

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JUDAH

**LESSON III -- OCTOBER 16
THE TEMPLE REPAIRED**

2 Chron. 24. 4-13. Memory verses, 9-11.

GOLDEN TEXT

And the men did the work faithfully
2 Chron. 34. 12.

OUTLINE

1. The Purpose of the King, v. 4-8.
 2. The Gifts of the People, v. 9-11.
 3. The Repairs of the Temple, v. 12. 13.
- Time.—878-856 B.C.

Place—Solomon's temple, Jerusalem

HOME READINGS.

- M The temple repaired 2 Chron 24 4-13.
 Tu Another record.—2 Kings 12. 1-12
 W Repairing by Josiah 2 Chron 34 1-12.
 Th The ransom money—Exod. 30 11-16
 F. Willing gifts.—1 Chron. 29 6-17.
 S. A widow's offering—Mark 12 38-41
 Su. Love for God's house.—Psalm 84

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Purpose of the King, v. 4-8.
 What plous purpose had King Josiah?
 Whom did he call to be helpers?
 What did he command them to do?
 How well did the Levites obey?
 Whom did the king call to account for the delay?
 What had Jehoiada done for Josiah?
 What did he say to Jehoiada?
 Who had laid waste the house of the Lord?
 What had become of the sacred things?
 How were "the sons of A'hallah" related to Josiah?
 What did the king order, and where was it placed?
2. The Gifts of the People, v. 9-11.
 What proclamation was made to Judah?
 How was this order received?
 How did the people show their joy?
 What officers took charge of the money?
 What shows that the people gave liberally?
3. The Repairs of the Temple, v. 12, 13.
 To what workers was the money paid out?
 How ought any good work to be done, and why? Eccles. 9. 10.
 What is our Golden Text?
 What good end was accomplished?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

- Where in this lesson are we shown—
1. Love for God's house?
 2. Zeal for God's cause?
 3. Joy in God's service?

"GIVEUPPITY."

Two little sisters, Daisy and Bess, had been given a parasol, which was to be held and shared in common. It was a dainty bit of blue satin, with such glory of ribbons and lace as might well charm the most exacting little girl. They were to carry it "time about," but mamma, noticed at the end of a week that Bessie's "time" never seemed to come, although the unselfish little girl made no complaint.

One day, as they started for a walk, Miss Daisy, as usual, appropriated the coveted treasure, and gentle Bess was moved to remonstrance. "Sister, it's my time to carry it."

"No, it's not, it's my time. I haven't had it hardly a bit," retorted little Miss Temper, with a flash of her brown eyes as she grasped the parasol more tightly.

"Daisy," interposed mamma, "give it to your sister. She has let you have it every day, and you must learn to give up."

"O mamma, I can't! There is no 'giveuppity' in me," sobbed the little girl, dropping the parasol and hiding her flushed face in her apron.

Ah, little one, you spoke more wisely than you knew. "No 'giveuppity' in me." How many of us must learn through sorrow and tears that we cannot fitly do the Father's will without "giveuppity" in our hearts!—Mrs. Eva W. Malone, in Sunday school Visitor.

"Your son writes for the newspapers, I understand?" "Yes; my boy is mighty smart, if I do say it myself that shouldn't." "Does he use a pseudonym in his writing?" "Oh, no, he can't write with the pesky machines. He has to do it by hand."



RESTORING THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM.—2 CHRON. 24. 4-14.

FLYING SQUIRRELS.

The principle on which these squirrels are able to fly is exactly the same as that by which a man is able to descend through the air, from a great height, under a parachute. The skin between the four feet is expanded so as to offer sufficient resistance to the wind to prevent the animals descending in a direct line. Thus they leap from tree to tree in a slanting direction, but are unable to start and fly upwards a single foot beyond what an agile jump can accomplish. In the case, however, of a long leap of forty or fifty yards, we are told that the impetus of the descent enables the squirrel to re-ascend about one-third of the distance it descended. This species is found all through the Southern States and another variety is common to Lower Canada, while a third is known in Siberia and certain parts of Russia.

As our illustration shows, they are gregarious in their mode of life and traverse the forests together in large numbers.

BROKEN STAYS.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee."

At the point where the Niagara river emerges with deadly current and impetuous rush from its narrow channel, and peacefully passes to Lake Ontario, the remaining cables of an old suspension bridge swing in all their rusty uselessness from Queenston Heights to the Lewiston Hill, and from them a few yards of the original planking of the structure form a pathetic ruin of the first bridge that spanned the gorge. If the old bridge had the power of speech, and you were to ask the reason for its wreck, it would answer in two words:

"Broken Stays!"

And if you gained its confidence, it might go on to tell the story more in detail:

"It was a cold, raw, autumn night. No sign of life came from the sleeping villages on the Canadian and American banks of the river—settlements which in 1812 received shot and shell from each

other. No sound reached me but that which I had heard from my birth: the low-pitched voice of the river one hundred and fifty feet below, still uttering the note of savagery learned in rapid and whirlpool. Not a stir of wind disturbed my cables and supports, and you could scarce have felt a tremour along my whole length.

"But somewhere up the river a wind was suddenly born—a wind of anger and fury, fierce sudden and loud. Down through the funnel of the great cliffs it came toward me and dealt me a mighty blow. I had withstood twenty years of storm and stress before this—now rocking easily with a summer breeze, now wrenching uneasily and groaning mightily with the swish and sweep of a wintry blast. But in this tempest of the 'sixties I trembled, for the first time in my life, with the tremble of a great fear. It was not that I cared for the blowing away of a plank here and there and its headlong hurl to the black pit of water beneath, nor with the creaking of timber and cable as I madly swung from side to side. My great fear was born when the first stay snapped!

"Another and another separated with sharp reports like artillery amid the deeper voices of a battle. Whole sections of the floor fell away, forming swirling rafts on the surface of the waters. The very foundations uttered their cry as if the whirlwind—the brother of the whirlpool—would wreck them too. Then came the end. I was a hopeless wreck, and never since has man or beast travelled over what remains of my once complete self. The trouble? you ask. Broken stays! Broken stays!"

And the poor old bridge, with its few remaining strands and loosened props swinging idly at the whim of every passing breeze, shivered as it swayed, remembering again the great storm.

Broken stays!
 How many lives, like the old suspension bridge, have been shipwrecked in the same way: insecure stays, parted cables, a storm of temptation, a whirlwind of sin, a wreck! This is a dark life picture, though a frequent one. The bright one is seen in the foundation verse of Isaiah:

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee."—Well-spring.

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