

SABBATH, Jan. 25.—**LESSON IV.—Doubts Removed.**—Exod. iv. 1-9, 27-31.

Lender. 1. And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice:
School. For they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee.

L. 2. And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

S. 3. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

L. 4. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

S. 5. That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

L. 6. And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

S. 7. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.

L. 8. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

S. 9. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it out upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. . . .

L. 27. And the Lord said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.

S. 28. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

L. 29. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

S. 29. And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:

L. 30. And Aaron spake all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

S. 31. And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

TOPIC—The Deliverer Accepted.

Golden Text—No man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.—John. iii. 2.

OUTLINE :

- I. THE DOUBTS OF MOSES, v. 1; Judges vi. 13; Jer. i. 13;
- II. THE MIRACLES OF GOD, v. 2-9; Num. xx. 11; xii. 10; Judges vi. 36-40; 2 Kings v. 17; Isa. xxviii. 10, 13.
- III. THE COMING OF AARON, v. 27, 28; Gen. xxvii. 27; xxxiii. 4; Exod. iv. 14; 1 Sam. xx. 41.
- IV. THE FAITH OF ISRAEL, v. 29, 31; Deut. xxvi. 7; 1 Chron. xlix. 20; 1 Kings xviii. 39; Matt. xviii. 16; Eccles. iv. 9-12; Mark vi. 7; John viii. 17; Heb. iii. 5.

QUESTIONS, &c.—Recite Title.

Whose "doubts" were removed? In what way? See the effect of Moses and Aaron's miracle in the Topic.

Of whom was the **GOLDEN TEXT** spoken?

1. *The Doubts of Moses.*—Whom did Moses answer?

What had the Lord commanded him to do?

What did Moses fear? [Ans. *The unbelief of the people.*]

Why is it wrong to hesitate when God commands?

2. *The Miracles of God.*—What was Moses commanded to do? v. 3.

What happened to his rod?

How did the sight affect Moses?

Who had once taken the form of a serpent? Gen. iii. 7; Rev. xii. 9.

What did the serpent become in Moses' hand?

Why was this power with the rod given to Moses? v. 5.

What second miracle was now performed?

What would this power in the hand of Moses show to the children of Israel?

Who alone could cleanse from leprosy? Matt. vii. 2.

What other evidence of his divine mission was given to Moses? v. 9.

What evidence have we here of God's patience and love? Isa. xxviii. 10, 12.

3. *The Coming of Aaron.*—Who was Aaron?

What command did he receive?

How was he to assist Moses?

In what way did Jesus send his disciples? Mark vi. 7.

What power did he give them? Mark xvi. 18. Why?

4. *The Faith of Israel.*—What effect had these miracles upon the children of Israel? v. 31.

How did they receive the fact of God's presence and help?

What evidence have we that he hears our prayers.

Home Readings.

M. Ex. iv. 1-9, 27-31.

Th. 2 Cor. iii. 1-10.

W. Num. xvii. 1-11.

Th. Rom. x.

F. Judg. vi. 11-23.

S. Luke i. 67-80.

Fr. 1 Chron. xxix. 10-25.

Where do we learn in this lesson—

1. That self-distrust may become a great sin? v. 14.
2. That God is long-suffering and patient?
3. That his grace is sufficient for us in time of weakness?

HYMN, —Tune, "No Sorrow There."—S.M.

Give to the winds thy fears,

Hope, and be undismayed;

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;

God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves, and clouds, and storms,

He gently clears thy way;

Wait thou his time; so shall this night

Soon end in joyous day.

What though thou rulest not:

Yet heaven, and earth, and hell,

Proclaim—God sitteth on the throne,

And ruleth all things well.

Far, far above thy thought

His counsel shall appear,

When fully he the work hath wrought,

That caused thy needless fear.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**5. Why did the Son of God become man?**

The Son of God became man that he might be an example of perfect holiness; teach us his heavenly doctrine; and suffer and die in our room and stead.

1 JOHN ii. 6.—He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself so to walk, even as he walked.

1 PETER ii. 21.—Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps.

JOHN xv. 15.—All things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you.

HENRY VIII. 28.—Christ was once offered, to bear the sins of many.

1 PETER iii. 18.—Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.