

LESSON NOTES.

B.C. 1913.] LESSON VIII. [August 22.

THE COVENANT WITH ABRAM; or, Faith.

Gen. 15. 1-18. Commit to memory verses 5-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.—Rom. 4. 3.

OUTLINE.

1. The starry host, v. 1-7.
2. The slain sacrifice, v. 8-12.
3. The smoking furnace, v. 13-18.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

1. *The starry host*, v. 1-7.—What did God say to Abram one night? "I am thy shield and thy great reward." What did he promise to Abram? A son who should possess the promise. What did God tell Abram to look at? The stars in the heavens. What did he say to him? "So many shall thy seed be." How did Abram receive God's promise? [GOLDEN TEXT.] What does this mean? That God accepted Abram as a good man because he believed in his promise.

2. *The slain sacrifice*, v. 8-12.—What did God make with Abram? A covenant or agreement. What was the sign of the covenant? An offering slain, and divided into two parts. What was then done? The persons who made the covenant walked between the pieces. What did this mean? A promise to be faithful to the covenant. How did Abram prepare for the covenant? He killed and divided the offering. What did he then do? He watched the pieces all day.

3. *The smoking furnace*, v. 13-18.—What took place at night? God spake to Abram. What did God promise to Abram? The land of Canaan for his descendants. What also did God show him? The events that should come to pass for many hundred years. What did Abram then see? A smoking furnace and a burning lamp. What were these? The tokens of God's presence. What did they do? They passed between the pieces of the offering. What did this show? That God agreed to the covenant.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Have God as your shield and reward.
2. Believe fully in God's promise.
3. Be true to his service.
4. Depend upon his covenant.

B.C. 1898.] LESSON IX. [August 29.]

ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION; or, Prayer.

*Gen. 18. 16-33.**Commit to memory verses 23-26.*

GOLDEN TEXT

He ever liveth to make intercession for them.—Heb. 7. 25.

OUTLINE.

1. The trusted servant, v. 16-19.
2. The wicked city, v. 20-22.
3. The fervent pleading, v. 23-33.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

1. *The trusted servant*, v. 16-19.—What did God tell Abram soon after his covenant? That he should have a new name. What was his new name? Abraham. What did it mean? "The father of nations." What did God also say to him? That all nations should be blessed in him. Why did God thus honour Abraham? Because he tried to serve God faithfully.

2. *The wicked city*, v. 20-22.—What cities were very wicked? Sodom and Gomorrah. What did God intend to do? To see how wicked they were. What was also his purpose? To destroy them for their sins.

3. *The fervent pleading*, v. 23-33.—What did Abraham do? He pleaded with God for the wicked cities. Wherein was he thus like Jesus? [GOLDEN TEXT.] What did he say to God? "Perhaps there are fifty good men in the city." What did God say? That he would not destroy it if fifty good men were in it. What was Abraham's next prayer? That if forty-five good men were in it, it might be spared. How did God receive this prayer? He was willing to spare it for their sake. What did Abraham then ask? For the sake of forty. How did God answer? He was still willing. How many times did Abraham pray for Sodom? Six times. What was his last prayer? That it might be spared if ten good people were in it. What did God say? "I will not destroy it for ten's sake." What did this show? How great is God's willingness to save.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Plead with God for others.
2. Be earnest in prayer.
3. Be bold in prayer.
4. Be humble in prayer.

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