

LESSON I—October 4th, 1896.

Solomon Anointed King. 1 KINGS I : 28-39.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

Compare Adonijah and Absalom in regard to character and disposition. What notable men did Adonijah persuade to join his company? (1 Kings I : 7). Where was his first held? (1 Kings I : 9) Who revealed the plot? To whom did he first speak? How was David informed of it? Whose granddaughter was Bathsheba? (2 Sam. II : 3 ; 23 : 34). Was the genius of Solomon in any degree hereditary? (2 Sam. 16 : 23). By what other name was he called? (2 Sam. 12 : 25). Had he any brothers? (2 Chr. 3 : 5). Who was his tutor? (2 Sam. 12 : 25).

29. Shew that this solemn expression was sometimes lightly used (Jer. 4 : 2 ; 5 : 2 ; Hos. 4 : 15). What is the christian's refuge in trouble and danger? (Ps. 34 : 7, 22 ; Heb. I : 14 ; Ps. 84 : 11, 12).

30. What right had David to make this promise? (2 Sam. 7 : 11-13 ; 12 : 25). What gracious promise may believers claim for their children? (Acts 2 : 39 ; Gal. 3 : 29).

31. What danger had been now averted? (2 Kings II : 1). What greater danger ought we to avert by promptitude? (Ps. 95 : 8 ; John 3 : 15, 36).

32. When did Zadok connect himself with David? (1 Chr. 12 : 28). How did he shew his loyalty at the time of Absalom's rebellion? (2 Sam. 15 : 24). Who was his colleague in the high-priesthood? What title for the first time appears in connection with the name of Nathan? (1 Kings I : 23 ; 1 Sam. 9 : 9). What books, unfortunately lost, did he write? (1 Chr. 29 : 29 ; 2 Chr. 9 : 29). To what tribe did Benaiah belong? (1 Chr. 27 : 5). Give some of his exploits. (2 Sam. 23 : 20, 21). To what rank did Solomon promote him? (1 Kings 2 : 35).

33. Where was Gihon situated? (2 Chr. 32 : 30 ; 33 : 14). Where else do we find this name? (Gen. 2 : 13).

LESSON II—October 11th, 1896.

Solomon's Wise Choice. 1 KINGS 3 : 5-15.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

Who brought to the conspirators the news of Solomon's accession? (1 Kings I : 42). What did Adonijah do and how did Solomon treat him? (1 Kings I : 50). For what implied offence was he ultimately executed? (1 Kings 2 : 25). What was Joab's final end? (1 Kings 2 : 28-34). How did Solomon treat Abiathar? (1 Kings 2 : 26, 27).

5. Where do we first read of Gibeon? (Josh. 9 : 3-15). What is the possible reason for the removal of the tabernacle from Nob to Gibeon? (1 Sam. 22 : 19). Mention some of the famous dreams divinely sent. (Gen. 31 : 11 ; 37 : 5, 9 ; 41 : 25 ; Dan. 7 : 1 ; Matt. 1 : 20 ; 2 : 13, 19). Shew that God's purposes regarding us do not render our prayers unnecessary. (Ezek. 36 : 37). Why does God not answer some prayers for good things? (Jas. 4 : 3).

6. What special blessings are promised to the children of God's people? (Gen. 26 : 24 ; 1 Kings 15 : 4 ; Ps. 37 : 26 ; 112 : 2 ; Isa. 44 : 3).

7. What other reference is made to Solomon's youth? (1 Chr. 22 : 5 ; 29 : 1). For commendation of humility see Ps. 9 : 12 ; 10 : 17 ; 25 : 9 ; 149 : 4 ; Prov. 3 : 34 ; 15 : 33 ; Isa. 57 : 15 ; 1 Pet. 5 : 5.

8. What was God's promise to Abraham regarding his descendants? (Gen. 13 : 16 ; 15 : 5). What was the actual population? (2 Sam. 24 : 9 ; 1 Chr. 21 : 5, 6).

9. From whom does wisdom come? (Job 28 : 12-28 ; Jas. 1 : 5). The best object of knowledge—Phil. 3 : 10 ; Eph. 1 : 18 ; 3 : 19 ; John 17 : 3.

10. What was Moses' choice? (Heb. 11 : 25). What was Joshua's choice? (Josh. 24 : 15). What should be our first choice? (Matt. 6 : 33).

11. Is long life a blessing? (Ps. 91 : 16 ; Prov. 3 : 2 ; 22 : 41). What are some of the dangers connected with wealth? (Matt. 13 : 22 ; 1 Tim. 6 : 10). How should riches be used? (1 Tim. 6 : 17-19). What spirit should we cherish towards our personal enemies? (Matt. 6 : 12 ; Col. 3 : 13 ; 1 Pet. 3 : 9). Is it right to pray for victory in battle? (Heb. 11 : 32, 33).

12. What is God's mode of giving? (Eph. 3 : 20).

14. Did Solomon fulfil the condition? (1 Kings I : 1-8). What choice is set before every one? (Deut. 30 : 19 ; Matt. 6 : 24).