

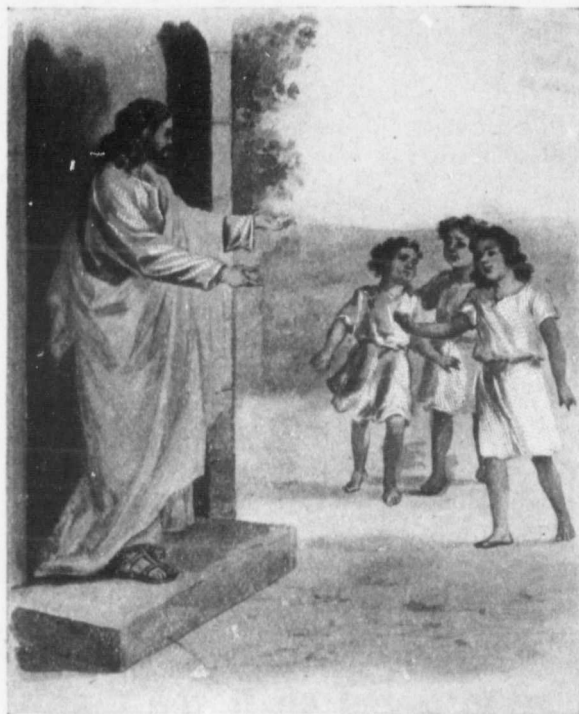
Lesson II.

PRECEPTS AND PROMISES

April 8, 1900

Matt. 7: 1-14—Memory Verses, 7, 8, 13, 14

Golden Text—Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.—Matt. 7: 12.



1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

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

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In His sermon on the mount, Jesus explained to the people how His followers must act towards others.

He said—Do not set yourselves up as judges of other men. Act fairly to the people you know and God will be fair to you. Be honest, and you will be treated honestly. Do not be a hypocrite and try to pick out and be angry with the faults in your brother that are as small as specks of dust, when

your own are like great splashes of mud. The only way to really help any one to do right is to first be right yourself.

Do not be careless with holy things.

Some people thought that Jesus' way was too hard.

But He said—God is your loving Father. He has promised His help to all who knock and ask at His door.

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