

"Mine," "Lord of Hosts," "Jewels," "Spare." Show how at the judgment day, if not before, God's just ways with men will be made plain, v. 18. Make use of Matt. 25, 31-46 to further illustrate.

III. We come now to additional details of God's way of dealing with rebellious and with the faithful. We have:

(a) A threat, ch. 4: 1. Unfold the symbol, an oven, burning stubble, a tree devoured root and branch by the flames.

(b) A threefold promise, vs. 23. From the great Sun of righteousness abounding joy, as "calves of the stall" let out into the field, and triumph, as of a conquering army.

(c) A reminder, v. 4, both to unbelievers and to the faithful that the way of life lies in the keeping of the law. "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Alas, who can be holy? The prophet hastens:

(d) To open a door of hope vs. 4-5. A great prophet will come to save men from judgment by winning them back to God; for God's purposes are purposes of blessing.

Study Questions

Juniors

13-15. What complaint were the people making? (v. 14) What mistake had they made? (v. 15.)

16-18. Who spake often one to another? Why? Where were their names recorded? How does God reward His faithful servants? What care does God give His own?

Ch. 4: 1. How are the wicked destroyed? (Ps. 11: 6.) Give a noted example. (Gen. 19: 24. Compare Ezek. 38: 22.) What

day? What is stubble? Whom does it represent?

2-4. By what name is the Redeemer spoken of? What power does He put forth? What were God's people to remember?

5. Who was to be sent? For what purpose? By what name known in the New Testament? (Matt. 11: 14; Mark 9: 11.) What did He preach? (Mark 1: 3, 4.) With what result? What is the last word in the Old Testament? What was Christ's first word on the mount? (Matt. 5: 8.)

Miss M. Seniors

13-15. How does God distinguish the true worshipper? Why is prosperity not always a proof of God's blessing?

16-18. Give three tests mentioned of true believers. How does God speak of His own? (Titus 2: 14; 1 Pet. 2: 9.) Before whom will He own them? When will the separation take place?

Ch. 14: 1. To what event does the prophecy refer? What is the result of obeying the warnings? Of neglecting them?

2-5. What promise here given? For whom? In what ways is Christ truly the Sun of righteousness? Which shall finally triumph, the righteous or the wicked? Who was the messenger to be sent? How did he prepare the way for Christ?

6. Who meant by "the fathers?" By "the children?" With what threatened curse does the Old Testament end? With what blessing the New? (Rev. 22: 21.)

Miss M.
Topics for Brief Papers

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. The book of remembrance.
2. "My Jewels."
3. The Sun of righteousness.

FOR TEACHERS THE LITTLE ONES

Mrs. Johnston
Connection—The minister was telling the people in church about the poor heathen who do not know about Jesus—and asking for money to send missionaries to tell them the glad news. When the collection plate came to Mary Long's seat, she asked the gentleman to put it on the seat—and up she jumped and stood on the plate saying, "I have no money to give, but I give myself, and when I get big I'll go and tell the heathen children about Jesus." What a very funny thing to

do! Was she wrong? (Review the last lesson.)

The Lesson—After God sent the blessings the people said, "It is because we gave good gifts for the Temple, we'll give more and perhaps we'll get richer and richer." God was angry at them for giving from that selfish motive, and stopped helping them. They began to grumble (verses 14 and 15; explain).

The Book of Remembrance—A few still