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MY PRAYER

I pray for time to do my work and do it well.
A chance to show to others how the subtle spell
Of Satan well done before the test of man.
Her power to comfort past the age to cold despair. It rings a burring kind.
I pray for strength to master self before my race is run.
I pray for opportunity to life and those whom I meet whose lonely lives are barren, drear.
And all those that palpitate with joy.
To banish from their minds all thought of self.
To wipe from wistful eyes old sorrow's tear.
I pray for freedom to cast far away what might annoy.
—Anne Wood.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1921

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF THE BIBLE.—Luke 10: 34-42; 3: 51-52; 2 Tim. 3: 14-16.

Golden Text.—"Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing to the Lord." Fathers, provide for your children, and let them be not discouraged" (Col. 3: 20, 21).

Lesson Comments

Verse 34.—This certainly related by Luke. The incident is related by Luke, but it is one of the few little pictures in the New Testament. Martha was plainly the head of the establishment and probably the older sister. It is evident that she was a strict disciplinarian.

Verse 35.—This was not Mary Magdalene. She was a devout and attentive disciple, disposed to meditate. Sitting at the Lord's feet was the attitude of a pupil taking lessons from a teacher.

Verse 40.—Each of these excellent women was manifesting her love in her own way. Martha was busy doing the work of the house, while Mary was more or less absorbed in her studies.

Two women were temperamentally different, but both were affectionately anxious to honor their beloved teacher.

The lesson need not be explored because it is so common in thousands of homes to-day. Those whose part it is to work are disposed to criticize those whose part it is to think. But we are rewarded for our mental labours.

Verse 41.—It is almost remarkable over-anxiety about material things.

Verse 42.—Mary's attitude was better because she discerned more clearly the spiritual mission of the Christ.

Luke 2: 51.—After this incident, occurring when Jesus was twelve, He disappears from sacred history for nearly sixteen years. We have to imagine how life went on around the key that is furnished by these two verses. The Oriental custom was to exalt the father as the absolute head of the family. That the secretaries give such high rewards to the mother of Jesus is evidence confirming the truthfulness of the story.

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Verse 43.—We have already treated this passage in Lesson V. There is no evidence that Jesus attended any school or college. In an opportunity to learn at the feet of the village rabbi, and at the knee of a wise mother, this home must have been a school in itself.

Such a home could be constructively educational in its influence.

2 Tim. 3: 14.—The apostle Paul, being acquainted with the life of Timothy, reminds him of an opportunity to learn at the feet of the village rabbi, and at the knee of a wise mother. This home, we may suppose, gave such high rewards to the mother of Jesus as evidence confirming the truthfulness of the story.

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Illustrated Truth

Discord may enter into the home through envyism as well as through backbiting and selfishness. (Luke 10: 40.)

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