

Lesson XI.

THE FRIEND OF SINNERS

June 14, 1914

Luke 18 : 9-14 ; 19 : 1-10—Commit to memory ch. 19 : 10.

GOLDEN TEXT—I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.—Mark 2 : 17.

9 And he spake ¹ this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and ² despised others :

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray ; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God I thank thee, that I am not as ³ other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I ⁴ possess.

13 ⁵ And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote ⁶ upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I ⁷ tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other : for every one that exalteth himself shall be ⁸ abased ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Ch. 19 : 1 And ⁹ Je'sus entered and ¹⁰ passed through Jericho.

2 And, behold, ¹¹ there was a man ¹² named Zacchæ'us, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was

Revised Version—¹ also ; ² set all others at nought ; ³ the rest of men, extortioners ; ⁴ get ; ⁵ But the ; ⁶ Omit upon ; ⁷ say unto ; ⁸ humbled ; but he ; ⁹ he ; ¹⁰ was passing ; ¹¹ Omit there was ; ¹² called by name Zacchæus ; and he was a chief publican, and he was ; ¹³ crowd ; ¹⁴ on before ; ¹⁵ Omit and saw him ; ¹⁶ He is gone in to lodge ; ¹⁷ wrongfully exacted aught of any man ; I ;

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Pharisee and Publican, 9-14.
- II. Jesus and Zacchæus, ch. 19 : 1-10.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The friend of sinners, Luke 18 : 9-14. T.—The friend of sinners, Luke 19 : 1-10. W.—He is our peace, Eph. 2 : 4-18. Th.—"Be clothed with humility," 1 Peter 5 : 1-7. F.—The merciful Saviour, Matt. 9 : 1-13. S.—A prayer for mercy, Ps. 79 : 8-13. S.—The sinner's Saviour, 1 Tim. 1 : 12-17.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 51-60.

The Question on Missions—11. Tell about the present state of the church in Honan. About 3,000

rich.

3 And he sought to see Je'sus who he was ; and could not for the ¹³ press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran ¹⁴ before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him : for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Je'sus came to the place, he looked up, ¹⁵ and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæ'us, make haste, and come down ; for to day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, ¹⁶ That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zacchæ'us stood, and said unto the Lord ; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor ; and if I have ¹⁷ taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore ¹⁸ him fourfold.

9 And Je'sus said unto him, ¹⁹ This day is salvation come to this house, ²⁰ forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of man ²¹ is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

²² the rest of men, extortioners ; ²³ get ; ²⁴ But the ; ²⁵ was passing ; ²⁶ Omit there was ; ²⁷ called by name Zacchæus ; and he was a chief publican, and he was ; ²⁸ crowd ; ²⁹ on before ; ³⁰ Omit and saw him ; ³¹ He is gone in to lodge ; ³² wrongfully exacted aught of any man ; I ; ³³ Omit him ; ³⁴ To-day ; ³⁵ forasmuch ; ³⁶ came.

Christians have been enrolled and are being trained in Christian truth, church officers have been appointed, and 8 self-supporting congregations established under Chinese pastors. A Chinese Presbytery has been organized, and a Theological College is being established.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: Ps. Sel. 68 (Supplemental Lesson), 150, 155, 23 (Ps. Sel.), 151 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 168.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 51 (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 249, "The publican stood afar off;" B. 516, Zacchæus in the Sycamore Tree. For Question on Missions, C. 473, Chinese Presbytery of Chang-Wei-Hwai. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, On Sacred Ground, the Site of the Temple. - So-called Mosque of Omar from the South (Order from Underwood & Underwood, 62 Adelaide St. East, Toronto ; further particulars, see page 271).

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—Feb.-Mar., A.D. 30 ; Perea.

Connecting Links—In the Lesson the parable of the Pharisee and Publican and the story of Jesus' meeting with Zacchæus are selected from the events of the Perea journey.

I. The Pharisee and Publican, 9-14.

V. 9. *Trusted in themselves* ; made themselves the foundation of their confidence instead of God. *Were righteous* ; their excuse for self-trust. To be righteous, in their eyes, consisted in careful attention to religious forms and ceremonies. *Despised* ; utterly despised, treated as of no account, as ciphers. *Others* ; literally, "the rest," "all others," the whole of mankind except themselves.

V. 10. *Went up*. The temple was on a hill, Mount Moriah, called the "Hill of the House," approached by a magnificent flight of steps. *Into the temple* ; not into the temple itself, which only the priests were permitted to enter, but into one of the courts which surrounded the temple. *To pray* ; probably at one of the usual hours of prayer, such as the sixth hour, 12 o'clock (Acts 10 : 9) or the ninth hour, 3 o'clock, Acts 3 : 1. A *Pharisee* ; a member of the sect whose very name in Hebrew, namely Perushim, denoted that they kept themselves separate from others. A *publican* ; one of the hated and despised tax collectors for the Roman government then ruling over Palestine.