

plague—God had said, v. 1—and then deliverance. It was just as the plague of darkness was ending. Daydawn was at hand. The question of the “asking for” (Rev. Ver.) of the jewels of silver and gold has been fully explained (See “Exposition” and “Light from the East”). Note how, in this, God cares for the everyday needs of even the least of His people. Note, too (v. 3), how even Pharaoh’s servants had to respect Moses—because he was just and unselfish and holy.

3. Then comes the awful doom in detail, vs. 4-8. Bring out these points: (1) The Lord Himself is to act, v. 4; (2) The black judgment will fall at the weird midnight hour; (3) It is a sentence of death on all the firstborn—the pride and hope of Egypt; (4) It will bring woe unutterable; (5) God’s own will be safe (v. 7), as Noah and his family were in the ark; (6) Egypt’s pride will be at last broken and God’s people will go free, v. 8.

The dark side of the lesson is how terribly the hearts of those are hardened, who persist in sin. The bright side that God protects and saves those who trust Him.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Connection—Print GOD, MOSES and AARON. Recall last lesson. Picture Moses going to Egypt to be the leader of the Israelites (chap. 4: 11-23); Aaron going with him, going together to the elders of

Prove from Scripture
That warnings neglected are despised.

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. Moses as a man of courage.
2. The last of the ten plagues.
3. The hardening of Pharaoh’s heart.

The Catechism Question

Ques. 105. *The fifth petition.* Here is a great request and a strange piece of reasoning. “Forgive us our debts.” There will scarcely be need to explain that they are the debts, which as sinners we owe to God. How great they are! Let the question, “What is sin?” be asked and then let the teacher and the scholars test their lives by the answer. More in number than the sand of the seashore—that is the verdict. But God’s love and grace are like the sea, and so we may ask forgiveness. The reasoning is that if we can and do forgive others, God may and will forgive us. Ah, but do we? Let this be pressed home; for no one has any reason or right to look for God’s forgiveness, who is not willing to grant forgiveness himself to those who have wronged or decried Him.

Israel (4: 29-31). How did they receive the message? Picture the brothers going before Pharaoh. He did not believe the message, scoffed at them, set the people harder tasks, was more cruel than ever (chap. 5).

God’s Power—Show a glass of water. How many have seen a lake full of water, or a river? Print NILE, Egypt’s great river. (Show map.) Who makes the lakes and rivers? What else has God made? Can He do what He wishes with the things He has made? Tell about the use He made of Moses’ rod to show His power.

First Plague—Tell of the river of water turned to blood (chap. 7). Tell vividly and briefly about the other eight plagues (writing the name of

