

God succeeds, and man, when in opposition to Him, fails. View the Quarter's Lessons as unfolding God's plan for Israel. Let the discussion bring out the following points :

1. *The bondage of evil.* Recall the graphic descriptions of Lessons I. and II. The bondage to which the Israelites were subjected casts a weird light upon the greater bondage of their spirits. Dwell on the slavery of sin as primarily and fundamentally the captivity of the spirit. The question of deliverance is the liberation of the spirit for the service of God.

2. *The preparation of the leader,* Lessons I., II. and III. Emphasize the thoughts, that God rules in all the affairs of men, even in those that seem most antagonistic to His revealed purpose, and by means of the ordinary events and experiences of His people selects His messengers for great service (Lesson I.) ; that God uses many agencies in training His leaders, some of which are sore experiences which we would never choose (Lesson II.) ; and that it required forty years of the wilderness to fit Moses for his work, and even then Moses did not consider that he was qualified. Press home the point that in what we ought to do, the call of God should settle the matter.

3. *The preparation of the people,* Lessons IV., V. and VI. The points here are, that evil will not readily or easily relinquish its hold of human life and a daily conflict must result (Lesson IV.) ; the utter folly of fighting against God (Lesson V.) ; and the highest conception which the people gained of God as one who was able to save them even from death (Lesson VI.). They began to see the kind of God who had called them to a new life.

4. *Experiences of God's people on the way to the promised land,* Lesson VII. to XII. Bring out : that when people decide to trust God and go forward they will find Him a very present help in becoming a defender against the enemy, and a light to His own in times of distress (Lesson VII.) ; that God meets human needs even when man murmurs (Lesson VIII.). This Lesson gives a revelation of the gracious side of God's character ; that God is a holy God, and hence His people must approach Him, serve Him and love Him reverently (Lesson IX.) ; the fundamental laws of the new life both in its Godward and manward relations (Lessons X., XI.). These are summed up in loving God with all our powers and also loving our neighbor as ourselves, that the wickedness of the human heart is far-reaching and powerful, and whilst man is not steadfast, God is always true to His promises (Lesson XII.). Emphasize the gracious unveiling of God's character, such as we find in the Quarter's Lessons, as the one ground of hope for sinning humanity.

THE QUARTERLY REVIEW

FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS: Israelites in Wonderland

Remind the class that for three months we have been studying Exodus, the second Book of the Bible, which covers a period of nearly one hundred years. It is in a good sense a sensational Book. It is full of wonderful things. Make the Review consist in recalling some of the wonderful things in God's Old Testament Wonderland.

1. *A Wonderful Leader Raised Up,* Lessons I., II. and III. Bring out what is known of his childhood, of his father and mother, of his brother and sister, of the home life, of the danger to which he was exposed, of his rescue, of his opportunity of learning about the history and aspirations of his father's people, and the character of his father's God. What do we learn about his college education ? (See Acts 7 : 22.) What led to his exile from Egypt ? How old was he at the time ? How long did he remain in exile, and what influence did this life of