

LESSON VII.—HEALING THE MAN WITH THE WITHERED HAND.

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Capernaum.

(Matt. 12:9-21; Mark 3:1-12; Luke 6:6-12.)

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| <p>1. PASSING out from the grain fields, where did Jesus go? Matt. 12:9.</p> <p>2. Who is specially mentioned as being in the synagogue? Verse 10.</p> <p>3. What motive had the Pharisees for watching Christ on this occasion? Luke 6:7.</p> <p>4. What question did the Pharisees ask Christ?</p> <p>5. How did Christ answer the question? Verses 11, 12.</p> <p>6. What did Christ then say to the afflicted man? Mark 3:3.</p> <p>7. What questions did the Saviour then ask His would-be accusers? Verse 4. See note 1.</p> <p>8. Did they attempt an answer to these questions?</p> <p>9. With what feeling did Christ then speak to the crippled man? What did He bid him do? Verse 5. See note 2.</p> <p>10. In their senseless rage, what did the Pharisees then do? Verse 6. See note 3.</p> <p>11. Knowing their designs, what did Jesus do? Verse 7.</p> <p>12. Who followed Him on the way? What did He do for them? Matt. 12:15.</p> <p>13. Having healed them, what charge did He give them? Verse 16.</p> | <p><i>Side texts to be studied with questions..</i></p> <p>Luke 6:6.</p> <p>Mark 3:2.</p> <p>Margin, Greek, "Arise, stand forth in the midst." Luke 6:8.</p> <p>Matt. 14:29.</p> <p>Luke 6:11; Matt. 12:14.</p> <p>Luke 6:12.</p> <p>Mark 3:7-10.</p> |
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| 14. Why did He do this? Verses 17-21. | Isa. 42 : 1-4. Matt. 14 : 23. |
| 15. Going up into the mountain, how did Jesus occupy Himself? For how long? Luke 6 : 12. | |

READING.

“Desire of Ages,” pp. 284-287. .

NOTES.

1. There was much involved in these questions, to cut the proud, deceitful Pharisees to the heart. The queries really contrasted His life and work with theirs.

2. “He stretched it out,” withered though it had been. The power to do so was *in the word* by which the action was commanded. Christ’s enemies were by this method foiled in their efforts to find in the act of Christ a violation of the Sabbath law. The Saviour was *indignant* at their voluntary blindness, yet He carefully wrought so as to give them no hold on Him. Ordering the crippled man to stand forth in plain sight of them all, He laid no hand on him. He did not even question him. He but *spoke*, and the man was healed. It was not unlawful *to speak* on the Sabbath, even by their most rigorous rule of observance. But they were filled with “senseless rage” (Greek of Luke 6 : 11) at what they witnessed, and were more determined than ever to destroy Jesus.

3. The Herodians had been regarded by the Pharisees as apostate, on account of their alliance with the Roman power, and consequent imitation of heathen practises. So far had they gone in flattery of the reigning house that they tried to represent Herod the Great as the promised Messiah. (~~Farrar’s “Life of Christ,” vol. I, p. 442.~~) This, of course, made them the natural enemies of Christ and His work. The Pharisees, in their mad rage, were willing to be reconciled to such a hateful sect, in order to secure their cooperation to destroy One holding doctrines so noble as to shame their lives, even though no other charge could be sustained against Him.
