

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS

June 27, 1909

TO MAKE READY FOR THE REVIEW—Review your Supplemental Bible Work, Scripture Memory Passages, Shorter Catechism (Questions 12 to 20), and the Question on Missions for the Quarter

TEMPERANCE LESSON

LESSON SETTING—Paul wrote the Epistle to the Romans to the church in Rome, from Corinth, probably in the spring of A.D. 58. The Epistle falls into two parts: (1) Doctrinal; (2) Practical. The doctrinal part (chs. 1-11) sets forth fully the gospel which Paul had been preaching, and which he was eager to preach in Rome also. In the practical part, the conduct is described which ought to be seen in all who have accepted the gospel. The Lesson belongs to the second part, and teaches that we should love our neighbor, and so fulfil all our duty to him, and that we should so live as to be ready for the second coming of our Lord.

GOLDEN TEXT—Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.—Romans 13 : 14.

Memorize vs. 8, 10.

THE LESSON PASSAGE—Romans 13 : 8-14.

8 Owe no man any thing,¹ but to love one another: for he that loveth² another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal,³ Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is⁴ briefly comprehended in this⁵ saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour : ⁶ therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 And⁷ that, knowing the⁸ time, that now it is

Revised Version—¹save to : ²his neighbour ; ³Omit Thou shalt not bear false witness ; ⁴summed up in ; ⁵word : ⁶love therefore is the fulfilment ; ⁷this ; ⁸season ; ⁹for you ; ¹⁰Omit our ; ¹¹to us ; ¹²first ; ¹³and ; ¹⁴reveling ; ¹⁵jealousy.

Daily Readings—(Courtesy, I.B.R.A.)—M.—Wise walking, Rom. 13 : 8-14. T.—Dead to sin, Rom. 6 : 8-18. W.—Be separate ! 2 Cor. 6 : 11-18. Th.—Be ye holy ! 1 Pet. 1 : 13-23. F.—Living to God, 1 Pet. 4 : 1-8. S.—Fit for use, 2 Tim. 2 : 11-22. S.—Putting on righteousness, Eph. 4 : 17-24.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S LAW.—8.

Owe no man any thing. Our debt may be money or reverence or honor, v. 7. Whatever it is, we should pay it with exactness and cheerfulness. But to love one another. This is the only debt we should be content to leave unpaid. We should always be striving to meet it fully, but the time will never come when we may cease paying it. He that loveth ; literally, "the lover", one whose words and deeds are governed by the love in his heart. His neighbour (Rev. Ver.) The Greek for these words means simply "the other man", whoever he may be who is in need of loving help, as, for example, the wounded traveler ministered to by the Good Samaritan, Luke 10 : 29-37. Hath fulfilled the law ; the Commandments of the second table, which declare man's duty to man. The one who loves another desires with all his heart to obey these Commandments, when he knows what they require.

9, 10. For this, etc. Paul repeats five of the Commandments from the second table. The one who loves his neighbor, will keep these Commandments, because love will not permit him to injure another in any of the ways mentioned in them. If there be any other commandment. If any one can think of any other way in which the loving man can do good to, or avoid injuring, his neighbor, he



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will gladly follow it out. Summed up (Rev. Ver.). All the good one can do to another is included in loving him. Love thy neighbour as thyself ; repeated from Lev. 19 : 18, quoted in Matt. 22 : 39 ; Mark 12 : 31 ; Luke 10 : 27 ; Gal. 5 : 14 ; and called "the royal law" in James 2 : 8. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour. No one, for example, can truly love his neighbor who gives or sells him drink that will ruin him, or who leads him, by word or example, to use the accursed stuff.

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S LORD.

11. Knowing the season (Rev. Ver.) ; the time in which you live, and which will soon be brought to an end by Christ's second coming. This takes place, for each of us, at the hour of death. It is high time ; literally, "the hour", that is, the hour appointed. For you (Rev. Ver.). Like an extended index finger, these words bring home the warning to each one of us. To awake out of sleep ; to rouse yourselves from carelessness and indolence. Like the sharp crack of a whip, this stinging phrase stirs up our sluggish souls. Salvation nearer ; that is, the resurrection glory awaiting every saved soul. Than when we first believed (Rev. Ver.) ; and so entered on the Christian life.

12. The night is far spent ; the gloomy time of Christ's absence from His people : this is well-nigh