

**2.**—We should be very attentive to the word of God given in the New Testament, because here in a peculiar way the Son of God himself is speaking to us. We Christians think not less of the Old Testament than the Jews themselves; but we value still more highly the New Testament, because here we find the highest form of revelation, and that which makes all the Old Testament plain and precious to us. The Gospels are the life of Christ. "The Acts" are really the acts of Christ, and the Epistles are the teachings of Christ put in practical form for our guidance. Hence the whole New Testament is the word of Christ to us.

**3.**—Jesus is very great. If we weigh carefully what is said here about him we can have no other conception of him. He is heir of all. He made the worlds. He is the brightness of the divine glory, and the very image of God. He upholds all things. He has sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High. He is addressed as God. He wields a distinguished sceptre on an everlasting throne. He is endowed with all goodness; he loves righteousness and hates iniquity.

**4.**—Angels are real beings of great power and intelligence employed by God to administer the affairs of the universe. Yet they worship Jesus.

**5.**—Great importance in this lesson is attached to the work of the atonement. It is very briefly mentioned. But the mention of it is very significant. It is presented as a

necessary prerequisite to the enthronement of Jesus as Mediator. "When he had by himself purged our sins sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." It is therefore right and proper, when we contemplate the greatness and majesty of Jesus, to think also of his humiliation and sufferings in this world to atone for sin, that he might purge them away.

**6.**—Our Christmas thoughts should not linger altogether around the advent of our blessed Lord to this world in the humble circumstances in which we find him in Bethlehem. We should let our thoughts go forth to what he is, and where he is now, and what he is doing and the character of the great administration which he is conducting.

#### THE BLACKBOARD.

### JESUS

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**O**n a throne  
**W**ields a right sceptre.

**G**reater than angels  
**R**ighteous, hating iniquity.  
**E**xpress image of God,  
**A**ngels worship him,  
**T**he Son of God.

#### REVIEW CHART—FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON.	TITLE.	GOLDEN TEXT.
I. 2 Chron. 14:2-12	Reformation under Asa.....	Help us, O Lord our God, etc., 2 Chron. 14:11.
II. " 17:1-10	Jehoshaphat's good reign .....	In all thy ways acknowledge Him, etc., Prov. 3:6, 7.
III. " 24:4-13	The Temple repaired .....	And the men did the work faithfully, 2 Chr. 34:12, 13.
IV. Isaiah 40:1-13	Isaiah called to service .....	I heard the voice of the Lord, etc., Is. 6:8.
V. " 40:1-13	Messiah's kingdom foretold .....	The earth shall be full of, etc., Is. 11:9.
VI. 2 Chron. 30:1-13	Hezekiah's great Passover .....	Yield yourselves unto the Lord, etc., 2 Chron. 30:8.
VII. 2 Kings 19:20-37	The Assyrian Invasion .....	God is our refuge and strength, etc., Ps. 46:1.
VIII. 2 Chron. 33:9-16	Manasseh's sin and repentance .....	If we confess our sins, etc., 1 John 1:9.
IX. Proverbs 4:10-19	Temperance Lesson.....	My son, if sinners entice thee, etc., Prov. 1:10.
X. 2 Kings 22:6-20	The Book of the Law found .....	Blessed are they that keep, etc., Ps. 119:2.
XI. Jer. 36:20-32	Trying to destroy God's Word .....	The word your God shall stand, etc., Is. 40:8.
XII. Jer. 52:1-11	The captivity of Judah .....	Ye shall seek Me and find Me, Jer. 29:13.
XIII. Hebrews 1:1-9	Review, or Christmas Lesson..	For unto you is born this day, etc., Heb. 1:9.

What nation's history did the Lessons of last Quarter cover? What, the Lessons of this Quarter? Over what period of time did the Lessons of last Quarter extend? The Lessons of this Quarter? What great events at the beginning and end of last Quarter's Lessons? Of this Quarter's Lessons? How many kings were there in Israel's separate history? In Judah's? How many dynasties in Israel's? In Judah's? Who were the leaders away from God in Israel's history? In Judah's? Who were the workers for God in Israel's history? In Judah? What was

the great, prevailing, national sin in Israel's separate history? In Judah's?

What do we learn during the Quarter and from what lessons and incidents do we learn, of the following things?—God's love? God's patience? God as the hearer and answerer of prayer? God's care for his people? God as the disposer of all events? God's power? God's truth? God's justice? The effect of bad home training? Of foolish obstinacy? Of evil associations and companionships? Of the downward tendency of sin? Of the doom of sin?