

tell you about his anointing, his fight with Goliath, and other events of his stirring career. Draw out, by careful questioning, examples of his courage, loyalty, faithfulness to his friends, readiness to forgive, skill as a general, wisdom as a ruler, and, above all, his confidence in God. Do not fail to direct attention to David's greatest victory. This was not his triumph over Goliath nor his conquest of the Philistines. It was a victory over himself. Describe how he had Saul in his power. How hard it must have been not to strike the blow! It would have given him the kingdom, besides revenging his injuries. But he held back his hand. This is a way in which all may be heroes—not by fighting with a sword, but by conquering our evil passions. Point to our true source of strength in our great conflict. It is the same for us as for David, the presence and help of the Lord our God. He is mightier than all our foes. Through Him we shall be more than conquerors.

IV. Jonathan. We do not wonder that David loved Jonathan. He is one of the loveliest characters in the Old Testament. Try to get the scholars to see him, so that they will love him. His bravery, his unselfishness, his loyalty to his father—the scholars will be ready to give you instances of these noble qualities. Jonathan is chiefly famed for his friendship towards David. The boys and girls will see how good a thing it was for David to have such a friend. Would it not be good for them too? Then point them to One who will be to them the best of friends. Use the willingness of Jonathan to give up his claims on the throne for David, to illustrate the surrender of His glory by the Saviour, for our sakes.

Now the moment has come for driving home the great lesson taught by the study of these four famous heroes. Samuel, David, Jonathan—these three sought to honor God in their lives. Poor Saul rebelled against God. Which choice was the best? The difficulty may be raised that Jonathan died in battle along with Saul. But even so, it was better for him to die innocent, than with guilt like Saul's on his head. Surely it is true that those make the best choice, who choose the service of God. Urge each scholar to make choice of the service of God now, and to look to Him for grace to persevere in His service to the end.

### Happy Living.

Cultivate faith, obedience, service. The secret of holy and happy living is gathered up in these three words. There are a great many things we cannot understand, but these lie within our reach, and if we hold to them they will bring us through the darkest night beneath which the soul of man ever wrestled, into the perfect day.

1. Faith. If you cannot see God clearly look toward the spot from whence His voice comes, as a child instinctively turns in the dark toward the place from which its mother's voice issues; and remember that the mountains which soar the highest in the dark will be the first to catch the glint of the morning beam at dawn. From the east, though you be in the dark. Following on to know the Lord. Faith is the motion of the soul Godward.

2. Obedience. Every time you obey you pull up the blind and let in more light. Every time you obey you break down the restraining reef and let more of the sea into the bay of your life. Obey the voice of God in the Book, the voice of God in your heart, the voice of God as He speaks through circumstances and His servants—obey.

3. Service. Never let a day go by without making the world a brighter, happier place for others and, as you do so, the life abundant will gush out. A friend once told me that while he stood in the old Forum at Rome, watching the workmen using the pickaxe, one of them happened to strike away some rubbish and debris which had lain for centuries, and, as he did so, a fountain of water, well known in classic times as the Virgins' fountain, but which had been imprisoned for centuries, found glad utterance again; the imprisonment was over, the stone was taken away from the sepulcher, and the beautiful fountain gushed into the Italian sunshine.

It may be that to day such an experience is to be yours and that some debris which has accumulated upon your heart, choking your life, by the grace of God and by the act of your own choice shall be put away, so that the life which has been checked and restrained may become abundant and you may know the fulfillment of our Lord's word: "It shall become in them a well of water, springing up into eternal life."—F. B. Meyer.

### Sun., Sept. 27—An Evening with Japanese Missions.

Mal. 4: 2, 3.

#### An Awakened Country.

Of all eastern countries, Japan is the one that has awakened most to her own shortcomings and needs. Since Perry opened two Japanese ports to the world in 1854 Japan has been eager to learn western ways. In 1614 an inscribed stone, so it is said, was placed in a castle in Japan: "So long as the sun shall warm the earth, let no Christian be so bold as to come to Japan." This was because the Jesuit teaching had wrought such harm. But nowadays the Japanese have entirely different feelings about Protestant Christian teachers, and make them freely welcome to the empire.

Japan is awake to the greatness of western progress. She wants to learn the best that the West can teach her. The Japanese are a very teachable people. They will attend missionary schools gladly. They are ready to receive the best that we can give them in the way of knowledge and progress.

Japan is now in a time of opportunity. Nine-tenths of her forty millions of people are still ignorant of Christianity, but they are not hostile to the gospel. They wait for it. Shall we not send men and money to this most awakened nation of the East?

#### A Dangerous Enemy.

Buddhism has no intention of relinquishing Japan to the missionaries. One of the most dangerous forms of its activity is its attempt to corrupt Christian doctrine. It has taken in as many Christian forms and methods as it can convert to its own use. The result is that Christianity has hard fighting to do to keep to the simplicity of the gospel. The pure gospel alone can conquer Japan and give her people a living faith in place of the corruptions of Buddhism.

If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we would find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.—Longfellow.

## Our Young People

### To Be Associate Judges.

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I apprehend that large numbers of Christians do not reflect on the truth that in the day of final judgment they will be associated with Christ in judging ungodly people. This great truth is repeatedly declared in the Bible. Christ said to his apostles: "I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as my Father appointed unto me, that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and ye shall sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." In Jude's epistle he says that Enoch prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have ungodly wrought, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Other passages also unite in saying that Christian people will be associated with Christ in the day of final judgment in pronouncing sentence upon unbelievers; and, of course, all ungodly ones will appear before the judgment bar; they will not be annihilated, nor will they be in an unconscious state.

In a sermon on the final judgment Dr. B. H. Carroll, of Texas, says: "Before your bar, brethren, the infidels and atheists and materialists who now laugh you to scorn must stand and receive their final sentence from your lips. Impenitent scribes and Pharisees must answer to the apostles whom they persecuted. What a time it will be when the bloody Sanhedrin must be judged by Stephen, whom they unrighteously stoned! But particularly would I have you note the honor which God puts on the judgment of his people when compared with the judgments of human law-courts. How intense is the condemnation put upon the Church member here who despises the verdict of his brethren and drags them before the courts of law, thereby putting shame upon Christ's cause before unbelievers!"

Well, such ones will at last be judged by the very ones whom they now abuse, under some pretext. O reader, if you remain ungodly till death you will at last be condemned, not only by Christ, the just Judge, but also by a great company of true Christians who will be associated with Him. Why not make your peace with God now?

### Daily Readings.

Mon., Sept. 21.	—Getting back his own.	Mal. 3: 16-18
Tues., Sept. 22.	—Gathering scattered flocks.	Jer. 23: 3, 4
Wed., Sept. 23.	—The day-star rising.	1 Pet. 1: 16-19
Thurs., Sept. 24.	—Healing for the nations.	Rev. 22: 1, 2
Fri., Sept. 25.	—No sunset.	Isa. 60: 18-22
Sat., Sept. 26.	—A whitened field.	John 4: 31-38
Sun., Sept. 27.	—Topic—An evening with Japanese missions.	Mal. 4: 2, 3.

Go to the homes of the poor. Look at their narrow room, their hard bed, their poor clothes and shoes. Observe what they eat for breakfast, dinner and supper. Ask what their earnings are, and calculate how you would fare with them. Then go home, Your discontent will vanish.