

## International S. S. Lessons.

### DAVID'S GRATITUDE TO GOD.

13 September.

Les. 2 Sep. 22: 40-51. Gol. Text, Sam. 22: 2.  
Mem. vs. 47-50. Catechism, Q. 79, 80.

*Time.*—About B.C. 1018-1015, not long before David's death.

*Place.*—Jerusalem.

Who was the author of this Psalm? Where else in the Bible is it found? To what is it devoted? To whom does David give the credit for all his triumphs? What is meant by the "strivings of my people"? v. 44. How does he describe the Lord in verse 47? What return did he promise for all God's goodness? v. 50. How does Paul quote this verse in Rom. 15: 9? What do we learn from this? What prophecy is contained in verse 51?

#### LESSONS.

1. It is God who gives us victory over our enemies.

2. It is only through God that we can be delivered from sin's stripes.

3. We can rise to influence and power only through God's help.

4. Our God is the living God; he is our rock and refuge.

5. We should express our gratitude in praise.

### DESTRUCTIVE VICES.

20 September.

Les. Prov. 16: 22-23. Gol. Text, Prov. 16: 25.  
Mem. vs. 25-27. Catechism, Q. 81.

*Time.*—About B.C. 1000.

*Place.*—Written at Jerusalem.

What is a proverb? What ancient wise man was noted for his proverbs? How many is he said to have spoken? Where are many of these recorded? How much of the book of Proverbs is thought to have been the work of Solomon's hand? What is said in chapter 25: 1 about what follows? To what is the chapter from which our lesson is taken specially devoted? What is said about understanding? About the heart? About pleasant words? About a seemingly right way? A whisperer? What is meant by the "hoary head? What is said about it? Who is better than the mighty? Than he that taketh a city?

#### LESSON.

1. We should seek wisdom and avoid folly.

2. We should shun the ways that end in death.

3. We should live to do good not to stir up evil.

4. We should lead others to good ways, never to evil.

5. We should learn to be slow to anger.

## REVIEW.

27 September.

Les. 2 Sam. 2: 22. Gol. Text, Prov. 18: 10.

Who was the first king of Israel? For what did the Lord reject him from being king? Who was anointed to succeed him?

How did Saul regard David? What did he seek to do to him? Who was David's faithful friend? What was David at last compelled to do? How long was he an exile?

How did Saul die? What did David do when he heard of Saul's death? Who at once proclaimed David king? Where did he reign?

What rival kingdom was set up? Where? What happened after Ishbosheth's death?

What city did David then make his capital? From whom did he take it? Where was the ark of God for many years? How did it come there? 1 Sam. 7: 1.

What did David now undertake to do? What happened? What was then done with the ark? When was it finally brought to Jerusalem? What did David build in Mount Zion? What else did he propose to build? What message did he receive from the Lord through Nathan the prophet? What did the Lord promise concerning David's son and kingdom? To what other kingdom greater than Solomon's did this prophecy also refer? To whom did David show special kindness? For whose sake did he do this? Over what region did David extend his dominion? In the midst of David's prosperity what did he do? Lesson VII. How was he brought to realize and confess his sin?

What two psalms did he write at this time? What is the nature of Psalm 51? What does Psalm 32 teach? Who instigated a rebellion against David? What did David at first do? Where did he flee? Why did he flee? Where was the decisive battle fought? What became of Absalom? How did his death affect David? What was the condition of David's kingdom after this rebellion was subdued?

To what did he specially devote himself in his last days? Which of his sons was selected to succeed him? What did David charge Solomon to do? What charge did he also give to the princes of Israel? What had the Lord promised concerning Solomon? What acknowledgments did David make as to all his deliverances and successes? How did he show his gratitude? What return did he promise for all God's goodness to him? Lesson xi., v. 50.

What apostle quoted these words? Rom. 15: 9. Of what great kingdom was the kingdom of David and Solomon but a feeble type?

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