

SABBATH, Jan. 19. **LESSON III.—The Fall and the Promise.**—(Gen. iii. 1-8, 15).

Leader 1. Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.

School. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (2 Cor. xi. 13).

L. 2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden (ev. xxii. 2):

S. 3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

L. 4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die (Rev. xii. 9):

S. 5. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

L. 6. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant

to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise,

S. 8. She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

L. 7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons (James i. 14, 15).

S. 8. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden (John viii. 14).

L. 15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;

S. It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

TOPIC—Ruined by Sin, Redeemed by Christ.

Golden Text—As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.—Rom. v. 19.

Home Readings.

M. Gen. iii. 1-15.
Th. Luke ii. 8-20.
W. Rom. viii. 31-39.
Th. Rev. vii. 1-4; 9-17.
F. Psa. ii.
S. 1 Kings xviii. 24-29.
M. Matt. iv. 1-11.

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS:

Matt. xxvii. 41. Rom. v. 12-21. 2 Cor. xi. 3-14.
Ezek. xxviii. 15. Rev. xii. 9. Isa. liv. 7, 8.
1 Cor. xv. 21, 22, 46, 47.

Outline.

1. Satan, v. 1-5; 3. Shame, v. 7, 8;
2. Sin, v. 6; 4. Salvation, v. 15.

Recite *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*

1. What name is given to Satan in the lesson? Give other names applied to him in the Scriptures.

Compare Satan's temptation of Eve with that of Jesus. Matt. iv. 1, 11. God's Word was used on each occasion.

What was the first temptation presented to Eve? [Unbelief—doubting God's Word. Contrast Eve's answer with that of Jesus: "Ye shall not surely die."]

What is meant by "subtle"?

How was subtlety shewn by the serpent?

What agencies did Satan use in tempting Eve? v. 6. [1. Lust of the flesh. 2. Lust of the eye. 3. Pride of life.]

2. What is sin?

What were the steps in Eve's sin? [1. Listening to Satan. 2. Accepting his arguments. 3. Actual disobedience. The only law which God had given at that time was broken.]

Name several of the sins Eve committed at this time. [Pride, unbelief, ingratitude, covetousness, selfishness. This sin the fountain of all the sin in the world. Rom. v. 17.]

In what was Adam's sin?

What was the effect of the transgression of our first parents? [See Rom. v. 18].

Can you tell the difference between temptation and sin? Think.

3. To what were their eyes opened? [To a knowledge of their guilt and wretchedness. They knew good, but lost the power to do it; they knew evil, but had no power to avoid it.] What made cowards of Adam and his wife? [Conscience—a knowledge of God's displeasure, 1 John iii. 20, 21.] Can we escape from God's presence? [Psa. cxxxix. 8.] It is possible for a soul to become so hardened in sin as not to feel shame?

4. To whom were the words of the 15th verse addressed? Does this verse merely mean that men and serpents should seek to destroy each other, or has it a deeper meaning? What person is specially referred to in the expression "the woman.....and her seed?" Who was the Seed of the woman? What does John say about the reason for the coming of Christ? [See 1 John iii. 8]. What does this provision for man's salvation shew concerning God's character? [His wonderful love for his creatures, and his mercy toward sinners.] What was hereby shewn to be greater than man's sin? (See Rom. v. 9.) You have sinned. Have you sought for salvation through Christ?

Where do we learn in this lesson—

1. The deceptive character of sin; God;
2. Its progressive nature; the impossibility of escaping from the consequences of sin.
3. God's hatred of it;
4. The danger of listening to temptation; the abounding grace of God.
5. The omnipresence of God.
6. The impossibility of escaping from the consequences of sin.
7. The abounding grace of God.