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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson V.—Third Quarter, For Aug. 1, 1915.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, 1 Kings xi, 1-13. Memory Verses, 8, 9—Golden Text, Prov. viii, 11—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

We saw in a previous lesson that Solomon's wisdom excelled all the wisdom of the east and of Egypt and that people came from all the earth to hear his wisdom (1 Kings iv, 29, 30, 34; II Chron. ix, 23). His writings are mentioned in I Kings iv, 32, 33. The Song of Solomon was probably written in the joy of his first love to the Lord in his younger days when he first became king. Proverbs reads like his more mature experience, while Ecclesiastes is the sad retrospect of his great folly and sin after he had turned away from the Lord, for his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God (I Kings xi, 4, 6). Although he was beloved of his God and among many nations there was no king like him, nevertheless even him did strange women cause to sin (Neh. xiii, 26). After the dedication of the temple the Lord appeared to him the second time and assured him that His eyes and His heart would be perpetually upon that house because His name was there (I Kings ix, 1-14). What a precious assurance for all the redeemed to appropriate, for what was true of a building is surely true of those who are temples of the Holy Spirit. He and his people were warned, however, that if they forsook the Lord He would make them a proverb and a byword among all people (I Kings ix, 6, 7). So we are warned that if we lose His favor it is good for nothing but to be trampled under foot of man. The lesson of today, with the parallel record in II Chron. ix, shows how it might have been if Solomon had continued faithful and how it will be when a greater than Solomon shall sit on David's throne and the glory of the Lord upon Israel shall draw all nations. They shall come from Sheba, bringing gold and incense, and shall shew forth the praises of the Lord, and the wealth of the nations shall be brought to Israel when the Mighty One of Jacob shall be their Lord and Saviour (Isa. ix, 1-3, 6, 11, 19).

The queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord; therefore some one must have told. We know of a greater than Solomon and of a greater glory than he ever had, which our Lord and Saviour wants to share with all who are willing to receive Him and follow Him, but so few think it worth while to tell these good news, that two-thirds of the people on the earth never heard yet. When the queen came to see for herself if the report was true. She came with a great retinue and with camels, bearing spices and gold and precious stones. Such an abundance of spices never came to Jerusalem before, and she gave to Solomon 120 talents of gold, which, at \$25,000 a talent, would be about \$3,000,000. See verses 2 and 10. According to verse 14, Solomon was in the habit of receiving 666 talents of gold yearly. That would be over \$16,650,000 in gold alone. So we do not wonder that silver was as stones and nothing accounted of (verses 21, 27). The queen had many hard questions to ask Solomon, but he told her all. There was nothing hid from him that he could not tell her. And when she heard his wisdom and saw his buildings and his hosts and his servants there was no more spirit in her, and she had to acknowledge that, while before she came she did not believe all that she heard, now she had to confess that his wisdom and prosperity exceeded all that she had heard and the half had not been told her (verses 4-7). It reminds us of Isa. lvi, 4, I Cor. ii, 9, where we read that the things which God hath prepared for His redeemed exceed all.

The Spirit has indeed told us somewhat, but we are slow to receive it, and we are not like the apostles, who said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard (Acts iv, 20). If the queen of Sheba carried back to Arabia with her a saving knowledge of the Lord God of Israel then her visit was to some purpose, but if it was only to see and admire and wonder and give and receive gifts (verses 8-10, 13) then it was a mere passing affair and great only to human sight. From verse 10 we might conclude that she had learned to know the true God and can only hope that it was even so. From Isa. xxxix we learn that the visitors from Babylon did not learn from Ezekiel of the true God, the God of Israel, but only saw Ezekiel's greatness and his precious things. Christians might be a bit perplexed sometimes if the Lord should inquire after visitors like the queen, "What have they seen and heard in thine house?" (Isa. xxxix, 4). Solomon's gift to the queen of all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides what he gave her of his royal bounty (verse 13), makes us think of Rom. viii, 32, "With Him freely all things," and of David's one great desire—that he might behold the beauty of the Lord (Ps. xxvii, 4). The more we become occupied with the glory of His kingdom and with the city of which the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are both temple and glory (Rev. xxi, 22, 23) the better we shall see things here in their true light.

SUNDAY IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES

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BAPTIST

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. Opp. Alexandra Park. Rev. W. E. Bowyer, the pastor, will preach. 11 a.m., subject "A Successful Experiment." 7 p.m., subject, "A Great Disappointment." 9.45 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Classes. Communion at the morning service. Good Welcome to "The Homelike Church."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Music: Morning: Organ (a) Offertoire (Salome) (b) Andante in E flat (Mozart); Introit: "Row down Thy Ear"; offertory, Communion (Battiste) solo, "Calvary" (Rodney) Miss Edna Phipps; communion hymn "Hamburg." Evening: organ: (a) Overture in E minor (Morandi) (b) Cantata (Hartmann) organ: (Schumann); solo "The Plains of Peace" (Ambrose) Mr. Halrod; offertory, Berceuse (Delbruck); concluding voluntary, "Carillon" (Faulkes).

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COLBORNE ST. CHURCH. Pastor, Rev. W. E. Baker. 10 a.m.—Love Feast and Fellowship meeting. 11 a.m.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. 2.45—Sunday School. 7 p.m.—The pastor will preach.

WELLINGTON ST. METHODIST. Rev. Geo. W. Henderson, D.D., pastor. 55 Wellington St. Quarterly services. 10 a.m., The Love Feast. 11 a.m., the pastor, Subject, "A fair Deal." 2.45 p.m., the bible school with adult organized classes. 7 p.m., communion address; reception of members; the Lord's Supper. Monday, 8 p.m., the senior league. Wednesday, 8 p.m., the Anniversary of the Declaration of War.

WESLEY METHODIST. Rev. D. E. Martin, B.A., Pastor. 10 a.m. Quarterly Love Feast. 11 a.m. Sacramental service followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Sabbath school 2.45 p.m. 7 p.m., Subject, "A great game and how to win it." A cordial welcome to all.

CONGREGATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. Corner George and Wellington Sts. Pastor, Rev. M. Kelly. The pastor will take charge of both services. 11 a.m., 7 p.m. The sacrament will follow the morning service. Sunday school and bible classes to all. The public invited.

NONDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTADELPHIAN. C. O. F. Hall. Special subject Sunday, 7 p.m., "The Manner of Christ's Second Coming," by Mr. Winstanley, Toronto, in C. O. F. Hall, opposite Old Post Office, entrance on Dalhousie street, next Tea Pot Inn. All welcome. Seats free. No collection.

CLEVELAND TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Harbour and River Improvements in the Mission River, Fort William, Ont." will be received at this office until 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 1915, for the construction of the Harbour and River Improvements. Plans, specification and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the offices of the District Engineers, Fort William, Ont.: Shaughnessy Building, Montreal, P.Q. Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the name of the occupying and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works by ten per cent. (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into the contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the tender submitted for. The tenderer will be notified by a regular bid.

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