

Lesson XIII. CHRISTMAS LESSON—THE PROMISE December 24, 1916 OF THE KING: THE COMING OF THE KING

Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 9: 49-62. *Scripture Memory Verses.

GOLDEN TEXTS—For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9: 6 (Rev. Ver.).

He that is not against you is for you.—Luke 9: 50 (Rev. Ver.).

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Mid'ian.

5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Luke 9: 49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jeru'salem,

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jeru'salem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Eli'as did?

55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Revised Version (Isa. 9: 2-7)—1 dwell; 2 thou hast increased their joy; 3 Omit and; 4 Omit three words; 5 thou hast broken; 6 all the armour of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall even be for burning, for fuel of fire; 7 Mighty God, Everlasting Father; 8 Omit The; 9 of; 10 establish it; 11 uphold it; 12 judgement; 13 righteousness; 14 shall. (Luke 9: 49-62)—1 forbade; 2 But Jesus; 3 you; 4 days were well-nigh come; 5 were going; 6 bid fire; 7 Omit rest of verse; 8 Omit first sentence in verse; 9 Omit five words; 10 Omit Lord; 11 The foxes; 12 the; 13 heaven; 14 But he said; 15 Leave; 16 to bury; 17 own; 18 published abroad; 19 I will follow thee, Lord; but first suffer me to bid farewell to them that are at my house.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The King Promised, Isaiah 9: 2-7.
- II. The King Ruling, Luke 9: 49-62.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—For and against him, Luke 9: 49-62. T.—Choose you this day, Josh. 24: 14-25. W.—Against him, John 11: 47-54. Th.—For him, Luke 9: 18-26. F.—A secret disciple, Mark 15: 42-47. S.—No drawing back, Heb. 10: 32-39. S.—"Whosoever shall confess me," Luke 12: 1-8.

Primary Catechism—Review Questions 116-130.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 79-81.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: The "Great Hymn of the Church"—Primary, 595; Junior and Upward, 438, 29, 31, 16 (Ps. Sel.), 34, 30.

Special Scripture Reading—Luke 2: 67-79; given also in Departmental Graded Teacher's Quarterlies. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Hymn for Opening Worship—Hymn 29, Book of Praise; given also in Departmental Graded Quarterlies.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 1629, The Rich Young Ruler (and the Golden Text). For Question on Missions, T. R. 8, Teacher Training Class. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, David's City, Bethlehem, Looking Southeast to Frank Mountain (Order from Underwood & Underwood, 417 Fifth Ave., New York City; further particulars, see page 575).

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Lesson Setting—The passage from Isaiah, Christ, contains a wonderful promise of the written about 750 years before the coming of Saviour's birth and reign; while the passage

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