

19-23. *Hearken . . counsel.* Jethro has plan as well as protest. Hosts of people who say, "This thing is not good," have nothing better to propose. *Be thou for the people to God-ward*; be God's representative and interpreter of God's will. The supreme matters are to be in Moses' hand. *Provide . . men.* Moses is to be head but not shoulders. These men had to have ability. Do not forget they had also to have character,—God-fearing, truth loving, greed hating men. The great qualifications for to-day. Organization is nothing apart from character. *Rulers of thousands . . tens.* The people were to be arranged in definite groups under definite supervision. Jethro's plan has the advantage of simplicity. *Judge at all seasons*; a continuous court. *So Moses hearkened.* The remedy for hopeless situations is often very simple.

## Lesson Questions

Tell what you know of Jethro.  
What great mistake of Moses' did he point out?  
What was his remedy?

## For Further Study and Discussion

1. What was Jethro asked to be for Israel? (Num. 10 : 31.)
2. Where do we read of the over busy man? (1 Kgs. 20 : 39-43.)
3. Should we elect our judges and officials?
4. Is fault finding ever justifiable?

PROVE FROM SCRIPTURE—That we should obey parents.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Ques. 45, 46.

## THE LESSON IN DAILY LIFE (Daily Readings)

**Monday**—Jethro visits Moses, Ex. 18 : 1-11.

Jethro was the man who saw things wrong and put them right. But he only criticized Moses after he had rejoiced with him. He recognized that Moses was an honored instrument in the hand of God. True criticism must have its appreciation, as well as its depreciations.

**Tuesday**—Jethro's counsel, Ex. 18 : 12-27.

If you are carrying the whole burden, is it because you are compelled or because you insist on doing so? Perhaps somebody else needs the steadying or inspiration of some responsibility. When there is no one else, then the psalmist says : "Cast thy burden on the Lord."

**Wednesday**—The seventy chosen, Num. 11 : 10-17.

Moses was cumbered with the affairs of a nation. Martha succeeded in cumbering herself with the serving of a meal. Moses became wretched. Martha became indignant. Both failed to see that there are things which are first and great, and things which are last and little.

**Thursday**—The seventy messengers, Luke 10 : 1-11.

The seventy were sent to prepare the way for Jesus and there were keepers of the home preparing to receive the seventy. What better thing can be said of the home than that the son of peace was there? What better test than to ask for whom does the door open.

**Friday**—The seven deacons, Acts 6 : 1-8.

Some served tables, some preached the Word. This is a division of work not a differentiation into lesser and greater. The deacons were wisdom filled, spirit guided men. Stephen, the deacon, wrought miracles. His face shone like an angel's. His lips were touched with fire. His heart was filled with martyr-passion.

**Saturday**—Diversity of gifts, 1 Cor. 12 : 1-11.

No man can do all the work of God. He does not possess all the necessary talents. Cooperation is God's great principle. The Christian mother and the Christian statesman must work together. This is what the poet means when he sings about "the you-ness of you, the me-ness of me" being needed.

**Sunday**—Laborers together, 1 Cor. 3 : 4-15.

Underline verse nine. It is the Magna Charta of the common life. God's workers, God's tilled fields, God's living house, God's help, God's harvest, God's home. There is a purpose of God in every life as definite as God's purpose in the glowing sun and the unfolding flower.

## A PRAYER

O God, with joy we hear thy invitation to those who labor and are heavy laden. . . Teach us how to cast our care upon thee, to work with thee and to give thee the chance thou dost seek to work with us. Enable us to know what real gladness there may be in service when we give ourselves unselfishly and without reserve to thee. We ask in the name of him who came to serve. Amen.