

toward God and man; 5.) Its character—sincerity; 6.) Its principles—self-sacrifice....The greatest commandment....Illustrations. When Edward I. of England was wounded by a poisoned dagger, his queen, Eleanor, sucked out the poison with her own lips, risking her life to save her husband's....Legend of an angel who undertook to destroy an iceberg by heaving it down with an ax, then by beating upon it with rain and wind, but in vain. At last God sent forth the sunshine and the warm showers, and the iceberg melted away....There is said to be a religious paper in a Southern city printed by type made from the bullets picked up on the battlefield; so Christ changes the outflowings of the heart from hate to love.

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### ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE. The Great Commandment.

#### I. THE DUTY OF LOVE.

First of all the commandments. v. 29.

"The royal law....Scripture." James 2. 8.

"This is my commandment." John 15. 12.

#### II. THE SOURCE OF LOVE.

The Lord our God is one Lord. v. 29.

"He first loved us." 1 John 4. 19.

"God is love." 1 John 4. 16.

#### III. THE LOVE OF GOD.

Thou shalt love the Lord. v. 30.

"God require....to love him." Deut. 10. 13.

"This is the love of God." 1 John 5. 3.

#### IV. THE LOVE OF MAN.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor. v. 31.

"A new commandment." John 13. 34.

"To brotherly kindness, charity." 2 Pet. 1. 7.

#### V. THE MEASURE OF LOVE.

Heart....soul....mind. v. 30.

"As Christ also hath loved us." Eph. 5. 2.

"Loved them unto the end." John 13. 1.

#### VI. THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE.

More than all....burnt-offerings. v. 33.

"All the law is fulfilled." Gal. 5. 14.

"The end of the commandment." 1 Tim. 1. 5.

### THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

#### The Character of the True Follower of God.

1. The true follower of God earnestly seeks to know the divine will. ver. 28.

2. He seeks to obey God by loving God with all his heart. ver. 30.

3. He is inspired by love in all his relations with his fellow-men. ver. 31.

4. He recognizes the service of the heart and the life as more important than the external forms of religion. ver. 33.

5. He seeks not only to be near God's kingdom by knowing, but to be in it by doing, God's will. ver. 34.

### HOME READINGS.

M. The two great commandments. Mark 12. 28-37.

Tu. The first great commandment. Deut. 6. 1-9.

W. "My neighbor." Luke 10. 25-37.

Th. Love one to another. 1 John 3. 11-18.

F. Good Friday. Heb. 6-10.

S. Christ's command. John 15. 9-17.

S. Easter Sunday. Matt. 28. 1-10.

### GOLDEN TEXT.

Love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom. 13. 10.

TIME.—30 A. D.

PLACE.—Jerusalem.

RULERS.—Same as in previous lesson.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Love.

### LESSON HYMNS.

No. 177, Dominion Hymnal.

"Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day!"

Sons of men and angels say;

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

Sing, ye heavens; thou earth, reply.

No. 176, Dominion Hymnal.

Mary to the Saviour's tomb

Hasted at the early dawn;

Spice she brought, and rich perfume,

But the Lord she loved had gone.

No. 39, Dominion Hymnal.

Arise, my soul, arise,

Shake off thy guilty fears;

The bleeding sacrifice,

In my behalf appears.

### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

#### 1. The Law.

Who was the questioner who now came to Jesus?

What is this questioner called by Matthew? Matt. 22. 35.

What was the reason that caused him to ask the question?

What had been the chief subject of the teaching of Jesus?

Why did he ask the question?

Had he not his own opinion about these things?

In the answer of Jesus did he deny his own divinity?

Is there an argument here against the Trinity?

How are the answers of Jesus correct reproductions of the Ten Commandments?

What was the office of the scribe in Christ's day?

By whom is it supposed the order of scribes was founded?

What was the character of this particular one?

Is there any evidence that he was put forward by the hatred of the Sanhedrin to entangle Jesus in his words?

What was the Saviour's attitude toward this scribe?

What was his attitude toward the scribes as a class?

Mark 12. 38-40.

What did the scribe lack of being in the kingdom of God?

Why did no man after that dare to ask him questions?

### Practical Teachings.

How many there are who are ready to ask questions about the scheme of salvation!

It is worse to be near the kingdom and to miss it than never to have heard of it.

Being near the kingdom saves no one. He must be in it who would be saved. For this, one must be born again.

Knowledge saves no one. The scribe was discreet and wise.

Agreement with Christ as to the principles of the law saves no one.

Such a one, though not far from the kingdom, is nevertheless not in it.

### Hints for Home Study.

1. Write the one word which makes the central thought of this lesson.

2. Think of five things which it will make the soul do, and write them out.

3. Put all of the commandments from Exod. 20 which belong under Christ's first answer into a column. Do the same with the second. How many are in the first column? In the second?

4. Compare this story with the story of the young man whom Jesus loved.

5. Write one evidence that this man was not in the kingdom of God.