

rest. *A man of rest*—Solomon had no wars during his reign. His name means "peaceable." *Forever*—This was a prophecy of Christ, the greater than Solomon, the only king whose throne is forever. *Statutes and judgments*—The laws of God. *In my trouble*—Among the wars and burdens of David's reign. *A hundred thousand talents of gold*—An immense sum, more than a thousand millions of dollars. *Workmen*—Men trained for the building of the temple. *Princes of Israel*—The rulers over the tribes. *The sanctuary*—The dwelling-place of God. *Holy vessels*—The candlestick and other articles used in the service.

HOME READINGS.

M. David's charge to Solomon. 1 Chron. 22. 6-19.

Tu. Joshua encouraged. Deut. 31. 1-8.

W. Paul's charge to the elders. Acts 20. 17-38.

Th. Strength in the Lord. Josh. 1. 1-9.

F. The materials furnished. 1 Chron. 28. 11-21.

S. Seeking and fearing God. Deut. 6. 1-15.

S. David's prayer for Solomon. Psa. 72. 1-20.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Lord's House, v. 6-13. Who was summoned by the king? What command was laid upon him? What had been David's design? Why had he not carried it out? What had been the house of God before this? 2 Sam. 7. 6. Whom had God selected for this work? What promise concerning him had God given to David? What prayer did David offer for his success? What especial blessing did he ask for him? On what would his success depend? What is the sure guide to true success? Josh. 1. 8.

2. The Preparation, v. 14-16. What material had David gathered? For what purpose? What helpers had he secured? What final charge did David give to his son?

3. The Command, To whom did David issue orders? What were they to do? What reason did he urge for their obedience? What made the time a favourable one? What heart-preparation was essential?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we shown—

1. Obedience to God's law?
2. Love for God's house?
3. The need of a pure heart?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.—(For the entire school.) 1. What was David's charge to Solomon? To build a house for the Lord. 2. Why did the Lord forbid David to build him a house? Because he had shed much blood. 3. What sort of a man was David's son to be? A man of rest. 4. What did David enjoin upon Solomon? "Be strong and of good courage." 5. Who were commanded to help Solomon in building the temple? All the princes of Israel.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The presence of God with his people.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The Lord's House, v. 6-13. What house is here referred to? Why was such a house desirable? Why was not David permitted to build it? Why was the reign of Solomon suitable for the building? What elements of character did Solomon need for this work? Why were such traits needful? Did Solomon keep this command?

2. The Preparation, v. 14-16. How had David's wars enabled him to prepare for the building? What preparation had he made? What spirit did this preparation show? Wherein was David an example to us?

3. The Command, v. 17-19. How is the command expressed in the GOLDEN TEXT? What opportunity for God's work had been given to Israel? To what duty did this call the people? What is it "to set the heart and the soul to seek the Lord?"

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

What does this lesson show—

1. As the highest duty of a people?
2. As the requirements for God's work?
3. As the privilege of God's people?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What did David charge Solomon to do? To build a house for the Lord. What had David wished to do? Build it himself. Why had the Lord forbidden him? Because he was a man of war. Whom did the Lord say should build it? David's son Solomon. What did the Lord say Solomon should be? "A man of rest." What was God's promise to David concerning Solomon? "He shall be my son, and I will be his father." What did David ask for Solomon? Truth and wisdom from the Lord. What did he say would bring prosperity to Solomon? Obedience to God's law. What had David been doing? Getting ready to build the Lord's house. What had he gathered together? Gold and silver, stone and timber. Who were ready to help Solomon? Men for all kinds of work. What command does David give Solomon? [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.] Whom did David command to help Solomon? The princes of Israel. What did David want Solomon to do? To do this work for the Lord. What was Solomon to bring into the house of the Lord? The ark of the covenant and the holy vessels.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

When God promised Solomon to bless him with a long life of peace and prosperity, he expected Solomon to love and obey him.

God is your Father, and expects of you a loving heart and obedient life.

If you forget him, slight his work, and neglect to obey his commands, what can you expect from God? "Each one of us shall give account of himself to God."