

thoughts and let him come in. We can follow him always when we keep so close to him that he tells us which way to go.

If our dearest Friend is standing outside the door of our thoughts because we refuse to open it for him, we are lonely indeed, for we separate ourselves from him. He waits patiently for us to open wide the door.

To have Jesus in our thoughts is like having a bright light shining in our house. We sing, "Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light."

Once our door is open wide to him, and he comes in to stay with us, he fills our thoughts with such brightness that the light shines out to friendless, lonely children.

We ask Jesus to come in and stay with us. He fills our thoughts with such love that we ask: "Where are the lonely and friendless children? We would share with the friendless this heavenly Friend."

LESSON VII. (May 13.)

JESUS AT THE PHARISEE'S HOUSE.

Luke 7. 36-50.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thy faith hath saved thee." Luke 7. 50.

Primary Notes.



Introductory. We will write on our circle of blessing the word "Gratitude." What is it to be grateful or to have gratitude? Thankfulness is another word for gratitude. You know how

you feel when thankful, don't you? When some one gives you a present, when some one does something to make you happy, you have a feeling of gladness and love in your heart, and you want to say "Thank you" to the one who has made you happy. Gratitude is a happy feeling itself. If we take things without being thankful, and if we are careless and unkind and do not treat our friends well after they have done so much for us, we cannot have happy hearts ourselves.

If some one should speak a pleasant word to you, of course you would like it and would be grateful, but if some one should give you a hundred dollars, or take you on a long journey, or do something that costs much trouble and much money, you would be more grateful for the big thing than for the little thing, wouldn't you?

Our lesson story to-day tells about one who had very much to be thankful for, and she was very full of loving gratitude because of it.

What happened at the Pharisee's house. The title of the lesson is, "Jesus at the Pharisee's House." We want to know what happened there. A Pharisee is a proud man who thinks much of himself. In those days the Pharisees really knew a great deal, but they were so proud of it that this spoiled it all. One of these men invited Jesus to eat at his house one day, and when the Saviour went in and sat down at the table something strange happened. A poor woman who had been doing wrong and felt that she was a great sinner and needed to be saved heard where Jesus was, and went to find him. She took with her a precious box filled with sweet ointment, such as was used in those days to put upon the body and give out a pleasant smell, just as we use cologne sometimes now.

To show her love for Jesus, who was able to save her, the woman poured this on his feet as she stood behind him weeping for her sins, and bending down, she wiped the feet with her long hair: before making them sweet with the ointment. The proud Pharisee saw it all, but was not pleased. He said to himself that if Jesus knew everything, he would know that a sinful woman was doing this to him, and would not have allowed her to touch him. He did not need to speak aloud. Jesus heard his thoughts and answered them.

The story Jesus told. Christ answered by a story. He said to the man, "Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee," and Simon said, "Say on." Then Jesus told of two men who owed some money. One owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. Pennies in those days were worth more than our cents, and would buy more. Five hundred pence meant a large debt, and fifty was large enough. But the man to whom these two owed the money, when he found that neither had anything to pay, forgave both, and said they need pay nothing at all. "Which man loved most?" asked Jesus, and Simon said, of course, the one that was forgiven most. Then the Lord spoke about the poor woman, who had many sins to be forgiven and who loved much, and was very thankful indeed for the great gift of forgiveness. Turning to her, he said, lovingly, "Thy sins are forgiven thee." When all wondered at that he