

will have nothing more to do with idols ", they cry, " but will follow God only !" Then, when they feel that God has forgiven them, and taken them for His children again, they are filled with joy. God says that He will be to them like a green fir tree, giving shade and shelter to those beneath it. "And those ", says Hosea, " who understand God's truths and laws, shall be made wise, and, walking in God's ways, they shall be kept safe from harm of every kind.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How had the people of Israel behaved for many years towards God ? 2. Whom had God sent to them with messages ? 3. What were the messages ? 4. What was the name of one of these good prophets ? 5. What did he plead with the Israelites to do ? 6. Of what did he remind them ? 7. How did he say they could please God most ? 8. What were they not to put their trust in ? 9. What had God promised ? 10. How would God be like the dew to them ? 11. What lovely flowers would they resemble ? 12. To what strong, beautiful trees would they also be like ? 13. To what fruit-bearing tree ? 14. What does the prophet next picture Israel as doing ? 15. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

There was once a great king who sent for several of his oldest soldiers and said to each, " What would you be willing to do to show your love for me ?" Each gave the same answer, " I would die for you, dear king." But after they had gone out, his own son, a boy of twelve, looked up from the book he had been reading and said thoughtfully, " Father, I love you better than they do. They would die for you, but I intend to live every day of my life in a way that will honor you." And the father knew that the boy showed a truer love, for it is often harder to live for some one, than to die for him.

Lesson Hymn

Sweetly echo the gospel call,
Wonderful words of life ;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of life ;

Jesus, only Saviour,
Sanctify forever.

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life—
Beautiful words, wonderful words.
Wonderful words of life. Amen.*
—Hymn 559, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—31. How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin ? They were driven out of the garden, and had to suffer pain, sorrow, and death.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 39-50.

The Question on Missions

(CANADIAN PROBLEMS : June, Missions to Camps.)—10. Where are camps to be found ? In every Province of the Dominion. Chief among them are lumbering, railway and mining camps. It is estimated that one tenth of the laboring men of Canada spend part of each year in camps.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Look at this picture of a splendid cedar tree. How one would be sheltered under its



branches from the burning heat of the sun ! So God will shield those who trust in Him from all harm. He is more powerful than all their enemies. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I NEED FORGIVENESS