

GOLDEN TEXT
Rom. 5:20. Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

DAILY READINGS
M.—Gen. 2: 8-17. The Garden of Eden.
T.—Gen. 3: 1-15. Beginning of Sin and Redemption.

W.—Gen. 3: 17-24. Driven out.
Th.—Psalm 14. Sin universal.
F.—Rom. 5: 12-21. Death and life.
S.—1 John 1: 1 to 2: 2. Sin and propitiation.
S.—John 3: 9-17. Proclamation of salvation.

CATECHISM
Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the

or ward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

TIME AND PLACE
The place, the Garden of Eden (ch. 2: 8) somewhere on the Euphrates (ch. 2: 14), possibly near where the Tigris joins it. The time, according to Archbishop Ussher's calculations, about 4000 B.C., as in the margins of our Bibles; but even the most conservative scholars are now inclined to lengthen the date.

LESSON PLAN
I. The Tempter, 1-5.
That old serpent, the devil (Rev. 12: 9; 20: 2).

II. The Fall, 6.
In which both Adam and Eve shared.

III. What Came After, 7-15.
Shame and fear, a curse and a promise.

LESSON HYMNS
Book of Praise, 245; 27 (Ps. Sel.); 246; 530; 129; 529.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—1-3 Who were our first parents? Where did they live? In what state were they created? Describe the garden of Eden. (Gen. 2: 9.) What was Adam to do? (Gen. 2: 15.) What were they permitted? (Gen. 2: 16.) What forbidden to them? (v. 17.) What would follow disobedience? Who appeared in the garden? In what form? To whom did he speak? What said? What did Eve reply?

4, 5 What is the first recorded lie in the Bible? Who told it? To whom? For what reason? What picture drawn for Eve? (v. 5.)

6 What three things did Eve notice about the tree? What did she do? Who sinned with her? What is sin? (Shorter Catechism, Ques. 14.)

7, 8 What immediately followed? Whose voice was heard? What effect had it? Why were they afraid?

9-12 Who was spoken to? What question? What answer? What charge made? (v. 13.) Whom did Adam blame? Whom did Eve blame?

14, 15 What curse pronounced on the serpent? Who is the author of sin? (1 John 3: 8.) Who cleanses from sin? (1 John 1: 7.)

Seniors and the Home Department—1. Who entered the paradise of Adam and Eve? At what time? Who was afterwards tempted by him and at what time? (Matt. 4: 1-11.) Why was he permitted to enter? How did he commence his attack?

2, 3 In Eve's reply, what three emphatic expressions did she leave out? (Gen. 2: 16, 17.) What kind of death referred to? (Rom. 6: 23; Eph. 2: 1; Matt. 25: 41.)

4, 5 What mistake did Eve make? How did the tempter deceive her?

6-8 What three things caused Eve to lose the battle? (1 John 2: 16.) Who fell with her? From what did

they fall? What were some effects of their sin? What caused them to fear?

9-13 Why did God now come to Adam and Eve? How do they try to escape blame?

14, 15 How did sin enter the world? (Rom. 5: 12.) What is the remedy? (Rom. 5: 19; 1 Cor. 15: 22.) On what two occasions did Satan "bruise Christ's heel"? (See Mark 14: 33-35; 15: 34.) How did Christ defeat Satan?

Prove from Scripture—That sinners make excuses.

Practical Points—1. If we could see Satan as he really is, we would flee at the very sight of him. Therefore, he disguises himself that we may listen.

2. Satan first leads Eve to doubt God, then to deny and disobey. He always has a second or a third arrow, and we should therefore be always on our guard.

3. Had Eve turned instantly from the place and the tempter, she would have escaped, but she (and how like her we are) listened to one who spoke contrary to God's word, looked upon the beauties he pointed out, till she longed for it with a longing which led her to believe the opposite of what God had said.

4. No one sins without becoming by that sin a tempter of others. We are knit together like the links of a chain. One weak link lessens the strength of all.

5. It is much easier to do what others ask us—especially those we love—than to stop and consider whether it is right.

6. Have you sinned? Are you seeking to hide from God? Listen, His voice is still calling, "Where art thou?" for He would bring you back close to Himself.

7. God is very merciful. Even before sentence is pronounced on the guilty pair, He gives a promise of deliverance and victory.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Describe our first parents' home.

2. Their sin.

3. Their punishment.