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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 23

JESUS CORRECTS JOHN'S NAR-ROWNESS.

LESSON TEXT-Luke 9:46-56. GOLDEN TEXT-Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sin-

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL-Mat. 18:1-35; Mark 9:33-42; 16:13-16. PRIMARY TOPIC-Jesus and the Chil-

JUNIOR TOPIC-Jesus the Friend of

INTERMEDIATE TOPIC-Hasty and Narrow Judgments. SENIOR AND ADULT TOPIC-True and False Liberality.

1. Jesus Teaches True Greatness (vv. 46-48).

1. The occasion (v. 46). A contention among the disciples as to who should be the greatest. Jesus had just announced his coming death on the cross, admonishing them to let his sayings sink down into their ears (v. 44). in the kingdom. The imagination cannot depict a condition where rebuke and teaching were more needed.

2. The method (v. 47). He "took a child and set him by him." Teaching by object is one of the best of methods. In this Jesus showed himself to be the master teacher. Christ was qualified to meet the supreme need of all teaching, namely to know the pupil and to translate knowledge into terms adapted to the comprehension of the pupil. He perceived even the thoughts of the disciples and met their need. When they were conscious of his knowledge of them they were ashamed (Mark

3. The teaching (v. 48). (1) "Whosoever receiveth this child in my name receiveth me." So completely is Christ identified with those who are childlike in spirit that he regards treatment of them as treatment of himself. "Whosoever receiveth me receiveth him that sent me." Christ and the Father are one, therefore whatsoever attitude one has toward Christ he has toward God. Rejection of Christ is rejection of God. (3) "He that is least among you all, the same shall be great." The one who in self-forgetful service takes the lowest place is truly the great one. This is the supreme law of Christian discipleship. In Jesus we see the one who was incomparably great identifying himself with humani-

11. Religious Intolerance Rebuked (vv. 49, 50). 1. The case cited (v. 50). The dis-

ciples saw one casting out devils in Christ's name, but because he refused to follow them they forbade him. This spirit is liable to seize those who are really zealous for Christ. It often expresses itself against those who do not belong to one's particular church or sect. In determining whom we should admit to fellowship two questions only need be asked (1) Are devils really being cast out? (2) Are they being cast out in the name of Christ? The plain implication of Christ's words in Matthew 7:22, 23 is that one may even cast out devils and be a stranger to the Lord. There is a supernatural work which is not divine, so unless the mighty works are done "in the name" of Christ a Christian should not fellowship the miracle worker.

2. The principle declared (v. 51). "He that is not against us is for us." This truth is positively stated in Luke 11:23, "He that is not with me is against me." When it comes to man's attitude toward Christ there is no neutrality.

III. Resentment Rebuked (vv. 51-56). 1. Farewell to Galilee (v. 51). As the time had come for him to be received up he set his face to go to Jerusalem. The time of his sacrifice was come and Jerusalem was the place than anybody else. where it was to be accomplished.

* 2. The Samaritans refused to receive him. (vv. 52, 53). This refusal was due to the impression that he was going to Jerusalem. Their national prejudices were so strong that they regarded his action as a national insult. therefore refused hospitality to him.

3. James and John vehemently resent this action of the Samaritans (v. 54). They regarded it as an insult to their Lord. Their love was so vital that an affront to the object of their affection was most bitterly resented.

4. The Lord's rebuke (vv. 55, 56). (1) "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." He did not minimize the insult or question their motive. He who knew their hearts was aware that put together, and for years it was supthey were moved by love for him. He posed to be incurable. Doctors prescribligious persecutions are always wrong. The spread of truth is not to be by means of material weapons. (2) "For the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

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TOBACCO OFFSETS BOLL WEEVIL LOSS

Farmers in Pee Dee Get Good Returns From Growing of Weed.

Farmers, particularly of the Pee Dee section of South Carolina, have in tobacco an effective weapon with which to beat down the tide of economic losses incident to the invasion brought but little over two and of the boll weevil.

Last year returns from the crop reached the unprecedented figures of nearly \$20,000,000. The exact figures were \$19,311,497.86. The highest previous figure was in 1917 when the returns amounted to \$11,794,431.78.

Growers last year in receiving approximately \$20,000,000 for their tobacco got nearly one-fifth the amount paid for the cotton crop.

October's figures this year are not yet available, but during the months of July, August, and September of this year, growers were paid \$18,409,-336.74. Complete figures wil doubtless carry the returns for the 1919 crop slightly in excess of last year's. Considerable agitation is being manifested in the lower section of the state, already invaded by the boll weevil, for the cultivation of tobacco as a substitute crop. During the They were disputing among themselves three months for which reports have as to who would be the biggest man already been received for 1919 crop, 81,128,947, pounds have been sold. The following tables gives the total volume for the crop the last ten years:

		Pounds.	Amount A	verage.
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	1910	18,802,875	\$ 1,604,685.44	\$ 8.52
	1911	11,101,066	1,352,462.84	12.18
	1912	24,337,912	2,853,443.68	10.90
	1913	33,299,561	4,584,339.51	13.76
	1914	39,478,421	3.881,233,54	9.83
	1915	37,924,396	2,760,982.18	7.28
	1916	20,079,903	2,813,448.87	14.11
	1917	51,080,083	11,794,431,78	24.09
	1918	62,173,631	19,311,497,86	31.06
	1919	81,128,947	18,409,336.74	21.40
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Tobacco growing has been largely confined to Darlington, Marion, Florence, Dilion, Clarendon, Sumetr and Williamsburg. But with the invasion of the boll weevil imminent in a large portion of South Carolina, the tobacco growing area will likely be largely extended. The annual report



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ture for 1918 gives the following synopsis of the history of tobacco growing in South Carolina:

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of the state department of agricul- still planted tobacco, and raised a big crop, the amount received from it was only \$2,765,372, the price having fallen to the lowest figure recorded since 1909, 7.02 cents per pound.

> "The 1915 tobacco crop very nearly discouraged the planting in this state. The average price had dropped from about 11 cents to 7.28 and in 1916 the acreage was cut nearly half. There was a considerable increase in price in that year and there was an anomalous situation. The number of pounds sold in 1916 was 17,844,000 pounds short of the scales in 1915 and yet the gross receipts amounted to an increase of \$52,500 over 1915.

"Tobacco has been a wonderful ceding year a smaller crop had sold crop for some counties in South Carat 13.77 cents per pound, bringing to olina, for it is a cash crop and is harvested between spring grain and truck and cotton, thus bringing money

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