

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS September 24, 1911

BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 34-47.
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Ten Commandments. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—535, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

Daniel 6 : 10-23. Study Daniel, ch. 6—Memory Verses, 21-23.

Golden Text—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Psalm 34 : 7.



10 Now when Dan'iel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house ; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jeru'salem, he kneeled down upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Dan'iel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree ; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions ? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Per'sians, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Dan'iel, which is of the children of the captivity of Ju'dah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Dan'iel to deliver him ; and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Per'sians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Dan'iel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Dan'iel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den ; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords ; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Dan'iel.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting : neither were instruments of musick brought before him : and his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Dan'iel, and the king spake and said to Dan'iel, O Dan'iel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions ?

21 Then said Dan'iel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me : forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me ; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Dan'iel up out of the den. So Dan'iel was taken up out of the den and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After a time Nebuchadnezzar died, and Belshazzar his son became king in his place. One night, while Belshazzar was making a great feast, the city of Babylon was captured by the Persians, and Belshazzar was slain. The Persian king, Darius, became ruler in Babylon, and because he found Daniel good and wise, set him over all the princes and rulers of his kingdom. This made the princes very angry, and they plotted to destroy Daniel. They knew that he prayed to God

every day ; so they came to the king and said, " O king, wilt thou make a law that whosoever prays to any God or man save thyself for thirty days, shall be cast into the den of lions ? " And the king, to please them, did as his princes asked him.

Daniel was not afraid when he heard about this wicked law, and morning, noon and night still knelt down in his own room and prayed to God as he had always done. But the wicked princes were watching, and soon