

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book)

LESSON V. Nov. 2, 1884. [1 Kings 8: 23-39]

THE TEMPLE DEDICATED.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 22-24.

22. And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23. And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepeth covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

24. Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him; saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel: so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me:

25. And now, O God of Israel, let thy word I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David, my father: For thou hast said, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel: so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me:

26. And now, O God of Israel, let thy word I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David, my father: For thou hast said, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel: so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me:

27. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee: how much less this house that I have builded?

28. Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee today:

29. That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hear thence to the prayer, which thy servant shall make toward this place.

30. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place: and when thou hearest forgive.

31. If any man trespass against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thee altar in this house:

32. Then hear thou in heaven, O God, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33. When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:

34. Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and forgive them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35. When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee, if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

36. Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them, the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee."—1 Kings 8: 27.

HOME READING.

M. 1 Kings 8: 1-21. The Temple Dedicated. T. 1 Kings 8: 22-39. Solomon's Prayer. W. 1 Kings 8: 39-66. The Dedication Completed.

Th. 2 Chron. 7: 12-22. Solomon's Vision. F. 1 Sa. 36: 1-8. David's God's House for All. Sa. 18: 18; 19: 1-40. Psalm of Thanksgiving. S. Ps 130: 1-9. Praise to God.

LESSON PLAN.

1. God's Promise Recalled. 2. God's Presence Sought. 3. God's Help Invoked. Times.—In C. 100. Place.—The temple in Jerusalem.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 22. SOLOMON STOOD BEFORE THE ALTAR—on a bronze platform, fronting the altar of burnt-offering. 2 Chron. 6: 13. SPREAD FORTH HIS HANDS, and then knelt down and offered the prayer. See V. 34, and 2 Chron. 6: 12, 13. V. 23. WHO KEEPETH COVENANT—compare Deut. 7: 8. V. 21. HAST KEPT—882-2 Sam. 7: 13. The temple being completed, this promise was literally fulfilled. V. 25, 30 THAT—only if, in case that: the enjoyment of God's mercies as conditional on faithfulness to his service.

II.—V. 27. HEAVEN OF HEAVENS—all worlds and all space. HOW MUCH LESS—God was not to be localized by the house; he is everywhere. Analyze he comprehends to dwell in the center heart. Isa. 66: 18. V. 28. MY NAME—thy presence.—See Deut. 12: 5, 11, 21. V. 30. HEARKEN—hear with favor, answer.

III.—Solomon now invokes Jehovah's help in seven specific petitions, three of which are contained in this lesson: (1) vs. 26, 32, that the Lord would regard the oath made at the altar as pledged in his presence and require its fulfillment; (2) vs. 33, 34, that he would maintain the cause of Israel against their enemies when they shall plead it in that place; (3) vs. 35, 36, that he would hear their prayer for rain to nourish the land and make it fruitful.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That God's house is a place for prayer. 2. That God will hear and answer the prayers which are there offered. 3. That past mercies encourage us to ask for the supply of present and future needs. 4. That all our wants, temporal as well as spiritual, are proper subjects of prayer. 5. That we should reverence and love the house of God.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Oct. 11, 1884.

There is very little wheat moving, in this market, and it has taken a sudden drop in sympathy with Chicago and Liverpool which are lower. Over competition among buyers has had a very bad effect upon the produce trade this year. In at least one instance 83c to 85c is being paid for wheat by millers who do not get more than 81.68 a hundred for the flour. This means, at the present price of mill off, that they are receiving 83.1-10c for the produce of a bushel of wheat; that is, if they are making a fairly average yield. This 1-10 has to be paid for milling, handling, interest and a profit; and when they pay 85c all this has to be done for nothing and 19 10 cents given away, for the sake of doing business. This is absurd, of course, and the banks should interfere. It has had a bad effect upon the farmers as it has tempted them to hold their wheat for the rise, and as the real value of wheat has been steadily declining, not only has the fall business been unprofitable to all concerned but the farmers will actually get lower prices in the end than if prices had been put down to a paying basis from the start.

Chicago wheat is from two to three cents a bushel lower. The October corn pool was closed at 87 cents. And now November and year are away down. The quotations are as follows: wheat, 74 Nov.; 76 1/2 Dec.; and 76 1/2 Jan. Corn 46 1/2 Nov.; 49 1/2 year.

There is absolutely nothing to say about the local grain market except that it is down. We quote—Canada Red Winter, 80c to 81c; White, 80c to 81c; Spring 50c to 82c; Peas, 73c to 75c. Oats, 31c. Barley, 55c to 65c. Corn, to 69c.

FLOUR.—Buyers appear to have a decided advantage still, although prices have not gone down appreciably this week. We quote as follows:—Superior Extra, \$4.00 to \$4.05; Extra Superfine, \$3.85 to \$3.90; Fancy \$3.75; Spring Extra \$3.75 to \$3.80; Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.40; Strong Bakers' (Can.), \$4.50 to \$4.85; Strong Bakers' (American), \$5.00 to \$5.50; Fine, \$3.00 to \$3.10; Middlings, \$2.85 to \$2.90; Pollards, \$2.65 to \$2.75; Ontario bags, (large included) Medium, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Spring Extra, \$1.90 to \$1.95; Superfine, \$1.60 to \$1.70; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.70.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Cheese is unchanged, with a brisk market, and is quoted as follows: Sept. 11c to 12c; August 9c to 10c. Butter is still dull. We quote—Creamery, 24c to 25c; Eastern Townships, 18c to 21c; Western, 14c to 17c.

Eggs, fresh, are selling at 20c to 21c as to quality.

HOG PRODUCTS are unchanged. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$19.00 to \$20.00; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14 1/2c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, western in pails, 11c to 11 1/2c; do., Canadian, 10c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 8c.

ASHES are quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.30, for Pots.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Only the farmers living near the city have been coming to the markets of late, as those at a distance find it inconvenient to come out while the weather is so broken and the roads so bad, and the securing of root crops still requires a good deal of attention. Oats are still plentiful, but peas and buckwheat have advanced in price. Potatoes and all other roots are abundant and cheap. Cabbages are almost a drug on the market, while other vegetables of home growth are abundant, yet cauliflowers and celery are being imported from New York and command higher rates than those raised in this vicinity. Common and inferior apples are still plentiful and cheap, but good Fameuse are held at higher rates. There are pretty large supplies of dressed hogs and poultry, but prices are higher for any that are in prime condition. The supply of hay is irregular and prices rather higher. Oats are 80c to 90c per bag; peas, 90c to 1.00 per bushel; beans 1.50 to \$1.80 do; potatoes 40c to 50c per bag; turnips, carrots, beets and onions 30c to 50c per bushel; cabbages 10c to 30c per dozen heads; butter 15c to 35c per lb; eggs 20c to 35c per dozen; apples \$1.00 to \$3.00 per barrel; pears \$5.00 to \$11.00 do; tomatoes 20c to 40c per bushel; dressed hogs 8c to 8 1/2c per lb.; mutton quarter 7c to 9c do.

young turkeys \$1.00 to \$1.75 the pair; dead geese \$1.40 to \$2.00 do; fowls 60c to 85c do; spring chickens 50c to 60c do; ducks 60c to \$1.00 do; hay \$6.00 to \$8.50 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of butchers' cattle continues to increase, and is considerably in excess of the demand, so that the butchers are enabled to squeeze still better bargains from the unfortunate drovers, most of whom have been losing considerable sums on their recent transactions. The decline in prices has now reached to the best class of heaves and choice animals which would command 4c per lb, a short time ago can now be purchased at 4c per lb. Most of the cattle-shippers have ceased buying for the present as prices continue to decline in British markets. Pretty good steers can be bought at about 3c per lb, and leanish ones at 3c do. Common dry cows sell at from \$22.00 to \$30.00 each, or 2 1/2c to 3 1/2c per lb, and small stock at from \$10 to \$15 each. Good veal calves are still scarce and bring pretty high rates. Sheep and lambs continue plentiful, but the quality is not as good as it should be, and prices are rather lower. Live hogs are in better demand this week and prices are again advancing, being from 5 1/2c to 6c per lb.

New York, Oct. 20, 1884.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 84 1/2c Nov.; 86 1/2c Dec.; 88 1/2c Jan.; 95 1/2c May. Corn, 57 1/2c October; 61 1/2c Nov.; 50 1/2c Dec.; 48 1/2c Jan. Rye, quiet, 63c. Oats in fair demand, 31 1/2c Oct.; 31 1/2c Nov.; 32 Dec. Barley, Canada No. 2, 76c. Pease nominal.

FLOUR.—The quotations are as follows: Superfine, \$2.40 to \$2.65; Low Extra, \$2.96 to \$3.30; Clears, \$3.70 to \$4.65; Straight (full stock), \$5.00 to \$5.75; Patent, \$4.60 to \$6.20. Winter Wheat—Superfine, \$2.60 to \$2.90; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.40; Clears (R. and A.), \$3.90 to \$5.00; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.15 to \$5.45; Patent, \$4.20 to \$5.40; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.25 to \$5.25; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.10 to \$3.50; West India, sacks, \$3.90 to \$4.10; barrels, West India, \$4.65; Patent, \$4.90 to \$5.45; South America, \$4.45 to \$4.60; Patent, \$4.90 to \$5.55. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.25 to \$4.50; Family, \$4.75 to \$5.25; Patent, \$5.30 to \$6.85. Rye Flour—Fine to superfine, \$2.75 to \$3.80.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.40 to \$3.50 in bbl; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per hl.

STRAWS.—Dull. Clover 8c to 8 1/2c; Timothy, \$1.45 to \$1.55; Linseed \$1.00 to \$1.80.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter—we quote creamery, ordinary to select 19c to 31c. Half firkins, ordinary to best 21c to 28c; Welsh tubs 18c to 25c; Western ordinary factory, to choice imitation creamery 9c to 24c. Cheese, state factory, ordinary to choice, 6c to 12 1/2c. Ohio flats, fair to choice, 6c to 11c; Skims 7c to 3c.

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