

International S. S. Lessons.

DAVID'S VICTORIES.

August 9.

Les. 2 Sam. 10: 8-19. Gol. Text, Ps. 27: 1.
Mem. vs. 11-12. Catechism, Q. 72.

Time.—About 1040-1030.

Places.—Vs. 8-14, probably the plain of Medeba, south of Heshbon; vs. 15-19, Helam, near and west of the Euphrates.

LESSON OUTLINE.

- I. Preparing for Battle, vs. 8-12.
- II. Making the Attack. vs. 13-16.
- III. Winning the Victory, vs. 17-19.

QUESTIONS.

What was David's first conquest after becoming king of all Israel?

Whom did he subdue on the west?

On the east?

Whom did he conquer on the northeast?

How far did he extend his dominion in that direction?

Whom did he overcome on the south?

What occasioned his war with the Ammonites? 2. Sam. 10: 1-7.

Whom did they engage as their allies?

What was the result of the battle?

What did the Syrians then do?

With what result?

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. We all have our battles to fight with enemies.

2. We should help each other in life's battles.

3. We should be of good courage, trusting God for help.

4. Our souls' enemies are hard to conquer.

5. If we are faithful we shall be more than conquerors.

DAVID'S CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS.

August 10.

Les. Ps. 32: 1-11. Gol. Text, Ps. 51: 10.
Mem. vs. 1-5. Catechism, Q. 73, 74.

Time.—B.C. 1034.

Place.—Written by David at Jerusalem.

LESSON OUTLINE.

- I. The Burden of Unconfessed Sin. vs. 1-4.
- II. The Blessing of Confession. vs. 5-7.
- III. The Joy of Forgiveness. vs. 8-11.

QUESTIONS.

Who was the author of this psalm?

On what occasion was it written?

What other psalm was written at this time?

Whom does David declare blessed?

What is repentance unto life?

What is justification?

What was David's experience while he concealed his sin?

How did he obtain relief?

What must we do if we would be forgiven?

How does David express his safety in God's forgiveness?

What is threatened against the wicked?

What is promised to him that trusteth in the Lord?

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. The blessed man is not the sinless but the forgiven man.

2. Sin unconfessed is an awful burden on the heart.

3. We must confess our sins if we hope for forgiveness.

4. God is a refuge for all who will flee to him for shelter.

5. The forgiven life should be one of gladness and joy.

ABSALOM'S REBELLION.

August 23.

Les. 2 Sam. 15: 1-12. Gol. Text, Ex. 20: 12.
Mem. vs. 4-6. Catechism, Q. 75.

Time.—B.C. 1023.

Places.—Jerusalem; Hebron, twenty miles south of Jerusalem, Absalom's birthplace.

LESSON OUTLINE.

I. Fostering Discontent. vs. 1-3.

II. Stealing the People's Hearts. vs. 4-6.

III. Organizing Rebellion. vs. 7-12.

QUESTIONS.

Who was Absalom?

What crime had he committed?

What did he then do?

How was he brought back to Jerusalem and finally to his father's favor?

What did he afterwards conspire to do?

How did he flatter those who came with complaints?

What else did he do to gain favor?

What was the effect upon the people?

On what false pretence did he go to Hebron?

What did he do there?

For whom did he send?

Who was Ahithophel?

What was said of the conspiracy?

What gave it strength?

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. It is easy to sow discontent and to poison others' minds.

2. It is a great sin to make another's friends disloyal to him.

3. It makes a sin more sinful to disguise it in a religious garb.

4. Worst of all treasons is treason against a father.

5. We should never rebel against our King.