

LESSON X—September 8th, 1895.

Caleb's Reward. JOSH. 14: 5-14.

(Commit to memory verses 7-9).

GOLDEN TEXT: "He wholly followed the Lord God of Israel." Josh. 14: 14.

PROVE THAT—There is a reward for the righteous. Eph. 6: 3.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 36. *What are the benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?* A. The benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 204, 195, 183, 200.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Caleb's reward. Josh. 5: 1-14. *Tuesday.* The promise. Deut. 1: 22-36. *Wednesday.* Whole hearted trust. Prov. 3: 1-10. *Thursday.* Trust mastering fear. Ps. 112. *Friday.* Trust in the Lord. Ps. 37: 1-11. *Saturday.* Reward of the upright. Ps. 37: 27-40. *Sabbath.* Reward of following fully. Mark 10: 23-31. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. After a conflict of about seven years the land of Canaan was sufficiently subdued to permit of assigning to the various tribes their several portions. How this was done is described in the part of the book from which our lesson is taken. God himself appointed the persons who were to superintend this partition of the country, and Caleb was one of them. Hence he appeared as a petitioner, supported by the elders of his own tribe, asking for the most difficult portion 'o subdue. Had this lot fallen to him some might have accused him of arranging it so, but a public request removed all suspicion and the granting of it conferred a deserved distinction upon the brave old man.

LESSON PLAN. I. Past Fidelity. vs. 5-9. II. Present Blessings. vs. 10, 11. III. Promised Reward. vs. 12-14.

5. As the Lord commanded Moses—(Num. 35: 2; Josh. 21: 2). No share in the land was given to the Levites (see 13: 33), nor to the tribes which had settled on the east side of the Jordan, namely, Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh. The other nine and a half tribes were assigned their localities by lot (Num. 33: 54; 34: 13; Ps. 16: 5; Prov. 16: 33; 18: 18). 6. The Children of Judah—The heads of the tribe endorsing Caleb's request. Gilgal—The place of their first encampment, three miles east of Jericho. Later the camp was moved to Shiloh (18: 1). Caleb—One of the two faithful spies (Num. 32: 12; Josh. 15: 17). The Kenezite—A descendant of Kenaz, the son of Esau. His family were proselytes. Concerning me and thee—Num. 14: 24, 30; Deut. 1: 36, 38. Caleb and Joshua alone, of the men who were over 20 years of age at that time (Num. 14: 29) were allowed to enter Canaan. 7. In mine heart—He gave his honest conviction without fear, or favor. The other spies gave a report which they intended should deter the people from advancing. 8. Made the heart of the people melt—Discouraged them. But

Caleb and Joshua tried to induce them to carry out God's plan and go in to possess the land. 9. Moses swore—(Num. 14: 24; Deut. 1: 36). It was a solemn promise in the presence, and by the direction, of God. Caleb now claims its literal fulfilment. He asks that the place at which they got the grapes may be his (Num. 13: 22, 23). 11. The same is said of Moses (Deut. 34: 7). 12. This mountain—The Mountainous district in which Hebron was situated. The Anakim—He is ready at eighty-five to prove his brave words when in the prime of life (Num. 13: 28, 30, 33). He believed that God was just as strong to drive them out as he was forty-five years before (Ps. 18: 32; 60: 12; Rom. 8: 31; Phil. 4: 13). None who trust God in this way are ever disappointed (Josh. 15: 14; Judges 1: 20). 13. Hebron—This was the original name (Gen. 23: 2; 35: 27; 37: 14). The Anakim had named it "the city of Arba," one of their chiefs. Perhaps Goliath was a descendant of the Anakim. He belonged to Gath, one of the cities in which they continued to dwell (Josh. 11: 22).

LESSONS. 1. A youth well spent leads to a happy old age. 2. The way to reach a noble character is to follow the Lord wholly. 3. We owe our good health and strength to God's blessing and not to natural causes alone. 4. Brave men seek not ease but usefulness. 5. Our spiritual foes seem to be giants but with God's help we can drive them out.