

LESSON HYMN.

My soul, be on thy guard;
 Ten thousand foes arise;
 The hosts of sin are pressing hard
 To draw thee from the skies.
 O watch, and fight, and pray;
 The battle ne'er give o'er;
 Renew it boldly every day,
 And help divine implore.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

22. *What does the Bible say concerning the conduct of parents and children?*

Ephesians vi. 4. Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians vi. 1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

What concerning the conduct of masters and servants?

1 Peter ii. 18. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. [See *Colossians iv. 1.*]

SABBATH, February 14th.—LESSON VII: Ebal and Gerizim—Joshua viii. 30-35.

Leader. 30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the Lord God of Israel in Mount Ebal.

School. 31 As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lifted up any iron;

L. And they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the Lord, and sacrificed peace-offerings.

S. 32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

L. 33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side

the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, as well the stranger as he that was born among them;

S. Half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

L. 34 And afterwards he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

S. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

HOME READINGS.—*M.* Josh. viii. 30-35. *Tu.* Deut. xxvii. 1-13. *W.* Deut. xxviii. 58-68. *Th.* Acts viii. 26-40. *F.* Luke iv. 16-32. *S.* John iv. 5-26. *S.* John iv. 27-42.

TOPIC: SOLEMN CHOICE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

GOLDEN TEXT: I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSING AND CURSING. Deut. xxx. 19.

OUTLINE: 1. THE ALTAR ERECTED THERE, v. 30-32; Exod. xx. 25; Deut. xxvii. 5, 6. 2. THE SERVICE OBSERVED THERE, v. 33-35; Deut. xxxi. 12; Neh. viii. 3.

QUESTIONS, etc.

Repeat the TITLE.

What were Ebal and Gerizim?

[*Ans.* They are mountains in the province of Samaria. The valley between them is narrow, Ebal being on its north side, and Gerizim on its south.]

Recite OUTLINE, GOLDEN TEXT, and TOPIC.

1. *The altar built there, v. 30-32.*

By whom, and to whom was the altar built? v. 30, 31.

Compare v. 30-32 with Deut. xxvii. 1-8, and name seven points in which Moses was obeyed.

2. *The service observed there, v. 33-35.*

Give some account of the service of "burnt-offerings" and "peace-offerings" named in v. 31.

In the special service named in v. 33-35 what persons were present?

Compare these verses with Deut. xxvii. 11-13, and give an exact account of how the people stood.

Of what exercises did this service consist?

Read Deut. xxvii. 14, 15, etc., and give an exact account of how the service went on.

What reason for this service is given in our GOLDEN TEXT?

What solemn choice is set before each of us?

[Recite JOHN iii. 36.]

Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. Who should come to Sunday-school?

2. What services should be held there?

3. That every body must choose between life and death.

DOCTRINE: *The free agency of man.*

LESSON HYMN.

Just as I am, without one plea,
 But that thy blood was shed for me,
 And that thou biddest me come to thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 To those whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

22. *What does the Bible say concerning our obedience to magistrates and governors?*

Romans xiii. 1. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

1 Peter ii. 17. Honor all men; love the brotherhood; Fear God; honor the king.

It contains precepts as to our conduct to ministers of the Gospel.

Hebrews xiii. 17. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account.