

willing and united, instead of a conquered and divided, people. God's way is always the safest even if it not always the shortest.

Lesson IX. DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM May 30, 1915

2 Samuel 6 : 12-15 ; Psalm 24. Study 2 Samuel 6 : 1-19 ; Psalm 24—Commit to memory Ps. 24 : 7-10.

GOLDEN TEXT—I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord.—Psalm 122 : 1 (Rev. Ver.).

12 And it was told king Da'vid, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of O'bed-e'dom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. ¹So Da'vid went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O'bed-e'dom into the city of Da'vid with gladness.

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed ²oxen and fatlings.

14 And Da'vid danced before the Lord with all his might ; and Da'vid was girded with a linen e'phod.

15 So Da'vid and all the house of Is'rael brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

Psalm 24 : 1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof ; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Revised Version—¹And David ; ²joy ³an ox and a fatling ; ⁴And who ; ⁵and hath not ; ⁶a ; ⁷after him ; ⁸God of ; ⁹the ; ¹⁰yea, lift.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Procession, 12-15.

II. The Psalm, Ps. 24 : 1-10.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—David brings the ark to Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 6 : 1-11. T.—David brings the ark to Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 6 : 12-19. W.—David brings the ark to Jerusalem, Ps. 24. Th.—The pattern of the ark, Ex. 25 : 10-22. F.—Worshiping before the ark, Ps. 132. S.—Preciousness of worship, Ps. 84. S.—Preparation for worship, Isa. 1 : 12-20.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 15-18.

The Question on Missions—9. What medical

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord ? ⁴or who shall stand in his holy place ?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, ⁵nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive ⁶the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek ⁷him, that seek thy face, O ⁸Ja'cob. Se'lah.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors ; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is ⁹this King of glory ? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates : ¹⁰even lift them up, ye everlasting doors ; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory ? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Se'lah.

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Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 254 (Supplemental Lesson), 97, 100, 16 (Ps. Sel.), 387 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 90.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 125. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 76, David and the Ark of the Covenant. For Question on Missions, M. 99, A Group of Our Medical Missionary Agencies. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, Room 626, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, Jerusalem, from Across the Valley of Hinnom to Olivet, Looking Northeast (Order from Underwood & Underwood, 417 Fifth Ave., New York City ; further particulars, see page 214).

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—About B.C. 1040 ; Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—In last Lesson (see ch. 5 : 5) we saw how David established himself as king in Jerusalem. There his power rapidly increased. (See ch. 5 : 6-25.) The king determined to bring the ark to his new capital from Kirjath-jearim, where it had been resting for seventy years (see 1 Sam., chs. 6, 7). The story of how this was prevented and how the ark was deposited in the house of Obed-edom is told in vs. 1-11. It is commonly believed that Ps. 24 was composed to be sung at the bringing of the ark to Jerusalem.

I. The Procession, 12-15.

V. 12. *The Lord hath blessed ;* how we are not told, probably with riches or children, or both. *Obed-edom ;* a Gittite (vs. 10, 11), a native of Gath, and therefore a Philistine, who was in David's service and had been admitted to some of the religious privileges of the Israelites. *Because of the ark ;* which was a symbol of God's presence. Caring for the ark was doing honor to God Himself, and, as an old writer quaintly puts it : "the God of heaven pays liberally for His lodging." Matthew Henry says : "The ark paid well for its entertainment." *Into the city of David ;* Jerusalem, the newly chosen capital