

LESSON IV—July 28th. 1895.

Journeying to Canaan. NUM. 10: 29-36.

(Commit to memory verses 33 and 34).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." Num. 10: 29.

PROVE THAT—The Christian has glorious company. Heb. 12: 22, 23.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 30. *How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?* A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 84, 175, 126, 102.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Journeying to Canaan. Num. 10: 29-36. *Tuesday.* The guiding pillar. Num. 9: 15-23. *Wednesday.* Jehovah's promise. Ex. 6: 1-8. *Thursday.* Remembering the way. Neh. 9: 5-12. *Friday.* Loving-kindness acknowledged. Isa. 63: 7-14. *Saturday.* The Almighty Keeper. Ps. 121. *Sabbath.* "He leadeth me." Ps. 23. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. The book of numbers contains the census of the Israelites, hence its name. This was taken twice, at Mt. Sinai and again before crossing the Jordan. In it we find the camp regulations and order of marching. The people are regarded as the Lord's host. Our lesson describes the beginning of its march.

LESSON PLAN. I. A Kind Invitation. vs. 29-32. II. A Safe Guide. vs. 33-36.

29. **Hobab**—Moses' brother-in-law. He had probably remained with the Israelites while they were encamped at Sinai. **Raguel**—R. V. "Reuel" (Ex. 2: 18; 3: 1). The names are the same. He is identical with Jethro, this latter name being an official title like "His Excellency" (Ex. 18: 5, 27). **Midianite**—a descendant of Abraham and Keturah (Gen. 25: 1, 2). **I will give it you**—The land of Canaan (Gen. 12: 7; 13: 15; 17: 8—Gen. 28: 13; Ps. 105: 9-11—Ex. 3: 8). **Come with us**—An invitation which every christian should give (John 1: 41, 45; Rev. 22: 17). **The Lord hath spoken good**—Gen. 32: 12; Ex. 6: 7, 8. God had promised to be with them, defend them from their enemies and make them a blessing to the whole world. 30. **I will not go**—How many refuse the invitation to follow Christ because they love the world and their worldly companions too much. 31. **Instead of eyes**—He had lived in the desert all his life and knew the easiest roads and the best springs of water. Small parties were often sent out on expeditions of various kinds. Hobab and his followers would be very useful to them as guides. God invites us into his service because there is work for us to do that no one else can do so well as we (Job 29: 15). 32. **If thou go with us**—Some of his people did accept the invitation if Hobab himself declined (Judg. 1: 16; 1 Sam. 15: 6). They dwelt among the tribe of Judah.

This was the tribe which led the march (verse 14) and with which the guides and scouts would naturally be associated. **The same will we do unto thee**—If we share the trials of God's people we shall also share their triumphs (2 Tim. 2: 12; Luke 22: 28, 29) 33. **They departed**—They had been at Sinai nearly a year. This time was spent in completing the religious and civil organization of the nation. **Three days' journey**—About 18 or 20 miles. **The ark of the covenant**—So called because it contained the tables of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. **Went before them**—Its usual place was in the midst of the host (ch. 2: 17). At Jordan it again leads the host (Josh. 3: 3-6; Deut. 1: 33). It may have been carried in front because this was the first march, in order to make more evident that God indeed led them. 34. **The cloud of the Lord**—(Ex. 13: 21). Some suppose that the cloud rose in front and spread itself over the marching host so as to shield them from the sun (Ps. 105: 39; Neh. 9: 12, 19). 35. **Moses said**—Each day's journey was begun and ended with prayer. These words inspired the 68th psalm. Christ treats all those as his enemies who oppose and persecute his people (Matt. 25: 40, 45; Zech. 2: 8; Acts 9: 5). 36. (Ps. 132: 8, 13). They are blessed with whom God dwells (Ps. 91: 1; 27: 5; Rev. 3: 20).

LESSONS. 1. We should invite others to share our religious privileges. 2. God has something for each one to do which no one else can do so well. 3. They are safe who submit to God's guidance in all the affairs of life. 4. We should begin and close each day with prayer. 5. God dwells with his people.