

ing? What did Jesus say of it in Mark 13.32? How shall the Lord come to unbelievers? What shall be the result of his appearance?

2. **The Children of Light**, v. 4-8. Who are so called, and why? Who gives light to his children? What is required of the children of light? To what is the Christian compared in ver. 8? What are the articles of the Christian's armour, as here named? Why is faith compared to a breastplate? Why is hope compared to a helmet?

#### PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

What is here taught—

1. Concerning the events of the Saviour's second coming?
2. Concerning the effects of his coming?
3. Concerning a preparation for his coming?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What is the Christian's hope? Eternal life. Do Christians really die? Only to this world. Where do they live again? In heaven with Jesus. How may we gain eternal life? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Must we mourn for true Christians when they die? No, for that would be like the heathen, who have no hope. How may we be sure of this hope? Because Jesus died and rose again. How does Paul say the Lord will come? With a shout. Whom will he take up into heaven with him? All who have loved and obeyed him. How will the day of the Lord come? Suddenly and silently. Will it make any difference to believers when he comes? No, because true Christians will be ready always. What are all true Christians? Children of the light. Who is the light of the world? Jesus. What must we do to keep in the light? Watch lest we fall into temptation. How does Christ come to us every day? In our hearts.

#### WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

From what will Christ save us if we let him come into our hearts?

From sinning.

From the love of sin.

From the sorrow and trouble caused by sin.

From the death to which sin leads us?

"And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us."

#### ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

##### The Coming of the Lord.

#### I. HIS COMING.

1. **Certain**. The Lord himself. v. 16.

"This same Jesus... Shall come." Acts

I. 11.

2. **Heavenly**. Descend from heaven. v. 16.

"Coming in the clouds of heaven." Matt. 24. 30.

3. **Glorious**. Shout... voice... trumpet. v. 16.

"Son of man... in his glory." Matt. 25. 31.

#### II. HIS COMING TO BELIEVERS.

1. **Welcome**. We which are alive. v. 17.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22. 20.

2. **To Fellowship**. Meet the Lord. v. 17.

"Will come... and receive you." John

14. 3.

3. **For Eternity**. Ever... with the Lord. v. 17.

"He will dwell with them." Rev. 21. 3.

#### III. HIS COMING TO UNBELIEVERS.

1. **Sudden**. Thief in the night. v. 2.

"As the days of Noe were." Matt. 24. 37.

2. **Terrible**. Sudden destruction. v. 3.

"A destruction from the Almighty." Isa. 13. 6.

3. **Hopeless**. Shall not escape. v. 3.

"The earth shall wail." Rev. 1. 7.

#### ADDITIONAL AND PRACTICAL LESSONS.

##### Christian Thought Concerning the Lord's Coming.

1. Christians should look forward to the coming of the Lord as their greatest comfort in the loss of friends. v. 13.

2. We should look eagerly and expectantly for his coming as the pledge of our reunion with those gone before. v. 14.

3. We should look confidently for the coming as the great triumph of his cause. v. 16.

4. We should exhort one another, and talk together of his coming as our highest privilege. v. 18.

5. We should be in readiness for his coming at any moment, that it may not take us unprepared. v. 2.

6. We should live carefully and righteously, free from worldly influences, in view of his coming.

#### CATECHISM QUESTION.

1. *How does our Lord teach us his religion?*

By his word and by his Spirit.

2. *What is his word?*

The Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments, which are the sacred books of the Christian faith.

#### ENGLISH TEACHER'S NOTES.

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