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Great Chapters of the Bible.
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GREAT CHAPTERS.

JOHN XV.

INTRODUCTION.

The closing Words of XIV.

Here they left the Upper Room.
They too went into the Night.

Did they repair to the Temple?

Or leave the City. Note xviii.1.

Note. { The Questions and Answers in xiii,
xiv, concerned with super-earthly
matters.

{ Our Lord now brought them back to
the Earth Life, and that in regard
to their Relationship with Him in
Service.

The whole chapter needed--and indeed xvi, as
far as verse 16.

A. The Figure employed.

B. The Interpretation.

FIGURE EMPLOYED.

A. THE SIGN, I AM THE TRUE VINE.

NOTE. The suggestiveness of the Greek
form.

I AM THE VINE--THE TRUE.

I. The Figure in the Old Testament.

Psalms 80:8-19.

The complete Figure. National.

Hosea 10:1. 14:4-8.

Luxuriant Vine.

"His Fruit".

"Thy Fruit".

Isaiah 5:1-7. 27:2-6.

Failure.

Fruition.

Jer. 2:21.

Degenerate Plant.

Ezek. 15.

Satire. The Uselessness of the Wood

17:6-10.

Transplanting of Captivity.

19:10-14.

Branches bearing Sceptres--producing
Ruin.

II. Christ's previous Use of it.

Matt 21:33-43.

The Vineyard.

Servants. Beaten. Killed. Stoned.

THE SON. Cast forth. Killed.

Excommunication.

B. THE INTERPRETATION.

I. The New Union. 1-10.

i. In Process. 1-3.

Pruning.

Cleansing.

ii. In Conditions. 4-6.

Abiding.

iii. In Value. 7.8.

Ask.

Fruit.

iv. In Nature. 9.10.

"As..."

II. The Disciples and the Christ. 11-16.

i. The Purpose. Joy. 11.

ii. The Law. Love. 12.

iii. The Relation. Friends. 13-15.

iv. The Appointment. Fruit. 16.

Ask.

III. The Disciples and the World. 17-27.

i. The Law--Love. 17.

ii. Suffering in Fellowship with Christ. 18-25.

*The World loves its own - hates what is not of itself -
Therefore { Christ.
 and
 those who are His.*

iii. Witness in Fellowship with the Spirit. 26.27.

- IV. The World and the Paraclete. xvi.1-11.
- i. The World's Hostility because of its Darkness. 1-3.
 - ii. The Disciples' Equipment. 4-7.
The Expediency of His Going.
 - iii. The Paraclete's Testimony. 8-11.
- V. The Disciples and the Paraclete. 12-15.
- i. His then Limitation. 12.
The Principle of Revelation.
 - ii. The coming Spirit of Truth. 13-15.
 - a. "Guide...into all the Truth".
Progressive.
"Things to come."
 - b. "Glorify Me."
The Mission of the Spirit.
 - c. That is--the Interpretation of the Father.
- VI. The Interval. 16.
- i. A little while of Darkness.
"Ye behold Me no more."
 - ii. The coming Light.
"Ye shall see Me."

Conclusion.

The final Inclusive Statement; (Verse 28).

"I"

"From the Father
to the Father"

"Cause forth from ~ ~ Nativity
"And am come ~ ~ ~ Ministry
"I leave the world ~ ~ Passion
"Go to ~ ~ ~ ~ Ascension.

To Him.

We are united
As Branches to the Vine.

The Resources of Redemption in Him.
Are at the world's disposal in Us.