

Berean Lesson Leaf.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND YEAR—1874—AUGUST.

THIRD QUARTER: TWELVE LESSONS IN MARK.

SABBATH, August 2nd.—**LESSON V.—Jesus and the Sabbath.**—Mark ii. 23-28; iii. 1-5.

Leader. 23. And it came to pass, that he went through the corn-fields on the Sabbath-day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

School. 24. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the Sabbath-day that which is not lawful?

L. 25. And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and did eat the shew-bread, and they that were with him?

S. 26. How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shew-bread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?

L. 27. And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath:

S. 28. Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath. . . .

L. 1. And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

S. 2. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the Sabbath-day; that they might accuse him.

L. 3. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

S. 4. And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath-days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

L. 5. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts,

S. 6. He saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

TOPIC—"The Sabbath was Made for Man."

Golden Text—I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them. Ezek. xx. 12.

Home Readings.

M. Mark ii. 23-28; iii. 1-5.

Tu. Neh. xiii. 15-22.

W. John ix. 1-16.

Th. xvii. 20-27.

F. Psa. xxx.

S. Isa. lxxv. 1-10.

S. Heb. iii.

OUTLINE.

I. A SIGN OF GOD'S GOODNESS IN PROVIDING FOR MAN'S BODY, v. 23-26; Exod. xxxv. 2, 3; xxix. 23, 33; Deut. xxii. 24, 25; Num. xv. 32-36; Matt. vii. 9-5.

II. A SIGN OF GOD'S GRACE IN PROVIDING FOR MAN'S SOUL, v. 27, 28; Ezek. xx. 12, 20; Luke vi. 9; 2 Cor. iv. 15.

III. A SIGN OF GOD'S PURPOSE THAT MAN SHOULD DO GOOD TO MAN, v. 1-5; 1 Kings xiii. 6; Jer. xx. 10; Matt. xii. 9-14; Luke xi. 53, 54; 1 Cor. xv. 58; Gal. vi. 9; Heb. iii. 10, 17; v. 9.

QUESTIONS, &c.—Recite TITLE, TOPIC, GOLDEN TEXT, OUTLINE, and SELECTED VERSES.

1. A Sign of God's Goodness in Providing for Man's Body.—How is man's body benefited by the Sabbath-day? How did God provide for the Jews in the wilderness on the Sabbath? Was the observance of the Sabbath intended to cause suffering to the body, through abstinence from food? What is meant by "corn?" [Ans. Any grain, as wheat or barley.] Of what did the Pharisees accuse the disciples? v. 24. Was it wrong to pluck the grain? Deut. xiii. 25. What example did Jesus give of a right use of sacred things when the law was apparently broken? v. 25, 26. How are works of necessity and mercy not a violation of the law of the Sabbath?

2. A Sign of God's Grace in Providing for Man's Soul.—How is God's grace shown in the institution of the Sabbath-day? [Ans. In making rest a necessity of the body, greater opportunity is given the soul for communion with God, for his worship, and the study of his word.] How may we truly honour the Lord's day? What does Christ say of the Sabbath in v. 27?

3. A Sign of God's Purpose that Man should do Good to Man.—Where did Jesus go? Whom did he find there? Who are spoken of as "watching" Jesus? Of what did they seek to accuse him? John v. 16. Did Jesus know

their intention? Luke vi. 8. What question did he ask of them? v. 4. What did they consider lawful? Matt. xii. 11. What command was given to the man with the withered hand? What was the result? How should we seek to do good on the Sabbath-day?

HYMN.—L. M.

Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love,
But there's a nobler rest above;
To that our lab'ring souls aspire,
With cheerful hope and strong desire.

No more fatigue, no more distress,
Nor sin nor hell shall reach the place.
No sighs shall mingle with the songs
Which warble from immortal tongues.

No rude alarms of raging foes;
No cares to break the long repose;
No midnight shade, no clouded sun;
But sacred, high, eternal noon!

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

4. Were not the Scriptures given by the inspiration of God?

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." (2 Timothy iii. 16.)

2 PETER I. 21. Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

N. B.—Verses marked with a hand, thus [28], are the "Selected Verses."