

others are unnecessary because of greater joys and comforts. 4. It has its river and its tree of life. 5. Its inhabitants see God, and are like him, and serve him day and night.

2. The Right to Enter has been purchased for us, and is a free gift, but no man can enter in through the gates into the city without the white robe of righteousness, which only Christ can bestow.

3. The Time to Secure the Right to enter in through the gate is *now* (verse 10). No one need stand and wait. But the *now* will soon be past, and he that loses his opportunity will have to remain as he is (verse 11).

4. There and Here. Heaven seems far away in space and time, but lovers of God here are citizens of heaven. Their duty is to make earth as like to heaven as possible.

Write on pads:

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Home Work for Pupils.

Advance Work: Ask each pupil to bring in writing next Sunday the initials of each lesson title, as, for example, Lesson I: J. G. S.; Lesson II: T. R. L.; and also to bring, in their minds, the Quarterly Golden Text. Urge the Readings for Each Day.

Review Work: Give to each pupil a writing tablet with the following three questions, and ask for written answers next Sunday: 1. Like whom did John say Christ's followers should be? (See 1 John 3. 2.) 2. What is man's first and principal duty here and in the world to come? 3. When is the right time to gain the hope of heaven?

The Senior Grade

[For pupils above the age of seventeen. Each pupil, if possible, should be supplied with a copy of the Senior Quarterly.]

1. The holy city—show the force of the symbol. In what sense holy? Why a city? In what house shall each citizen abide? 2 Cor. 5. 1-4; 1 Cor. 15. 53. Is our Lord's promise (John 14. 2, 3) to the church or to each disciple? The law and the gospel are both con-

summated in heaven, Rev. 21. 12, 14; its inhabitants are at once "they that do his commandments" and "they that wash their robes," Rev. 22. 14. (Compare the two Versions.) Study the symbolism of the river of water of life, and its source; the tree of life and its fruits and leaves; the inscribed forehead of the saved; the uselessness of lamps or sun there. What facts concerning heaven can we bring out from the symbolism of chapters 21, 22? THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE LESSON TEXT, the LESSON ANALYSIS, and WORD STUDIES will furnish guidance. The LESSON EXPOSITION also is full of valuable thoughts.

2. The last angelic message assures us of the truth of "these sayings"; directs us to worship God; tells John to publish what he has seen and heard (we, too, are God's publishers); and emphasizes the eternity of character and its effect on our destiny. With this thought our lesson passage closes.

3. The volume of wisdom, holiness, and grace which begins with the first verse of Genesis ends with the words that follow our lesson. These words contain our Lord's farewell message until he and we meet again. There is no sad regret in them; but they are short, unconnected sentences, yet each one by itself most solemnly significant. Their keynote is, COME. Verses 7, 12, 20, "Behold, I come quickly." Verse 17, "Come," as the utterance of the Spirit and the Bride, of him that heareth and of him that is athirst. Verse 20, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." "The power of the whole gospel concentrates itself in this, that one should be able to respond to this Come, and repeat it from the heart."

Preparation for Next Sunday's Review

Begin the Quarterly Review to-day by giving to the pupils question-slips to be returned next Sunday with written answers, or any other material needed for the particular method selected by you. A review in class is nearly always preferable to a more public one from the superintendent's desk, but even where the entire school is reviewed at once, preparation on the part of each teacher and class is needed beforehand.

The Responsive Review

1. What did the angel say to John after he had shown him the revelation? "Seal not the sayings." 2. What was the message of Christ? "Behold, I come quickly." 3. Who did he say are blessed? Those who do his commandments. 4. To what are all men invited? To take of the water of life. 5. What are the last words of the revelation? "The grace," etc.

The Church Catechism

43. What are the duties to our fellow-men enjoined in the second table? The duties enjoined in the second table are filial affection and obedience; and respect for our neighbors' rights in life, family, property, and reputation, extended to the thoughts and desires of the heart.

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