

David and his people show their joy? What was the ephod?

II. THE PSALM. Bring out the likelihood that the psalm was composed to be sung at the bringing up of the ark. Have the verses read by the scholars as indicated in The Lesson Explained. Then take up some such points in the psalm as the following:

1. We belong to God (v. 1), and therefore owe to Him the worship of our hearts and the obedience of our lives.

2. Those only can worship God aright who are pure in thought and desire as well as in outward deed. Vs. 3, 4.

3. The reward of worshipping God is blessing from Him, vs. 5, 6.

4. God is the king of glory, and therefore we should show towards Him the highest reverence. Vs. 7-10.

Call for the Golden Text, and impress the truth that our worship of God should be glad and full of joy.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Something to Look Up

1. Read in the First Book of Samuel the story of the capture of the ark by the Philistines.

2. Where does the psalmist say that one day in God's courts is better than a thousand?

ANSWERS, Lesson VIII.—(1) 1 Kgs., ch. 12. (2) Ps. 46:1.

For Discussion

1. Was David to be praised or blamed for dancing before the Lord?

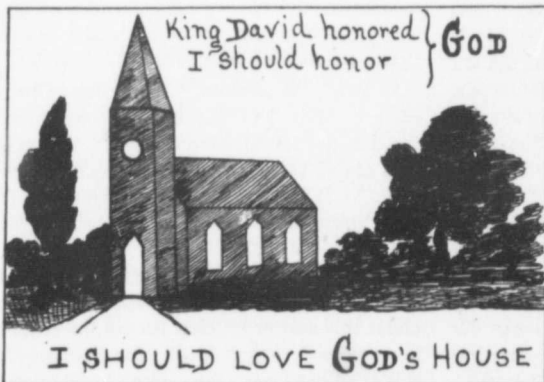
2. Should people wait until they are righteous before they begin to serve God?

Prove from Scripture

That our reverence is due to God.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

A Look Forward—Our story to-day shows us King David honoring God. (Draw a crook and a crown.) Recall last Lesson.



The Question on Missions

Ques. 9. *What medical mission work is our church doing?* (See also Scholars' Answer on page 243.) We have 14 hospitals and 17 dispensaries in India, China, Formosa and Korea. The extent of the work may be imagined by noting that over a quarter of a million treatments were given last year. This is an almost incredible amount of work for 14 medical men, 7 medical women and 7 nurses, with their native assistants, especially as medical missionaries engage also in other kinds of missionary work. New hospitals have recently been erected and equipped at Taipeh, Formosa, at Changte, Honan and at Wonsan, Korea. The hospital at Changte covers about three acres of ground, being built almost entirely one story, and has accommodation for 150 patients.

Lesson—King David is settled in his palace in Jerusalem, made of stone and cedar. He has a new wall built around the city (outline). But something is lacking. Jerusalem must have a great place for the worship of God. Give history of the ark, 1 Sam., ch. 4. (Draw outline.) King David had a tent prepared to receive it at Jerusalem, till a beautiful temple could be built in which to place it.

Gladness—We are told that in Iceland when friends meet they say, "Be happy." Very