

say about it? (First Commandment.)

A man went about amongst the people shouting out the king's commands. (A herald.) Listen! He is telling them that, when they hear the sound of bands of music played on all sorts of instruments, they must fall down on their knees and pray to the

right. Now they are big men, and they are not afraid to do right still.

The king was very angry, and ordered them to be brought to him. He told them he would give them one more chance. If they would fall down and pray to the golden image—well. If not, they should be thrown

into the burning fiery furnace—a great cave with a fierce fire burning in it. They said (repeat Golden Text). Then they were bound round and round with ropes or chains, and men took and threw them into the fiery furnace. (Tell the story.)

The most wonderful thing happened. The king looked in, and what do you think he saw? There were the three men walking about in the fire unhurt; not even a hair of their heads was burned. The king called to them to come out, and

golden god; and that all who will not do so will be thrown into a burning fiery furnace. (Explain.)

Hark! there is the sound of music. Look! Everybody is kneeling to worship the image. No, not everybody. See! Three young men are standing straight up. Who are they who will not worship the golden god? They are the three boys who, with Daniel, sixteen years ago, showed that they dared to do

the people saw that the fire had not burned them. The king knew it was their own true God who had saved them, and let them worship Him and was very kind to them ever afterward. (God delivered Noah, Joseph, Peter, etc.)

**Practical Thoughts**—God takes care of those who love Him. Our God is able to help us. He keeps us from many unseen dangers. (Examples.)

#### LESSON IV.—July 23, 1899

THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL—Dan. 5 : 17-31

PREVIEW THOUGHT : **The Lord blesses and helps**

**Golden Text**—"God is the judge."—Psalm 75 : 7.

**To-Day's Lesson Thought**—God blesses his faithful children.

**Connection**—Did we all thank God this morning for taking care of us during the night? We do not know what danger God kept from us while we were sleeping. Do you remember our story last Sunday about God taking care of some people who loved and obeyed Him? Who were they? Recall the lesson, the fiery furnace.

**The Lesson**—Daniel lived in the beautiful city of Babylon. It had high walls around it and a hundred gates of iron and brass. Nebuchadnezzar had gone to Jerusalem some years before and had taken the people prisoners and brought them to Babylon. Cyrus, King of Persia, had now come to take the city of Babylon. Cyrus had his soldiers all around outside the walls ready to take the city.

The people of Babylon were rich and very proud and thought they could take care of