

SABBATH, July 12.—**LESSON II.—The Authority of Jesus.**—Mark i. xvi. 27.

Lender. 16. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

School. 17. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

L. 18. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

S. 19. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship, mending their nets.

L. 20. And straightway he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

S. 21. And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

L. 22. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for

he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

S. 23. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

L. 24. Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

S. 25. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

L. 26. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

S. 27. And they were all amazed, inasmuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

TOPIC—The Universal Authority of Jesus.

Golden Text—And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Matt. xxviii. 18.

Home Readings.

M. Mark i. 16-27.

Tu. Mark vii. i. 13.

W. John v. 19-30.

Th Psa. ciii.

F. John vii. 37-44.

S. 1 John v. 1-12.

8. Rom. xv. 1-12.

OUTLINE:

I. AUTHORITY TO COMMAND MEN, v. 16-20: Matt. iv. 19, 20: viii. 21, 22; Mark x. 29, 30.

II. AUTHORITY TO TEACH MEN, v. 21, 22; Matt. xiii. 54; Mark vi. 2; Heb. iv. 12, 13.

III. AUTHORITY TO SAVE MEN, v. 23-26; Luke iv. 35, 41; John iv. 42; 2 Cor. v. 19.

IV. AUTHORITY TO SUBDUCE SATAN, v. 27; Mark iii. 11, 12; Luke iv. 36; ix. 1; Rev. xx. 2.

QUESTIONS, etc.—What does "authority" mean? [Ans. *Right and power to do certain things.*] Whose "authority" does our lesson speak of? Recite **TYLLE**. How wide is his authority? See **TOPIC**. Recite **GOLDEN TEXT**. What has Jesus authority to do? See **OUTLINE**.

1. *Authority to command Men.*—What command did Jesus lay upon the fishermen? v. 17.

To whom did he give this command? v. 16.

What is meant by "fishers of men"?

How did Jesus have authority over these men? Acts x. 36.

What is the condition of discipleship? Luke xiv. 33.

What is the reward of discipleship? Luke xviii. 29, 30.

Are you following Jesus?

2. *Authority to Teach Men.*—Where did Jesus teach the people? v. 21.

What is a *synagogue*?

What impression did he leave upon the people?

What is said of his teaching in John vii. 46?

What is said of his authority to teach in Isa. lxi. 1?

3. *Authority to Save Men.*—From what was the man in the synagogue saved by Jesus?

What is meant by the "unclean spirit"?

[Ans. *An evil spirit under the direction of Satan.*]

How did the unclean spirit acknowledge his authority?

v. 24; Luke iv. 35, 41.

What is said in Heb. vii. 25, of his power to save?

4. *Authority to Subdue Satan.*—How did the unclean spirit obey Jesus? v. 26.

What does the **GOLDEN TEXT** say?

What was accomplished by Jesus' death? Heb. ii. 14.

What is said in Rev. xx. 2, 10?

Where do we learn from this lesson—

1. That Jesus is Lord over all?

2. The duty of immediate obedience to his commands?

3. That Satan has no power over those who submit to Christ?

4. That Jesus calls us to walk in his service?

HYMN.—Tune, "St. Ann's."—C.M.

Jesus, immortal King, arise;

Assert thy rightful sway;

Till earth, subdued, its tribute brings,

And distant lands obey.

Ride forth, victorious Conq'rour, ride,

Till all thy foes submit,

And all the powers of hell resign

Their trophies at thy feet.

O may the great Redeemer's Name

Thro' every clime be known,

And heathen gods, forsaken, fall,

And Jesus reign alone.

From sea to sea; from shore to shore,

Be thou, O Christ, adored,

And earth, with all her millions, shout

Hosannas to the Lord.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

34. *What benefits will believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

The benefits which believers will receive from Christ at the resurrection are these: being raised up in glory, they shall be openly acknowledged and accepted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

1 *Corinthians* xv. 43. It is soon in dishonor; it is raised in glory.

Matthew x. 32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

1 *Thessalonians* iv. 17. So shall we ever be with the Lord.