

HOME READINGS.

- M.* The spies sent into Canaan. Num. 13. 17-25.
W. The spies sent into Canaan. Num. 13. 26-33.
F. The event recalled. Deut. 1. 19-25.
T. God's promise. Exod. 6. 1-8.
P. Confidence in God's power. Exod. 15. 11-19.
S. A divine Helper. Ps. 13. 12-22.
S. Trust in the Lord of hosts. Ps. 46.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. Num. 13. 30.

LESSON HYMNS.

No. 106, Dominion Hymnal.

Am I a soldier of the cross,
 A follower of the Lamb?

No. 107, Dominion Hymnal.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus
 Ye soldiers of the cross!

No. 104, Dominion Hymnal.

We're marching to Canaan,
 With banner and song.

TIME.—1490 B. C.

PLACE.—The wilderness of Paran.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Forgetfulness of God.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

- The Spies.**
 Who were the spies?
 How came they to be sent?
 Out of the whole number whose names only have remained familiar to men?
 Why have the eleven been remembered and the others been forgotten?
 What is generally the character of the men who have been longest remembered?
 How extensive was the journey of the spies?
 How far had Moses told them to go?
 What were they to find out?
 How long were they absent?
 What is meant by the phrase "the south" so often used in this narrative?
 What interest centers about the place called Zoan here mentioned?
- Their Report.**
 What did the spies agree in reporting?
 In what did they disagree?
 What was the minority report?
 What proof did they bring of the fertility of the new country?
 What was the effect of the report upon the people?
 What was the basis of the report of the ten spies?
 What was the hope that Caleb and Joshua expressed?
 How have these two men been ever since regarded?

Practical Teachings.

See how little past mercies affect present judgment of God's willingness. The memory of the Red Sea ought to have made them ready to trust for anything. It is just so today.

The spies did their duty well. They reported as instructed by Moses. Their error lay in giving advice and passing judgment upon what they saw. They exceeded their instructions in that.

Trembling, afraid, and in a frenzy of wrath, all the people—in the center of the camp—"the pillar of cloud;" God near; God forgotten. It is just so today.

Here was a turning-point in the history of a generation. They turned the wrong way and perished. The crisis of our lives may come any day. How will we turn?

Hints for Home Study.

- Study this lesson with a good map in order to learn the location of the places mentioned.
- Find the time of year when this occurred?
- Note all the traces of civilization to be found in the report.
- Study particularly the difficult expressions, such as are in ver. 32.
- Find, if you can, geographical confirmation for ver. 29.
- See if you can find, from sources external to the Bible, any thing about the age of Zoan.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

- The Spies.**
 By whose command were the spies sent out?
 How many were there of them?
 Into what land were they sent?
 What were they told to learn about the people?
 What were they to learn about the land?
 What were they to bring back?
 Of what fruit was it the time of harvest?
 Through what part of the land did they search?
 To what noted city did they go?
 Who dwelt in Hebron at this time?
 How early was it founded?
 What fruits did the spies gather there?
- Their Report.**
 How long were the spies in Canaan?
 To whom did they make their report?
 Where was Israel then encamped?
 What did the spies say about the land?
 What was their report about the people?
 What people did they say dwell in the land?
 What advice did Caleb give? (Golden Text.)
 What said the other spies?
 What kind of a report did they then give?
 What did they now say about the land?
 What about the people?
 What about themselves?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

- That prudence is a Christian virtue?
- That unbelief makes people cowardly?
- That majorities are not always right?

Hints for Home Study.

Learn what penalty came upon the spies for their evil report.
 Learn who joined Caleb in his advice, and what reward they secured.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

- Where were the children of Israel now? Very near Canaan.
 What were they afraid to do? To go in and take the land.
 What did the Lord tell Moses to do? To send spies into the land.
 What were the spies to do? To bring back a report of all they saw.
 How many men were sent? Twelve, one from each tribe.
 How long were they gone? Forty days.
 What did they bring back with them? Some fine fruits from Canaan.
 What did they say of the land? That it was beautiful and fruitful.
 What did they say of the people? That they were many and strong.
 What effect did their report have? It frightened the people.
 What did they forget? That God is stronger than which of the spies believed God's word? Caleb and Joshua.
 What did they tell the people? That they were well able to take the land.
 Why did they say so? Because they trusted God.
 What did the people refuse to do? To believe and obey God.

Words with Little People.

Satan will tell you—
 That the way to heaven is long and hard.
 That there are many enemies in the way.
 That you will never be able to overcome them.
Hear what God says—
 "The Lord your God, which goeth before you, he shall fight for you." Deut. 1. 30.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

- Why did Moses send forth twelve spies? To learn concerning the land.
- How far did they travel? Through the whole land.
- What did they find? A very fertile land.
- What was the effect upon ten of the spies? They were filled with fear.
- How did they express their fear and faithlessness? "They are stronger than we."
- What was the voice of courage and faith? "Let us go up at once," etc.

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