

agreement with him, saying, "As I have driven out your enemies from before you until you have become one of the greatest kings in the world, so will I through you bless and strengthen My people Israel. Your strong arm shall win them peace. They shall no longer wander from place to place, neither shall their enemies oppress them any more."

Not only did the Lord promise David that the kingdom should never pass away from his family as it had from Saul's, but He said, "When you are gone, your son Solomon shall be king, and he shall build a temple to My name. I will bless and prosper him as I have blessed you, and will train and help him to govern wisely. So shall thy house and kingdom be made strong forever!"

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was David's plan for keeping the ark safe? 2. What other reason had he for wishing to build a beautiful temple? 3. What place of worship had the people? 4. What message did God send to David through Nathan His prophet? 5. Did He allow David to carry out his plan? 6. What great promise did He make him instead? 7. What blessing did God say should come to the people through David? 8. Whom did the Lord say should build Him a temple? 9. What blessing did He promise Solomon? 10. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

A prosperous doctor, whose life has been a blessing to all who know him, tells this story of himself: "I was born a cripple in a poor family. One day, as I stood watching the sports of some college boys, a young man, reading my thoughts, said to me, 'You wish you were in the place of those boys? I reckon God gave them money and education and health to be of some account in the world. Did it ever strike you He gave you your lame leg for the same reason—to make a man of you?'"

"The thought took hold of me. From that hour I set to work to make something of myself, and by God's grace I have succeeded."

It is not always what God gives, but what

He holds back, that proves our greatest blessing.

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
There forever to abide;  
All the heavenly host adore Thee,  
Seated by Thy Father's side. Amen.  
—Hymn 68, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—50. What happened at the end of forty days?** After forty days Jesus went up to heaven. **51. What is Jesus now doing for us in heaven?** He intercedes for us, and He rules over all things for our good.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—97. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?** A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

There was a time when signet-rings like this were often used by kings and other great men, to stamp a wax seal on their



letters. The signet-ring was of great value to its owner. Now God says in His Book, that His servants are to Him like a signet-ring. Is it not wonderful, to be of so much worth to Him?

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