

feet glowed like melted brass, and His voice was as the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and as He spoke, His face became bright as the sun shining in its strength."

As John gazed upon this wonderful vision, he fell fainting to the ground, overcome by awe and wonder. But the Saviour laid His hand upon Him, saying, "Fear not, I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, and hold the keys of hell and of death." Then, as soon as John was able to listen, He explained to Him that the seven candlesticks were a picture of the seven churches, which were now enduring such troubles for His sake, while the seven stars in His right hand stood for the angels, whose special work it was to care for and defend them.

So anxious was the Saviour that His people should know something of His power and strength as their heavenly Master, that He again told John to write in a book the story of all that he had seen and heard in Patmos. This account is now part of the Bible, and is called the book of The Revelation.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What had John to suffer for preaching the gospel? 2. Who spoke to him, one Sabbath as he was praying in Patmos? 3. What did the Saviour say? 4. Beside what was He standing? 5. How did John describe the Saviour's appearance? 6. What did he say of His voice and face? 7. What did He hold in His hand? 8. What was the meaning of the candlesticks and the stars? 9. What did the Saviour tell John to do? 10. What is the name of this book? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Two little girls were walking homeward one night in the moonlight. I overheard one of them say:

"Annie, it doesn't make any difference how fast we walk, the moon keeps up with us every step of the way. It doesn't move at all, and yet is always going along with us."

Is it not so with our Saviour in heaven. Though He seems to be so far away, He is keeping step with us all the time, and is especially near when we are in trouble from whatever cause.

Lesson Hymn

Crown the Saviour! angels, crown Him!
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of power enthrone Him,
While the vault of heaven rings:
Crown Him! crown Him!
Crown the Saviour, King of kings! Amen.
—Hymn 67, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—32. What evil did Adam's sin bring upon us all? We have all been born with a sinful heart.

SHORTER CATECHISM—82. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?
A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

The Question on Missions

23. Has home mission and augmentation work been successful? Yes, a very large number of congregations have grown out of mission stations. There are now well over 100 such congregations in the new West alone.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

There are two letters, Alpha and Omega, the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, like our A. and Z. Like these



letters, Jesus stands by our side at the beginning of life, and waits to welcome us at its close. And all the time between, too, He cares for us.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD LISTEN WHEN JESUS
SPEAKS