

The children of Israel had been very wicked, God had punished them and now sends Ezekiel to tell them that He will forgive them. God says—(Golden Text). Show a white paper heart and name some of the little sins that will make black spots in the heart. When our hands or faces or dresses get dirty, what do we do? God says he is willing to wash away all sin from our hearts. He will fill our hearts with His Spirit, so that all the bad thoughts will be crowded out and our hearts will be new.

Do you know the little "Snow Prayer"?

I learned it in the Bible—a tender little prayer.
And when the flakes are falling, so beautiful and fair,
I say to my dear Saviour that little prayer I know—

'Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.'

I want to be like Jesus, that His pure eyes may see
A heart made clean and spotless, to serve Him faithfully;

And so I'll ask Him daily, His mercy to bestow,—

'Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.'

Read God's promise in the lesson, "Ye shall be my people and I will be your God." Beautiful promise; for us too. People will see that our God is able to give new hearts and make people happy and prosperous and good and true—and so may turn to God.

Practical Thoughts—I need a new heart—which God will give me if I ask Him.
(Repeat Psalm 51: 10 and explain.)

LESSON VII.—August 13, 1899

EZEKIEL'S GREAT VISION, Ezekiel 37: 1-14

PREVIEW THOUGHT: The Lord blesses and helps

Golden Text—I will put my spirit within you.—Ezek. 36: 27.

To-day's Lesson Thought—God will give me new life in my soul.

Connection—Have any of you ever had a dream? Do you remember the name of the prophet who was telling us that God will give us a new heart?

The Lesson—Ezekiel had a dream (vision); at least he was asleep and really heard God's voice talking to him and telling him some wonderful words to say to the children of Israel. They were nice, happy words, and when Ezekiel awoke he told the people that God was going to bring them back to their own home, Jerusalem. (Recall the captivity.)

Jerusalem was now a dead city; in ruins, no Temple, no worship going on. They would have to rebuild their homes and Temple. They had forgotten how God wanted them to worship. Show a real rose

brought two wreaths, one of real roses and one of artificial ones—exactly alike. She wanted to see if Solomon was as wise as people said he was. She asked him which were real ones and which were artificial. King Solomon did a very wise thing. He

