

First Quarter, 8th day, 9h. 39m. afternoon. Full Moon, 9th day, 1h. 23m. afternoon. Last Quarter, 17th day, 0h. 41m. morning. New Moon, 25th day, 2h. 0m. morning.

Table with columns for Day of Week, Sun, Moon, and other astronomical data.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Position gives the time of high water at PLYMOUTH, CORNWALLIS, HORTON, HAMPSHIRE, WINDSOR, NEWPORT, AND YARMOUTH.

A HOPEFUL SUN-RISE AND A PEACEFUL SUN-SET.

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"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace..." Luke ii. 29-30.

(Continued from last week.)

5. The salvation Simeon saw, was Divine. "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

6. This salvation is open to the vision of faith. "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

7. Once more: this salvation is to be felt as well as seen. If the aged Simeon took the Child Jesus in his arms...

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II.—The sun-set of life.

"Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." A summer sun-set is not more beautiful than this picture of the aged Simeon in the evening of life.

1. A vision of Christ is the consummation of hope. "See Rome and die." was a common saying, in the palmy days of that queen of cities.

2. A vision of Christ is the death of man's carnal nature. Like those beasts of prey that prowl amid the forest-jungle, but which hasten to their lair, at the first dawn of morning; our sins court the darkness, but coy and cover before the light of day.

3. A vision of Christ is a sure guarantee of peace in the hour of death. What a picture of peace is a calm summer evening!

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the advent of Christ into the heart—this is the attitude that God honours. Who have been blessed with the first tidings and the best visions? Why, the holy, pious, patient waiters. Think of the Shepherds in the open fields. Think of Nathaniel under the high-tree. Think of the disciples in the upper room. Think of the seer of Patmos "in the spirit on the Lord's day."

10. By his marriage he became related to the Rev. John Pawson, a man whose saintly life is not forgotten even at the present hour.

11. Mr. Wesley took great pains to inculcate the preaching of this doctrine, and he always said that wherever there was a declension of the work of God, it arose from the lack of preaching on this theme.

12. Mr. Entwistle endeavored to live a life of constant piety. He lived wholly by rule, and each day was accustomed to plan some mode of holy living which would prove an incentive to his piety and enable him to perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord.

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BEREAN NOTES.

Feb 6.] LESSON VI. DAVID SPARING SAUL. [B.C. 1061.] 1 SAM. 24. 1-16.

HOME READINGS. MONDAY—1 Sam. 24. 1-22. TUESDAY—Psa. 57. 1-11. WEDNESDAY—Psa. 142. 1-7. THURSDAY—Rom. 12. 10-21. FRIDAY—Luke 22. 63-71. SATURDAY—Matt. 18. 21-35. SUNDAY—Luke 15. 11-24.

TOPIC: Enemies Conquered by Love. GOLDEN TEXT: Recompense to no man evil for evil. Rom. 12. 17.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES. Psa. 7. 4; Matt. 5. 44; Rom. 12. 14-17; Prov. 25. 21, 29; 1 Pet. 3. 8-11; John 3. 16; Rom. 5. 8; 1 John 4. 10; Luke 23. 34; Exod. 23. 4; 2 Kings 6. 20-23; Prov. 10. 12; Eph. 4. 32; Col. 3. 13.

1. Name the evil things you have learned of Saul, and the good you have learned of David. 2. In what are we like Saul, and David like Jesus? DOCTRINE: Love a source of power. John 3. 16; 2 Cor. 5. 14.

GENERAL STATEMENT. In the story of DAVID SPARING SAUL we have an illustration of the TOPIC: Enemies conquered by love; and of the GOLDEN TEXT: Recompense to no man evil for evil. Here we see, as in the OUTLINE, 1. Love forbearing; 2. Pleading; 3. Conquering.

BY D. A. WHELDON, D.D. About a year has passed since the events of the last lesson. David, with a few friends, fled to Neb, and thence to the court of Achish, king of Gath. Not safe there, he returned to Judah, and made the caves of his mountains his hiding places.

1. ENOCHI. This place was situated about the middle of the western shore of the Dead Sea. It means the fountain of the goat, perhaps, because wild goats abound there. The whole region took its name from the fountain. The cliffs are full of caves, which would afford an excellent refuge for David and his men. To his cave-life belong Psalms 57 and 142.

2. SAUL TOOK THREE THOUSAND CHOSEN MEN. David had six hundred at this time. They were not villains and freebooters, as some have thought them, but victims of misrule and misfortune, who could preserve liberty and life only by flight and seclusion, as David had saved his. Among them were Gad, the prophet and successor of Samuel, and Abiathar, the priest, with the high-priests ephod. Some of them were splendid heroes, and became eminent in the kingdom. See 2 Sam. 23. 8-39; 1 Chron. 11. 10-47. They made no war except on the enemies of Israel. Against Saul they stood only on the defensive; and they were always the protectors of the people in their vicinity.

3. A CAVE. Some of these natural caverns are very large. Dr. Thomas says they "are dark as midnight, and the keenest eye cannot see five paces inward; but one who has been long within, and is looking outward toward the entrance, can observe with perfect distinctness all that takes place in that direction." DAVID AND HIS MEN, then amusing themselves along the sides of the cave, accustomed to the darkness, distinctly saw every movement of Saul as he entered, while they remained invisible to him.

4. THE MEN... SAID. No such promise is elsewhere recorded, which does not prove, however, that it had not been made. They may have meant that this was the substance of the prediction as they had heard and understood them. Saul was in David's power, and they urged him to seize his chance, and end this mad persecution by taking his life. This he would not do; but he would show Saul how entirely he had him in his power. So, moving lightly, he silently cut off the SKIRT of his long outer garment, which he had spread over himself as he lay down to sleep.

5. THE LORD'S ANOINTED.—An anointed king was a sacred person. To kill any man under such circumstances would have been murder; to kill Saul would have been, in David's sight, sacrilege. He even felt that he had done a disrespect in cutting off his skirt. With some difficulty he repressed the desire of his men to revenge their wrongs by taking the matter into their own hands. Surely this was a marvelous forbearance on his part, when by one blow he could stop this pursuit of himself and be delivered from his greatest enemy. The Golden Text needs no better illustration.

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