

says God. "Nay," says Moses, "rather blot me out but remember and forgive thy people." Self-forgetting prayer is irresistible.

LESSON IX. THE FOLLY OF COWARDICE. Num. 14 : 1-10.

A great crisis for Israel has come. Caleb, the man equal to a mountain, had urged advance. The ten spies who felt equal to grasshoppers, counseled despair. Israel listened to the men who spoke their fears. God's penalty was forty years' wanderings outside of the Promised Land.

LESSON X. HOW TO SERVE ONE'S COUNTRY, Josh. 1 : 1-9.

Once more the initiative passes to Israel. "Forward," says God to Joshua, the new leader. Joshua had courage and experience to give to his country's service. God adds other equipment—authority to begin the new task, encouragement to continue the task, the Law for his guidance in the task.

LESSON XI. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD OFFENDERS, Josh., ch. 20.

Who was that who passed on the dusty road running as one runs for life? He cannot stop or look behind. The blood avenger is on his heels. He has slain a man unintentionally and seeks a city of refuge. God's laws show mercy tempering justice. So should ours.

LESSON XII. COMPROMISING WITH EVIL DOERS, Josh. 23 : 1-13.

"No half finished task." That is Joshua's demand. However weary Israel may be in the work, she must not become weary of it. Israel must not, in the name of peace, establish social relationships with the Canaanite. A premature peace to-day with evil means a permanent weakness to-morrow.

THE LESSON IN DAILY LIFE (Daily Readings)

Monday—Pharaoh oppresses Israel, Ex. 1 : 6-14.

But every oppressor of the helpless has, in the long run, to reckon with God. And every one who opposes God is sure to be defeated. It is enough to be on God's side, for then we are sure to prevail.

Tuesday—Israel delivered from Egypt, Ex. 15 : 1-11.

And how, therefore, could they help breaking forth into a song of praise to their great deliverer. Every day brings to us reasons, without number, to praise God for his goodness.

Wednesday—Israel fed in the wilderness, Ex. 16 : 13-21.

Our food is a sacred gift. To waste it is a sin against God who gives it. Especially in these days the saving of food is an imperative duty. All can serve by saving.

Thursday—Israel taught at Sinai, Ex. 20 : 1-17.

True religion includes love to God and love to our fellow men. These two things God has joined together, and they should never be put asunder.

Friday—Joshua the new leader, Josh. 1 : 1-9.

It is by the pathway of faithful service that positions of leadership are won. One must learn to obey before he is fit to command.

Saturday—God's unfailing goodness, Josh. 23 : 5-14.

"Not one thing hath failed." Joshua could say that of God's promises to Israel. And no matter how long our life may be, at the end of it, if we trust and obey God, we shall be able to use the same words of God's dealings with us.

Sunday—Joshua's last charge, Josh. 24 : 22-33.

Covenants are made to be kept. That is true of covenants between man and man, between nation and nation. These are not mere "scraps of paper." It is true, also, of our covenant with God. He is faithful to his part; we should never prove false to ours.

A PRAYER

O Jesus, thou who art the light of the world, give us to-day the light we need to see the pitfalls that surround us and the glory to which thou dost call us. Give us thy strength that we may accept thy invitation, and make us thoughtful of others that we may not attempt to make our going with thee alone but may lead some one to thee. And to thee shall be all the glory. Amen.