

## COURSE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR 1853.

## FIRST SERIES.

- May 29.**—*Scripture to be read*—Neh. 1. *To be committed*—James v. 13. *Subject*—Nehemiah. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Temple had been built, but not the walls—their condition as reported to Nehemiah—how he acted—his prayer—keepeth covenant and mercy—confession—pleads promise v. 8—and (v. 10) and redemption already wrought, see Psal. cxix. 94.
- June 5.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mal. i. 6, 14. *To be committed*—2 Cor. ix. 7, 8. *Subject*—Disobedient still. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Still sinning after much chastisement, and many mercies—evil heart—the complaints—God would be glorified though they dishonoured him—the Gentiles—the presumption—sin of offering the sick to the Lord—the curse—apply the principle to our offerings.
- June 12.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mark i. 1-8. *To be committed*—Ps. xlv. 12, 13. *Subject*—The Baptist. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Gospel—person of Christ—messenger to prepare the way—how prepared—repentance—concourse of people—baptism of the Holy Ghost—(fill up from the Evangelists.) Example of penitence, in Psal. xl.
- June 19.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mark i. 9-15. *To be committed*—John i. 29. *Subject*—Jesus. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Jesus came—(conception and birth from other Evangelists)—baptism—temptation—beginning of ministry.
- June 26.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mark i. 16-28. *To be committed*—Mat. vi. 33. *Subject*—Calling of Apostles and Miracles. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Calling of Apostles—their obedience—(what a word is this!)—taught with authority—miracle—unclean spirit (the washing of regeneration.) Though resisted, Jesus exerts his power to save—(found of those who sought not after him.)

## SECOND SERIES.

- May 29.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mark xv. 15-32. *To be committed*—Eph. v. 25, 27. *Subject*—Trial and Crucifixion. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Preceding narrative—read with reverence (Ex. iii. 5.)—It pleased the Lord to bruise him—Behold here the Lamb slain.—In this spirit go over the narrative, v. 31, a truth the rulers did not know—he cannot save himself, because he saves others.
- June 5.**—*Scripture to be read*—Mark xv. 33-47. *To be committed*—Heb. x. 19-22. *Subject*—Death. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—The narrative under the impression that this is the bearing of wrath due to sin—the darkness—my God, &c., and yet the cup cannot pass.—Veil of the temple, explain from Ex. xxvi. 31, 37—now enter into the holiest—Ps. lxxx. i.—Centurion's confession—burial.
- June 12.**—*Scripture to be read*—John xx. 19-31. *To be committed*—Rom. xiv. 8, 9. *Subject*—Resurrection. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Preceding verses. First day from this time made their day of meeting, and called the Lord's day. Acts xx. 7. Rev. i. 10.—what made them glad—sent them—Thomas, his confession, and appropriate faith—why these things have been written—that believing ye might have life.
- June 19.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts ii. 41-47. *To be committed*—1 Tim. iv. 8. *Subject*—Results of Pentecostal preaching. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Preceding verses—The preaching, the conviction, the questioning—Spirit's work then—received the word—gladly—baptized—continued in doctrine, &c.—others feared, Ps. xl. 3.—gladness in eating their meat, &c.—the saved added to the church—and who added them?
- June 26.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts iii. 19, 26. *To be committed*—Heb. iii. 4, 6. *Subject*—Moses a servant, Christ the Son. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Christ in suffering has fulfilled the covenant, therefore repent—there is hope—how sin blotted out—refreshing drops on way, but a river makes glad the eye of God—the presence of the Lord is enough.—The Prophet like Moses, Deut. xviii. 18, 19.—Samuel—the promise to Abraham—the blessing is a turning away, &c.

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