

6. What enemies of Israel are referred to in vs. 9, 10? Explain "build thee an house".
7. Who was to build a house for the Lord? How could David help towards it?
8. In whom were the promises of vs. 11-14 partially fulfilled? In whom did they find their complete fulfilment?
9. How did David show his appreciation of the goodness of God?

Something to Look Up

1. The great apostle Paul tells us that we have a house not made with hands waiting for us in heaven. Find the promise.
 2. Find where David says, in the Psalms, that he loved the habitation of God's house.
- ANSWERS (Lesson I.)—(1) 1 Sam. 4 : 10, 11. (2) Ex. 25 : 10-21.

For Discussion

1. Our plans and God's will.
2. Christ as a King.

Prove from Scripture

That we should give our best to God.

The Catechism

Ques. 102. *The Lord's Prayer—its second petition.* There are two points in this Question : (1) The kingdom of God—what it is. Here the words mean, not God's rule as Creator over all He has made, but His authority in the hearts of men renewed by His Spirit and yielded to His sway. It is

called "the kingdom of grace", because men can enter it only by having their hearts changed, and for this, divine power is needed. A second name is "the kingdom of glory", because the time is coming when all opposition to its King and laws will be destroyed. (2) The kingdom of God—how it grows : (a) "The kingdom of Satan" must be overthrown ; (b) Men must be gathered one by one into the kingdom of God, and kept in it.

The Question on Missions

Ques. 2. The first missionaries to the New Hebrides found that, to have schools, they must call the people together before they could get away to the bush or sea shore ; hence the school at daylight. This custom is still found to be the most successful. One of our mission's rules is, that no person be received into church fellowship until he can read the Gospel in his own language, unless he be too old, or otherwise unable to do so. Nearly all the people, therefore, learn to read. In these early morning classes are seen old and young, male and female, trying to master the printed sheet. As the work advances, some of the young folk are induced to give some part of the day or evening to learning other lessons ; hence the children's school, where young men and women, as well as boys and girls, receive the elements of a higher education.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Lesson Subject—God's promises to the king.

Introduction—Do you all go to church? What does your church look like? Is it big

or little? Is it built of brick or stone or of wood? Whose house is it? Why do we go to church? Did King David love to worship God? Do you remember about King David bringing the ark of God to Jerusalem and putting it in a tabernacle on Mt. Zion and worshiping and praising God there? (Recall.)

David's Great Wish—David saw what peace and prosperity and happiness came to him through God being with him. He had a fine house to live in himself, and he thought,

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