

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

September 23, 1906

Golden Text—And they were astonished at his doctrine : for his word was with power.—Luke 4 : 32.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for Quarter. (As the Quarterly Review of the Lessons comes one Sabbath in advance this Quarter, the Review of Supplemental Lessons will be given with Lesson XIV. for next Sabbath.)

The Gentle Jesus

There was no one ever in all the world who possessed so much power as Jesus—He could still the waves instantly in the wildest storm, He could make blind men see, and sick men well, He could even raise the dead to life again. But He was very gentle as well,—strong and gentle. Let us follow Him through the Lessons of the Quarter, and see how gentle He was.

He takes a little child lovingly in His arms (Lesson I.), as He says, "The one who is most like this humble, trustful child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

When one of His disciples asks Him whether he should forgive a person who had offended him as many as seven times, He replies (Lesson II.), "Yes, seventy times seven"—never cease forgiving.

That is a beautiful story of the Good Samaritan (Lesson III.). It came straight out of the gentle heart of Jesus, who loved all men, of every race and sort.

And how full of gentleness and love is His lesson to the disciples on prayer (Lesson IV.). It is "Our Father," He teaches us to say.

That poor man with the dropsy, who was healed by Jesus, as He sat at the Pharisee's feast (Lesson V.), would sing loudly of the great Master's kindness, and so (Lesson VI.) would the poor and the outcast, who, He said, were welcome in His kingdom.

Every child knows the story of the Prodigal Son (Lesson VII.) who went so far away from home, and lived so foolishly and wickedly, and suffered so much. How tenderly Jesus tells it, and with what joy, when the prodigal comes back to his father's house!

And just as great delight He takes in showing (Lesson VIII.) how gracious God is to hear those who persevere in praying, and in praising the humble publican, rather than the proud and self-satisfied Pharisee.

Jesus loved the rich young ruler (Lesson IX.), and was very gentle with him, because

He saw that he was truly anxious to learn what he ought to do.

The opening of the blind man's eyes, and the blessings bestowed on Zacchæus, the publican (Lesson X.), whom every one else despised ; the lowly beast which He chose to carry Him into Jerusalem as a King (Lesson XI.); and the patience with which He answered His enemies when they tried to entrap Him in His speech (Lesson XII.); all display the gentleness of this meek and lowly Saviour. No one need ever fear Him, unless he is unwilling to give up his sins.

Lesson Hymn

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child ;
Pity my simplicity,
Suffer me to come to Thee.

Fain I would to Thee be brought —
Dearest Lord, forbid it not ;
Give a little child a place
In the kingdom of Thy grace. Amen.

—Hymn 523, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 114. What are baptism and the Lord's Supper called ? Baptism and the Lord's Supper are called sacraments. 115. Are there any sacraments besides baptism and the Lord's Supper ? No. Jesus appointed only these two.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 27-29.

The Question on Missions

36. In what other lands has mission work been helped from Trinidad ? In St. Lucia, carried on by our own church ; in Grenada, by the Church of Scotland ; in Jamaica, by the Presbyterian Church of Jamaica ; in India, by return immigrants.

I Have Learned To-day
TO BE GENTLE, LIKE JESUS