

Sabbath School Lessons.

Feb. 7. THE GRACIOUS CALL. B. C. 712.

Lesson, Isaiah, 55 : 1-13. Memory vs. 6-8.
Golden Text, Is, 55; 6. *Catechism* Q. 59.

- I. The Gospel invitation, vs. 1-3.
- II. The Gospel leader, vs. 4-5.
- III. Gospel repentance, vs. 6-9.
- IV. Gospel blessings, vs. 10-13.

I. v. Who invites? For whom? Who were invited? Who are now invited? What was Israel doing when thus invited? What are men now doing? To what were they invited? To what you? What is here likened to waters? Why? What is meant by coming? What is the qualification for coming? Who are forbidden to come? What is to pay? What does buy mean? Who paid? What is likened to wine and milk? Why?

v. 2. What here meant by—spending money? What is meant by—not bread? How do men spend money for that which is not bread? What meant by—satisfieth not? How do men seek satisfaction? Do they ever find it? Where can it be found? Are you satisfied? Would you like to be? Why are you not? What labor does satisfy? What meant by fatness?

v. 3. Meaning of incline? How are ears naturally inclined? What the result? Is there hearing that does not give life? How do you hear? What covenant is here mentioned? How sure is this covenant? What other covenants does the Bible speak of?

II. v. 4. Who speaks? Of whom? To whom is He given? What three things is He given for?

v. 5. Who is "Thou?" What meant by—"nation that thou knewest not?" Who shall run? To whom? Because of whom? Why?

III. v. 6. What is commanded? How are we to seek? Whom? Where else commanded? Who should seek? When? When may He be found? How call? When? Where? See Jer. 29 : 12-13; Matt. 7 : 7.

v. 7. What does this seeking involve? Name the ways to be forsaken? What besides ways? What is Repentance unto life? To what are we to turn? How? With what result?

v. 8. Show how His ways and ours differ?

IV. vs. 10-11. To what is the word likened? Does rain always bless? What if it falls upon rock? What if word falls upon rocky heart? What if on honest heart? See Matt. 13. Whose fault if it does not prosper?

How Christ in us will make all things seem to us.

v. 12. Go out—to business, work, pleasure, everything—Led forth—to daily, hourly, duties and delights. Mountains, hills, trees—all nature seems glad to the Christian.

v. 13. How Christ in us will affect our lives, homes, communities, governments—Thorn, briar—sharp, tricky, ill tempered, exacting, deceitful, false, hateful, idle, unkind, unpleasant. Fir myrtle—kind, loving, patriotic, generous, good, honest, firm, true, Christ-like. For a name—Such a life will honor Him. Not cast off—They will never cease to honor Him.

Feb. 14. THE NEW COVENANT. 700 B. C.

Lesson, Jer. 31 : 27-37. Memory vs. 1-5.
Golden Text, Jer. 31 : 34. *Catechism* Q. 60.

Remember in all these prophecies the following formula:—

All O. T. prophecy is given in terms of the O. T. dispensation.

If fulfilled under the O. T. dispensation it was fulfilled in terms of the O. T. dispensation.

If not fulfilled until the N. T. dispensation it is fulfilled in terms of the N. T. dispensation. See Gal. 3 : 29.

1. Promise of blessing.
- II. Confirmed by covenant.
- III. Surety of that covenant.

I. v. 27. Days Come—Gospel days. Israel, Judah—The spiritual Israel. Seed of man and beast—Multitudes, prosperity.

v. 28. Pluck Up, &c.—Old Israel. Build up, &c.—Spiritual Israel.

v. 29-30. Individual responsibility and privilege.

II. v. 31. Israel and Judah.—The spiritual Israel.

v. 32. Their Fathers—Ancient Israel.

v. 33. Features of the Gospel age.

III. vs. 35-37. As sure as the stars and heavens and earth, those things that seem so stable, so sure are his promises.

JEHOIAKIM'S WICKEDNESS.

Feb. 21. 605 B. C.

Lesson, Jer. 36 : 19-31. Memory vs. 22-23.
Golden Text, Heb. 3 : 15. *Catechism* Q. 61.

I. The Book of the Law read to the King, vs. 19-21.

II. The Book burned by the King, vs. 22-26.

III. Judgment pronounced on the King, vs. 37-37.

I. v. 19. What princes? To whom? Who was Baruch? What was he to do? With whom? Why?

v. 20. Who went in? Where? What did they lay away? Why called a roll? Where did they go? What words did they tell?

v. 21. Who was sent out? By whom? Where? In what? What was Elishama? What was done with the roll? Who was King?

II. v. 22. Where was the King? What time of year? What was before him?

v. 23. Did the King wait until the roll was read? What did he do? Why? Have you ever heard of similar instances?

v. 24. What effect had the reading of the law upon the King? Upon his servants?

v. 25. Had any one interfered to save the roll? Did their pleading have any effect for good? For evil? How? Why?

v. 26. What did the King do? Did he succeed? Against whom was he fighting?

III. v. 27-31. Who speaks? To whom? What is the message? Who was to come? Who sent him? Was the King of Babylon a good man? Why did God use him? Shew other instances of wicked men doing God's work? Do they get any credit for it from God? Why? What was the doom here spoken? Why was the doom pronounced? Had they an opportunity for repentance before this? How had they used it? What must be the doom of those who have that word and do not use it now?