

ions next. **Because of the house.** Love and reverence for the things of God was another of the motives which led the Psalmist to seek the good of Jerusalem. He loved God and man and thus fulfilled the whole law of God. (Matt. 22 : 37-40).

#### ASK YOURSELF

What is a psalm? How many psalms are there? Which is the longest? Which is the shortest? What is the title of this psalm? How many with similar title? What is the meaning of the title?

#### Juniors

1. Who is speaking? In what frame of mind? What place referred to? Name two other Psalms which speak in praise of God's house (Ps. 84; Ps. 100). Recite the first verse of each.

2-5. What city mentioned? What special building did it contain? How does God regard Jerusalem and the Temple? (Ps. 87 : 2.) What tribes referred to? How many annual feasts? Name them. Who commanded them? (Deut. 16 : 16). When did each come? What is meant by "thrones of judgment"? Of whose line were the kings?

6, 7. What request made? What reward promised? What benediction spoken?

8, 9. Who are meant by "brethren," by "companions"? How did Christ regard what was done to His disciples? (Mat. 25 : 40.)

#### Seniors

1. Give reasons for the Psalmist's joy. Where did the Jew love best to worship?

Of whom is the Temple a type? (John 2 : 21.) Of what is the Temple a type? (Heb. 8 : 2.) By what other names is the Church known? (1 Tim. 3 : 15; 1 Peter 4 : 17.) Who is the chief corner stone? (Mat. 21 : 42.) Who are foundation stones? (Eph. 2 : 20.) By whom is the Church loved? (John 13 : 1.) By whom purchased? (Acts 20 : 28.) At what price? (Same passage.)

2, 3. What befell the Temple later? Why? What sort of state was Jerusalem in when the Psalm was written?

4, 5. How should God be worshipped? (John 4 : 24.) What follows neglect of worship?

6, 7. What was the psalmist's prayer? Why would those prosper that loved the Holy city and the House of God? Why was the psalmist so desirous of the good of Jerusalem?

#### PRACTICAL

1. If we love God, we shall love His house.
2. Public worship—to assemble with God's people—is a duty. It should also be a joy.
3. By word and example we should lead others to God's house. ("Let us go," v. 1.)
4. The churches are the true glory of any

land. If God be honored, the people will prosper.

5. Discord is devilish; unity is Christlike.

6. We should remember our dear ones in prayer (v. 8).

7. The service of God should go first; everything else afterwards. (Matt. 6 : 33.)

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

What is meant by the "Songs of Degrees"?

2. What was the chief glory of Jerusalem? and why?

3. Why should we pray for the peace of God's church?