heb. 12. 9; 1 Tim. 5. 8.

6. That the Bible, and no other book, or books, is the word of God, is plain to my thought because of the noble character and place it gives the mother. General 18a. 49, 15; 1 Sam. 1, 22-24; 1 Kings 3, 29; Prov. 27 Tim. 1, 5; 2 John; Prov. 31; Judges 18. 29, 34; Matt. 12, 49, 50.

7. Divinely appointed and mutual parental duties. Gen. 33. 5; I Sam. 1. 27; Psa. 127, 3; Titus 2. 4; Matt. 19. 13, 14; Isa. 38, 19; Joel 1. 3; Exod. 10. 2; Deut. 32. 46; Heb. 11. 20; I Tim. 3. 4, 12.

9. The offensive and defensive armor of the Hebrew and, also, of the Christian warrior, ver. 11. 1 Sam. 17. 5, 38; Jer. 46, 4; 2 Sam. 18, 11; 1 Sam. 17. 6; 1 Kings 10. 16, 17; 1 Chron. 5, 18; Rom. 13, 12; 2 Cor. 6, 7; 10. 5, 4; 1 Thess. 5, 8; Eph. 6, 14-17.

10. Tempted as all Christians are to neglect duty, the only sufficient and available power by which it can be done are: truth, righteousness, the Gospel, faith, salvation, and the word, ver. 12. Prov. 23. 23; I Cor. 13. 6; Matt. 5. 6; Rom. 14. 17; 1. 18; Heb. 4. 2; Mark 1. 15; Rom. 4. 21; Heb. 2. 14, 15; Rom. 10. 10; Luke 16. 29, 31; 2 Tim. 3. 15.

God's commands are intensely practical; what cannot be averted should be patiently endured.

2. When children obey their parents they obey their God, ver. 1.

3. An intelligent, voluntary act is right when it is in harmony with the will of God, ver. 1.

The spirit that leads to filial obedience and rever-ence will insure general success, ver. 2.

5. Obedience rendered because the parental rod is fully meritorious.

 Ungoverned parental temper, and unskilled do-mestic administration, easily account for almost all unruly children, ver. 4.

7. Not one father in a hundred ever specifically instructs his children in the ways of God and duty.

8. Servants who faithfully serve soon practically rule,

A servant is any one who labors for some one else; and all servitude is mitigated by obedience, ver. 6.

Let an employé always bear in mind that his real employer is the Lord Almighty, ver. 7.

11. God observes, records, treasures, every act of fidelity, and will surely reward, ver. 8.

12. A man's position in eternity will depend upon the character he gains in time, ver. 9

13. It is possible for all of us to be as strong in the Lord as we ought to be, ver. 10.

14. We can, if we will, dress, arm. fight, and will, as genuine Christian soldiers, vers. 11-13.

## Lesson VI. May. 10. Christ our Example. Phil. 2. 5-16.

1. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians was written during the latter part of his first imprisonment at Rome, A. D. 62. It with great warmt thanked the Church at Philippi for remembering him in his bonds so oppor-tunely and so substantially, at the hands of his ardent but unfortunate friend Epaphroditus. In this address, too, he highly complimented the Philippian Christians for their irreproachable walk, and for their endurance under persecution. Phil. 1. 7, 28, 29; Isa. 51. 7, 12; Matt. 10. 28; 1 Pet. 3, 14; Phil. 2, 12; Prov. 10. 16; John 6. 27, 29; 1 John 3. 23; Phil. 4. 10-15; 2 Cor. 8. 1, 2.

2. Paul, for the first time in Europe, preached the Gospel at Philippi, Lydia, a Jewess proselyte, and dealer in purple cloths, was the first convert. She was distinguished for spirituality, generosity, zeal. The church which at once sprang up about her partook of her admirable characteristics. Acts 16. 14, 40; 16; 2 Cor.

8. 1, 2; 9. 2. 4; Mark 12. 43, 44; Phil. 1. 19, 28–30; 3. 1, 15, 16, 20; 4. 1, 3, 7, 8, 14, 15, 18.

 Jesus Christ is our example in holiness and purity, or, character and conduct; and all the resources of the or, character and conduct; and an fife resources of the Omnipotent Godhead are pledged to enable us to put on this mind that was in Christ, ver. 5. 1 Pet. 1. 15: 1 John 3. 3; John 13. 34; Phil. 2. 5, 7; Col. 3. 13; John 3. 3; Heb. 5. 9; John 4. 14; Luke 10. 1-16; John 6. 15; Matt.

4. Many admit the peculiar and superior divinity of Jesus Christ, but, unlike the doctrine of this lesson, deny his essential delty, ver. 6. Isa. 44, 6; Zech. 13, 7; Psa. 103. 24-27, with Heb. 1. 8, 10-12; Isa. 9. 6; Rom. 9, 5; Jer. 10, 10, with 1 John 5, 20; Dan. 10. 17, with Rev. 1. 5; Tr. 14.

5. Study for a moment the fact of the incarnation of the Son of God, ver 7. 1 Tim. 2. 5; Heb. 2. 17; Matt. 26, 38; Luke 23. 46; 2. 21; Act. 3. 22; Heb. 7. 26, 28; John 20. 37; Gen. 22. 18, with Gal. 3. 16; Matt. 8. 20;

6. In cultivating the admirable grace of personal lumility, it is well to be familiar with that of deau Christ, our example ver 8. Heb. 2, 16-18; Matt. 13, 25, 20, 28; 21, 5, 7, with Zech. 9, 9; Luke 2, 4-7, 51; 0, 63, 22, 27; 15, 1,2; Heb. 4, 15; John 13, 5; 9, 29; 4aa, 53, 3.

7. The profound ignominy of the voluntary humilia-tion of the Son of God for sinful man, ver. 8. Matt. 27, 33-38; 10, 37-39; 16. 24, 25; Eph. 2. 16; Col. 1. 19-22; 2. 13-15; Heb. 12. 1-3; Luke 24. 25-27.

8. The intrinsic and unequaled splendor of the name of Christ, ver. 9. Rev. 1. 8; Heb. 12. 2; 1 Tim. 6. 15; John 6. 35, 48; Eph. 2. 20; Hag. 2. 7; 1 John 5. 20; Isa. 9. 6; 40. 9; Rom. 9. 5; Col. 1. 18; John 8. 12; 14. 6.

9. The Lord Jesus Christ will at some time in the 9. The Lord Jesus Christ will as solid tube insisting of the human race on earth, rule absolutely in every heart, vers. 10, 11. Isa. 45. 23; Rev. 5. 13; 2 Chron. 29. 11; 1 Tim. 6. 15. 16; 1 Pet. 4. 11; Rom. 14. 9; Dan. 7. 13, 14; Psa. 2. 6, 8; Mal. 28. 18–20; John 3. 35; 1 Cor. 7. 13, 14; Psa. 2. 6, 8; Mal. 28. 18–20; John 3. 35; 1 Cor. 15. 24-28.

10. Under the inspiration of God working in us, we can all "work out," or secure, full salvation by repentance, belief, and confession. A convicted sinner can do no more. God's power is needed to convert, pardon, assure, and sanctify, vers. 12, 13. Acts. 23, 738; 17.0 Matt. 9, 13; Psa. 55, 7, 8, with Heb. 3, 7, 8; Acts 16 30, 31; John 3, 16, 38; 6, 47; Rom. 10, 9, 10; 1 John 4, 2; Matt. 10, 32; John 12, 42, 43.

1. The spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ may be ours,

ver. 5.
2. That is, we may be one with Christ Jesus in personal quality, ver. 5.
3. Jesus Christ was willing for your sake and mine to

3. Jesus Christ was wining for your and came to earth in human form to suffer and die, ver. 6.

4. Christ's heart was not immovably fixed upon the maintainance of his delfic glory, ver. 7.

5. Christ's spirit, which we are in duty bound to ob-

tain, led him into voluntary humiliation for the good of

others, ver. 7.

6. What a miracle of compression was the incarna-

6. What a miracle of compression was the incarnation of deity, ver. 8.

7. Through the perfection of obedience, unmindful of the personal humiliation involved. Christ reached the royalty of his now-supreme exaltation, ver. 9.

8. The greater the cost of obedience, the brighter the crown of compensation, ver. 10.

9. The first of all acrifices was made by Christ, and so the first of all acrifices was made by Christ, and so the first of all acrives is now worn by him, ver. 10.

10. The supreme deity of Jesus Christ will yet receive universal recognition, ver. 11.

12. Personal salvation is completed, or "worked this own humanity, but God's glory, ver. 11, and the own through the atonement gullt is pardoued, and through the "new birth" sin is destroyed, vers. 12, 13. 12, 13,

## Lesson VII. May 17. Christian Contentment. Phil. 4. 4-13.

1. The Philippian Christians to whom Paul wrote this epistle, like many of their brethren at the present time, were poor. They were in consequence strongly tempted to discontentment. Were they, and are we, familiar with the philosophy, or providence, of poverty' Job 34, 19; 1, 21; Prov. 22, 2; 1 Sam. 2. 7; Isa. 29, 10; 11 Thm. 6. 10; Mic. 6. 9; 1 Thess. 3. 9; Heb. 12. 6, 10, 11; Matt. 8. 20; 25. 42-45.

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