

SABBATH, April 19th.—LESSON III.—The People Forgiven.—Exod. xxxiii. 12-20.

Leader. 12. And Moses said unto the Lord, See, thou hast sent me, bringing up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

School. 13. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

L. 14. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

S. 15. And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

L. 16. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight?

S. Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

L. 17. And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

S. 18. And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory.

L. 19. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will show mercy.

S. 20. And he said, Thou canst not see my face; for there shall no man see me, and live.

TOPIC—The God of all Grace.

Golden Text—There is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. Psa. cxxx. 4.

OUTLINE:

I. THE GRACE OF GOD SOUGHT, v. 12, 13, 15, 16; Num. xiv. 14; 2 Sam. vii. 23; Psa. cxlvii. 20; Isa. xliii. 1; Joel ii. 17; Eph. i. 17-19; Titus xi. 14.

II. THE GRACE OF GOD PROMISED, v. 14, 17; Gen. xix. 19-21; Josh. i. 5; Isa. lxiii. 9; Matt. xi. 28; John xvi. 23; Heb. iv. 8, 9.

III. THE GRACE OF GOD PROCLAIMED, v. 18-20; Judges vi. 23; Psa. lxxv. 4; Matt. xvii. 1, 2; John i. 1-8, 14, 15; 2 Cor. iv. 6; 1 Tim. vi. 16.

QUESTIONS, etc.—What fact does the **TITLE** record? By whom forgiven? [See **TOPIC**.] What precious truth is stated in the **GOLDEN TEXT**? Recite **OUTLINE**.

1. *The Grace of God Sought.*—What "grace" did Moses seek at the hand of God?

[Ans. His personal presence and leadership.]

Why had God withdrawn his presence from the Hebrews? Exod. xxxiii. 3.

What task had he appointed to Moses? Exod. xxxiii. 34.

Did Moses plead for himself, or for the sinning people whom he led?

Who is our Great Intercessor? Titus ii. 14; 1 John ii. 1.

2. *The Grace of God Promised.*—Was Moses successful in his prayer for grace?

What promise did the Lord make to Moses?

For whose sake did he grant this promise?

How may we find grace in the sight of God?

What examples have we given us in the Bible of God's hearing prayer for others? Gen. xix. 19-21; xvii. 20; 1 Sam. vii. 9; 2 Kings iv. 33-35.

What is said of the prayer of the righteous in James v. 16? In Psa. xxxiv. 15.

What has God promised to all who love him in his Son Jesus Christ? Matt. xi. 28.

What encouragement have we to ask for this grace? John xvi. 23; 1 John v. 14, 15.

What further favor did Moses ask of God? v. 18.

3. *The Grace of God Proclaimed.*—How did the Lord proclaim his name to Moses? Exod. xxxiv. 5.

What did he declare that name to be? Exod. xxxiv. 6. How does he reveal himself now? 2 Cor. iv. 6; Eph. i. 6, 18.

Where, in this lesson, do we learn—

1. That the prayers of the righteous prevail!
2. The duty of praying for the salvation of others?
3. That forgiveness of sin comes through the intercession of Jesus?
4. That rest and safety are inseparable from the presence of God?

HYMN.—Tune "Hamburg."—L.M.

Show pity, Lord, O Lord, forgive;
Let a repenting rebel live.
Are not thy mercies large and free?
May not a sinner trust in thee?

Guilty I stand before thy face;
On me I feel thy wrath abide;
'Tis just the sentence should take place;
'Tis just,—but O, thy Son hath died!

22. What is repentance?

True repentance is a grace of the Holy Spirit, whereby a sinner, from the sense of his sins, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it to God, with full purpose of, and endeavors after, future obedience.

Acts xi. 18. Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Acts ii. 37. When they heard this they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Psal'm cxlv. 59. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

Home Readings.	
<i>M.</i>	Exod. xxxiii. 12-20.
<i>Tu.</i>	Isa. xlviii. 12-20.
<i>W.</i>	1 Kings xix. 9-18.
<i>Th.</i>	Psa. lxxv.
<i>F.</i>	Gen. xxxiii. 24-30.
<i>S.</i>	Psa. xxxiii.
<i>S.</i>	Rom. ix. 14-24.