

## GOLDEN TEXT

**Ps. 122 : 1.** *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

## DAILY READINGS

M. —1 Kgs. 8: 1-11; 62, 63. Dedication of the temple.  
 T. —1 Kgs. 8: 12-21. God's promise fulfilled.  
 W. —1 Kgs. 8: 22-30. Solomon's prayer.  
 Th. —1 Kgs. 8: 31-40. A refuge in trouble.  
 F. —2 Chron. 7: 1-11. Great gladness.  
 S. —2 Chron. 7: 12-22. God's answer.  
 S. —Psalm 122. Joy in God's house.

## CATECHISM

**Q. 108.** *What do we pray for in the sixth petition?*  
**A.** In the sixth petition (which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*) we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

## TIME AND PLACE

1004 or 1005 B.C. in the month of September or October. Solomon began building the temple at Jerusalem in the fourth year of his reign (1 Kings 6: 1), and it was completed in seven years and six months, 1 Kings 6: 38. The temple was captured and burned by the Babylonians in 587 B.C., 2 Kings 25: 8-17.

## LESSON PLAN

**I. The Reverent Processions, 1-9.**  
 Bringing the ark and the tabernacle to the temple.  
**II. The Glorious Manifestation, 10, 11.**  
 Of the Lord's presence in the temple.  
**III. The Abundant Offerings, 62, 63.**  
 Made by king and people to the Lord.

## LESSON HYMNS

Book of Psalms, 389; 461; 93 (Ps. Sel.); 402; 404; 390.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

**Juniors**—By whom was the temple built? What structure did it replace? Where was it placed? How long did it take to build it? (Jh. 7: 38.)

**1-6** Whom did Solomon call together? In what place? For what purpose? At what time of year? Who carried the ark? Why not the Levites? What else was brought up? What animals? For what purpose? In what numbers? Where was the ark placed? Who alone could take it in? Who may come into God's presence? (Ps. 24: 4.)

**7-9** What was the cover of the ark called? (Ex. 25: 21.) Where were the cherubims placed? (Ex. 25: 18.) What was the law about the staves? (Ex. 25: 13-15.) What is meant by the oracle? What did the ark contain?

**10, 11** How did the Lord reveal His presence? What was the appearance like?

**62, 63** With what ceremonies was the temple dedicated? How long did the feast last? (2 Chron. 7: 9.) Whose temple are our bodies? (1 Cor. 6: 19; 2 Cor. 6: 16.) What sacrifice are we asked to make? (Rom. 12: 1.)

**Seniors and the Home Department**—In what year of Solomon's reign was the temple begun? (ch. 6: 1.) Completed? (ch. 6: 38.) Of what two parts did it consist? After what building was it modelled? When was it destroyed?

**1-9** Describe the various classes mentioned in v. 1. What is meant by "the city of David"? Which feast in v. 2? In what did the people live during its observance? (Lev. 23; 40-42.) What great New Testament event is connected with it? (Acts 2: 1-4.) When did the year of the Israelites begin? What event did their New Year commemorate? (Ex. 12: 1-14.) Ac-

cording to v. 9, what were the contents of the ark? What, according to Heb. 9: 4? What is the explanation?

**10, 11** Why could the priests not "minister"? When had a similar appearance occurred? (Ex. 40: 34.)

**62, 63** Where will God now dwell? On what condition? (John 14: 23; Rev. 3: 20.)

**Prove from Scripture**—*That giving is a part of worship.*

**Practical Points**—1. The gold and silver collected by David for the building of the temple, the brass and iron and cedar were beyond computation in value; and all for God's house. Money well spent; for the best is not too good in God's service.

2. How much simpler Christ has made the way of coming to God! No need of costly temple, no bloody sacrifices. A sincere and honest heart will bring us into God's very presence.

3. Each stone for Solomon's temple was prepared for its place before it was brought to Jerusalem. In the great temple which God is building, there is a place for each of us. The main thing in life is for us to find our place and fill it.

4. "Lord of hosts, inspire each heart

In Thy work to bear a part;

May we all desire to be

Temple builders, Lord, with Thee."

5. Our bodies are Christ's temple. We should keep them free from all that defiles. Our aim should be, not so much to appear well before men, as to be fit dwelling-places for the holy Son of God.

6. It may be that, by reason of strength, talents or some other gifts, we are leaders among our companions. We should see that no one is led astray by us.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Describe the gathering at the dedication. ....

2. Where did God manifest Himself; and how? .....

3. Why should we be glad when we go into the house of the Lord? .....