

No. 219, Canadian Hymnal.

More love to thee, O Christ,
More love to thee;
Hear thou the prayer I make,
On bended knee.

No. 214, Canadian Hymnal.

Oh, hear my cry, be gracious now to me!
Come, Great Deliverer, come!
My soul, bowed down, is longing now for thee,
Come, Great Deliverer, come!

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.

1. The King's Folly, v. 4-8.

What was the natural effect of Solomon's luxurious life?

How did his court differ from that of other oriental monarchs?

To what sins did he become addicted?

From whose way was his heart turned away?

For whose sake?

What two false gods did he serve?

In what visible forms did he show his idolatry?

What name remained to mark the site of his folly?

What warning against folly have we? **GOLDEN TEXT.**

2. The Lord's Anger, v. 9-13.

What is meant by the Lord being angry with anyone?

Why was the Lord angry with Solomon?

On what two occasions had the Lord appeared unto him? (1 Kings 3, 5; 9, 2.)

By what command had God given him warning concerning this sin? (1 Kings 9, 6, 7.)

What punishment was he to be made to suffer?

What would Solomon know that division must mean for his kingdom?

What was the one saving feature in the coming doom?

For whose sake was the penalty delayed?

How was this prophecy fulfilled? (1 Kings 12, 16, 19, 20.)

For whose sake is the Lord's anger turned from us? See Eph. 4, 32.

Practical Teachings.

1. Solomon did not become wicked in his old age suddenly. He had been growing so for forty years.

2. Solomon tried to serve God and mammon. He failed. Men are still trying and still failing. Worldliness ruined Solomon. It will ruin everyone on whom it fastens. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

3. David sinned and bitterly repented. Solomon sinned and never thought of repentance. Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That sin begins in the heart?

2. That we should shun wicked company?

3. That God will surely punish sin?

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. Verses 4-8.

4. What age was Solomon at this time? How was his heart turned away? What was meant by his heart not being perfect?

5. To what did he give his chief interest? What was Ashtoreth? Who were the Ammonites? What was part of the worship of Molech?

6. What evil was done by Solomon?

7. How did places of worship come to be called "high places"? What is known of Chemosh? Who were the Moabites?

8. How far did Solomon sanction idolatry? How was incense burned? Of what was it the symbol?

2. Verses 9-13.

9. What warnings had Solomon received?

10. From what do we learn that God notes our privileges?

11. What was to happen to Solomon's kingdom? Who was to receive part of it?

12. Why did God show some forbearance?

13. How was God's promise to David to be fulfilled? What tribe remained loyal to the house of David?

Teachings of the Lesson.

A gradual declension precedes shipwreck of character. Prosperity has its dangers. Ungodly company is frequently the first step to ruin. When sin tempts us its real purpose is disguised. Who knoweth the power of God's anger? The evil we do will live after us. Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What great change took place in Solomon?

What caused it?

What was his sin?

Did he forsake God entirely?

How did he worship him? **In a half-hearted way.**

How did God like this?

Does he like any better to see it in us?

Why did he offer incense to strange gods?

Was this right?

What command did he disobey?

What did the Lord tell Solomon he should do?

Why did he not do this while Solomon lived?

For whose sake does God forgive our sins?

Did God take the whole kingdom away from Solomon?

What does this lesson teach us?

Lessons for Me.

Not to choose friends among those who do not know God.

Not to put my pleasure before God's command.

Not to grow careless in the worship of God.