

## LESSON V—November 1st, 1896.

### Building the Temple. 1 KINGS 5: 1-12.

#### BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

1. What message did Hiram send to Solomon? (1 Kings 5: 1). What friendly relations existed between the king of Tyre and David? (2 Sam. 5: 11; 1 Chr. 22: 4). How long previous was this? (Compare the dates given at the top of the margin). Is it probable that David's friend was the father of Solomon's friend? (2 Chr. 2: 13).

3. Read the more complete form of the letter in 2 Chr. 2: 1-7. Was there a political reason (2 Chr. 22: 9) as well as a moral one (1 Chr. 22: 8) why David could not build the temple? If David was not wrong in waging war why was his doing so made a reason for forbidding him to build the temple? Give other instances in which the Bible recognizes "the fitness of things" (8: 26; Ezra 4: 14; Matt. 15: 26; Luke 15: 32; 2 Tim. 2: 21). What promise has the Christian of a similar victory over his spiritual enemies? (Rom. 16: 20; Eph. 16: 22).

4. Is Solomon in this respect a type of Christ? (Ps. 72: 7; Isa. 9: 6, 7; Eph. 2: 14).

5. What remarkable omission in the narrative here? (1 Chr. 29: 1-9; 2 Chr. 2: 37, and compare 1 Kings 6: 2 with 2 Chr. 3: 3).

6. How far did the boundaries of the land given to Israel extend? (Josh. 13: 5, 6). Why did they not take possession of it all? (Judges 1: 31; 2: 2, 3; Ex. 23: 33; 1 Kings 11: 5). What lesson of brotherly co-operation may we learn from this verse? (1 Cor. 12: 14, &c.)

7. What fuller acknowledgement of God does Hiram make according to the narrative in 2 Chronicles? Give other instances of similar words from heathen kings. (Dan. 2: 47; 3: 28; 4: 34-37; Ezra 1: 2).

11. Was there a similar arrangement when the second temple was built? (Ezra 3: 7). Was this alliance ever broken? (Amos 1: 9).

## LESSON VI—November 8th, 1896.

### The Temple Dedicated. 1 KINGS 8: 54-63.

#### BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

When was the building of the temple begun? (1 Kings 6: 1). What were its dimensions? (verses 2, 3). What remarkable fact was connected with the erection of it? (6: 7). When was the building finished? (6: 38). What other buildings did Solomon erect? (7: 1, 2, 8). What two pillars did he erect before the door of the temple? (7: 21). Who made them? (7: 13, 14). By whom was the ark carried into the temple? (8: 6). On what other occasions was it carried by priests? (Josh. 4: 10; 6: 4; 8: 33). Whose duty was it usually to carry it? (Num. 4: 15). What did the ark contain? (1 Kings 8: 9). What else was laid up in the Holy of Holies beside the ark? (Heb. 9: 3, 4). How did God manifest his acceptance of this temple as his dwelling place? (1 Kings 8: 10, 11.) What other dwelling place does he have? (Isa. 57: 15; 66: 1, 2; Ps. 34: 18; 138: 6).

54. What postures in prayer are mentioned in the Bible? Ezra. 9: 5; Dan. 6: 10; Luke 22: 41. Gen. 24: 52; Ex. 4: 31; Matt. 26: 39; Rev. 11: 16. 1 Sam. 1: 26; Luke 18: 11, 13.

55. What was the form of the solemn priestly benediction? (Num. 6: 23-27).

56. Of what rest was the peaceful time of Solomon a type? (Heb. 4: 1, 9, 11). What stronger ground of confidence in God's promises have we? (Rom. 8: 32.)

57. Of what ancient promise are these words an echo? (Deut. 31: 6, 8; Josh. 1: 5.) May we claim it for ourselves? (Heb. 13: 5.)

58. Give some proof-texts for the doctrine of man's natural inability to change his own nature without the operation of the Holy Spirit. (Jer. 13: 23; John 6: 44, 65; Rom. 9: 16; 1 Cor. 2: 14.)

63. What temple are we called upon to dedicate? (1 Cor. 6: 15-20.) How does "the glory" fill these temples? (Rev. 3: 20; John 14: 23).