

shall men be judged? Matt. 12. 36. Who must render an account? 2 Cor. 5. 10. How may men be delivered from condemnation? John 5. 24.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson is shown—

1. That early service for God is true service?
2. That old age is a poor time to seek wisdom?
3. That after death comes the judgment?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.—(For the entire school.) 1. When are we admonished to remember our Creator? In the days of our youth. 2. When the body has ceased action where will the spirit go? "Unto God who gave it." 3. What are the words of the wise? They are as goads. 4. What is the whole duty of man? To fear God and keep his commandments. 5. What shall be brought into judgment? Every work, whether good or evil.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The final judgment.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **Youth**, v. 1. What difference between youth and age is here shown? Why are the days of youth not evil days? How can youth be made most happy? What great duty of youth is named in the GOLDEN TEXT?

2. **Age**, v. 2-7. What are the characteristics of old age is here shown? To what is an old man here compared? Is old age always thus miserable? Is there any way to make age happy?

3. **Life**, v. 8-13. What was the preacher's estimate of life in general? What useful work did he do? What does he name as life's greatest duty? How is this thought expressed in Micah 6. 8?

4. **Judgment**, v. 4. What judgment is here foretold? Of what will it be a judgment? Who will then be the judge? Acts 17, 30. 31. To what life should this assurance be a motive?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

What is here taught—

1. Concerning the privileges of youth?
2. Concerning the results of study?
3. Concerning the duty of man?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What do we often forget? That God made us. To whom, then, do we belong? To God, our Creator. When should we remember him? In the days of our youth. What is it to "remember" God? To obey him. What can we give him in our youth? The best of our love and service. What will come to every one? Death. What shall we need then? To know God. What shall we have in him? Peace and safety. To what will our bodies return? To dust. Where will the spirit go? To God who gave it. Who is meant by the preacher? Solomon. What did Solomon seek to do? To teach the truth. What had he learned? That wisdom is of God.

What is the end of life? To fear God and keep his commandments? Who was the perfect man who kept God's commandments? Christ Jesus. What will be brought into judgment? Every thing, both good and evil.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Give yourself to Jesus now, while you can serve him with the strength of your youth. He is calling you to-day. He is longing for your love. Choose the happiness of his way, and not the evil of the world's way. He will give you a happy life and peaceful death. "My Father, thou art the guide of my youth."

CATECHISM QUESTION.

13. *Is there any special Providence over men?*

Yes; our Lord said: "Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not ye of much more value than they?" (Matthew 6. 26.) And to his disciples he said: "The very hairs of your head are all numbered." (Luke 12. 7.)

[Psalm 31. 15; Proverbs 14. 9; Romans 8. 28.]

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

Seven Motives to Godliness.

I. OUR RELATION TO GOD.

Remember now thy Creator. v. 1.

"So God created man." Gen. 1. 27.

"To God the things that are God's." Mark 12. 17.

II. THE OPPORTUNITIES OF YOUTH.

In the days of thy youth. v. 1.

"Seek me early.....find me." Prov. 8. 17.

"To-day if ye will hear." Heb. 3. 15.

III. THE TRIALS OF OLD AGE.

Years draw nigh.....no pleasure. v. 1-5.

"Hoary head.....way of righteousness." Prov. 16. 31.

"I have fought a good fight." 2. Tim. 4. 7.

IV. THE CERTAINTY OF DEATH.

Man goeth to his long home. v. 5-7.

"Appointed.....once to die." Heb. 9. 27.

"No discharge in that war." Eccl. 8. 8.

V. THE VANITY OF EARTH.

Vanity of vanities. v. 8.

"The world passeth away." 1 John 2. 17.

"Walketh in a vain show." Psa. 39. 6.

VI. THE WORTH OF RELIGION.

This is the whole duty of man. v. 13.

"Seek ye first the kingdom." Matt. 6. 33.

"Godliness is profitable." 1 Tim. 4. 8.

VII. THE COMING JUDGMENT.

Every work into judgment. v. 14.

"They shall give account." Matt. 12. 36.

"Appear before the judgment-seat." 2 Cor. 5. 10.