

brethren, and every service done to them He reckons as if done to Himself.

**III. THE WICKED DOOMED.—41-43. Depart from me.** Far from Him in character, they must at last be far from Him in place. **Cursed**; not "of My Father" (see v. 34). The "curse" of the wicked does not come from God, but is the fruit of their own evil deeds. They made their choice, and the curse grows out of the choice. **Everlasting fire**; a dreadful picture of the future punishment of the wicked. **Prepared for the devil and his angels** (messengers and servants); but not for human sinners. It is contrary to God's will and purpose that any of these should perish. He is ever eager to pardon and save.

**44-46. When . . . ?** The wicked are equally surprised with the righteous, v. 37. **Inasmuch**, etc. People will be judged not only for the evil they have done, but also for the good they have left undone. **To me**; not "for Me." Jesus is one with the very poorest of the race. **Eternal punishment** (Rev. Ver.); something very terrible, since Jesus died to save from it. **Life eternal**; a life of perfect blessedness with no end.

## AN EASTERN FLOCK

Sheep and goats pasture together in Palestine; but it is interesting to observe how the creatures naturally assort themselves and choose their own kind for company. The fat, cushiony sheep keep together, apart from the thinner, darker-colored goats. The goats most commonly found in Palestine are of the Syrian breed, with long pendant ears, stout, curved horns and long, black, silky hair. Goats are most numerous in the hilly districts from Hebron to Lebanon, where their habit of browsing on trees tends to deforest the country. Point is given to the contrast in the Lesson by the difference in color of the sheep and goats, the sheep being pure white and the goats covered with long jet-black hair. The goats have long pendant ears and short re-curved horns. Eastern sheep are a broad-tailed breed, the fat in the tail sometimes weighing 10 lbs. and over.

## LESSON QUESTIONS

31 What was Jesus' favorite title for Himself? What did it signify? What is meant by "His glory"? By whom will Jesus be accompanied at His second

coming? Show that Jesus is superior to the angels. (Heb. 1:4, 5.)

32 Who will be gathered before Jesus? Into how many classes will He separate them? What illustration of this separation is here used?

33-40 Why are sheep chosen to represent the righteous and goats the wicked? What is the main point of the comparison? What invitation is given to the righteous? How does Peter describe the Christian's inheritance? (1 Pet. 1:4.) What did Jesus say the righteous had done to Him? Why were they surprised at this? What explanation did Jesus give?

41-46 Why must the wicked depart from Jesus? What will be their doom? For whom was this doom prepared? For what will the wicked be condemned? Why must "everlasting punishment" be very dreadful? Describe eternal life.

## FOR DISCUSSION

1. Are the heathen guilty in God's sight?
2. Is heaven to be gained by good works?

## A PRAYER

We thank Thee, Father, for Thy loving invitation to come to Thee. In the midst of strain and stress we fly for refuge to Thee. Be thou our strong tower, our rock of defence, our sure abiding place. Teach us to live day by day and moment by moment for Thee. Cleanse us of all defilement of body and spirit, and teach us to live as thou wouldst have us live, trusting always in Thy dear Son, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**Prove from Scripture**—That Christ is Judge.

**Shorter Catechism**—Review Questions 21-38.

**The Question on Missions**—12. How do we secure more and better workers? For the day schools, —by sending promising scholars from our day schools to our Normal School in Trinidad, whence they return certificated teachers; for religious teachers,—by selecting men from among the converts, instructing them first at home, and then sending them to Trinidad for advanced study.

**Lesson Hymns**—Book of Praise: 449 (Supplemental Lesson), 90, 99, 69 (Ps. Sel.), 67 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 111.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. To what is the judgment of the heathen compared? .....

2. What is the reward of the righteous and why is it bestowed? .....

3. What is the doom of the wicked and why is it inflicted? .....

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