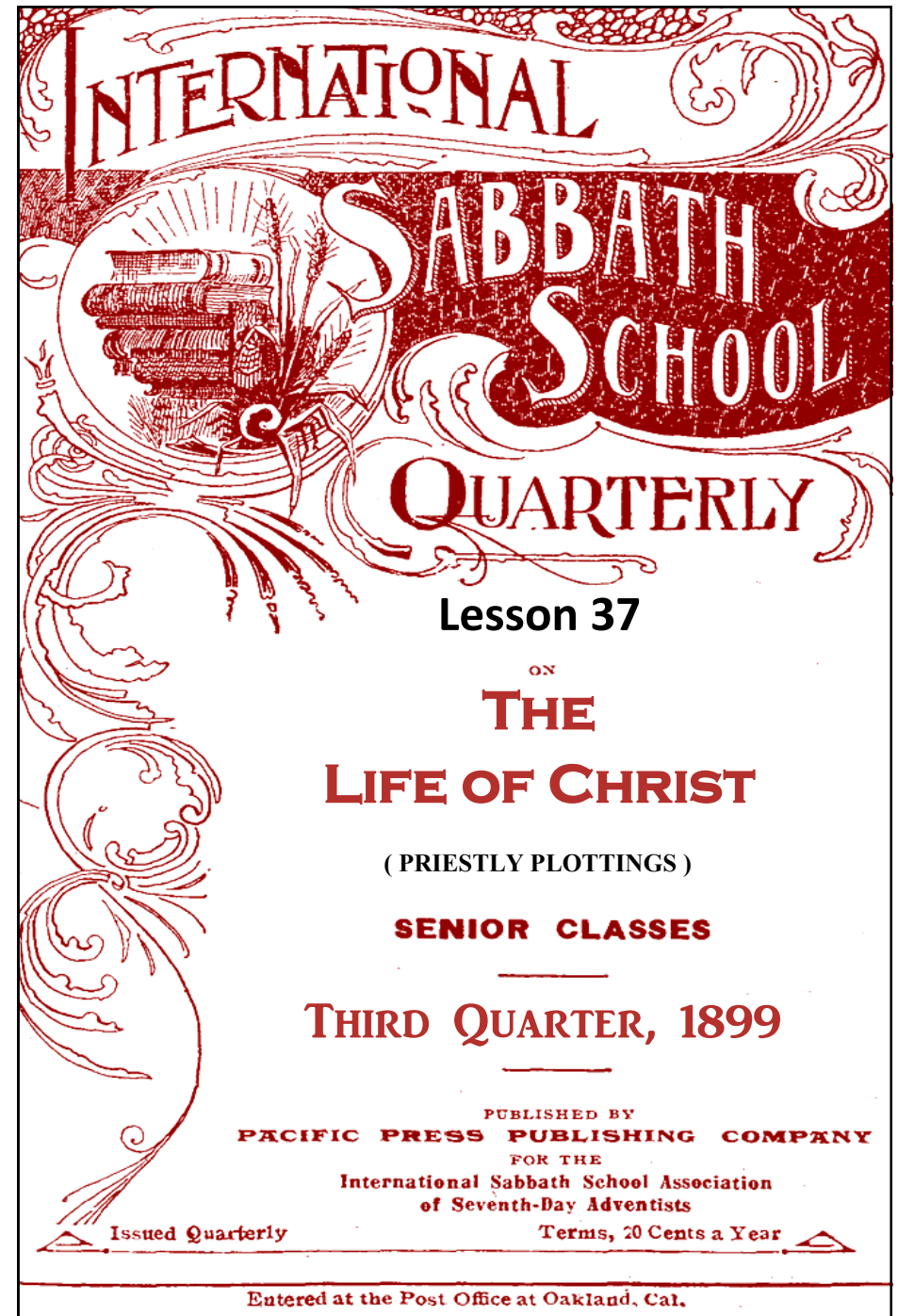


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LESSON 37 — PRIESTLY PLOTTINGS

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Ephraim and the Borders of Samaria, A. D. 30.
(John 11:53, 54 ; Luke 14:1 to 15:10.)

*Side Texts to be
studied with
questions*

1. UPON hearing the counsel of the high priest, what did the Sanhedrin determine to do? John 11: 53.
2. What effect did this have upon the Lord's movements? Verse 54.
3. While journeying from Ephraim eastward, into whose house did Jesus enter on the Sabbath ? Luke 14 :1. **See note 1.**
4. Among the company present, what diseased case appeared ? Verse 2.
5. Upon the guests keeping silence at a question from Jesus concerning Sabbath duties, what did He immediately do? Verses 3, 4.
6. What question from their accepted Scriptures did Christ then ask them ? With what effect? Verses 5, 6.
7. As the guests chose places for themselves at the banqueting board, what parable did He utter by way of rebuking their selfishness? Verses 7,11, **See note 2,**
8. What counsel did Jesus then give the host, that he might in the future be free from such scenes of strife for high places? Verses 12-14.
9. When one of the company heard this, what suggestion did he offer as to the time when such selfishness would cease? Verse 15.

John 7:1

Matt. 12 : 10.

Deut. 22:4
Luke 13: 15.

Prov. 25 : 6, 7 ;
Job 22:29;
James 4:10.

Rev. 19:7-9.

10. What parable did Jesus then utter to show that selfish and self-satisfied ones of this life will not be permitted to eat of the great marriage supper? Verses 16-24.
11. As the Saviour left the place, what conditions of discipleship did He announce to the accompanying multitude? Verses 26, 27.
12. With what forcible statements did He illustrate this principle ? Verses 28-33.
13. Who then were attracted to hear the Saviour's teachings ? Luke 15:1.
14. How did the Pharisees regard this familiarity with the uncircumcised and unclean? V. 2.
15. Knowing these murmurings, what parable did the Lord speak to offset them? Verses 3-6.

Matt. 21 :2-8.

Deut. 13: 6-10;
Matt. 10: 37.

Matt. 9:10.
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Luke 5: 27-30;
Acts 11:3.

I Peter 2: 25

READING

"Desire of Ages," chapter 59.
 "Spirit of Prophecy," vol. 2, chapter 32.

NOTES

1. The evidence is strong that the invitation for Jesus to dine at the place was planned specially for the purpose of entrapping Him in some way. Although knowing this, and that eminent spies,—rabbis and Pharisees,—would be present, Jesus did not hesitate to accept the invitation. Before the company reclined to eat, Jesus saw a poor afflicted man enter the house, according to oriental license, when He put the main question of the occasion.
2. The couches on which the Orientals reclined at meals were placed on three sides of the square from which the food was to be eaten. The other side was left open as a passage for the servants to bring on dishes, and serve food. The couch at the right was reserved for the most honored guest. This was counted the " chief place." The next couch was for the second in rank, and so on. At such occasions as the one under consideration, the rabbis schemed to secure the best position, sometimes even to offending the host.