

8, 9. Things most dear must be given up if they lead us into sin. **Hand**; tempting us to do what is wrong. **Foot**; going into evil ways. **Eye**; looking upon, and longing after, evil things. **Better**; to have now and in heaven the eternal life which Jesus gives, than to enjoy all the pleasures of sin. **Than**... **hell fire**; literally, "Gehenna of fire." Gehenna was the valley south of Jerusalem, where the refuse of the city was consumed with ever-burning fires. A dreadful picture of the sinner's punishment.

III. THE CHILDREN SOUGHT.—10-14. **De-pise not**, etc.; for the "little ones" are specially dear to the great Father. **Their angels**; the angels who care for the little ones now and here, Heb. 1: 14. **Always behold... my Father**. The meaning is, either that these angels are the highest and holiest, and therefore nearest God's throne, or that the way into the Father's presence is always open to them. In the story of vs. 12, 13 (given more fully in Luke, ch. 15), Jesus shows how earnestly God desires that not one of these little ones should perish.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Jesus and the children, Matt. 18: 1-14. T.—The blessing, Mark 10: 13-16. W.—Greatness of service, Luke 22: 24-30. Th.—Teaching humility, 1 Pet. 5: 1-7. F.—Children's praise, Matt. 21: 6-16. S.—Preferring one another, Rom. 12: 6-16. S.—Christ's humility, Phil. 2: 1-11.

Prove from Scripture—That we should be child-like.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery? A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

The Question on Missions—(Third Quarter, TRINIDAD AND BRITISH GUIANA). 24. When and by whom was our Mission in Trinidad begun? Rev. John Morton, now of Tunapuna, went from Nova Scotia in 1867, and Rev. K. J. Grant, now of San Fernando, in 1870. These two and their wives are still in the work.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 251 (Supplemental Lesson); 197; 292; Ps. Sel. 14; 567 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 134.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—Where had Jesus been transfigured? Where were Jesus and His disciples now?

1-5 About what had the disciples been disputing? Whose opinion do they now ask? Whom did Jesus set in their midst? What does He say is necessary if we would enter into His kingdom? In what ways should we be like little children? How may we "receive" Jesus?

6, 7 What is it to cause a "little one" to stumble? How great punishment does this deserve?

8, 9 What three things are named through which temptation may come to us? How will sin be punished? Who longs to save us?

10-14 What heavenly beings have charge of the little ones? In what story does Jesus show God's care for them?

Seniors and the Home Department—Mention other disputes among the disciples. (Matt. 20: 20, 24; Luke 22: 24.)

1-4 Name childlike qualities we should possess. (Matt. 6: 31; 1 Cor. 14: 20; 1 Pet. 1: 14.)

5-9 How may we cause others to stumble? (Rom. 2: 23, 24; 14: 21; 1 Cor. 8: 9-13.)

10-14 How did Jesus show His loving care for children? (Matt. 10: 42; 19: 13-15; John 21: 15.) For the childlike? (Luke 12: 32.)

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. Greatest in the kingdom—next to the King—who would not be eager for such a place? When the King is Jesus, we can reach it only by the path of lowly service. Go out each day and see how many people you can help. Each kindly deed and cheering word will bring you a step nearer the highest place in the kingdom of heaven.

2. The star belongs in the heavens and the lamp in the kitchen. But the lamp is of more use than the star, when we are finding our way through the dark passages of a cellar. We may be very commonplace people, but there is something that each of us can do better than the greatest genius in the world. Why make ourselves miserable by envying others their higher powers, when we might be so happy in using to the utmost our own?

3. "Far sadder sight than eye can know,
Than proud bark lost, or seaman's woe,
Than battle fire, or tempest cloud,
Or prey bird's shriek, or ocean shroud,—
The shipwreck of the soul."

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FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How had the disciples shown a wrong spirit?

2. By whom did Jesus illustrate the right spirit?

3. In what way is God like a shepherd?