

# HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 7.

NOVEMBER 18th, 1894.

4th QUARTER.

## The Sermon on the Mount. LUKE 6: 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 persecution. John 15: 20.

### SHORTER CATECHISM.

Quest. 102. *What do we pray for in the second petition?* In the second petition (which is, *Thy 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.

1 Pet. 2: 17-25.

SATURDAY—Coals of Fire.

Prov. 25: 14-22.

SABBATH—The Golden Rule.

Matt. 7: 1-12.

## HELPS IN STUDYING.

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. vs. 20-26.  
**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. **His disciples**—He spoke to all who followed him. Moses gave the Ten Commandments from Mt. Sinai to Israel, and now Jesus gives the laws of his kingdom to his people from this mountain. He spoke in the hearing of the multitude and what he said was meant for them too. (Luke 7: 1). **Blessed**—This means more than "happy." Those are "blessed" whom God loves and cares for. These blessings are called "The Beatitudes." **Poor**—Matthew says "poor in spirit." Unless poor people are pious we have no reason to call them blessed. Poverty itself is not a blessing. But whether rich or poor those who are humble and grateful have God's blessing. (Isa. 57: 15; 66: 2). Yet those who are poor have special reason to be thankful for the gospel.

(Matt. 11: 5; Jas. 2: 5). It helps them to bear their privations, gives a contented spirit, teaches industry and virtue, assures them of God's fatherly care (Rom. 8: 28), and makes them heirs of heaven at last. **The kingdom of God**—Heaven and all its glories. This carries with it heaven's joy in the heart now. **21. Ye that hunger**—"Hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt. 5: 6); those who earnestly desire to have their sins pardoned and their hearts made pure. (Isa. 5: 5; John 7: 37). Christ bore the punishment of sin for all such, his righteousness is counted to them, and his Holy Spirit sanctifies their hearts. **Ye that weep**—We must understand this to mean those that are mourning for sin. (Isa. 61: 3; Rev. 7: 17). Yet sorrow, if in a right spirit, brings a blessing. (Rom. 5: 3-5; 2 Cor. 4: 17; Heb. 12: 11; Jas. 1: 12). **Laugh**—"Be comforted" (Matt. 5: 4), expressing the joy of those whose sins are blotted out for Christ's sake. **22. Hate**

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