

turn out, we have done the best thing, and we may rest content.

3. *What the Lord said*, vs. 7-9. In substance—Their quarrel is really with Me; and I shall let them have their own way, if they insist upon it (God never forces us); but it will be a sad way, with a sad ending.

4. *What the people did*. Samuel was true to God and to the people; he held nothing back. (The details of vs. 10-18 are very vivid and interesting.) But the people were willing to take the risk. They stopped their ears to God's message, and steeled their hearts against Him, vs. 19, 20. The lessons that follow reveal the consequences. The Golden Text points out the true way.

Some Test Questions

What office did Samuel hold?
Whom did he appoint to assist him?
Where did they live?
Of what crimes were they guilty?
Who complained of their conduct?
What change was proposed?
What reasons were given?
How did Samuel look upon it?
Whose counsel did he seek?
What directions did he receive?
What was the sin of the people?
What warning was given to them?
What do we learn as to:

- (1) The wickedness of bribery?
- (2) Man's freedom of choice?
- (3) The value of prayer?
- (4) The sin of ingratitude?

Prove from Scripture

That the Lord answers prayer.

For Special Study

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. The "elders of Israel."
2. Giving and taking bribes.
3. Loyalty to God.

The Catechism

Ques. 84. *What sin deserves*. Note two points:

- (1) *What every sin deserves*—"God's wrath and curse." That is to say, God is angry with sin, and punishes it accordingly. Let it be remembered, however, that in God's anger there is no passion, nor resentment, nor unreasonableness. It is a holy hatred of all that is evil. There is nothing in God's anger which is opposed to His love. Indeed, just because His love to men is so great, He hates sin the more, which is their worst enemy.
- (2) *How long this desert continues*. It lasts throughout "this life." We see proof of God's anger against sin in the sufferings that come upon those who live in it, Prov. 13:15. Sin carries its ill desert over into the next world, Matt. 25:46.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

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Subjects for the Quarter—The Golden Text is the basis of the subjects for the Quarter. "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Each lesson shows us God saving His people by His dealings with them.

Symbol for the Quarter—Let the symbol be a shield, on which print the lesson subject and lesson thought for each Sabbath. This shield may either be outlined on the board, or cut from paper of a different color for each lesson.

Memory Picture Frame—Pieces of paper representing a picture frame, with names of prominent persons in the lesson, may also be used for Review.

Lesson Subject—God saving

