

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book)

LESSON IV.

Jan. 27, 1884. [James 1:7-17]

LIVING IN GOD'S SIGHT. COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 13-15.

7. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.

9. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

11. Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth the law but if it doth not let the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

12. There is one lawgiver who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

13. Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14. Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

16. But now ye rejoice in your boastings; all such rejoicing is evil and unprofitable.

17. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he shall lift you up.—James 4: 10.

HOME READINGS.

36. James 4: 7-17. Living in God's Sight. T. Eph. 6: 10-20. The Wiles of the Devil. W. Ps. 51: 1-19. A Prayer for Pardon. Th. Matt. 5: 1-16. Blessings of the Pure. F. Col. 3: 1-15. Living in Holiness. E. Eph. 4: 17-22. Living in Love. S. 2 Cor. 9: 1-10. Living in Faith.

LESSON PLAN.

1. Living in Holiness. 2. Living in Love. 3. Living in Faith. Time.—A. D. 62. Place.—Written from Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTORY.

In the chapter containing this lesson the apostle first illustrates the spirit of this world by showing the effects it produces. He then gives counsel and admonitions against the indulgence of this spirit, and rebukes the self-confidence of those who rely upon their own strength without regard to the uncertainty of life and their dependence on God for their success, and even for the continuance of their lives.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 7. SUBMIT YOURSELVES.—be subject unto God. RESIST THE DEVIL.—non est safe who yield to him. HE WILL FLEE.—battered and worried, as he did from Christ. The devil can not harm us without our own consent. V. 8. DRAW NIGH TO GOD.—(Eph. 6: 23) by resisting Satan and living as to God's sight. If we would have his mercy, we must go to him and ask for it. HE WILL DRAW NIGH UNTO YOU.—will give you the strength and the blessings you give me. (Compare 2 Chron. 15: 2.) CLEANSE YOUR HANDS.—put away your sins; cease to do evil. (Compare Isa. 1: 15, 16, 17.) PURIFY YOUR HEARTS.—outward reformation is not enough; the heart, the fountain of impurity, must be cleansed. Ps. 51: 6, 10. DOUBLE-MINDED.—divided between God and the world. The double-minded is at fault in heart; the sinner in his hands also. V. 9. BE AFFLICTED.—mourn over your sins with deep sorrow. A blessed mourning. Matt. 5: 4; Luke 8: 21. CONTRAST Isa. 22: 15, 16; Luke 25: 10. IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD.—against whom you have sinned. LIFT YOU UP.—from the condition of a broken-hearted penitent to that of a forgiven child. Luke 15: 22.

II.—V. 11. OF HIS BROTHER.—his fellow-Christian. JUDGETH HIS BROTHER.—his conduct or his motives. (See Matt. 7: 1.) JUDGETH THE LAW.—sets up his own interpretations of the law and then judges and condemns others for not observing them. V. 12. THERE IS ONE LAWGIVER.—The Revised Version adds, "as judge;" the Lord Jesus Christ, who alone has a right to give law and to pronounce judgment, since he alone is able to save and to execute his judgments. WHO ART THOU—a weak, frail, erring mortal, thyself accountable to that Judge, that thou shouldst pronounce judgment on another.—Revised Version, "thy neighbor?"

III.—V. 13. TO-DAY OR TO-MORROW.—as if you had the free choice of either day as a certainty, and power to settle your plans for years to come. V. 14. IS IT.—Revised Version, "ye are." A VAPOR—a mist, such as we see rising from a stream or lying on the mountain-side in the morning, but is scattered by the rising sun. V. 15. IF THE LORD WILL—who alone can keep us, and make our plans prosper. V. 16. IN YOUR BOASTINGS.—in your vain, confident fancies that the future is certain to you. EVIL.—founded on a wrong view of what may occur, forgetful of God, of the uncertainty of life and of all plans of life. V. 17. TO HIM IT IS SIN—we may sin by the omission of good deeds, as well as by the commission of evil deeds.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That we should be subject to God, and resist every temptation to evil. 2. That we should live lives of prayer and penitence, of holiness and humility. 3. That we should watch our words as to do no injustice to others. 4. That we should form all our plans in dependence on God and faith in him. 5. That we should faithfully do what we know to be right.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16, 1884.

Chicago is three cents a bushel, weaker all around being quoted at 90c Feb, 92c March and 97c May. Liverpool is dull and values about the same. Spring wheat is quoted by public cable at 8s to 8s 5d; Red Winter 8s 2d to 8s 10d. Standard California and Club White wheat 8s 3d. The local market is quiet, no business being done. We quote:—Canada Red Winter, \$1.20 to \$1.23; Canada White, \$1.16 to \$1.18; Canada Spring, \$1.18 to \$1.20; Corn, 75c; per bushel; Oats, 36c to 37c; Peas, 85c to 90c; Rye 60c to 62c; Barley, Quebec, 55c to 65; Ontario, 65c to 75c per 48 lbs.

FLOUR.—The dullness of the market is now chronic. Even the local trade is dull. The following are quotations:—Superior Extra, \$5.55 to \$5.60; Extra Superior, \$5.40 to \$5.45; Fancy, nom.; Spring Extra, \$5.00 to \$5.15; Superfine, \$4.50 to \$4.70. Strong Bakers', Can., \$5.25 to \$5.50; do., American, \$5.45 to \$5.85; Fine, \$3.75 to \$3.85; Middlings, \$3.55 to \$3.65; Pollards, \$3.30 to \$3.40; Ontario bags, (medium), bags included, \$2.50 to \$2.60; do., Spring Extra, \$2.25 to \$2.25; do., Superfine, \$3.15 to \$3.25; City Bags, delivered, \$2.95 to \$3.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Oatmeal, ordinary, \$5.00 to \$5.25; granulated, \$5.20 to \$5.50.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—A slightly better feeling in the market, with very quiet high grades. We quote:—Eastern Townships, 10c to 2 1/2c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 15c to 2 1/2c; Western, summer makes, 15c to 15c. Autumn makes, 17c to 18c. Cheese.—A quiet strong market. We quote:—10c to 12c, fall makes, 12c to 13c.

Eggs.—Fresh are very scarce and the demand is not supplied. Fresh, 30c; ordinary stock, 26c to 27c; lined, 23c to 25c.

HOOD PRODUCTS.—We quote:—Western Mess Pork, \$17.50 to \$18.; Canada Short Cut, \$18.50 to \$19.; Hams, city cured, 13c to 15c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pails, Western, 12c to 12 1/2c; do., Canadian, 14c to 11 1/2c; Tallow refined 7c to 9c; as to quality. Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs., \$8 to \$8.50.

POULTRY AND GAME.—There is some enquiry at about the following prices:—Turkeys, 11c to 12c; ducks, 10c to 12c; geese, 8c to 9c; chickens, 8c to 10c; venison, carcass, 4c to 6c and 7c to 8c.

ASHES are quiet at \$1.65 to \$4.75 for Pots, as to tars.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supplies of butchers' cattle are much larger this week than they have been since Christmas market and prices are easier. Very few sheep are being brought to market and these not of very good quality. Although the butchers have ample supplies of frozen mutton in store, yet they want a little fresh-killed for some of their customers, and there is a better demand for good mutton cutters. The prices of live hogs are still looking upward and now sell at about 6c per lb. Dressed hogs bring \$8.25 to \$8.40 per 100 lbs. Choice butchers' cattle sell at from 5c to 5 1/2c per lb., and pretty good animals at 4 1/2c to 5c do., while the leaner stock and hard bulks bring from 3 1/2c to 4c per lb.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The drifted condition of the roads in the country are still a great hindrance to farmers bringing their produce to market, consequently the attendance is not at all as large as is desirable, for the dealers have things too much in their own hand and prices are kept pretty high. There is almost a dearth of dressed hogs, and dead poultry are also scarce. Beef quarters have been plentiful of late, but owing to the active demand prices are well maintained. Oats are \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bag; peas \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes 70c to 90c per bag; Swedish turnips 50c to 60c do.; dressed hogs are \$8.25 to \$8.75 per 100 lbs; turkeys, 11c to 15c per lb; geese, 10c to 12c do; fowls, 10c to 14c do; ducks, 12c to 16c do. Tub butter 15c to 24c per lb; eggs, 25c to 40c per dozen. Apples, \$3.00 to \$5.00 per barrel; hay 6.00 to \$9.00 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs.

New York, Jan 15, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, No. 2 Red, \$1.14 Jan., \$1.06c Feb;

\$1.08c March; \$1.13c May. Corn, 62c Jan., 62c Feb.; 63c May. Oats, 40c Jan.; 41c Feb.; 41c May. Peas, Canada field, 90c to 95c; green peas; \$1.38 to \$1.40. Rye, Western, 71c; State 76c. Barley not quoted.

FLOUR.—Quotations are: Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.60 to \$2.90; Low Extra, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Clears \$4.50 to \$5.00; Straight, (full stock), \$5.15 to \$6.20; Patent, \$6.00 to \$7.00. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.60 to \$3.25; Low Extra, \$3.30 to \$3.60; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.25 to \$6.00; Straight (R. and A.), \$5.00 to \$6.00; Patent, \$5.40 to \$6.75; Straight (White Wheat) \$4.40 to \$5.75; Low Extra (City Mill), \$4.20 to \$4.30; West India, sacks, \$4.20 to \$5.15; barrels, West India, \$5.30 to \$5.35; Patent, \$5.35 to \$6.20; South America, \$5.35 to \$5.85; Patent, \$5.40 to \$6.40. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.65 to \$5.00; Family, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Rye Flour.—Fine to superfine \$2.65 to \$3.55. Buckwheat Flour, \$3.00 to \$3.40.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Coarse, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per brl. Cornmeal, Brandywine, \$3.40 to \$3.45; Western Yellow, \$3.05 to \$3.30; Bag meal, Coarse City \$1.24 to \$1.26; Fine white, \$1.45; Fine yellow, \$1.40 per 100 lbs. Corn flour, \$3.25 to \$4.30; Hominy, \$3.50 to \$3.90 per barrel.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, at \$21 to \$22; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$17 to \$18.50; No. 2 middlings, at \$16.00 to \$16.50; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, at \$12; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$12; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$12, Rye feed, at \$17.00 per ton.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, prime, nominal at 10c; choice, 10c; fancy, 10c; timothy, \$1.42 to \$1.45; domestic flaxseed, \$1.40 to \$1.45; Calcutta linseed, \$1.90 to \$1.95.

BUTTER.—The market is slowly growing stiffer in tone, and although valuations are the same as last week some sales have been made above quotations. We quote:—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 19c to 22c. State dairies, fair to fine, 20c to 26c; State firkins, fair to best, 18c to 30c; State Welsh tubs, fair to choice, 15c to 26c; Western imitation creamery, 15c to 26c; Western dairy, ordinary to best, 15c to 23c; Western factory, ordinary to best made, 9c to 19c. Rolls, 12c to 21c.

CHEESE.—The market is slow in tone but with no weakness. We quote: as follows.—State factory skims to select, 5c to 13c; Pennsylvania skims, good to prime, 4c to 7c; Ohio flats ordinary, 5c to 12c.

BEEF.—Prices are quite firm, with a moderate movement. We quote:—Extra mess, \$12 to \$12.50; Extra India mess \$24.00 to \$26.00; Plate, \$13.00 to \$13.50 in brls.

DRESSED HAMS.—Sellers were firm at \$23.75 to \$24.00 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

PORK.—The market is firm and retail. We quote:—\$14.50 to \$15.00 for ordinary brands, mess \$13.75 to \$14.00 for extra prime, \$15.15.00 for prime mess, \$17.50 to \$18.60 for clear lard and \$15.00 to \$15.50 for family.

BACON.—Fair export demand this week, some lots being offered at prices below quotations, who want 7c for short cut half and half.

CUTMEATS.—Pickled bellies, 12c lb. average, 7c to 7 1/2c; pickled hams, 7c; pickled hams, 10c to 11c; smoked shoulders, 6c; smoked hams, 12c to 12 1/2c.

LARD.—Prices are about the same. City lard bringing 8.90c to 9c. Western 9.25c.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine is firm at 9c to 9 1/2c for choice city. Oleomargarine, weak at 8c.

TALLOW.—Demand more active at 7c for prime city.

POP-OVERS.—Take one pint of milk, a much flour as will make a thick batter, then beat the yolks of three eggs, stir them in, with a little salt, and a table-spoonful of butter melted. Then beat the whites till they are like snow, stir them gently into the batter, last of all add a tea-spoonful of sugar, a salt-spoonful of soda dissolved in a little hot water, and two salt-spoonfuls of cream of tartar (unless you mixed the batter with sour or butter-milk in which case omit the acid.) Bake in patty-pans, or small tins or cups, in a very hot oven. As their name indicates, they should be very light, literally "pop-overs." They are eaten with butter or meat, and are exceedingly good.

INFLUENCE AND EXAMPLE.

At a large and well-known boarding-house a guest was asked at dinner if she would have some plum-pudding with brandy sauce. "I will have some of the plum-pudding, please, but none of the brandy sauce," was her reply. Her friends laughed at her, and insisted that she should take some; but she replied: "I decline upon principle; I take no alcohol in any form."

The conversation turned to other topics, but after dinner a young man whom she had noticed sitting opposite her at dinner approached her and, requesting a word with her, said: "I want to tell you how much good you did me to-day by your prompt and decided rejection of the pudding sauce. I had been deliberating what I would do, being strongly tempted by the smell of it, which reached me. I think I should have yielded to my desire and the solicitations of my friends, who called my resolution a whim, if I had not heard your refusal. That gave me courage to resist the temptation. I have an inherited appetite for liquor, and by the grace of God I have been enabled to control it; but if I had got a taste of the spirit to-day I feel confident I should have fallen again."

What this lady did you can all do. Let your example be bright.—Youth's Temperance Banner.

POWER OF SILENCE.

What a strange power is silence! How many resolutions are formed—how many sublime conquests effected—during that pause when the lips are closed, and the soul secretly feels the eye of her Maker upon her! When some of those cutting, sharp, blighting words have been spoken which send the hot, indignant blood to face and head, if those to whom they are addressed keep silence, look with awe, for a mighty work is going on within them; and the spirit of evil, or their guardian angel is very near to them in that hour. During that pause they have made a step toward heaven or toward hell, an item has been scored in the book which the day of judgment shall see opened. They are the strong ones who know how to keep silence when it is a pain and a grief to them—those who give time to their own souls to wax strong against temptation, or to the powers of wrath to stamp upon them their passage.—Emerson.

NOTHING WASTED.—There is a beef packing company at Rockport, Arkansas County, Texas, owned and run by Boston men, who find market for the products in New England States, Europe, and the English navy. The factory kills an average of 31,500 grass-fed heaves a year, and finds a ready market for their products. Every part of the beast is utilized, even to the tufts of the tails, which are preserved and sold, it is thought, for the purpose of making ladies' frizzles. The blood flows into tanks and is dressed and sold at two cents per pound for the manufacture of artificial fertilizers. The lean beef is boiled and canned in two pound cans. The hides are salted and sold green. The fatty matter is extracted and goes to make tallow. The bones are all boiled to a pulp to extract their fatty matter, which goes to tallow, and the dry bone, mainly phosphate of lime, is sold for fertilizing at one cent per pound. The water in which the meat is boiled, is boiled down and evaporated to thick paste, which is canned and sold as extract of beef in five pound cans. The feet are cut off at the knee, and from the hoof meat foot oil is extracted. The horny parts of the hoof of the shin bone and knuckle bones of the foot are sold in the east for the manufacture of Yankee ivory. The horns are piled up until the pith becomes loose and then this adds to the fertilizers, and the horns are for manufacture. Every atom of the animal is used.—Alliance Journal.

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