

"According to the views of orthodoxy the last must include the vast majority of mankind." "Many," said our Saviour, "shall come from the east and the west and shall sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of God." Who are the many, the author asks, of the divine arithmetic? "When we think of the myriads of the race who die in infancy, the countless millions who live and die in heathen lands in a state of spiritual infancy, and that it is said, 'Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved,' we feel that in proportion to the saved in the eternal world the number of the lost who have consciously and wilfully rejected the offers of salvation will be as the inmates of our penitentiaries to the rest of the population."

The words "lost" and "saved" are used as if they referred not to the character and state of the soul, but to condition and environment. But character is the one essential thing which each personality carries into the coming life. God's holy displeasure at sin denotes his attitude towards wilful and persistent transgression. The book is one of wise exegesis, of solemn admonition, of tender comfort and consolation. It is written in Dr. Johnston's lucid and luminous style, is enriched by apt quotation from the best literature of our language. It is striking to note how the poets—those true sages and seers of our race—from Thomas of Celano to Robert Browning, are full of inspiration and confidence in the doctrine of immortality, and the just and righteous judgments of God.

LESSONS AND GOLDEN TEXTS—THIRD QUARTER.

Studies in the Old Testament from Samuel to Solomon.

Lesson 1. July 5.—ISRAEL ASKING FOR A KING. 1 Sam. 8: 1-10. Study vs. 1-22. *Commit vs. 4-7.* (Read Deut. 17: 14-20; 1 Sam. chs. 4-5.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** 1 Sam. 7: 3. Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only.

2. July 12.—SAUL CHOOSES KING. 1 Sam. 10: 17-27. *Commit vs. 24, 25.* (Read 1 Sam. chs. 9, 10.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Is. 53: 22. The Lord is our King; he will save us.

3. July 19.—SAMUEL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS. 1 Sam. 12: 13-25. Study vs. 1-25. *Commit vs. 23-25.* (Read 1 Sam. chs. 11, 12.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** 1 Sam. 12: 24. Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart.

4. July 26.—SAUL REJECTED AS KING. 1 Sam. 15: 13-23. Study vs. 10-31. *Commit vs. 20-22.* (Read 1 Sam. chs. 13-15.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** 1 Sam. 15: 22. To obey is better than sacrifice.

5. Aug. 2.—SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID. 1 Sam. 16: 4-13. Study vs. 1-13. *Commit vs. 11, 13.* (Read the chapter.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** 1 Sam. 16: 7. Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

6. Aug. 9.—DAVID AND GOLIATH. 1 Sam. 17: 33-49. Study vs. 32-54. *Commit vs. 45-47.* (Read the chapter; also 1 Chron. 11: 10-14.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Rom. 8: 31. If God be for us who can be against us?

Lesson 2. Aug. 16.—SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID. 1 Sam. 18: 5-16. *Commit vs. 12-14.* **GOLDEN TEXT:** Ps. 46: 1. God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

8. Aug. 23.—DAVID AND JONATHAN. 1 Sam. 20: 12-23. Study vs. 1-42. *Commit vs. 14-17.* (Read 1 Sam. 18; also 2 Sam. 9.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Prov. 18: 24. There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

9. Aug. 30.—DAVID SPARES SAUL. 1 Sam. 26: 5-12. Study vs. 1-25. *Commit vs. 21.* (Read 1 Sam. chs. 21-25.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Luke 6: 27. Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.

10. Sept. 6.—DEATH OF SAUL AND JONATHAN. 1 Sam. 31: 1-13. *Commit vs. 6, 7.* **GOLDEN TEXT:** Prov. 14: 12. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

11. Sept. 13.—DAVID BECOMES KING. 2 Sam. 2: 1-10. Study vs. 1-11 and 5: 1-10. *Commit vs. 1-3.* **GOLDEN TEXT:** Ps. 153: 1. Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

12. Sept. 20.—ABSTINENCE FROM EVIL. (A Temperance Lesson.) 1 Pet. 4: 1-11. *Commit vs. 1, 2.* **GOLDEN TEXT:** Eph. 5: 18. Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess.

13. Sept. 27.—REVIEW. (Read Ps. 8, 19, 27.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Ps. 27: 1. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

ORDER OF SERVICES—THIRD QUARTER.

OPENING SERVICE.

I. SILENCE.

II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES. [Ps. 31, 14-19.]

SUPR. But I trusted in thee, O LORD:

SCHOOL I said, Thy word art my God.

SUPR. My times are in thy hand:

SCHOOL Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies,

and from them that persecute me:

SUPR. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:

SCHOOL Save me for thy mercies' sake.

SUPR. Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I

SCHOOL have called upon thee:

SUPR. Let the wicked be ashamed, and let them

SCHOOL be silent in the grave:

SUPR. Let the lying lips be put to silence:

SCHOOL Which speak grievous things proudly and

SUPR. contemptuously against the righteous,

SCHOOL Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou

SUPR. hast laid up for them that fear thee:

SCHOOL Which thou hast wrought for them that

SUPR. trust in thee before the sons of men!

III. SINGING.

IV. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, OR THE APOSTLES' CREED.

V. PRAYER, followed by the Lord's Prayer in concert.

VI. SINGING.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. CLASS STUDY OF THE LESSON.

II. SINGING LESSON HYMN.

III. RECITATION OF THE TITLE AND GOLDEN TEXT by the school in concert.

IV. REVIEW AND APPLICATION OF THE LESSON by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. ADDITIONAL LESSON. [Special lesson in the Church Catechism may here be introduced.]

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS (especially of the Church service and the Epworth League and week-evening prayer meetings.)

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. SINGING.

II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES. [Ps. 27, 11, 14.]

SUPR. Teach me thy way, O LORD,

SCHOOL And lead me in a plain path, because of

SUPR. mine enemies.

SCHOOL Wait on the LORD: be of good courage,

SUPR. And he shall strengthen thine heart:

SCHOOL Wait, I say, on the LORD.