

GOLDEN TEXT

John 6:14. This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

DAILY READINGS

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| M. — Deut. 18 : 9-22. | The prophet like Moses. |
| T. — Deut. 12 : 28-32. | Cautions. |
| W. — Isa. 8 : 11-29. | Fear God! |
| Th. — Acts 3 : 19-26. | Peter's reference. |
| F. — Acts 7 : 35-43. | Stephen's reference. |
| S. — Jer. 14 : 10-16. | False prophets. |
| S. — Heb. 12 : 18-29. | Refuse not! |

CATECHISM

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

TIME AND PLACE

Deuteronomy consists chiefly of addresses by Moses to the people during the last forty days before the death of the speaker. The place where these were given was the plains of Moab on the east of the Jordan, opposite Jericho.

LESSON PLAN

- I. Idolatry Forbidden, 9-11.
In the many forms found among the Canaanites.
- II. Idolatry Punished, 12-14.
By the destruction of the nations who practised it.
- III. The Promise of a Prophet, 15-18.
Like Moses, to speak God's messages to the people.
- IV. The Punishment of Disobedience, 19.
Upon those who will not hearken to him.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 100; 35 (Ps. Sel.); 94; 570; 582; 507.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—9 What land was God to give the Israelites? What were they to avoid?

10, 11 What acts here spoken against? What worship had been forbidden? (Lev. 18:21.) Where is divination forbidden? (Lev. 20:27.) What instances recorded of its use? (1 Sam. 28:7; 2 Kings 17:17; Ezek. 21:21.)

12-14 How did God regard these abominations? How did He punish those who practised them? What does being "perfect" mean? (Matt. 5:48; Jas. 3:2.) What leads to it?

15-17 What prophet is referred to? (Acts 3:22, 23.) What is meant by "like unto me"? As prophet, what did Christ proclaim? (Ps. 40:9; Luke 4:18.)

18, 19 How was the prophet to be received? What should we do with Christ to-day? What punishment for refusal?

Seniors and the Home Department—9-12 Against what sins were the Israelites specially warned? How does God regard sin? (Deut. 25:16; Prov. 6:16-19; Isa. 13:11; Jer. 44:4.)

13, 14 What standard does God set up for His people? What token of His mercy here mentioned?

15 What prophet is here spoken of? (John 6:11.) "How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?" (Shorter Catechism, Ques. 24.) What does Christ reveal by His word? (John 1:18; 2 Cor. 5:19; John 20:31.)

16-19 What will be the punishment of those who reject Christ and His commands? (Heb. 10:28, 29.) How does Christ regard those who obey His commands? (John 15:14.) How will God visit our neglect of Christ as a prophet? (Acts 3:23; Heb. 2:3.)

Prove from Scripture—That privileges bring responsibility.

Practical Points—1. The old saying, "When in Rome do as Rome does" is not good advice where it is a question of right and wrong that is to be decided.

2. In the East India Museum, London, England, there is an elaborately carved idol, about two feet high, having twelve hands, and in every hand an instrument of torture. Idolatry is always cruel. As the wise man says: "The tender mercies of the wicked are cruel," Prov. 12:10.

3. Those who profess to have secret and mysterious dealings with the departed or to work by charms and the "second sight", and such like, are to be kept at arm's length. Their doctrines and their arts never make people better, but worse.

4. Joseph Parker says, "to have been near a great teacher is to have been close to an open gate, the entrance of which would have brought one into a kind of paradise."

5. These verses of the Wesleys, which may be readily committed to memory, show the relation between Moses and Christ:

"Moses, the meek man of God,
A type of Christ was seen,
Head of the faithful Israel stood,
And guide of sinful men.

"Israel he from Egypt led,
But must to Jesus yield;
Jesus, like His brethren made,
His brethren far excelled."

6. Time makes God's law, like Moses, the lawgiver, only venerable, not weak.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why was the warning against divination, etc., given?

2. What is a prophet?

3. In what respects was Christ, as a prophet, like Moses?