

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 11.

MARCH 18th, 1894.

1st QUARTER.

A blessing to all nations. Gen. 18: 17-21.

GOLDEN TEXT: "All the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him."
Gen. 18: 18.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VERSES 17-19. CHILDREN'S HYMNAL 163, 166, 94, 165.

PROVE THAT—Good men are great blessings. Matt. 5: 16.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 94. What is baptism?

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH
Gen. 18: 17-21	Isa. 52: 7-15	Mark 16: 15-20	Rom. 19: 8-18	Ps. 72: 8-19	1 Cor. 1: 17-24	Acts 3: 19-26

To the Teacher.—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. *Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.*

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—As Abraham sat in the door of his tent at Hebron, he saw three men approaching. They seemed to be travellers, so with that kind hospitality which, besides being every where regarded as a virtue, is commanded as a religious duty, he hastened to meet them and politely invited them to rest and refresh themselves. After partaking of the meal which was provided, the strangers rewarded their entertainer by disclosing themselves and promising that soon the long deferred blessing of a son would be bestowed. Abraham now knew that God had come down in human shape to tell him this, and that the two who came with him were angels. When they rose to depart Abraham escorted them part of their way. He was the "friend" of God, and doubtless many things were told him then that would cheer and encourage him. He would feel how kind and gracious God was. How rich in blessing, how strong and tender with human frailty. Can you name the five cities of the plain? Which one was spared? In which did Lot live?

LESSON PLAN. I. The Blessing of Abraham vs. 17, 18. II. The Faithfulness of Abraham. v. 19. III. The Compassion of God. vs. 20, 21.

I. THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM. 17. Shall I hide from Abraham—Ps. 25: 14; John 15: 15, Prov. 3: 32. "All the principles of the divine providence in its relations to the sins of men appear here: his forbearance and patience, his constant notice, the deciding test, and the strictness and righteousness of the judgment, and hence Abraham is told here, that these same principles might operate on the minds of the people of God in all ages." (Gosman). God's reasons for telling Abraham were three (1) He shall become a mighty nation. 'As the founder of it he ought to understand why God executes judgment as well as why he shews mercy. Justice as well as grace has to be recognized. (2) All the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him. So he is specially concerned with the fact that the persistently wicked shall perish. There is salvation provided, out if it is not received the sinner must suffer, (2 Pet. 2: 3.)

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