

Lesson IV.

OBEYING GOD

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Matthew 4 : 18-22 ; John 14 : 22-24 ; James 1 : 22-27. *Scripture Memory Verses, John 6 : 5, 8-10.

Golden Text—If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments.—John 14 : 15 (Rev. Ver.).



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18 And Je'sus, walking by the sea of Gal'ilee, saw two brethren, Si'mon called Pe'ter, and An'drew his brother, casting a net into the sea : for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zeb'edee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets ; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

John 14 : 22 Ju'das saith unto him, not Iscar'iot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world ?

23 Je'sus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words : and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings : and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

James 1 : 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass :

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in

their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus was walking along the shore beside the Sea of Galilee. He saw two fishermen standing in the water near the shore. These were the very men he was looking for. They were brothers, named Peter and Andrew. They were getting their nets ready to catch fish. Look at our picture, and you will see them turning around when they heard Jesus' voice calling to them.

Jesus stood on the shore, and beckoned to them. "Follow me," he said, "and I will make you fishers of men." They did not know then what he meant, but they left their nets and followed him, and afterwards they knew that he wanted to teach them to bring other people to him, so that they might become his followers also.

A little farther along, Jesus saw two other brothers whom he wanted. Their names were James and John. They were in a fishing boat with their father Zebedee. They were mending their nets. Jesus called them as he had called Peter and Andrew, and at once they left their boat and their father, and followed him.

These men did not say, "We are busy, we cannot come just now." No, they left their work and followed Jesus as soon as he called them. These four men were the first of Jesus' band of twelve disciples.

When Jesus was saying good-by to his disciples, before he went back to heaven, he told them that he would come to them, even when they could not see him. They wondered

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