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LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF OUR LORD.

LESSON XII. [Dec. 23.]

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Isaiah 9. 2-7. Memory verses, 6, 7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. - Isa. 9. 7.

OUTLINE.

- 1. The Light of the World, v. 2-5.
2. The Son of God, v. 6.
3. The Kingdom of Peace, v. 7.

CONNECTING LINKS.

These words were spoken by the greatest of the prophets of Judah at a time when the outlook of his people was growing steadily darker and less hopeful.

EXPLANATIONS.

6. "Unto us" - The prophet is speaking in the name of the whole people "Child is born" - He speaks in the present form, referring to a future event. "The government" - Rule or authority. "Upon his shoulder" - An expression meaning that all power belong to him. "Wonderful" - Theonly being to whom this description applies is Jesus Christ. "Counsellor" - That is, one entitled to give counsel. "Mighty God" - Strange that a child should be spoken of as "the mighty God," a sentence showing that Christ is divine. "Everlasting Father" - Properly translated, "the Father of eternity," meaning that Christ was before all things (Col. 1. 17). "Prince of Peace" - A prince bringing peace into the world, to the hearts of men.
7. "No end" - Christ is an ever-growing kingdom. "The throne of David" - As David's great successor. "Judgment" - That is, with just rule. "Zeal of the Lord" - The warrant for the prophecy is the fixedness of the divine purpose.

HOME READINGS.

- M. The Prince of Peace (Christmas Lesson) - Isaiah 9. 2-7.
Tu. Message of the angels. - Luke 2. 8-20.
W. The glory of Israel. - Luke 2. 25-32.
Th. Life and light. - John 1. 1-14.
F. In the light. - John 1. 1-7.
S. Born a king. - Matt. 2. 1-11.
Su. Reign of peace. - Micah 4. 1-7.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

- Where in this lesson are we shown -
1. That Jesus is the light of the world?
2. That Jesus is the Son of God?
3. That Jesus is the Prince of Peace?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

- 1. How is Christ promised in this lesson? As a king. 2. By what name is he called? By the name Wonderful. 3. What is said concerning the length and character of his reign? Golden Text: "Of the increase," etc. 4. With what shall Christ rule? With justice and judgment.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION. - Christ's eternal kingdom.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What new commandment did our Lord give to his disciples? That they should love one another as he had loved them. John 13. 34. - A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Child Jesus Comes.

CHILD Jesus comes, from heavenly height, To save us from sin's keeping; On manger straw, in darkness night, The Blessed One lies sleeping. The star smiles down, the angels greet, The oxen kiss the baby's feet, Hallelujah! Child Jesus.

Take courage, soul, in grief cast down, Forget the bitter feeling; A Child is born in David's town, To touch all souls with healing! Then let us go and seek the Child, Children like him, meek, undefiled. Hallelujah! Child Jesus.

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