

GOLDEN TEXT

Gen. 6: 8. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

DAILY READINGS

- M. —Gen. 6: 5-18. Man's wickedness.
 T. —Gen. 7: 13-24. The punishment.
 W. —Gen. 8: 1-12. } Noah saved in the ark.
 Th. —Gen. 8: 13-22. }
 F. —Gen. 9: 8-17. God's covenant.
 S. —2 Peter 2: 1-9. A preacher of righteousness.
 S. —Matt. 24: 34-42. The lesson for us.

CATECHISM

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

TIME AND PLACE

According to the common reckoning, the flood was ended 2318 B.C., or 1655 after the creation of man. Place, the mountainous region of Ararat.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Flood Abating, 1-5.
 After prevailing for 150 days.
 II. The Earth Dried, 6-14.
 The raven and the dove returning no more.
 III. The Exit from the Ark, 15-19.
 All safe and sound.
 IV. God's Purpose of Mercy, 20-22.
 No such general destruction again.
 LESSON HYMNS
 Book of Praise, 70; 67 (Ps. Sol.); 137; 560; 135; 233.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—1-5 How did God destroy the world? Why? (Gen. 5: 7, 12.) To whom was a command given? (Gen. 6: 13, 14.) What was it? How long was Noah building the ark? (Gen. 6: 3.) Of what was it made? Who went into the ark? (Gen. 7: 7.) What creatures with them? (vs. 8, 9.) How long was Noah in the ark? What does "assuage" mean? Where did the ark rest? Where was this mountain range?

6-12 What bird sent out by Noah? With what result? What next followed? What result the first time? What the second time? What did this prove? What the third time?

13, 14. What discovery made by Noah?

15-17 What command given to Noah? By whom?

18-20 How was it obeyed? What did Noah build? What were offered? Who is our great sacrifice? (Eph. 5: 2; Heb. 9: 14; 1 John 2: 2.)

21, 22 How was Noah's offering accepted? By what promise was it followed? What sign did God give in the sky? How are God's words spoken of? (Num. 23: 19; Matt. 24: 35.)

Seniors and the Home Department—1-5 Why did God destroy the earth by a flood? For what was Noah remarkable? (Heb. 11: 7.) How did he show his faith? How spoken of in Gen. 6: 8, 9? How does Christ refer to the deluge? (Matt. 24: 39.) Where is Mount Ararat? What human beings saved from the flood? Does God forget His people? How proved here?

6-12 What precautions used by Noah? With what results? Why was the raven chosen? Why the dove?

13, 14 How long had Noah been in the ark? How was his patience at last rewarded?

15-19 What command given to Noah? How executed?

20-22 What was Noah's first act? How regarded

by God? What promise given? What security? Of what is the ark a type? (1 Pet. 3: 20.) Who is the door? (John 10: 7.) What may happen? (Matt. 25: 10.) What is the way to be saved? (John 3: 16, 36; John 10: 9.)

Prove from Scripture—That God's purposes are sure.

Practical Points—1. God bears long with men's sins, but even God's patience has an end. (Prov. 29: 1.)

2. Noah alone, among his fellowmen, "found grace in God's sight." We might think from this that he was a very perfect man, yet the one feature we find in his character is faith to believe and obey God's word in the face of all obstacles.

3. To "find grace in God's sight" does not always smooth our path. To Noah it meant to carry a sad heart and to perform a hard task for a hundred and twenty years.

4. Noah preached (2 Pet. 2: 5) for a hundred and twenty years, and yet made no convert except within his own family. This is something to remember when we get discouraged.

5. Noah's hardest time was doubtless the seven days after God had shut him into the ark and before the flood came (ch. 7: 10). Everyone called him a fool then. It is harder always to wait than to work.

6. God "remembered Noah." Yes, and God never forgets any of His people.

7. Noah was a great vessel builder, a thorough "business man," but he was not ashamed to worship.

8. A minister once said to the unconverted librarian of his Sabbath School, "What became of Noah's carpenters?" The young man was surprised, and did not at once perceive the purpose of the question, but after a week's thinking gave his heart to Christ.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How long were Noah and his family in the ark?

2. What was his first act on coming forth?

3. What are we to expect as to the course of the seasons?