

GOLDEN TEXT

Heb. 13: 8. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever.

DAILY READINGS

M. — Rev. 1: 1-8. First and last.
 T. — Rev. 1: 9-20. Jesus appears to John.
 W. — Daniel 7: 9-14. Everlasting dominion.
 Th. — Daniel 10: 1-9. Daniel's vision.
 F. — Mark 9: 1-9. Christ's glory.
 S. — Heb. 1: 1-12. Heir of all things.
 S. — Rev. 4. Vision of the Throne.

CATECHISM

Q 82. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—9, 10 In what book is to-day's lesson? Who wrote it? What other books did he write? Where was it written? Why was John there? To whom was he writing? In what condition was John? On what day? Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath? (S. Catechism, Ques. 59.) What did John hear? Take what did it sound?

11 What did the voice say? What does Alpha mean? Omega? To whom was the message to be sent? Where were these churches?

12-16 What was seen by John? What did they represent? Which is the "perfect number" in the Bible? Who was in the midst of the candlesticks? How clothed? Describe His head, His eyes, His feet. How did His voice sound? What in His right hand? Out of His mouth? What was His countenance like?

17, 18 What effect had the vision upon John? How was he comforted? Who was it that spoke to John? What did He say about Himself?

19, 20 What command given? What explanation?

Seniors and the Home Department—9-11
 What is the exact title of the book in which to-day's lesson is? To whom addressed? Name the seven churches. By whom were the churches founded? How did each epistle to the churches commence? (Ch. 2: 1.) What four words followed in each case? (Ch. 2: 2.) With what solemn call did each close? (Ch. 2: 7.) With what promise? (Ch. 2: 7.)

12 What was seen by John? Which is the most prominent number used in this book? Give some instances. (Chs. 4: 5; 8: 2; 10: 4; 17: 3.) What does seven signify?

doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

TIME AND PLACE

The Revelation was given in the little island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea, whither John had been banished, probably toward the close of the first century of the Christian era.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Great Voice, 9-11.
 Which the aged apostle heard while in the Spirit.
 II. The Glorious Vision, 12-16
 Of the Son of man as He is now in Heaven.
 III. The Wonderful Revelation, 17-20.
 Of Himself and of the things of His kingdom.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 538; 99; 537; 545; 89; 100.

13-16 How is Christ here spoken of? How did He dress during His ministry? How clothed here? What classes of persons generally wore a garment of this sort? Of what is "white" an emblem? What does the two-edged sword represent?

17, 18 How does Jesus speak here? (Isa. 43: 10.)

19, 20 Give Christ's explanation of the vision.

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus ever liveth.

Practical Points—1. A hard lot, John's, and that in his old age, too. Christ's followers have no promise of sweet without bitter, of joy without sorrow, of victory without suffering. (John 16: 33.)

2. "On Sunday heaven's gates stand open."—George Herbert.

3. "If a Christian is not in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, he is not likely to be so on any day."—Trumbull.

4. The sun is in the centre of the solar system. All the worlds derive their light and heat from his rays. So Christ stands amongst the churches, His power sufficient for all. His abundant grace bestowed upon all, none need lack.

5. John struggles to find words in describing the might and the glory of His heavenly Master. Should the service of such a Lord seem trivial or empty?

6. What perfect knowledge and mastery of all things has our blessed Redeemer! "The things which are and the things which shall be hereafter" are alike within His ken and under His control. He walks as Lord amidst the churches, and holds their destinies in His hand.

7. The seven stars and seven candlesticks should remind us that there may be many churches and yet one Church, "all its parts clustered around Jesus."

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What did John hear?

2. Whom did John see?

3. What was John to write?