

Either the Mount of Olives on the east, or the Mount of Corruption on the south. *Strange wives*—Wives of foreign races. *The Lord was angry*—God's anger is only against wickedness. *Appeared unto him twice*—At Gibeon and at the dedication of the temple. *He kept not*—Strange that the wise king should show such folly. *Rend the kingdom*—Into two fragments, Israel or the ten tribes, and Judah, including Benjamin. *For David*—God gives mercy to children for their father's sake. *One tribe*—Judah, which also included part of the land of Simeon and of Benjamin. *For Jerusalem's sake*—God had chosen Jerusalem as the place of his worship.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Solomon's sin. 1 Kings 11. 4-13.
 Tu. The result of sin. 1 Kings 11. 26-40.
 W. Solomon's death. 2 Chron. 9. 25-31.
 Th. The kingdom divided. 1 Kings 12. 16-24.
 F. Sin punished. Josh. 7. 16-26.
 S. Idol worship forbidden. Exod. 23. 20-25.
 S. Exhortation to diligence. Prov. 4. 14-27.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY:

1. **Solomon's Sin**, v. 4-8. What befel Solomon in his old age? Into what nations had he married? v. 1. What commandment had he broken by this? Deut. 17. 17. Why was this command given? Whose example had Solomon failed to follow? What idolatry did he commit? What was his conduct in the sight of God? Which of the ten commandments had he broken? Exod. 20. 3. Where were the high places set up? What name was afterward given to this spot? 2 Kings 23. 13. For whose sake was this evil done? What safe rule have we in regard to our associations? Prov. 14. 7.

2. **The Lord's Anger**, v. 9-13. Why was the Lord angry with Solomon? What special favor had he received from the Lord? What special command? On what conditions were these blessings received? 1 Kings 3. 14. What punishment did the Lord give him? What mercy did he show him? In whose reign was the kingdom to be destroyed? For whose sake was an exception made? How may God's anger be turned away? Joel 2. 12, 13.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson is shown—

1. The danger of wicked associations?
2. The righteous anger of God with sin?
3. The blessings of godly parentage?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.—(For the entire school.) 1. In what was Solomon's sin? In going after other gods. 2. What did God say he would do? Rend the kingdom from Solomon. 3. When was God to do this? When Solomon's son should reign. 4. Why would God not do it during Solomon's reign? For David's sake. 5. How many tribes was Solomon's son to have? One tribe.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The anger of God.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **Solomon's sin**, v. 4-8. Why should Solomon, of all men, have the least excuse for

sin? At what time of life did he sin? In what did Solomon's sin begin? What was the cause of these foreign marriages? What was the result of them? What is the warning of 2 Cor. 6. 14-16? Why were the Israelites prone to idolatry? Wherein was idolatry wicked? To what extent is this sin now prevalent?

2. **The Lord's anger**, v. 9-13. How did the Lord regard Solomon's sin? What is meant by the anger of the Lord? What is the difference between divine and human anger? Why was the Lord especially angry with Solomon? Does God feel more or less angry with those who commit the same sin now? What punishment for sin did God threaten to Solomon? How did he show mercy in his anger?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

What is here taught—

1. As to the danger of backsliding?
2. As to the causes of backsliding?
3. As to the results of backsliding?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What turned Solomon's heart from God? His strange wives. How old was Solomon when he began to worship other gods? About fifty or fifty-five years. What did he do to please his wives? He sacrificed to heathen gods. Why did he do this? Because he loved his wives better than he did God. Who was angry with Solomon? The Lord. What did he command Solomon? Not to worship false gods. Did Solomon obey God? No, he kept on in his sinful way. What did God say unto Solomon? "Thou hast not kept my law and my commandments." How was Solomon punished for his disobedience? God took his kingdom away from him. To whom was it given? To one of Solomon's subjects. How was God merciful to Solomon? He did not take it away while Solomon lived? From whom did he take it? From Solomon's son. How did God show mercy to Solomon's son? He gave him one tribe. For whose sake was God merciful? For David's sake, and for the sake of Jerusalem, his chosen city.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Obedience to God brought Solomon—

Wisdom, honour, riches, a happy prosperous life.

Disobedience to God brought—

Folly, impurity, a divided kingdom, a dishonourable old age.

Which is best, God's way or ours?

"Teach me thy way, O Lord!"

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

4. *How was man the chief creature on earth?*
 Because the Creator made man in His own image.

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him.—Gen. i. 27.

5. *In what part of man is the image of God?*

In his spirit of soul, which was breathed into him by the Creator. (Genesis ii. 7.)