

Lesson X.

THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM

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Luke 17 : 20-37—Memory Verse, 33.

Golden Text—Lo, the kingdom of God is within you.—Luke 17 : 21 (Rev. Ver.).

- 32 Remember Lot's wife.
 33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it ; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
 34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed ; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.
 35 Two women shall be grinding together ; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
 36 Two men shall be in the field ; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
 37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord ? And he said unto them, Whosoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come. But Jesus told them something that would help them more than an answer to their question. He said that the kingdom of God could be in their hearts.

Jesus meant : "The Kingdom of God is goodness and peace and joy. Make your lives so bright and true and good, that you will have a bit of the kingdom of God within you. Make your lives so bright with the brightness of God's kingdom that you can help make this earth like heaven. That is the business of My followers in the world."

Jesus said, "If you make your lives bright and good within, you will be sure to win God's love. You will win a place in heaven and enjoy its blessings for ever and ever."

Then Jesus spoke of two women sitting on the ground grinding wheat into flour with one of the hand mills used in that land. Now these women would show by the very way in

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation :

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here ! or, lo there ! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

23 And they shall say to you, See here ; or, see there : go not after them, nor follow them.

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven ; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

26 And as it was in the days of No'e, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that No'e entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot ; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded ;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sod'om it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away : and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

which they did their work, whether or not they had the kingdom of God within them, even in their very heart.

Jesus also spoke of two men working in a field side by side. One did his work in a way he knew was right. He also tried to make all his life right in God's sight. The other man did not care how his work was done as long as he received his pay. He cared neither to obey his earthly master nor God. It would be easy to tell just by looking at these two men which of them had the kingdom of God within him, and which had not that kingdom in his heart.

People who have the kingdom of God within them, soon begin to show the light in their faces.

A Letter for You

DEAR LITTLE FRIEND :

The Golden Text for to-day is not very hard to learn, but it is a little hard to under-