

garden . . to dress it ; to tend it. Of every tree . . thou mayest freely eat. Liberty is the principle of the garden. Of the tree of the knowledge . . thou shalt not eat. There is only one restriction. Thou shalt surely die ; a sure penalty for disobedience. Man is not only given a work ; he is given a test. He has religious and moral capacities that can only be developed by testing.

III. HIS COMPANION.—18-24. It is not good that the man should be alone. Man is a social being and only lives his true life in fellowship. I will make him an help meet for him ; a help corresponding to him, that is, his equal or companion. God formed every beast of the field ; no word of God breathing into these the breath of life. For Adam there was not found an help meet ; there is no companion for Adam among the animals. Caused a deep sleep ; to hide God's action from Adam. The rib . . made he a woman ; Hebrew, "builted he into a woman." This is . . bone of my bone. The story sets forth clearly the close physical, moral and social relation that ideally exist between man and woman. Therefore shall a man leave . . cleave. Nothing is to intervene between this close relation. They are one life.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The Garden of Eden would seem to have been situated in a valley in southwestern Asia, sloping in a southeasterly direction to the Persian Gulf. This district is usually styled Mesopotamia on the map. Of the four streams mentioned, the Euphrates and the Tigris (Hiddekel) are well known streams. The other two are probably tributaries. The whole district is now neglected, but even now,

in comparison with the desert country lying round, it is to the Arab a place of beauty.

LESSON QUESTIONS

26, 27 ; ch. 2 : 7 In whose image did God create man ? What was to be his relation to the creatures ? Which Psalm is it that speaks of man's dominion over

the creatures ? From what was man formed by God ? What did God breathe into his nostrils ? What did he become ?

8-17 Where did God place man ? What was this garden called ? What work was Adam given to do ? What two trees are specially mentioned as being in the garden ? Of what trees was Adam allowed to eat ? What one restriction did God place upon him ? What was to be the penalty of disobedience ?

18-24 What did God see was not good in Adam's condition ? What did God decide to do ? Where and how did God find a companion for Adam ? What did Adam call her, and why was she so called ? What does a man owe to his wife ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can the ideal life be lived in solitude ?
2. Does this Lesson teach any inferiority of woman to man ?

A LESSON FOR LIFE

There is an old saying, that "every hedge is not a foe." The meaning is, that while some hedges bar one from something pleasant, others bar one out from things that are unpleasant or dangerous. This was what Adam and Eve found out. God planted a hedge round one tree, and said, "Thou shalt not." Eve looked over the barrier and saw only what was pleasant, as the next Lesson tells us. But death and sin were there. That was why God said, "Thou shalt not."

Prove from Scripture—*That we are God's children.*

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended ? A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments. Ques. 42. What is the sum of the ten commandments ? A. The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind ; and our neighbour as ourselves.*

The Question on Missions—2. Where and when was David Livingstone born ? He was born at the quiet little village of Blantyre, in the county of Lanarkshire, Scotland, on March 19, 1813, that is, almost one hundred years ago. The house in which he was born is still standing.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 7 (Supplemental Lesson), 22, 509, 5 (Ps. Sel.), 525 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 24.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Over what was the newly created man given dominion ?

2. Describe briefly the garden of Eden.

3. Tell about the creation of woman.