

II. THE QUESTION OF THE RESURRECTION.

—18-23. Sadducees; a sect found chiefly in Jerusalem among the priests. The puzzle they brought to Jesus was one often discussed among the Jews.

24, 25. Know not, etc. The Sadducees' mistake arose from their ignorance of God's power, and of the scriptures which makes His power known. Our Lord first teaches that there will be no marriage in heaven, but all will be as the angels.

26, 27. In the . . . Bush (Rev. Ver.). "The Bush" was the title given among the Jews to Ex. 3: 1-6, the whole Old Testament being divided into sections with suitable titles. Not the God of the dead . . . but . . . of the living. Those belonging to God, through faith, must be living, as the branch in the vine is living. Because death cannot touch Him, it cannot destroy the life which the souls of His people share with Him. The souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, therefore, are living still, with those of all God's people whose bodies are in the grave. And His power will raise their bodies also in due time.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Jesus silences the Pharisees and Sadducees, Mark 12: 13-27. T.—Pharisees and Herodians, Mark 3: 1-6. W.—Jesus pays tribute, Matt. 17: 24-27. Th.—Rendering what is due, Rom. 13: 1-8. F.—"For the Lord's sake," 1 Pet. 2: 9-17. S.—Sadducees and resurrection, Acts 23: 1-9. S.—"Well said," Luke 20: 34-40.

Prove from Scripture—That the dead will rise again.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ? A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

The Question on Missions—35. What is the history of the British Guiana Mission? It was begun in 1885 by Rev. John Gibson, was closed on his death in 1888, and reopened in 1896. Three missionaries have retired from that field on account of sickness. On December 13, 1905, Rev. J. D. McKay was drowned in the River Essequibo. Our only missionary now in that field is Rev. J. B. Cropper.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 251 (Supplemental Lesson); 304; 338; 8 (Ps. Sel.); Ps. Sel. 72 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 351.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—13-15a—Where was Jesus? How occupied? Who sent questioners to Him? From what two classes? What was their purpose? What did they ask? What was the "tribute"?

15b-17 For what did Jesus ask? What question did He then put? The answer? Why was it right for the Jews to pay tribute to the Romans? What do we owe to God?

18-23 Who were the Sadducees? What puzzle did they bring to Jesus?

24-27 Of what two things were the Sadducees ignorant? What is meant by "The Bush"? How does God describe Himself? Whose life do we share through faith? Can anything destroy this life?

Seniors and the Home Department—What three parables had Jesus just spoken? (Matt. 21: 28-32; Mark 12: 1-12; Matt. 22: 1-14.)

13-15a What two parties now united against Jesus? How did they seek to entrap Him? Whom did they hope to set against Him, if He said "Yes" to their questions? If he said "No"?

15b-17 Where does Paul teach our duty to the state? (Rom. 13: 1-7.) To whom is our supreme obedience due? (Acts 5: 29.)

18-27 How did the Sadducees seek to puzzle Jesus? Where is God called the living God? (Rom. 9: 26; 1 Tim. 3: 15; 4: 10; 6: 17.) What does Jesus say about the resurrection of the dead? (John 5: 28, 29.)

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. Boys and men "go partners," and join clubs and societies, for fun, and instruction, and business. And this is natural and right. But there is one kind of partnership or association to fight shy of. It is the one that in any shape or form is against Jesus Christ. This is sure to land us in failure and shame.

2. Protection, education, the chance to make an honest living—these things we owe to the government of our country. The best return we can make is a life that will never bring disgrace, but rather honor, to the land we live in.

3. You could spend a fortune, though it were millions of money, in a comparatively short time. But think of the love and grace of the living God. Could any one use these up in a life-time? There must be a life that never ends in which to enjoy to the full the God who gives Himself to us.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Who were the Pharisees? The Herodians?

2. Why was it right to "give tribute to Cæsar"?

3. What two reasons does Jesus give for the Sadducees' mistake?