

Lesson IV.

THE MISSION OF THE SEVENTY

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Luke 10 : 1-16. Study vs. 1-24—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

Golden Text—Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.—Luke 10 : 2.



9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you ; notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sod'om, than for that city.

13 Woe unto thee, Chora'zin ! woe unto thee, Beth'sai'da ! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Si'don, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Si'don at the judgment, than for you.

15 And thou, Caper'naum, which art exalted to heaven, shall be thrust down to hell.

16 He that heareth you heareth me ; and he that despiseth you despiseth me ; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few : pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways : behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes : and salute no man by the way.

5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it : if not, it shall turn to you again.

7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give : for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you :

THE LESSON RETOLD

So far, most of Jesus' wonderful teaching and miracles had been done in the towns and villages around the Lake of Galilee. In Capernaum, which He called "His own city," He had raised to life again a little girl who had been dead. At Bethsaida, across the lake, He had fed the starving multitude. Many families in every part of Galilee had received blessing from His hand.

But in spite of all that He had done among them, the Galileans were among the first to turn against Jesus. Stirred up by the wicked scribes and Pharisees, the people

at last grew so bitter, that it was no longer safe for the Saviour to remain in that part of the country. As He left Galilee, Jesus spoke sadly to His disciples of the wickedness of the cities which had so shamefully rejected Him, saying that if the same miracles that had been done in Capernaum had been done in the neighboring heathen towns of Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. "Woe unto the cities of Galilee," said Jesus, "for they shall be destroyed with a great and terrible punishment."