

made that day ! He listened to the wicked words of his friends.

In three days the people came back. Rehoboam spoke roughly to them. "My father made your work heavy," he said, "but I will make it heavier. My father lashed you with whips. I will lash you with whips of leather and iron !"

How hurt and angry the people were ! They had asked for help. Rough words and ugly promises were all they got !

"What art thou to us ?" they cried. "To your tents, O Israel ! Away !" The people who said this, meant that they would not have Rehoboam to be their king. Now these people belonged to ten tribes out of the twelve in all Israel who lived farthest to the north. These ten tribes formed themselves into a new kingdom, leaving only two of the tribes for Rehoboam to rule over.

So Rehoboam lost the greater part of his kingdom. He even had to flee for his life. And all this happened because he would not listen to the wise advice of his father's servants and speak kindly to the people, but did what his younger friends wished him to do and spoke to the people roughly.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who became king after Solomon ?
2. Where did the people gather to crown Rehoboam ?
3. Who made a request of Rehoboam ?
4. What was the request ?
5. Why had Solomon made his laborers work very hard ?
6. What did Rehoboam reply to the request ?
7. Whose advice did he first seek about his answer ?
8. What did the old men answer ?
9. Of whom did Rehoboam next ask advice ?
10. What advice did they give ?
11. What answer did Rehoboam make to the people ?
12. What did they say in reply ?
13. What did the reply mean ?
14. How many tribes forsook Rehoboam as king ?
15. How many tribes were left ?
16. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Hymn

I want to be like Jesus,
So lowly and so meek ;
For no one marked an angry word
That ever heard Him speak.

Alas ! I'm not like Jesus,

As any one may see ;

O gentle Saviour, send Thy grace

And make me like to Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 525, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—40. How did Jesus show that He was the Son of God ? Jesus showed that He was the Son of God by His holy life, His heavenly teaching, and His wonderful works.

SHORTER CATECHISM—25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest ? A. Christ executeth the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God ; and in making continual intercession for us.

The Question on Missions

6. How does the Settlement improve living conditions in our cities ? It studies the conditions of streets and houses and cooperates with the authorities in improving them. It provides a centre where people may get medical help and advice. It sets a standard of cleanliness and decency.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was a cruel whip like the one shown in the drawing (copy) that was used in olden times



by masters to force their servants to do their work. How different is our master, Jesus, who loves us, and asks us to serve Him because we love Him.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT PRIDE BRINGS TROUBLE