

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Little children sometimes forget—
That God knows all about them.

That God loves to give them wisdom to do right.
That God loves to have them come to him for help.

That if they do not go to him for wisdom they will be sinful and unhappy.
"The Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

8. *In what else is your soul different from your body?*

My soul is that within me which thinks and knows, desires and wills, rejoices and is sorry, which my body cannot do.

9. *Is not your soul then of great value?*

Yes; because it is myself.

What is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit his own self?—Luke ix. 25.

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.**The Promise of True Religion.****I. A PUBLIC PROMISE.**

In the top of high places. v. 2.
"Good tidings....high mountain." Isa. 40. 9.

II. A PROMISE TO ALL.

To the sons of men. v. 4.
"Go ye....teach all nations." Matt. 28. 19.

III. A ROYAL PROMISE.

Speak of excellent [princely] things v. 6.
"Power to become the sons of God." John i. 12.

IV. A PROMISE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Right things....truth....righteousness. v. 6-8.
"A man is justified by faith." Rom. 3. 28.

V. A PROMISE OF INSIGHT.

Plain to him that understandeth. v. 9.
"They are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2. 14.

VI. A PROMISE OF TRUE RICHES.

Wisdom is better than rubies. v. 10, 11.
"More to be desired....than gold." Psa. 19. 10.

VII. A PROMISE OF PRACTICAL SENSE.

I wisdom dwell with prudence. v. 12.
"In knowledge and in all judgment." Phil. i. 9.

VIII. A PROMISE OF POWER.

By me kings reign....judges. v. 14-16.
"Hath made us to be kings." Rev. i. 6.

IX. A PROMISE TO THE SEEKER.

Seek me early....find me. v. 17.
"Seek ye the Lord....found." Isa. 55. 6.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL LESSONS.**Thoughts upon Wisdom.**

1. True wisdom embraces the motive of God—fear and the element of character, as well as intellectual power. v. 1.

2. True wisdom, by its very existence, calls upon men to seek its benefits. v. 1-5.

3. True wisdom is always associated with righteousness, and recognizes the eternal distinction between right and wrong, good and evil. v. 6-8.

4. True wisdom imparts penetration and insight unto the mind which sincerely seeks it. v. 9.

5. True wisdom confers a wealth which is more precious than the riches of the world. v. 10, 11.

6. True wisdom is based upon the fear of God, and hates all evil. v. 13.

7. True wisdom is an element of power, and gives influence in the world. v. 14-16.

8. True wisdom may be won by him who seeks it early and earnestly. v. 17.

ENGLISH TEACHER'S NOTES.

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THERE was in the dark ages a tradition that if a man could but find a certain stone he might have gold at his will; and for this stone, called the "Philosopher's Stone," men searched and searched in vain. It was not the mere love of the gold that incited the search, but the desire for that which gold often brings with it: honour, power, and pleasure. What if such a stone had been placed, unsought, before the eyes of men? What if a sure and certain road to honour, power, and pleasure had been laid open to whoever chose to take it? Strange, indeed, would it have seemed had such a chance been neglected.

Now, there is a certain road to honour, power and pleasure. There is a "philosopher's stone" the possession of which insures undying riches, and in Solomon's "guide-book" for the traveller on the journey of life this is pointed out. We have it in the passage before us to-day. It is called "wisdom."

But "wisdom" has a sound which is grave and severe; surely it is not the same thing as wealth and greatness. No, it is not the same. Aladdin's lamp in the fable locked a very plain, antiquated thing, by the side of the smart new lamps offered in exchange for it. But which was the prize? The possessor of the old lamp had unlimited wealth at his command; it was the talisman