

LESSON III—October 18th, 1896.

Solomon's Wealth and Wisdom. 1 KINGS 4: 25-34.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

What instance of Solomon's sagacity is given? (1 Kings 3: 16-28). What was the daily provision for Solomon's household? (1 Kings 4: 22, 23).

25. What evidence that there was a real division of the nation before the time of Rehoboam? (2 Kings 2: 32; 2 Sam. 19: 41-43; 24: 9). Where is the blessedness of Messiah's kingdom described in similar terms? (Mic. 4: 4; Zech. 3: 10). What prophet uses the same idea in declaring his confidence in God? (Isa. 3: 17). To whom did Jesus say "when thou wast under the fig tree I saw thee?" (John 1: 50). What promises were now fulfilled to Israel? (Gen. 12: 1; 13: 14, 15; 15: 18).

26. What injunction of the Mosaic law did Solomon here violate? (Deut. 17: 16). In what sense is "the divine right of kings" true? (Prov. 8: 15, 16).

29. To whom is wisdom certainly promised? (Prov. 8: 17). What is the text-book of wisdom? (Ps. 119: 98, 100). What other persons received a special gift of wisdom? (Dan. 1: 20).

30. What persons mentioned in the Bible belonged to "the children of the East?" (Num. 23: 7; Job. 1: 3; Dan. 2: 48; Matt. 2: 1). Where are the wise men of Egypt first mentioned? (Gen. 41: 8). How did they withstand Moses? (Ex. 7: 11). What reference in the N. T. to the wisdom of the Egyptians? (Acts. 7: 22). When the world's wisdom fails what does Divine Wisdom teach? (1 Cor. 1: 21, 27, 28).

34. What prophecy of a similar recourse to Jerusalem for wisdom? (Isa. 2: 2, 3). Who is our "Solomon?" (Col. 2: 3). What is the sum of all true saving knowledge? (1 Cor. 2: 7). By what power is that knowledge made effectual? (1 Cor. 2: 4, 10, 11). In what knowledge then ought we to pride ourselves? (Jer. 9: 23, 24).

LESSON IV—October 25th, 1896.

The Proverbs of Solomon. PROV. 1: 1-19.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

How far do the genuine Proverbs of Solomon extend? (ch. 22: 16). What is the authorship of the next section of the book ch. 22: 17—24: 34? When was ch. 25: 1—29: 27 compiled? Who is the author of ch. 30? Who is the author of ch. 31: 1-9? With what anonymous poem does the book close?

2. What is really the final reward of the searcher after wisdom? (Prov. 2: 3-6; Ps. 111: 10).

3. How does Paul describe the mature Christian? (Heb. 5: 14).

4. What kind of subtlety is not to be commended? (Ps. 55: 21; Eph. 4: 25; Col. 3: 9; Rev. 21: 8, 27). What kind is approved of? (Matt. 10: 16; Rom. 16: 19; Eph. 5: 15; 1 Cor. 9: 19-23; 10: 33). Give examples of true penetration from the life of Christ. (Mark 3: 24; Luke 20: 20-26). Where does the Bible address specially young men? (Ps. 119: 9; Titus 2: 6; 1 John 2: 13). What special promise is given to youthful piety? (Prov. 8: 17).

5. How are those whose wisdom does not increase described in the N. T.? (2 Tim. 3: 7). How is the general principle implied in this verse stated by Christ? (Mark 4: 25; Luke 8: 18; 19: 26).

6. Why did Christ speak in parables? (Matt. 13: 10-13).

7. What evil is denounced against disobedient children? (Prov. 20: 20; 30: 17). What promise to the obedient? (Deut. 5: 16).

10. How are we to resist temptation? (Matt. 26: 41; 1 Cor. 10: 13; Gal. 5: 16; Eph. 4: 27; 6: 10-17; Heb. 2: 18; 12: 3; Jas. 1: 12-15; Rev. 12: 11).

15. Does custom excuse evil-doing? (Ex. 23: 2). What danger is there in associating with unprincipled people? (Num. 33: 55; 2 Chr. 19: 2; 1 Cor. 15: 33).

18. Is it possible for the transgressor to escape punishment? (Num. 32: 23; Ps. 90: 8; 139: 11; Prov. 13: 21; 1 Cor. 4: 5).