

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. By what were the Israelites led out of Egypt?
By a pillar of cloud and of fire.
2. Where were the Israelites led? **Through the Red Sea.**
3. How were they enabled to pass through the sea?
The waters were divided.
4. What became of the Egyptians who pursued them?
They were drowned.
5. What is the promise in the GOLDEN TEXT?
"When thou," etc.

TEXTS AT CHURCH.

Morning Text.....

Evening Text.....

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

The God of Israel.

- I. HIS PRESENCE.
The Angel of God, which went before. v. 19.
"God is in the midst of her." Psa. 46. 5.
"Walketh in the midst of thy camp." Deut. 23. 14.
- II. HIS PROTECTION.
Between... the Egyptians and... Israel. v. 20.
"Some trust in chariots.... we.... God." Psa. 20. 7.
"Fear thou not.... I am with thee." Isa. 41. 10.
- III. HIS GUIDANCE.
Gave light by night. v. 20.
"Thy word is a lamp." Psa. 119. 105.
"Hid to them that are lost." 2 Cor. 4. 3.
- IV. HIS POWER.
Caused the sea to go back. v. 21.
"Didst divide the sea by thy strength." Psa. 74. 13.
"Turned the sea into dry land." Psa. 66. 6.
- V. HIS DELIVERANCE.
Went into the midst of the sea. v. 22.
The Lord saved Israel that day. v. 30.
"He saved them by his name's sake." Psa. 106. 8, 10.
- VI. HIS DESTRUCTION.
The Lord overthrew the Egyptians. v. 27.
"With what measure ye mete." Matt. 7. 2.
"What he did unto.... Egypt." Deut. 11. 4.
- VII. HIS LESSON.
The people feared.... and believed. v. 31.
"Believed his words.... sang his praise." Psa. 106. 12.
"They on the rock.... believe." Luke 8. 13.

THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Lessons of the Great Deliverance.

1. We learn that however weak and helpless God's people seem to be they have a mighty protector; and however strong wrong may be it is weak when God stretches out his arm against it. It is always safe to be under God's care.
2. We learn that all of God's government in the world is to advance his cause. He did not love Israel as Israel, nor hate Egypt as Egypt. But those who oppose his plans for the salvation of the world are his enemies, and those who aid them are his people. Are we his friends or his foes?
3. We learn that God controls all the forces of nature to save his people and to help his cause. Seas and storms, tides and currents all obey his will. There are many miracles which do not seem to our eyes to be miraculous, because they are wrought in accordance with law.

4. We learn that God's people may fearlessly venture wherever he leads them. They are safe in the Red Sea if God points them toward it.

5. We learn that those who fight against God are sure of defeat and overthrow. Right may be on the scaffold and wrong on the throne; yet the throne shall fall, and all its power shall be destroyed.

Berean Methods.

Hints for the Teachers' Meeting and the Class.

Draw a map showing the march of the Israelites from Rameses to and across the Red Sea.... Sketch the events of the "exodus" or going out of the Israelites.... Illustrate its importance by reference to the Declaration of Independence, and the beginning of our own national history.... Show the four elements working together in the deliverance: 1) God's part in the command and control of nature. 2) Moses's part in prayer, faith, and obedience. 3) Nature's part in the tide and storm and wind. 4) Israel's part in following God's leading and "going forward.".... The purposes of this deliverance: 1) To protect. 2) To awaken faith. 3) —, 4) —, ..What it teaches about God: 1) Power. 2) Love for his people. 3) Watchfulness over his cause.What it teaches about God's government. (See Thoughts for Young People.).... Illustrate from English history in the defeat of the Spanish Armada, when Protestantism was in danger of destruction. The Spanish fleet was entirely destroyed by a great storm, and the medal struck by Queen Elizabeth was inscribed, "He blew with his winds and scattered them".... Similar deliverance in Bible history: Samuel, David, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, Peter, etc.

References. FREEMAN. Ver. 23: Egyptian chariots, 119; The horsemen, 222. Ver. 34: The morning watch, 121.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

25. Who is the devil or Satan?

The chief of the fallen angels, who, before man's fall, sinned against God, and were cast out of heaven.
[1 Peter v. 8; Jude 6.]

Primary and Intermediate.

LESSON THOUGHT. The Way of Faith.

INTRODUCTORY. Let some one tell what the "feast of the passover" was, by whom eaten, and when. Who is our Passover? When are we safe from the angel of destruction? Teach the meaning of "Exodus," and tell that on the sad night when one lay dead in every house of the Egyptians, the frightened king sent for Moses and begged him to take the Israelites away, and they started out guided by God himself. To be taught: 1.) That God leads his people. 2.) That they need not fear their enemies. 3.) That faith's way is the only safe way.

1. Tell that when Jacob and his sons came into Egypt, many years before, there were only seventy people. God had increased them so that now there were six hundred thousand men, and many women and children. They had also many cattle, and much gold and silver. This was a great army to lead, but it was

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