

ANSWERS, Lesson IV.—(1) James 1 : 3.
(2) Ps. 108 : 13.

For Discussion

[From the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY AND LEAFLET]

1. Was God responsible for the wickedness of the Egyptians ?
2. Is suffering the punishment of sin ?

Prove from Scripture

That disobedience brings punishment.

The Catechism

Ques. 64. *What the Fifth Commandment requires.* This Question deals with : 1. *Those who have authority over us.* In addition to parents, the Fifth Commandment requires obedience to the rulers in the state (1 Pet. 2 : 13-15), and in the church, Heb. 13 : 7. 2. *Those over whom we have authority.* All in authority have duties to those under them. Parents must not "provoke their children to wrath," Eph. 6 : 4. Rulers are to govern in the fear of God (Ex. 18 : 21), to judge justly (Deut. 16 : 18), to defend the poor and oppressed (Ex. 23 : 6), and to have no respect of persons, Lev. 19 : 15. Ministers and elders in the church are charged with the oversight of the flock, Acts 20 : 28 ; 1 Pet. 5 : 2, 3. 3. *Those with whom we are on an equal footing.* There are duties belonging to husbands (Eph.

5 : 25), wives (Eph. 5 : 24, 33), brothers and sisters (see John 1 : 40-42).

The Question on Missions

Ques. 5. *Amongst whom is mission work in Western Canada carried on ?* The people who have settled in Western Canada include those who speak English, coming from Eastern Canada, the British Isles and the United States, and foreigners from nearly every country of Europe. New settlers are coming constantly in immense numbers. In the prairie provinces, of course, most of the people are farmers. Much of the mission work in the West is amongst foreigners. For example, in Alberta our missionaries are giving the gospel to people speaking at least twenty different languages. The hospitals at Teulon, Manitoba, Wakaw, Saskatchewan, and Vegreville, Alberta, are centres of mission work amongst the foreign immigrants, especially the Galicians or Ruthenians. In British Columbia the annual immigration increased from 2,601 in 1901 to 54,689 in 1911. A still more rapid increase is expected in the near future, owing especially to the prospect of great railway development. Besides mission work in country districts, there is much work being done and more to be done in the large and growing cities.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

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Lesson Subject—God punishing a proud ruler.

Introduction—Recall Pharaoh's pride and cruelty.



Recall, also, the visit made by Moses and Aaron, at God's command, to ask Pharaoh that the children of Israel might be allowed to stop their work and go out into the wilderness to hold a feast to worship their God. Listen to proud Pharaoh's reply, Ex. 5 : 2.

Golden Text—Our Golden Text tells us what Jesus says will happen to proud people, and what honor will come to those who are humble and kind, Matt. 23 : 12.

Lesson—When Pharaoh refused to let the people go, Moses