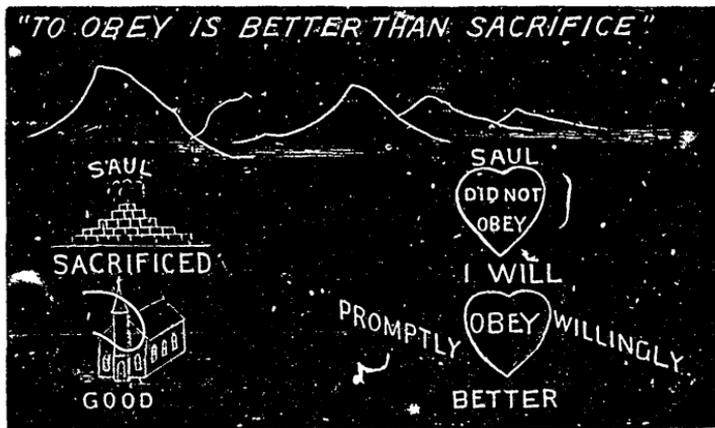


from the Amalekites Samuel asked him why he had done that instead of obeying God when he told him to destroy ever 'thing? Saul then tried to make an excuse and said the people had saved these animals and other things of the spoil to sacrifice unto God. Samuel knew it was only an excuse and said "I will have the Lord as great delight" in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." He then said to Saul "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord he hath also rejected thee from being king." Draw a little scene of Gilgal in the Jordan valley and make two strokes for Samuel and Saul. Draw an altar on one side and on the other print the words "Saul did not obey." Print the Golden Text above.

VI. APPLICATION: How foolish Saul was not to obey? How much happier he would have been if he had done so. What a lesson this should be to us, and how we should try hard to obey. God is the first one to be obeyed, but he wants us also to obey our parents, our teachers and those whom he has placed over us. Our Golden Text says "To obey is



better than sacrifice." Saul thought "I am not doing exactly as God told me, but he won't mind about that if I take the spoil and offer up a sacrifice to him." But although God likes sacrifices when they are offered up in the right spirit he likes obedience better. Sometimes, in the same way children think, if

we go to church and Sunday school God won't mind if we don't always obey father and mother, but God does mind, he likes us to go to church and Sunday school but he likes obedience better. Draw or pin symbol of church on the board to impress the truth and write under it the word "good." Let us tell some of the ways God likes us to obey. God likes us to obey "promptly." Sometimes when boys and girls are told to do something, unless they want to do it themselves, they are very slow to hear and have to be told more than once before they start to obey, and even then they sometimes want to do something else first, as Jenny did when her mother told her to do something; "I want to kiss you first mother," she said, but although mother loved her little girls kisses, she said "No, Jenny, obedience first and kisses after." God likes us to do what we are told, promptly—at once. Another way God likes us to obey is "willingly." Some boys and girls (little ones too) when they are asked to do something begin to grumble and make excuses and say "Oh! I'm having such a nice play," or "I'm reading such an interesting story and wish I hadn't to do it!" And when they are obliged to do it they do so so unwillingly that it makes the person who asked them feel very sad. You may be sure that that is not the way God likes us to obey, no he likes us to obey with that willingness which comes from a loving heart and shews itself in a cheerful happy face.

LESSON VIII—November 24th, 1895.

The Woes of Intemperance. ISAIAH 5: 11-23.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink." Isaiah 5: 11.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: The woes of intemperance.

III. REVIEW: What did God through Samuel tell Saul to do? Did he do as God commanded him? What excuse did he make? Was God pleased with him? What does God like better than sacrifice? Tell two ways in which God likes us to obey?

IV. LESSON STORY: The words of our lesson are those of Isaiah, one of God's prophets, who long before these things took place is telling about the sins and punishments of some of the Israelites, so that they might be warned against the dangers into which they were going.