

Berean Lesson Leaf.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD YEAR—1875—JANUARY.

FIRST QUARTER: LESSONS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY.

SABBATH, January 3rd.—LESSON I: Joshua Encouraged.—Joshua i. 1-9.

Leader. 1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying:

School. 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

L. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

S. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

L. 5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life.

S. As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

L. 6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this

people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

S. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee.

L. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

S. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;

L. But thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

S. 8 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

HOME READINGS.—M. John i. Th. Deut. xi. 13-25. W. Num. xxvii. 15-23. Th. Deut. xxxi. 1-13. F. Deut. xxxi. 14-23. S. Heb. iii. 5. S. Heb. iv.

TOPIC: IN THE WAY OF DUTY—STRENGTH.

GOLDEN TEXT: JOSHUA THEREFORE, MY SON, BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS. 2 Tim. ii. 1.

OUTLINE: Joshua encouraged—1. To do, v. 1-5; John ii. 5; Eccles. ix. 10.
2. To be, v. 6-9; Epi. vi. 10; Col. i. 11.

QUESTIONS, ETC.

Name the LESSON. Where found?

What do you know about Joshua? Examine Num.

xiii. 16; Exod. xvii. 9; Deut. i. 38.

Explain word "encouraged." Recite TOPIC.

How may we have strength? [GOLDEN TEXT]

Recite OUTLINE.

1. Joshua encouraged TO DO, v. 1-5.

What was he required to do?

What was the extent of the land God told him to take? v. 4.

By what promises did God encourage Joshua? v. 5.

What words in verses 2 and 3 show that the children of Israel had neither bought nor merited the land?

What does God require us to do in reference to the heavenly Canaan?

2. Joshua encouraged TO BE, v. 6-9 [Observe that true work comes out of true hearts, strong in the grace of God.]

What direction does God give Joshua in verse 6?

How often in this lesson does he give the same advice?

Why must we be strong and courageous in order to do God's will?

What important command is given in verse 8?

Compare verse 8 and 1 John ii. 14.

Recite the sweet assurance of verse 9.

Find in these verses a good rule—

1. For a Bible student;

2. For a person who has a great work to do;

3. For one who is timid and easily discouraged;
4. For those who are neglecting the salvation God has given.

DOCTRINE: God faithful to his purpose and to his people.

LESSON HYMN. 7s & 6s.

God is my strong salvation;

What foe have I to fear?

In darkness and temptation,

My light, my help, is near:

Thou art about me as a camp,

Firm in the fight I stand;

What terror can confound me,

With God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance;

My soul, with courage wait;

His truth be thine affiance,

When faint and desolate.

His might thy heart shall strengthen,

His love thy joy increase;

Mercy thy days shall lengthen;

The Lord will give thee peace.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

18. Has not our Lord given us another important precept, founded upon our love to our neighbour?

Another important precept, founded upon our love to our neighbour, given us by our Lord, is,—"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

(Matthew vii. 12.)