

Lesson V.

PRAYER AND PROMISE

May 1, 1904

Luke 11: 1-13. Commit to memory vs. 11-13. Read Luke 10: 25-42.

GOLDEN TEXT—Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.—Luke 11: 9.

1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, some of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, *Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, s Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; s but deliver us from evil.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say, *unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves?*

6 For a friend of mine is in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

Revised Version.—1 Omit that; 2 that; 3 even; 4 Father: Hallowed be thy name; 5 Omit Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth; 6 ourselves; 7 bring; 8 Omit but deliver us from evil; 9 to; 10 is come to me from a journey; 11 a rise; 12 And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask a loaf, and; 13 give.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Prayer and promise, Luke 11: 1-13. T.—Sincerity in prayer, Matt. 6: 5-15. W.—Calling upon God, Psalm 145: 10-21. Th.—Ready to hear, Psalm 34: 1-17. F.—Speedy answer, Dan. 9: 3-7, 16-23. S.—According to His will, 1 John 5: 9-15. S.—in the name of Jesus, John 16: 23-33.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery? A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Prayer of Prayers, 1-4.

II. An Illustration to Encourage, 5-8.

III. A Promise to Confirm, 9-13.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 1: 301; 108 (Ps. Sel.); 320; 580 (from Primary Quarterly); 106.

EXPOSITION

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Time and Place—November-December, 29 A.D.; somewhere in Peræa.

Connecting Links—Jesus soon followed the seventy through Northern Galilee and Peræa. The seventy had returned, and reported that even the demons were subject to them in Christ's name, ch. 10: 17. The Lesson belongs to some stage on the journey to Jerusalem.

I. The Prayer of Prayers, 1-4.

V. 1. *As he was praying.* Luke's gospel gives special prominence to the prayers of Jesus. It mentions seven occasions on which Jesus prayed, not noted in the other gospels, chs. 3: 21; 5: 16; 6: 21; 9: 18; 9: 29; 11: 1; 23: 34, 46. Prayer meant so much to Jesus. One of his disciples; perhaps one who had not heard the Sermon on the Mount. Matt. 6: 9-13. *Teach us to pray.* They had not learned to pray, as they might have done, from the prayers in the Psalms and the prophets. John; John the Baptist. *Taught his disciples.* This is not recorded, but probably John,

like the Jewish rabbis, gave his disciples lessons in prayer.

V. 2. *When ye pray, say;* not always in exactly the same words, as the different wording of the prayer in Matthew and Luke shows. *Father* (Rev. Ver.); "*O Father!*" God is sometimes called Father in the Old Testament, but of the nation, not the individual. (See Isa. 63: 16; 64: 8.) But Jesus teaches each disciple to use this name, repeating it upwards of seventy times in the gospels. *Which art in heaven* (omitted in the Rev. Ver., but found in Matthew). Compare Isa. 66: 1. God is to be approached with reverence. *Hallowed be thy name* ("May Thy name be kept holy," Weymouth). The name signifies the person or character. In thinking and speaking of God all irreverence and impurity are to be avoided. *Thy kingdom come;* a kingdom of love. We here pray that the time may come when men everywhere will be ruled by love to God and one another. *Thy will be done;* a prayer, "that the right as against the wrong may