

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson do we find—

1. The duty of following God?
2. The danger of forsaking God?

The Lesson Catechism.—(For the entire school). 1. What did Samuel in his farewell address urge the people to do? To fear and serve the Lord. 2. What did the Lord do in answer to Samuel's prayer. He sent thunder and rain. 3. What was the effect of this upon the people? They feared the Lord and Samuel. 4. What did Samuel promise to do for the people? To pray for them. 5. What did he promise to teach them? The good and the right way.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—God's rule over nature.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **The Two Ways**, v. 13-15. Toward whom did Samuel call the attention of the people? Why had the Lord given them a king? Hos. 13. 11. On what condition was the divine leadership to be secured? Who would be alike benefited? What would be the consequence of disobedience and rebellion?

2. **The Token**, v. 17-19. What command is given in Deut. 25. 17-19? What season was now fully come? How did Samuel propose to prove the divine displeasure? What followed his prayer? How did the people regard the result? By what confession did they show their repentance?

3. **The Teacher**, v. 10-25. What encouragement did Samuel give the people? What did he advise them to do? What did he teach in regard to God's regard for the people? What did he promise to teach them? What safe counsel for all time and all people did Samuel utter?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That persistence in desiring our own way is not pleasing to God?
2. That national safety lies in national uprightness?
3. That past mercies demand present gratitude and service?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

For what purpose did Samuel lead the people to Gilgal? To give thanks unto the Lord. What else did he wish to do? Talk to the people once more. Of what did he remind them? Of God's mercy and goodness to them. What did he tell them to do? To obey the voice of the Lord. What promise did he give Saul and the people? The promise of God's help, if they would serve him. What would come upon them if they did not? God's anger. Why was God displeased with Israel? Because they had asked for a king. How did Samuel ask God to show his anger? By sending rain in harvest-time. Why was this a wonderful thing? No rain ever fell during that season. What did the people do when they saw

the storm? They begged Samuel to pray for them. What did they ask? Forgiveness for their sin. What was their sin? Turning away from the Lord. What did Samuel tell them to do? To serve the Lord with a true heart. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.] Why has God a right to our service? Because we belong to him. What has he always done for us? Great and good things.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Why we should listen to God's voice—

He wants to teach us the right way.
He alone knows what is the right way.
If we obey his voice we shall be happy.
If we do not obey it we shall suffer.

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.**The Service of the King.****I. A REVERENT SERVICE.**

If ye will fear the Lord. v. 14.

"The fear of the Lord...beginning of wisdom." Prov. 1. 7.

II. AN OBEDIENT SERVICE.

Serve him, and obey his voice. v. 14.

"Know him....keep his commandments." 1 John 2. 3.

III. A ROYAL SERVICE.

Not rebel against the commandment. v. 14.

"Love the Lord....obey his voice." Deut. 30. 2.

IV. A STEADFAST SERVICE.

Continue following the Lord. v. 13.

"Steadfast, unmovable....abounding in work." 1 Cor. 15. 58.

V. A WHOLE-HEARTED SERVICE.

Serve the Lord with all your heart. v. 20.

"Eye single....body full of light." Matt. 6. 22.

VI. AN INTELLIGENT SERVICE.

I will teach you the good....way. v. 28.

"Love may abound....in knowledge....in judgment." Phil. 1. 9.

VII. A GRATEFUL SERVICE.

Consider how great things....done for you. v. 24.

"Unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy." Psa. 115. 1.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL LESSONS.**The True Kings of Israel.**

1. God is the true King of Israel, above and ruling over the earthly monarch. v. 13.

2. He is an absolute King, requiring a faithful and exact obedience from all his subjects. v. 14.

3. He is a discerning King, noting every disobedience to his authority. v. 14, 15.

4. He is a just King, punishing every rebel against his rule. v. 15.