

Sabbath School Lessons.

April 3. THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

Lesson, Ps. 1 : 1-6. Golden Text, Ps. 1 : 1.
Memory vs. 1-6. Catechism Q. 67-68.

I. *The Righteous Man—His Character and Reward*, vs. 1-3.—“Blessed” is plural in the original: “Oh the blessednesses.” Why? What three things will a good man not do? What three words show the progress in the habit of sin? What three in the character of sinners? Why will a righteous person avoid these? What is the source of his righteousness? How does delight in God’s law, and meditating upon it, tend to righteousness? To what is a good man compared? In what respect is he like a tree? Where else is this comparison used? Jer. 17 : 5-8; Ps. 92 : 12-13. What do the streams represent? Why is he a “planted” tree? What fruit does he bear? Gal. 5 : 22-23. Is this the proof of his goodness? Matt. 7 : 16-20. To what does “in his season” refer? What do leaves do for fruit? In what sense is it true that “whatsoever he doeth shall prosper?” Matt. 6 : 33; 1 Tim. 4 : 8; Prov. 3 : 3-4; Rom. 5 : 3-4; 2 Cor. 4 : 17-18; Heb. 2 : 11; 1 Pet. 1 : 7.

II. *The Wicked Man—His Character and Reward*, vs. 4-6.—Why are the wicked called ungodly? In what respects are they “not so”? In what regards are they like chaff? What judgment is referred to? Why cannot the wicked stand there? Meaning of not standing in the “congregation of the righteous?” Matt. 25 : 41. What is “the way of the righteous?” What is it for God to “know” it? How does “the way” of the ungodly “perish?” Matt. 25 : 46. Can we have the life of the wicked and the blessedness of the righteous? When is the best time to decide in which way we will go?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. The righteous are blessed in many ways, at all times, in every department of life, in body and in spirit, in time and in eternity.

II. The source and sustenance of their goodness is in the word of God, loved, meditated upon and obeyed.

III. The Christian like a fruit tree,—in planting, growth, waters of grace, culture, seasons, blossoms, leaves, fruit.

IV. The wicked are like chaff,—light, useless, separated from the good, scattered; all their safety from their connection with the good.

V. The doom of the wicked,—self-caused, incurable, the necessary result of their character.

April 10. THE KING IN ZION.

Lesson, Ps. 2 : 1-12. Golden Text, Ps. 2 : 12.
Memory vs. Catechism, Q. 69.

PICTURE I. *The Assault on Christ and his Kingdom*, vs. 1-3.—What do these verses describe? Where was the scene laid? Give some examples from the Bible? 2 Sam. 10; Acts 4 : 24-28. Who is meant by the Lord’s Anointed? Why is he so called? Why were the peoples opposed to him? v. 3. Who are now opposed to Christ and his gospel? How is this opposition shown, as by the saloon, oppressors, those who are making money by injustice and sin?

PICTURE II. *A Vision of the Lord in Heaven*, vs. 4-6.—Where is the second scene laid? What is meant by the Lord’s laughing at them? Is he so much stronger than they? Why then does he permit them to rage against him? Rom. 2 : 4; 2 Pet. 3 : 9. Could all their efforts prevent his Son from becoming King of all the earth? What comfort to us is the power of God? Are all efforts against his cause “a vain thing?”

PICTURE III. *Jesus Christ Declaring the Promise made to him*, vs. 7-9.—What decree is referred to? What had been promised before this? 2 Sam. 7 : 12-16; 1 Chron. 17 : 11-14. When was Jesus declared as God’s Son? Luke 1 : 35; Matt. 3 : 17; Luke 3 : 35; Heb. 1 : 5. What must even Jesus do to receive his inheritance? v. 8. Give examples of his asking? Matt. 14 : 23; 26 : 36; Luke 5 : 16; 6 : 12; 11 : 1; John 11 : 16. What is meant by the heathen being his inheritance? Has this come partly true already? What will become of those who persist in opposing him? Will all be saved who can be persuaded to come to him? Ezek. 18 : 32; Luke 9 : 56; John 3 : 17.

PICTURE IV. *The Psalmist Persuading*, vs. 10-12.—Who speaks in these verses? What would show wisdom? Why? Meaning of verse 12? What are the reasons why we should accept Christ? When is the wise time to do it? Why are those blessed who put their trust in him?

I. A large world is arrayed against Christ.

II. The reason lies in his opposition to all wrong.

III. But God’s cause is certain to triumph; all the forces of heaven and earth are on its side.

IV. Hence the supreme folly of sinning against God.

V. Christ will overcome enemies by changing them into friends, as far as possible. Those who refuse will be conquered and destroyed.

VI. All reason and all wisdom is on the side of choosing Christ as Saviour and King.