

GOLDEN TEXT

Heb. 11:30. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down.

DAILY READINGS

- M. —Joshua 5:10 to 6:7. The divine Captain.
T. —Joshua 6:8-20. The fall of Jericho.
W. —Joshua 6:21-27. Destruction of Jericho.
Th. —Deut. 7:1-10. Judgment against idolaters.
F. —2 Chron. 14:8-15. Trust in God.
S. —2 Chron. 20:11-25. Not by might.
S. —Isa. 25. A song of praise.

CATECHISM

- Q. 45. Which is the first commandment?
A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
Q. 46. What is required in the first commandment?
A. The first commandment requireth us to know

and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

TIME AND PLACE

Early in April, B.C. 1451, or according to others B. C. 1251: two or three weeks after the events of last lesson; around and within Jericho, a city in the plain on the west side of the Jordan.

LESSON PLAN

- I. A City Warned, 12-14.
By the strange procession during six days.
II. A City Doomed, 15, 16.
By the certain judgment of God.
III. A City Destroyed, 17-20.
By the miraculous overthrow of its walls.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 16 (Ps. Sel.); 203; 250; 262; 583; 256.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—1-11 What was the first thing done by Israelites on entering Canaan? (ch. 5:1-9.) What feast celebrated? (v. 10.) What then ceased? (vs. 11, 12.) Who came to visit Joshua? (vs. 14, 15.) What passed between them? What orders were given? (ch. 6:1-5.) How many processions around Jericho were there to be? What the central figure? (v. 6.) Give the order of the procession. (vs. 6-9.) What command given by Joshua? (v. 10.)

12-14 How were the orders obeyed? Why is the number "seven" used? What would the people of Jericho think of the procession?

15, 16 What was done on the seventh day? What order given by Joshua? What part had the priests? What the people? How was God working? (1 Cor. 1:21-2:4.)

17-19 What curse pronounced on Jericho? What was to be done with the spoil? Who was to be spared? Relate the history of Rahab and the spies. (ch. 2.)

20 What happened at the shout of the people? What caused the fall? (Golden Text.) How can Christians conquer the world? (1 John 5:4.)

Seniors and the Home Department—Draw a map, marking the Jordan, the Dead Sea and Jericho. Describe the meeting of Joshua and the Captain of the Lord's host. (ch. 5.) Who is the Captain of our salvation? (Heb. 2:10.) How described? (Rev. 19:11-16.) What orders were given?

12-14 How many days occupied by the work? What distinction between the first six days and the seventh? What the reason for the six days of silence? For the shouting on the seventh day?

15, 16 What effect had the shouting and the trumpets on the inhabitants of the city?

17-20 Justify the doom pronounced against Jericho. Who escaped death? Why? What was done with part of the spoil? What with the silver and gold and vessels of brass and iron? To whose power is the victory to be ascribed? How may we obtain like victories? In whose family was the curse of v. 26 fulfilled? (1 Kings 16:34.)

Prove from Scripture—That God sometimes uses strange means.

Practical Points—1. Let us learn reverence. It is holy ground wherever God meets us (ch. 5:15).

2. Think of God coming down from heaven to plan the overthrow of one city. Nothing that hinders us is a matter of indifference to Him.

3. Count God in, and victory is sure.

4. The people who had to march in silence needed more faith than the priests who blew with their trumpets. It is so much easier to have faith when we are doing, than when we are simply waiting.

5. Eagerness makes early rising. Early rising gives a good start and a long day. A good start and a long day generally mean much work well done.

6. Here is one of the ancestors of our Lord Jesus, an evil woman who turned from her sins to live a holy life. Let it stand for the encouragement of those who, in true repentance, seek to do better.

7. By obedience and trust what victories may not be gained! (Mark 9:23.)

8. "The wall fell down flat." Whatever God undertakes to do is done thoroughly.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What were the proceedings of the six days?.....

2. Of the seventh?.....

3. What followed?.....