

We append the answers, January to June inclusive:—

January 1st.—(1) Luke ii. 18, "wondered"; ver. 33, "marvelled"; also ii. 19, "pondered"; ii. 51, and i. 66. (2) By "proving," or testing what they had heard, 1. Thess. v. 1. By "preaching" it when so proved, Rom. x. 15. By "praising" God first, Psalm cl. (3) "So named of the angel," see Matt. i. 21; "circumcised," see Gal. iv. 4, also Gal. v. 3. **January 8th.**—(1) "Trusted" in that they did not inquire where he was or what doing till end of day; "beloved" in that they afterwards sought him so long. (2) Keeps the Passover as being "under the law." (3) When considered old enough to know His own mind He took His place as other Israelites did at the same age, in observing the ordinances of Israel, just as we virtually do in confirmation as preparatory to our Passover, the Holy Communion. **January 15th.**—(1) "Given to hospitality." (2) "Distributing to the necessity of the saints." (3) "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it"—showing how complete was the confidence of His mother both in His wisdom and goodness. So the difficulty of John the Baptist—"Comest Thou to me?" Also the immediate removal of that difference, "Then he suffered Him"; both showing apparently how complete was his confidence in the goodness and wisdom of Jesus; and that, be it observed, before he fully knew who He was, and only judged (apparently) by the past, John i. 31-33. **January 22nd.**—(1) The leper for himself, the centurion for his servant. (2) His sympathy for his servant; his faith in Christ's power; his humility; "and not worth." (3) Alike in himself; not worthy; worshipped Him; faith; speak word only; thou canst; in happy result; servant healed; was cleansed; promptness of result; mourned; self-same hour; in being severed from others; one as a leper; the other as a Gentile; unlike in degree of faith; one with an "if," the other without. **January 29th.**—(1) They were all willing to work. (2) Generous; gave to some more than their due; gave less to none; didst not thou agree? take that is thine. (3) 1 Sam. xxx. 9, 10, 21-25.

February 5th.—(1) Acts xvii. 32-34. (2) Gal. iv. 15; 1. 6. (3) Rom. iii. and 23 and 24. All the three earlier classes "come short" of bearing "fruit" like the last. **February 12th.**—(1) Natural, in the beggar himself; spiritual, in the disciples not "seeing" our Lord's meaning, and in those persons who not "seeing" the fulness of His mercy forbade the blind man to cry out. (2) "Go up," see Luke x., in opposite direction, "went down"; also 2 Kings ii. 23, from Jericho to Bethel, "went up," "going up," "go up" twice. (3) In that "knowing" the sorrows that were coming upon Him He was yet full of thought for the welfare and safety of others. **February 19th.**—(1) "Fasting," "necessities." (2) Jas. iv. 7; 1 Pet. v. 9. (3) In the fact that our Saviour used this "sword" of the Spirit three times over in resisting the Evil One. **February 26th.**—(1) Prov. xix. and of v. 7. (2) 2 Kings xvii. 8-16; Luke iv. 26. (3) By coming to Jesus at all; by doing so as a Gentile; by refusing to be put off; by calling Him Son of David; by speaking of the great mercy she asked for as a very little thing (a mere crumb from the table) unto Him.

March 5th.—(1) 2 Pet. ii. 21, 22. (2) Luke ii. 19. (3) Better be without speech than use it in the utterance of either uncleanness or blasphemy. **March 12th.**—(1) The numbers present; the only provision available; the utter perplexity of Philip, etc. (2) More over than to begin with—many times more. (3) Deut. xviii. 15, "like unto me"; John vi. 32, 48-50, greater than Moses, even as the Gospel is greater than the Law as symbolised in the things mentioned in the Epistle. **March 19th.**—(1) Luke vi. 33. "He hath a devil." (2) Who through the Eternal Spirit. (3) By the death of Christ they are redeemed from the domain of death; and that for ever—"eternal redemption"

—eternal inheritance, etc. **March 26th.**—(1) That of Judas; that implied in the silence of the priests on the subject in v. 4; also ver. 19; also question and answer of v. 23; also in the wonders which accompanied His death, and their effect on the Centurion. (2) His being treated as worse than a murderer, and therefore unfit to live, John xvii. 40; Acts iii. 14. (3) Such as His "death" in one; "gave up Ghost"; death of the Cross; crucified Him; every knee shall bow; truly this was the Son of God.

April 2nd.—(1) Peter first where Jesus was last, and vice versa. Also Mary first of all and last of all at the sepulchre. (2) What is said of the "napkin" quite unlike haste of a stealthy removal. (3) See especially end John xxi. **April 9th.**—(1) See Luke xxiv. 37, 38. (2) Luke xxiv. 41-43. (3) How "weak" these disciples in themselves, how strong when breathed on by Christ. **April 16th.**—(1) "The shepherd"; "one shepherd." (2) The Good Shepherd; 1 Pet. v. 4, The Chief Shepherd. (3) Isa. liii. 5, 6; Rom. v. 6, 8. **April 23rd.**—(1) "Heart shall rejoice"; Psalm iv. 7, gladness in my heart. (2) On the society of his Master; shown by what is taken for granted as to the sorrow caused by its loss and the joy caused by regaining it. (3) "So shall we ever be with the Lord," 1 Thess. iv. 17. **April 30th.**—(1) John xvi., end 16, and 17, 5, 7, "I go away"; "I depart." (2) The greatness of the Comforter in the fact that it was expedient for the disciples to lose Christ that He might come. The greatness of the Ascension in the fact that even this Comforter should speak so pre-eminently of Him; see also John xvi. 15. (3) See John v. 40, vi. 29, viii. 24, iii. 18, 19, etc.

May 7th.—(1) See Matt. xxvi. 31; Mark xiv. 37; Luke xxii. 34. (2) "It is finished." Until the Saviour's mediatorial work was "finished," no "asking" in His Name. After it is finished it is the one way of success. (3) Matt. xiii. 5-53; Mark iv. 34; Luke xxiv. 27, 44-48. **May 14th.**—(1) Luke i. 2; Acts i. 21, 22. (2) How important that He whose special duty it is to "testify" should be the "Spirit of Truth." (3) See John ii. 22. **May 21st.**—(1) The same name (v. 17), similar office (v. 26). (2) Spirit of Christ, Rom. viii. 9; Spirit of Life, Rom. viii. 21; Spirit of Holiness, Rom. i. 4; Spirit of Adoption, Rom. viii. 15; The Spirit, Rev. i. 10, etc.; The Spirit of the Lord, 2 Cor. iii. 17, 18; Spirit of God, 1 Cor. ii. 14; the Holy Spirit after, etc. (3) Rom. viii. 26, 34; St. John ii. 1, etc. **May 28th.**—(1) The work of God the Son in being "lifted up" for us to save us from perishing, and so giving us a right to the kingdom of Heaven. The work of God the Spirit in renewing our natures, and so giving us a fitness for the kingdom of Heaven. (2) In both cases the Saviour begins His instruction by speaking in figurative language of the gift of God's Spirit. (3) In both cases a marked distinction is made between the "flesh" and the "spirit."

June 4th.—(1) In "Epistle" "fear hath torment"; in Gospel fear of rich man lest his brother should also come there. (2) As to wealth, health, food, clothing, burial, etc. (3) Comp. John v. 46, 47, with xii. 10, 11. **June 11th.**—(1) 1 Tim. ii. 4. (2) All lawful in themselves; all turn upon self; all might have been set aside. (3) Turning to the Gentiles in Acts xiii. 46; xviii. 6; xxviii. 28. **June 18th.**—(1) The One "seeks" in order to "save"; the other to "devour." (2) The Pharisees murmur to see sinners received; the angels rejoice to see them repenting. (3) Luke xviii. 9-14. In all we see how differently God deals with the humble and the proud. **June 25th.**—(1) Matt. xviii. 28; 2 Sam. xii. 1-10. (2) How wise and happy it is to "follow" that which is perfect. (3) How foolish and hurtful to follow that which is evil.