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Sabbath School. BIBLE LESSONS. STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

Lesson IX. August 28. Matt. 6: 1-15. PIETY WITHOUT DISPLAY. GOLDEN TEXT. Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. 16: 7.

I. THE GENERAL STATEMENT. 1. Takes heed. For the danger of ostentation in religion is one that must be watched against, one that easily conquers the ordinary disciple. That ye do not your alms.

II. THE PRINCIPLE APPLIED TO GIVING. 2. When thou doest thine alms. Alms here means acts of kindness to the poor, the giving of money, food, clothing, or any such supply to the destitute.

III. THE PRINCIPLE APPLIED TO PRAYER. 5. And when ye pray. The general form is more correct, as in the Rev. Jesse's case, that he should pray for himself, for his family, for his neighbors, for his country, for his world.

IV. THE LORD'S PRAYER. 9. After this manner therefore pray ye. Because vain repetitions are forbidden, a pattern or specimen of the true form of Christian prayer is given.

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servants of God, do his will. The prayer is first, that we ourselves may do God's will; second, that all the world may obey God as the angels obey him.

4th. Now begins the second division of the petition, by which "thy" is changed into "our" and "us." We are to pray for the general good first, and then for ourselves.

5th. But ye pray not as the heathen do. They pray for themselves only, and for their own families. But ye shall pray as your Father who is in heaven.

6th. And forgive us our debts. Two parts: first, a prayer for forgiveness; second, a standard of forgiveness. Sinners are debtors. Sinners are debtors. They owe God vast amounts of love and service.

7th. And lead us not into temptation. Into those severe trials which test and try us more than we can easily bear. God may bring us into trials, and then we are to count it all joy; but the prayer of conscious weakness and humility is to escape these trials if we can.

8th. Deliver us from evil. The great evil of the world is sin, the source and fountain of nearly all the other evils in the world.

9th. Forgive us our debts. Forgive us our debts.

10th. Thy kingdom come. The true prayer of this prayer implies that we are doing, and giving all in our power to hasten on the coming of this kingdom in our own hearts and in the world.

11th. Thy will be done. The standard is in the way of the inhabitants of heaven, the perfect

The First Telegram. Professor Morse found it hard to get the bill for the first magnetic telegraph through Congress. He thought it had failed, and at the evening session of March 3rd, 1843, there were 119 bills before it, and it seemed impossible for all to be acted upon before Congress adjourned.

While at breakfast a servant informed him that a young lady desired to see him in the parlor. There he met Miss Annie Ellsworth, then a young school girl—the daughter of his intimate friend, Hon. Henry L. Ellsworth, the first Commissioner of Patents—who said, as she extended her hand to him, "I have come to congratulate you."

"Upon what?" inquired the professor. "Upon the passage of your bill," she replied. "Impossible! Its fate was sealed at dusk last evening. You must be mistaken."

"Not at all," she responded. "Father sent me to tell you that your bill was passed. He remained until the session closed, and yours was passed but five minutes before the adjournment; and I am so glad to be the first one to tell you. Mother says, too, that you must come with me to breakfast."

The invitation was readily accepted, and the joy in the household was unbounded. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth had fully believed in the project, and the former, in his confidence in it, and in his warm friendship for Professor Morse, had spent all the closing hours of the session in the State chamber, doing what he could to help the bill along, and giving it all the influence of his high personal and official position.

Grasping the hand of his young friend, the professor thanked her again and again for bearing him such pleasant tidings, and assured her that she could send the first message that he received. The matter was talked over in the family, and Mrs. Ellsworth suggested a message, which Professor Morse referred to the daughter for approval; and this was the one that was subsequently sent.

A little more than a year after that time, the life between Washington and Baltimore was completed. Professor Morse was in the former city, and Mr. Vail, his assistant, in the latter; the first in the chamber of the Supreme Court, the last in the Mount Clare depot, when the circuit being perfect, Professor Morse sent to Miss Ellsworth for her message and it came.

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