

LESSON VII—August 18th, 1895.

The New Home in Canaan. DEUT. 6: 3-15.

(Commit to memory verses 3-5).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee." Deut. 8: 10.

PROVE THAT—Heaven is better than Canaan. Heb. 11: 16.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 33. *What is justification?* A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 82, 79, 75, 83.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monaay.* The new home in Canaan. Deut. 6: 3-15. *Tuesday.* "For our good." Deut. 6: 16-25. *Wednesday.* Remembering the way. Deut. 8: 1-10. *Thursday.* Beware of forgetfulness. Deut. 8: 11-20. *Friday.* The good resolve. Josh. 24: 13-25. *Saturday.* Blessings in the new home. Ps. 107: 31-43. *Sabbath.* The new heaven and earth. Rev. 21: 1-7. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. The name *Deuteronomy* means the *second* or *repeated law*. The book consists mainly of three discourses by Moses, delivered in the eleventh (Deut. 1: 3) and twelfth months of the last year of the wanderings of the children of Israel. This was just before the death of the great leader (Deut. 34: 8; Josh. 4: 19). The country east of Jordan had been conquered and the people were about to cross the Jordan. Moses had been forbidden to accompany them any farther (Num. 20: 12; Deut. 1: 37; 4: 21) and he leaves this book as his parting message.

LESSON PLAN. I. Love God. vs. 1-5. II. Learn his Word. vs. 6-9. III. Remember his Mercies. vs. 10-12. IV. Reverence his Name. vs. 13-15.

3. That it may be well with thee—No one will lose in the end by always trying to do what is right (Matt. 5: 33; 1 Tim. 4: 8; 6: 6; Prov. 15: 19; Ps. 84: 11). Hath promised—Gen. 15: 5; 18: 18; 22: 17; 28: 14. 4. The Lord our God is one Lord—Other nations had "gods many and lords many," but to Israel there was but "one living and true God." This was to them the most important truth of all religion (Isa. 42: 8; Mark 12: 29, 32; John 17: 3; Isa. 9: 6; John 1: 1; 10: 30; 1 Cor. 8: 4-6; Phil. 2: 5, 6). Jesus Christ was "God manifest in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3: 16). 5. Thou shalt love—If we love God we must reverence and obey him (Matt. 22: 37-40; Luke 10: 27). Heart, * * * soul, * * * might—(Deut. 10: 12). The more we love God the more we will love all that ought to be loved (Rom. 12: 1). 6. In thine heart—Shall be understood and loved. They shall govern every thought, and feeling and motive and action (Deut. 11: 18; 32: 46; Ps. 37: 31; 40: 8; 119: 11, 98; Prov. 3: 3; Isa. 57: 7). 7. Thou shalt teach them—Nothing we are taught in after life makes such a deep impression upon us as what we learn from our parents (Prov. 1: 8, 9; 4: 1, 20-22; 6: 20, 21; 23: 22). 8. Bind them * * * upon thy hands—Ever deed we do should

berured by God's law. Frontlets—The eyes and the head direct and control the whole body and should themselves be governed by the word of God. A literal and superstitious obedience to this command led the Jews to wear *phylacteries*, or little square boxes containing certain verses of the Bible. 9. Upon the posts * * and * * gates—Our house and all our property, all our daily duties, are to be consecrated to God's service. 10. Which thou buildedst not—God gave the Israelites the cities and lands of the inhabitants of Canaan. But all the comforts and civilization we possess come to us from our fathers and ancestors. We have the same reason for grateful obedience (Josh. 24: 13; Ps. 105: 44). 12. Beware, lest thou forget the Lord—Just when we ought to be most grateful we are most selfish (Matt. 6: 19, 25; 13: 22; 16: 26; 19: 24; Col. 3: 2; 1 Tim. 6: 10). 13. Fear the Lord—Regard him with reverence. Swear by his name—In solemn oaths the name of Jehovah alone should be used, not that of any of the false gods to whom the heathen appealed (Ps. 63: 11; Isa. 45: 23; 65: 16; Jer. 5: 7; 12: 16). Compare Matt. 5: 34-37, where profane swearing is referred to. 15. A jealous God—He will brook no rival in the affections of his people.

LESSONS. 1. It is not enough to read and commit to memory the Bible, we must do what it bids us. 2. Those who serve God may be sure of his favor and blessing. 3. We must love God far above all other beings. 4. We should study the Bible at home. 5. We are to show our gratitude by our obedience.