

## The Sunday-School.

THIRD QUARTER,  
LESSON XII.—Sept. 20.

## ABSTINENCE FROM EVIL.

I PETER 4: 1-11.

A TEMPERANCE LESSON.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess.*—Eph. 5: 18.

LEARN BY HEART.—I Pet. 1: 4, 5, 16, 4: 12, 13, 18; 5: 7, 8.

THE NOBLE AND BLESSED LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST.—Vs. 1, 2. *Rejoice much then.* Referring back to I Peter 3: 18. *As Christ hath suffered . . . in the flesh.* Since he has thus opened the way of salvation and has set the example of doing right at any cost. *Arm yourselves. With the same mind.* The same spirit and purpose which led Christ to die for the sins of men; viz., the hatred of sin and the love of righteousness. *He hath suffered in the flesh.* He has suffered in crucifying every evil passion of human nature. *Hath ceased from sin.* Just as Christ after he had suffered death rose into life immortal. *No longer . . . in the flesh to the lusts of men.* The sinful desires of human nature. *But to the will of God,* which is that he should be holy.

THE SINFUL LIFE TO BE REPUDIATED AND FORSAKEN.—Vs. 3, 4. *The time past of our life may suffice us.* We have had abundant experience of the evil life; we have felt its scorpion stings. It is high time to make a change. *Have wrought the will of the Gentiles,* the idolaters. The description of their sins in this verse and in the first chapter of Romans is borne out by writers of that age. *Lasciviousness, shameless licentiousness and vice. Lusts.* The inner principles of licentiousness. *Excess of wine.* Insatiate desire for strong drink. *Revelings, Dancing, and all kinds of frolics. Banquetings. Carousals. Abominable idolatries.* The lusts and abominations which were connected with idolatry.

TEMPERANCE APPLICATION. — Strong drink leads to all these vices. It weakens the will, obscures the intellect, dulls the conscience, and inflames the passions. It is the mother of crimes.

THE FORCES BY WHICH THE NEW LIFE CAN OVERCOME THE EVIL LIFE.—Vs. 5-11.

1. THE DAY OF JUDGMENT. *Who shall give account.* No one can sin with impunity. A judgment day hangs evermore over the head of every sinner. *The quick are the living.* This judgment came upon the world in Noah's time. It came upon the Jewish nation in two or three years after this Epistle was written. There is still a judgment to come (Mat. 25.)

2. THE GOSPEL. *For his cause was the Gospel preached.* The good news of the Saviour, of forgiveness of a holy heaven. *To them that are dead.* Past generations. *That they might be judged according to men.* Punished, chastened, as other men. And the purpose of all this was that they might live according to God in the spirit. It was not to destroy them, but to save them to a high, spiritual life. The gospel is the hope and the power by which we may gain the victory over sinful appetite.

3. THE NEARNESS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. *The end of all things is at hand.* The times in which the disciples

lived were to them the 'last times.' They looked for the coming of the Lord as not far off. Nor were the early Christians mistaken in their expectation. They did not understand how the kingdom was come, or what was meant by the end, or what the new kingdom would be. But they did believe in the fact. The end of all that they had known and lived in, the end of one great dispensation, was indeed nigh at hand. The older order was changing and giving place to the new. To them personally, the end of all things in the midst of which they were living and working was not far off, and the opportunity would soon pass away. All this was a powerful motive for turning away from sin. It was now or never.

4. SELF-CONTROL. *Be ye therefore sober, of sound mind, of wise judgment, be temperate.*

5. WATCHFULNESS. *And watch.* Not the usual word for "watch," but be temperate, circumspect, especially referring to abstinence from wine and strong drink.

6. PRAYER. Taking hold of the power of God. No one is strong enough to gain the victory without the help of God. Especially do we need to pray for wisdom to guide all our efforts and plans.

7. LOVE. *Have fervent.* The word implies "intense strain." *Charity, love. For charity shall cover the multitude of sins.* Slay them, and bury them. It covers our own sins. God's love forgives and blots them out. Love covers the sins of others. It forgives them. It punishes when needful, that it may save from sin.

8. HOSPITALITY. *Use hospitality . . . without grudging or murmuring.* Every home should be the center of Christian hospitality. *As every man hath received the gift.* Whatever we have received from God we are to use it in ministering to others. For we are only stewards of the manifold grace of God. Manifold is God's grace to us, and manifold should be the use of his gifts to us for others.

9. DOING ALL FOR CHRIST'S SAKE. *If any man speak . . . as the oracles of God, in accordance with God's revealed will. If any man minister. Serve others. That God . . . may be glorified by the manifestation of his love and power in the disciples of Jesus Christ.*

BUSINESS COMPELLING PROHIBITION.—The business man does not waste much time in denouncing intoxicants and none in threatening those who indulge in them with prison. He simply says: "If you drink you cannot work for me." This ultimatum has now been formulated by most of the great railways, other corporations are repeating it one after another, and private employers, commercial and professional, are fast joining in the enforcement of this great boycott against drunkards.

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## WHAT THE BIBLE IS TO US.

BY REV. E. B. MOODY.

The Bible is to us what we are to it. If the heart is a desert, the Bible will be a dry and sandy plain. If the heart is a well of faith, the Bible will be a "well of living water springing up into everlasting life." To the man of the world, the Bible is Marah—bitterness. To the man of God, the blessed book is an Elim—"twelve wells of water and three score and ten palm trees"—food, water and rest in the midst of the wilderness.

The scientific mind may understand the mysteries of nature, but only a spiritual mind can penetrate the mysteries of God's Word. As the secrets of animalcular life are microscopically discerned, so the hidden truths, or inner truths of the Bible are spiritually discerned. The keenest eye will need a microscope for the one, and the brightest mind a spiritual sense for the other. A man might as well attempt to repair a watch with a hammer and tongs as to sit in judgment upon the Word of God with no tool but a sharpened intellect; for "the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." That is why Christ said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God."

## LIVING UP TO OUR PRAYERS.

At the morning meal, the head of the family repeated, as was his custom, "Lord we thank thee for these blessings thou hast so provided," and then as was also his custom began to grumble about hard times, the poor quality of the food they were forced to eat, the way it was cooked, etc.

"Father," interrupted his little daughter, "do you s'pose God heard what you said awhile ago?"

"Certainly," with a confident air of a religious instructor.

"And did he hear what you said about potatoes and coffee?"

"Of course," not quite so confidently.

"Then, father, which one did God believe?"

So my dear young Christian, when you say in the meeting that you will "praise the Lord with all your heart," or that you are thankful to him for being so kind to you, and then complain of about everything that has fallen to your lot, which do you suppose God believes?—*Ex.*

## YOUR OWN LITTLE GIRL.

Moody tells how he was sent for by the mother of one of his Sunday-school pupils who had been drowned in the Chicago river. He went to the house and talked with the woman; told her he would see that a coffin was sent up and that he would come on the day appointed to conduct the funeral. Then, accompanied by his own daughter, who was about the age of the one drowned, he started for home. They walked in silence for a time, when the child said, "Papa, suppose we were very, very poor and I had to go to the river every day to get wood; and suppose I should slip in and be drowned, wouldn't you be awful sorry?" Mr. Moody says it was then and there that he awoke to the fact that he was getting "professional." Folding his darling to his bosom with a strong embrace, as if it were indeed she who lay in death, instead of the other, and lifting his heart to God in prayer, he turned and retraced his steps

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