

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON VII—February 17th.

The Good Samaritan. LUKE 10 : 25-37.

(Commit to memory verses 25-27.)

GOLDEN TEXT.
 "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Lev. 19: 18.
PROVE THAT
 We should help strangers. Hab. 13:2.
LESSON HYMNS.
 CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, Nos. 12, 36, 224, 118.

SHORTER CATECHISM.
 Quest. 9. *What is the work of creation?* A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

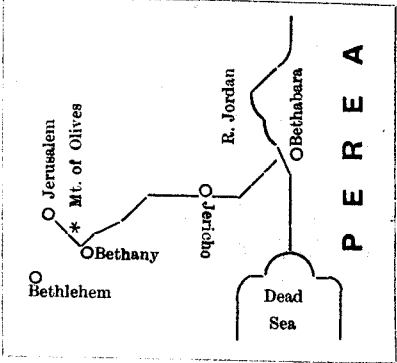
DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* The Good Samaritan; Luke 10: 25-37. *Tuesday.* Old Testament Teaching; Lev. 19: 11-18; *Wednesday.* Recognition of Service; Matt. 25: 31-40. *Thursday.* Overcoming by Love; Rom. 12: 10-21. *Friday.* God's Love an Example; Matt. 5: 43-48. *Saturday.* The Fast of Mercy; Isa. 58: 6-12. *Sabbath.* The Royal Law; James 2: 1: 9. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

HELPS IN STUDYING.

• **INTRODUCTORY.** The intervening history includes Matt. 18: 15-36; Luke 9: 57-62; John 7: 11; 10: 21, and Luke 10: 1-24. The parable of the Good Samaritan was probably spoken in Perea, the district beyond Jordan, as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem to the Feast of the Dedication. (Luke 9: 51.) There are no parallel passages. The parable occurs in Luke only.

LESSON PLAN. I. A Great Question. vs. 25-29. II. Answered by an Example. vs. 30-37.

I. A GREAT QUESTION. 25. Tempted him—put him to the test. It does not appear that he had any hostile feelings to Christ. Compare also Matt. 22: 35. **What shall I do**—This question was doubtless often asked. (ch. 18: 18; Matt. 19: 16; Mark 10: 17.) He seems to have been a little anxious about his soul (verse 29), but not so much so as the Philippian jailor was (Acts 16: 30). **26. How readest thou?**—He refers him to the Bible for his answer. See Gal. 3: 24. **27. Thou shalt love, etc.**—Deut. 6: 5; 10: 12; Lev. 19. Compare Rom. 13: 9; Gal. 5: 13, 14; Jas. 2: 8. He gave Jesus' own answer (Matt. 22: 37-40). By such an answer this lawyer shewed how well he had caught the true spirit of the law, and that he was "not far from the kingdom of God" (Mark 12: 34). **Heart and soul**—We use the expression "with all my heart and soul," to mean entire and warm approval. **Strength and mind**—with full and supreme devotion of all the powers of mind and body. **28. Thou shalt love**—Rightly understood this embraces everything, for it means complete surrender of the heart to God (Rom. 13: 10; 1 John 4: 16). **29. Justify himself**—Shew that he had not asked a ques-



tion that could be so easily disposed of. The rabbi understood "neighbors" to mean Jews only, appealing to Lev. 19: 18. (Read Matt. 5: 43, 44.)

II. ANSWERED BY AN EXAMPLE. 30. From Jerusalem to Jericho—about 20 miles. The road descended 3,500 feet, through a deep ravine, abounding in caves and infested

with bandits. It was called the "Bloody way." Even at the present day travellers require an armed escort. **31. Priest**—Jericho was one of the cities of the priests. Perhaps he thought there was danger and he had better hurry on; he would be ceremonially defiled by touching the man if he were dead, or died on his hands; somebody else would help him, perhaps, etc. It is easy to make excuses if we are selfish and cowardly. The Levite acted precisely as the priest, doubtless from similar motives. **33. Samaritan**—(See Bible Dictionary.) More hated and despised by the Jews than any other nationality. (John 4: 9; 8: 48.) The Samaritans treated the Jews in a similar manner (ch. 9: 53). The kindness of this one is thus made the more striking. **34. Oil and wine**—The wine would cleanse the wounds, and the oil would help to heal them. He treated him as kindly as possible. **An inn**—The only place where an inn, such as we understand by the word, is mentioned. Eastern inns were usually empty buildings without any resident host. **35. Two pence**—A *denarius* was equal to about 17 cents, but would purchase ten times as much of anything as 17 cents would with us. **37**—Had Jesus at first answered "A Samaritan is your neighbor," the lawyer would have had any number of good reasons for denying it. But his prejudice is disarmed and his conscience touched by the beautiful story. Anyone is your neighbor who needs kindness at your hand.

LESSONS.

1. Jesus is very patient with inquirers.
2. The Bible is a complete guide to duty.
3. The essence of religion is love.
4. We should love God supremely.
5. We should do a kindness to others whenever possible.
6. Be always "neighborly."

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.

To the Scholar.—Study the lesson carefully, turning up all the references. Then close your Bible and answer in writing the questions below, without accepting aid from any quarter after you have begun to write. If you cannot come to Sabbath School, fill out the "Excuse for Absence" and send the Leaflet, with your written answers, to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

- 1.—What was the first question that the lawyer asked? (4)
- 2.—What answer did he himself give to it? (4)
- 3.—Why did he ask the second question? (4)
- 4.—Who passed by the wounded man in the parable? (4)
- 5.—What did the Samaritan do for him? (4)
- 6.—Who, then, is your "neighbor"? (5)

Name.....

EXCUSE FOR ABSENCE.

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory _____ verses in addition to the Golden Text, and _____ Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to _____ I was at church _____ I send with this my Weekly Offering of _____ cents.

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