

LESSON IX—November 29th, 1896.

The Fame of Solomon. I KINGS 10: 1-10.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

1. What commercial relations did Solomon have with the countries on the Red Sea? (1 Kings 9: 26-28; 10: 15). Why was Solomon thus exalted? (Ps. 91: 14; 1 Sam. 2: 30). What similar honor is in store for Christians? (John 12: 26). What lesson did Christ draw from this visit? (Matt. 12: 42). How earnestly should we search for wisdom? (Prov. 2: 4, 5).
 2. What example does the Queen of Sheba here set to Christians? (Mal. 3: 16; Eph. 5: 19; 1 Thess. 5: 11). What kind of questions are profitless? (2 Tim. 2: 23). When shall desire for knowledge be fully satisfied? (1 Cor. 13: 12).
 3. With what subjects is the Christian's wisdom concerned? (1 Cor. 2: 6, 7). How does he acquire it? (1 Cor. 2: 10). What is necessary to receiving it? (1 Cor. 2: 14, 15; Prov. 28: 8; John 7: 17; 1 John 2: 27).
 - 4, 5. Where did Solomon get gold? (1 Kings 10: 11). What display of it did he make? (ch. 10: 16, 17). What became of these shields? (ch. 14: 26). Mention some other articles imported by Solomon. Of whose glory is that of Solomon a type? (Isa. 60: 3, 6, 9, 17). When will this be fulfilled? (Rev. 11: 15).
 - 6, 7. In what respect will the Christian's surprise be as great as that of the Queen of Sheba? (1 Cor. 2: 9). Is man's incredulity in regard to spiritual blessings as excusable as that of the Queen of Sheba? (John 3: 11; 1 John 1: 1; Rom. 10: 9; Heb. 3: 19).
 8. Against what kind of speech are we warned? (Eph. 4: 25). What important consequence depends on our speech? (Matt. 12: 37). What seasoning should be applied to our speech? (Col. 4: 6). How should our wisdom shew itself? (Jas. 3: 13).
 9. From whom do rulers derive their authority? (Prov. 8: 15; Dan. 2: 21; Rom. 13: 1). What obligations does this lay upon us? (Rom. 3: 1-7; Eccl. 8: 2).
 10. What present should we bring to Jesus? (Prov. 23: 26). What does he give in return? (2 Tim. 4: 8; 1 Pet. 5: 4; Rev. 2: 10).
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LESSON X—December 6th, 1896.

Solomon's Sin. I KINGS 11: 4-13.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

- 4-8. How long did Solomon reign? (ch. 11: 42). Was polygamy forbidden in the law? (Deut. 17: 17). What does Jesus say about it? (Mark 10: 6-9). What was said regarding marriages with the heathen? (Deut. 7: 3, 4). What New Testament precept bears upon this question? (2 Cor. 6: 14). How many wives did Solomon have? (vs. 3). Solomon forgot one of his own precepts (Prov. 1: 10). A warning to Christians. (Eph. 5: 11). He tried to serve two masters. (Matt. 6: 24; Josh. 24: 15). By whom were these high places destroyed? (2 Kings 23: 13).
- 9-13. Do special privileges imply special obligations? (Luke 10: 12-15). Will misuse of privileges lead to their forfeiture? (Matt. 25: 28). What other examples of a sentence suspended in mercy? (ch. 21: 29; 2 Kings 22: 20; 2 Pet. 3: 9).