

LESSON XI—December 13th, 1896.

Cautions Against Intemperance. PROV. 23: 15-25.

15. What is the beginning of wisdom? (Ps. 111: 10). What is the highest object of knowledge? (Job 22: 21). What does the heart of the wise discern? (Eccl. 8: 5). From whom does heart wisdom come? (John 14: 6).

16. Where do wisdom and truth dwell? (Ps. 51: 6; Job 38: 36). How did David regard the danger of imprudent speech? Ps. 39: 1; 141: 3). What does Solomon call the mouth of a righteous man? (Prov. 10: 11, 20, 21, 31, 22; 15: 4). What does he say of fitly spoken words? (Prov. 25: 11). What does Jesus say of the value of words? (Matt. 12: 37; Luke 6: 45). What does Paul say? (Eph. 4: 29). What does James say? (Jas. 3: 2, 13).

17. What constitutes the whole duty of man? (Eccl. 12: 13; Deut. 10: 12; Micah 6: 8; Heb. 12: 28).

18. When will the final award come? (Luke 16: 25). In what other passages does Solomon shew his knowledge of the doctrine of a future life (ch. 11: 7; 14: 32). What further assurance of reward have we in the New Testament? (Heb. 3: 6; Matt. 7: 14; 10: 22; Rev. 2: 10).

19. What is the way in which the heart is to be guided? (Luke 16: 25; Acts 9: 2; 19: 9, 23). With whose help can we best guide our hearts? (John 16: 13).

20, 21. What was the punishment of drunkenness and gluttony under the Mosaic law? (Deut. 21: 20). What warning have we of the danger lurking in the wine cup? (Prov. 20: 1; 21: 17; 23: 29-32; Isa. 5: 11, 22; 28: 7; Hos. 4: 11). What warning against teaching others to drink? (Hab. 2: 15). Will drunkenness exclude from heaven? (1 Cor. 6: 10; Gal. 5: 21). What New Testament warnings against self indulgence? (Luke 12: 19; 21: 34; Phil. 3: 19; 1 Tim. 5: 6; 1 Pet. 2: 11; 4: 3; 1 John 2: 15-17).

22. What promise is given to filial piety? (Ex. 20: 12; Eph. 6: 2, 3). On what grounds is this duty urged? (Eph. 6: 1; Col. 3: 20; 1 Tim. 8: 8). What penalties are attached to unfilial conduct? (Prov. 20: 20; 30: 17).

23. What price is asked for the truth? (Isa. 55: 1; Rev. 3: 18). What is the value of discipline? (Rom. 5: 3). In what parables does Christ repeat the thought of this verse? (Matt. 13: 44-46).

LESSON XII—December 20th, 1896.

The Birth of Christ. MATT. 2: 1-12.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

1. Where was the home of Mary? (Luke 1: 26). What brought her to Bethlehem? (Luke 2: 1-4). What prophecy did this fulfil? (Micah 5: 2). From what king was he descended? (John 7: 42). What previous mention have we of wise men? (Esther 1: 13; Dan. 2: 12).

2. Who called Jesus a star? (Num. 24: 17; Isa. 60: 3). What does he call himself in Rev. 22: 16?

4. When were the priestly courses instituted? (1 Chr. 24: 26). What evidence in this verse that Herod quite understood who "the king of the Jews" was? Compare his feelings with those of Simeon and Anna.

5, 6. What memories surround Bethlehem? Where is this prophecy found? (Micah 5: 2). What did Jesus say of those who searched the Scriptures but would not come to him? (John 5: 39, 40).

7, 8. Who knew what was in Herod's heart? (Matt. 2: 13). Who imitated Herod at a later date? (Matt. 26: 4).

9, 10. What encouragement here for those who are seeking Christ? (Isa. 42: 16).

11. What prophecies were partially fulfilled by this visit? (Ps. 72: 10, 15; Isa. 60: 6). Should offerings always accompany worship? (Ex. 23: 15; 34: 20; Deut. 16: 16; Ps. 96: 8; 1 Cor. 16: 2).

12. Have all Christ's followers the same watchful Guardian? (Ps. 34: 7; Heb. 1: 14).