

the people that he had been dishonoring Him and that therefore the Lord would not now protect them.

13-19. No god... was able to deliver. This is the key to vs. 13-15. How much less shall your God? The God of so small a nation! Spake yet more. See 2 Kgs. 18: 19-35. He (Sennacherib) wrote also letters; to Hezekiah. To rail on the Lord God of Israel; as before in vs. 13-16. Cried... unto the people; again blaspheming God. As against the gods. Read the description of these idols in Ps. 135: 15-18 and Isa. 40: 9-31.

II. THE GREAT DELIVERANCE.—20, 21. Hezekiah... and... Isaiah; the great prophet, from whose writings the three following Lessons are taken)... prayed. Wise men, they. Prayer was their great weapon, and it did not fail them. Sent an angel; who suddenly, in one night, destroyed 185,000 of the Assyrians, 2 Kgs. 19: 35. Sennacherib, twenty years later, was slain by his own children, v. 21.

III. THE PROSPEROUS KINGDOM.—22, 23. Thus the Lord saved, etc.; now, and on many other occasions not recorded. Guided them on every side; as a shepherd his flock, Ps. 23: 2. Many brought gifts; to replace the ornaments of the temple taken to pay the Assyrian fine, 2 Kgs. 18: 16. Presents to Hezekiah; according to the Eastern manner of doing honor to a king.

#### DAILY READINGS

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M.—Hezekiah's preparation, 2 Chron. 32: 1-8. T.—Sennacherib's invasion, 2 Chron. 32: 9-15. W.—Sennacherib's invasion, 2 Chron. 32: 16-23. Th.—Seeking the Lord, Isa. 37: 1-13. F.—Earnest prayer, Isa. 37: 14-26. S.—The answer, Isa. 37: 27-38. S.—Refuge in God, Psalm 27.

Prove from Scripture—*That God is stronger than our foes.*

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 84. What doth every sin deserve? A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.*

The Question on Missions—25. When did our Church first enter upon Foreign Mission work? Our Church began its Foreign Mission work in 1844, when the Synod of Nova Scotia appointed a Committee on Foreign Missions. A year later Rev. John Goddie was chosen as its first missionary. He reached his field in 1848.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, Ps. Sel. 97 (from Supplemental Lesson); 273; 263; 34 (Ps. Sel.); 256 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 262.

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—Into how many kingdoms had Solomon's kingdom been divided? Name them.

9-19 Who was Sennacherib? What city was he besieging? Whom did he send to Jerusalem? What did they try to persuade the people of the city to do? Who did Hezekiah say would deliver His people?

20, 21 What great prophet lived at this time? What did the king and he do? Whom did God send to their help? How many of the Assyrians did the angel destroy? Whither did Sennacherib go? How did he die?

22, 23 Who saved Hezekiah and his people? How did He guide them? Who became great?

Seniors and the Home Department—Give the date of Israel's downfall. How much longer did the kingdom of Judah endure?

9-14 How bad Hezekiah offended Sennacherib? What amends had he made? What did Sennacherib now demand? On what ground did the Assyrian messengers argue that God would not now protect His people?

15-19 How had the Assyrians shown their power? What was their opinion of Judah's God?

20, 21 What apostle was delivered in answer to prayer? (Acts 12: 5.) At what time of peril did an angel appear to Paul? (Acts 27: 23.)

22, 23 Show that God is the Protector of His people. (Ps. 34: 7.)

#### THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. Wicked men may prosper, as did Sennacherib, for a time. And because this is so, many are puzzled. They cannot understand how God can allow it. But wait. Their very prosperity, as in Sennacherib's case, is apt to rush them into some folly which ends in disaster and shame. It pays to be righteous.

2. "Whereon do ye trust?" A good question to ask ourselves, even if we do get it from the lips of a bad man. We want a solid foundation on which to build both for this world and for the next. There is only one such foundation—Jesus Christ.

3. Two little girls were in danger of being late for school. "Let us kneel and ask God to bring us in time," said one. But the other said, "Let us run with all our might, and pray as we run."

4. "But not in arms be our defence;  
Give us the strength of innocence.  
The will to work, the heart to dare  
For Truth's great battle everywhere."

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What was Sennacherib's intention with regard to Jerusalem? .....

2. How did he try to make the people disloyal? .....

3. How were his plans frustrated? .....

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