

## Lesson VI.

## JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

August 5, 1900

Matt. 18: 1-14—Memory Verses, 12-14

**Golden Text**—Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.—Mark 10: 14.



1 At the same time came the disciples unto Je'sus. saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off,

and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Sometimes the disciples quarreled among themselves.

Once they came and asked Jesus to settle which of them should have the best place in His kingdom.

Jesus called a little child who was playing near, and picking him up in His arms, said,

"Do you see how this little one trusts Me? Unless each one of you is ready to be as humble and obedient and ready to give up your own plans as this little child, you cannot even know what My kingdom is like. In it the humblest are the greatest."

Another time, when some mothers brought