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TIME.—About B. C. 712. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The forgiveness of sins.

HOME READINGS.

- M.* The gracious call. Isa. 55.
Tu. Call to repentance. Ezek. 18. 25-32.
W. Return! Hos. 14.
Tu. With all the heart. Joel 2. 12-17.
F. Wisdom's call. Prov. 1. 20-33.
S. Loving invitation. Matt. 11. 25-30.
S. Without price. Rev. 22. 10-17.

LESSON HYMNS.

No. 119, New Canadian Hymnal.

I heard the voice of Jesus say.

No. 131, New Canadian Hymnal.

I lay my sins on Jesus.

No. 155, New Canadian Hymnal.

Oh, how happy are they.

DOMINION HYMNAL

Hymns, Nos. 82, 85, 88.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **The Invitation, v. 1-5.**

What sort of people are invited by God to come to him for nourishment and delight? Read Matt. 5. 6; Rev. 21. 6; 22. 17.

What sort of people are they who, hungry and thirsty, and having "no money," spend money on "that which is not bread?"

Have you ever known men who labored for "that which satisfieth not" either in profit or in pleasure?

What is meant by "fatness" in the figurative language of the Bible?

Why was not the first covenant of God with the Hebrews everlasting?

What is meant by "the sure mercies of David?" Mention three phases of the Messiah's work which are given in the first four verses.

To how many nations did Moses give his law? How many nations are to "run unto" the Messiah?

2. **A Promise, v. 6-13.**

When are we to seek the Lord?

When are we to call upon him?

What must the wicked man forsake? If he will repent?

What must the unrighteous man forsake?

What is God's attitude toward him who returns unto the Lord?

What is characteristic of God's love?

What is the difference between God's thoughts and ways and ours?

To what does God liken the falling rain in verses 10 and 11?

How would the Hebrews feel when the divine revelation was given them? (Verse 12.)

How does the unconverted man feel when he is "led forth" from his condition of sin?

How should the agriculture of Palestine testify to the secular blessings of God? (Verse 13.)

In what way should the life of a Christian bear witness to the fruitifying influence of the divine Spirit?

Practical Teachings.

Find in this lesson—

1. A definition of repentance.
2. An intimation of the joys of salvation.
3. An intimation that no one can live near God without evidencing it by his behavior.
4. A statement of the freeness of salvation and the danger of procrastination.
5. The certainty of God's promises.

Hints for Home Study.

1. Find some cases where God's people were led forth in numbers with peace and with joy.

2. Find indications in the historical books of the Bible that secular prosperity is one of the incidental results of righteous living.

3. Find a distinct statement made to David of the continuance of his dynasty on the throne.

4. Find a case in God's word where the Lord, not being called upon while he was near, withdrew from a human soul.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. **The Invitation, v. 1-5.**

To whom is the invitation given?

Upon what terms is it offered?

What remonstrance is made?

What is promised to those who hear?

Who is given as a leader?

To whom will the invitation be extended?

To whom is the invitation now given? (Rev. 22. 17.)

2. **A Promise, v. 6-13.**

When should men seek God? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

What must they do in order to seek aright?

What promise is made to true seekers?

What says Jesus to every true seeker now? (John 6. 37.)

What is said of the Lord's thoughts and ways?

How much do they differ from ours?

What do rain and snow do for the earth?

Who are blessed thereby?

In what is this like God's word?

What blessedness is promised his people?

How long would this endure?