Third Quarter: Some Great Teachings of the Bible

Lesson XIII. REVIEW—JESUS OUR SAVIOUR September 28, 1919
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TO MAKE READY FOR THE REVIEW—Read over each lesson carefully, and see that you know by heart the Lesson Title, Golden Text, and Lesson Plan. Review your Shorter Catechism (Questions 61-71).

GOLDEN TEXT—Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.—Matthew 21:9.

Read Matthew 21: 1-9, 15, 16.

THE LESSONS FOR THE QUARTER

"What must the Church do to be Saved?" This is a question put by a modern writer. The lessons of this Quarter answer this question. The church saves itself by being true to its commission and by giving Christ his true place as Saviour and king. Thus the church saves itself by saving and serving others. Through the sacraments it testifies to the Spirit's quickening power and holds the cross of Christ aloft. Through its Christ filled spirit it creates a spirit of brotherhood and gives active expression to that spirit in its missionary programme. It testifies to the final triumph of right, to a great day of judgment, to a future life with God. It holds the word of God aloft as the book of God's will. It must be willing to have fellowship in Christ's suffering. In this way it magnifies Jesus and gives him his true place.

LESSON I. THE CHURCH: I'TS LIFE AND WORK, Acts 2:37-47; I Thess. 5:11-15.

The church is to be a living institution, and a working institution. In its relation within itself, it is a brotherhood. In its relation to Christ, it is an army obeying his command in a great fight and honoring those who under him lead in the church in his name.

LESSON II. BAPTISM, Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 8:38-40.

Simplicity is the mark of all that Christ ordains. How simple and expressive is baptism. The gateway of a new life is ever open for us in Christ. Christ is ever ready to save us from our past. Our past is with him. Our future is in him.

LESSON III. THE LORD'S SUPPER, Matt. 26: 26-30; I Cor. 11: 23-26.

The greatest of all the world's memories belongs to the Lord's Supper. The world celebrates aloud with blare of trumpet and beat of drum and spread of flags. But Jesus seeks to be remembered in a quiet hour in a quiet place. We test memories by depth, not by sound.

LESSON IV. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Phil. 4:10-20.

Look how fellowship and friendship helps. The kindness of the Philippians lights up Paul's prison house. It makes him even rejoice in his chains. And remember how the gift brought a blessing to the Philippians themselves. The best of all the giver gives remains with the giver.

LESSON V. CHRISTIAN WORSHIP, John 4: 1-10, 19-24.

The woman never dreamed she was going to the temple. But she was. That well became a temple to her, because Christ was there. Worship is the finding and acknowledgment of God's presence. And no one can tell where God will appoint his temple for us.

LESSON VI. WINNING OTHERS TO CHRIST, Acts 16:9-15; James 5:19, 20.

Look! Paul is turning his face westward. Something has happened during the night. A call has come that reaches his heart. Look again! Some one is constraining Paul to abide in her house. It is Paul's first convert in Europe, and that convert is a woman. The opened heart means an opened door.

LESSON VII. CHRISTIAN MISSIONS, Acts 1:8; 14:8-20.

What is the excitement in Lystra? A miracle has been wrought and people think the gods have come down. Why is Paul in Lystra? Because of a command Christ gave. But what has Paul's obedience brought him? Stoning at the hands of an angry mob. Surely God's witnesses need power.

LESSON VIII. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, Luke 10: 25-37.

A wounded man by the way nigh to death. Three travelers on the road. Surely the first two will stop and help, while the third passes on. No, the third stops and helps. Compassion makes the third forget everything and give everything. A big heart cannot live in a small world.