

promised to make the Jews a strong nation, and he kept saying these promises over and over to himself while he did his work.

All the time he was waiting on the king he was wondering if it would be any use for him to go to Jerusalem to warn the people. He knew that the king might be angry if he were to speak of leaving him, for he would

be missed, and good cupbearers were not easy to get. They needed to be men who could be trusted or else some one might put poison into the king's wine.

Then Nehemiah prayed that God would make the king willing to help him, and God answered his prayer.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Nehemiah? Ans.—A young Jew who waited on the king. 2. What kind of a servant was he? Ans.—A good and faithful servant. 3. Who came in one day while he was in the palace? Ans.—Some travellers from Jerusalem. 4. What did they tell Nehemiah about that city? Ans.—That the wall was broken down, and that the Jews were very unhappy. 5. How did this news make Nehemiah feel? Ans.—It troubled him greatly. 6. What did he do

about it? Ans.—He prayed to God. 7. What did he pray? Ans.—That God would forgive the sins of His people. 8. What did he think he would do himself? Ans.—He wanted to go to Jerusalem. 9. Why could he not go? Ans.—He was afraid the king would not spare him. 10. What did he do before speaking to the king? Ans.—He asked God to help him. 11. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—“Prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day.”

It Isn't Far to Jesus

It isn't far to Jesus;
If you only knew how near,
You would reach Him in a moment,
And banish all your fear.

He is standing close beside you,
If only you could see,
And is saying, could you hear Him,
“Let the children come to Me!”

For you know He never changes,
As your little friends do here,
He is always kind and ready,
Both to comfort and to cheer.

And the very best about it
He's always close at hand,
And will always listen to you,
And always understand.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God Always Hears Prayer

See I



Golden Text—Prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day. Neh. 1: 11.



Catechism—56. When did the Holy Spirit come? The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, ten days after Jesus went to heaven.

Lesson Hymn

REST of the weary,
Joy of the sad,
Hope of the dreary
Light of the glad,
Home of the stranger,
Strength to the end,
Refuge from danger,
Savior and Friend. Amen.
—Hymn 95, Book of Praise.