

Sabbath School Department

International Bible Lessons THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

GOLDEN TEXT We love Him because He first loved us.—1 John 4:19

INTRODUCTION For an account of the Epistle and its author see notes on last lesson.

TOPICAL ANALYSIS The object of this lesson is to set before Christians the duty and importance of loving one another.

EXPLANATION OF THE TEXT v. 7. 8. BELOVED: This is John's way of addressing his fellow-Christians and reveals the love of his own heart to them.

v. 9-11. In last clause we have it that love is of the very nature of God in this clause we have the manifestation and measure of God's love to us in the gift of Christ.

v. 12-16. How can we give evidence that we are Christians, God's children? NO MAN HATH, &c. "The idea is—He has never indeed been seen by mortal eyes.

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