

FOR THE SABBATH SCHOOL

International S. S. Lesson.

LESSON XIII.—REVIEW OF THE QUARTER.—JUNE 26.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Keep yourself in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."—Jude 21.

REVIEW CHART.—I.—Matt. xv. 21-31, The Woman of Canaan. II.—Matt. xvi. 21-28, Sufferings of Jesus Foretold. III.—Matt. xvii. 1-9, The Transfiguration. IV.—Matt. xviii. 21-35, A Lesson on Forgiveness. V.—Matt. xxi. 6-16, The Triumphal Entry. VI.—Matt. xxii. 1-14, The Marriage Feast. VII.—Matt. xxiv. 42-51, Watchfulness. VIII.—Matt. xxv. 31-46, The Day of Judgment. IX.—Matt. xxvi. 17-30, The Lord's Supper. X.—Matt. xxvii. 11-26, Jesus Condemned. XI.—Matt. xxvii. 35-50, Jesus Crucified. XII.—Matt. xxviii. 8-20, The Risen Lord. XIII.—Review.

GOLDEN TEXTS.—I. "Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me."—Matt. xv. 25. II. "He was bruised for our iniquities."—Isa. liii. 5. III. "We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father."—Jno. i. 14. IV. "Forgive and ye shall be forgiven."—Luke vi. 37. V. "Hosannah to the son of David, Blessed is he that cometh in," etc.—Matt. xxi. 9. VI. "Come; for all things are now ready."—Luke xiv. 17. VII. "Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord," etc.—Matt. xxiv. 42. VIII. "He shall reward every man according to his works."—Matt. xvi. 27. IX. "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup ye do show," etc.—1 Cor. xi. 26. X. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."—1 Tim. i. 15. XI. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."—1 Cor. xv. 3. XII. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for," etc.—Rev. i. 18. XIII. "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of," etc.—Jude 21.

REVIEW OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, 1898.

Matthew's point of view is Jewish; his object is to show that Jesus is the Messianic King; his method is argumentative; he proves his theme by showing that the life of Jesus, His teachings, His works, and His rejection, are fulfillments of Old Testament prophecy.

SUMMARY OF THE LESSONS.

- I. The King's Grace to the Outcast (xv. 21-31).
 1. Withdrawal to regions about Tyre and Sydon.
 2. Heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman.
 3. Heals many at a mountain in Galilee.
- II. The King's Rejection Predicted (xvi. 21-28).
 1. The prediction.
 2. Peter's opposition.
 3. The King's rebuke.
- III. The King's Transfiguration (xvii. 1-9).
 1. The witnesses.
 2. The wondrous change.
 3. The conversation with Moses and Elijah.
 4. The heavenly testimony.
 5. The charge to the disciples.
- IV. The Duty of Forgiveness (xviii. 21-35).
 1. Peter's question.
 2. The King's answer.
 3. Parable of the unforgiving debtor.
- V. The King's Triumphal Entry (xxi. 6-16).
 1. The preparation.
 2. Recognition by the multitude.
 3. The temple cleansed.
- VI. Parable of the King's Son's Marriage (xxii. 1-14).
 1. Preparations and invitations.
 2. The shameful refusal.
 3. The dreadful punishment.
 4. Others invited.
 5. The man without the wedding garment.
- VII. The Duty of watching for the King's Return (xxiv. 42-51).
 1. The coming certain; the time uncertain.
 2. The watchful, faithful servant rewarded.
 3. The evil servant punished.
- VIII. The King's Final Judgment (xxv. 31-46).
 1. The glorious return.
 2. The separation of the evil from the good.
 3. The sentence pronounced on each.
 4. Their final doom.
- IX. Institution of the Lord's Supper (xxvi. 17-30).
 1. Directions to prepare.
 2. Prediction of the betrayal.
 3. The supper instituted.
 4. The departure to Mount Olives.
- X. The King Condemned (xxvii. 11-26).
 1. Examined by Pilate.
 2. Herodias chosen by the people.
 3. Guilt of Jesus' death assumed by the Jews.
 4. The King scourged and condemned to death.

XI. The King Crucified (xxvii. 35-50).

1. The mockery, and the march to Calvary.
2. The cross borne by Simon.
3. The crucifixion and the accusation.
4. The mockery on the cross.
5. The darkness and the cry.
6. The King's death.

XII. The Risen King (xxviii. 8-20).

1. His interview with the women.
2. The report of the guard.
3. The meeting in Galilee.
4. The last commission.

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DAILY READINGS.

First Day—The Laws of Christ's Kingdom.—Psalm lxxii. 1-20.

Second Day—The Mercy of God.—Psalm ciii. 1-22.

Third Day—The Compassion of Christ.—Luke vii. 36-50.

Fourth Day—God's Welcome to the Sinner.—Luke xv. 11-32.

Fifth Day—The Lesson of the Cross.—1 Pet. ii. 13-25.

Sixth Day—The Risen Life.—Col. iii. 1-17.

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC, JUNE 26.—THE RIGHT USE OF TIME.—Ecc. iii. 1-8; Acts xxiv. 24, 25. Ques. 15-26.

THE RIGHT USE OF TIME.

Possibly the most efficient aid we can render the young people is to give them a working outline of this subject, and then follow this up with a number of illustrations which throw light upon the various points connected with the topic.

OUTLINE.

What is time? It is difficult to answer this question because the word is used in many senses. A good dictionary will give at least a dozen different definitions. But perhaps the definition which suits our purpose best is this:—"Time is the duration of one's life; the hours and days which a person has at his disposal." The young people might study with profit the familiar poem entitled, "What is time?"

I. What is the proper use of time?

(1) It should be fully occupied, not wasted. The Apostle's advice to redeem the time is worthy of earnest consideration. (Eph. v. 16).

(2) Time should be not only fully occupied, but it should be occupied in such a way as to promote our own best interests, the welfare of our fellows and the glory of God. A man may be exceedingly busy, but he may be doing the devil's work. Time cannot be well spent unless viewed in its relation to eternity. Then we have the right perspective. That time is best occupied which is spent in building up a complete Christian character, because character is the only thing which one takes with him into another world.

II. Why should time be well spent?

- (1) Because it is so short.
- (2) Because it is so uncertain.
- (3) Because there is so much to be done. "The days are evil."
- (4) Because the reward for spending it well is so great and so sure.

POINTS.

Grotius, the historian, when dying, is said to have made this confession, "Ah, I have consumed my life in the laborious doing of nothing."

It is said that when Queen Elizabeth was on her death-bed, she exclaimed, "All my possessions for a moment of time!"

We should save and utilize every scrap of time, just as the prudent and economical housewife saves and utilizes every scrap of food.

"He liveth long who liveth well,
All else is being flung away;
He liveth longest who can tell
Of true things, truly done each day."

"He liveth long who liveth well,
All other life is false and vain;
He liveth longest who can tell
Of living most for heavenly gain."

"Good God! How have I employed myself? In what delirium has my life been passed? What have I been doing while the sun in his race and the stars in their courses have lent their beams perhaps only to light me to perdition? I have pursued shadows and entertained myself with dreams. I have been treasuring up dust, and sporting myself with the wind. I might have grazed with the beasts of the field, or sung with the birds of the wood, to much better purpose than any for which I have lived." How sad the above reflections are! And yet they are those of a nobleman when nearing the close of his earthly career.

Time is indeed a precious boon,
But with that boon a task is given,
The heart must learn its duty well
To men on earth and God in heaven."

Sometimes time is represented as on wheels, and the representation is not inapplicable, but let us remember that those wheels have ratchets in them and that they never turn backward. Since we have no chance to go back over the course to rectify the errors we make, how carefully should we guard against spending time in such a way that the world is not helped, neither is God glorified.