

GOLDEN TEXT

1 John 5:3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.

DAILY READINGS

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| M. —Deut. 29:1-13. | Introduction. |
| T. —Deut. 30:11-20. | Loving and obeying God. |
| W. —Deut. 31:1-13. | To be remembered. |
| Th. —Deut. 11:13-25. | Blessing in keeping. |
| F. —James 1:17-27. | Hearers and doers. |
| S. —1 John 2:1-10. | Knowing and keeping. |
| S. —John 14:15-26. | Proof of true love. |

CATECHISM

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requireth of man?
A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 40. What did God at first reveal to men for the rule of his obedience?

A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

TIME AND PLACE

The same as the last lesson. Moses, an old man of 120 years, just before his death, delivers his farewell address to the Israelites on the plains of Moab.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Possibility of Obedience, 11-14.
To a law which is in the heart.
- II. The Blessings of Obedience, 15, 16.
Life and prosperity in the Promised Land.
- III. The Penalties of Disobedience, 17, 18.
To be cut off from life and hope.
- IV. An Earnest Appeal, 19, 20.
From the dying leader.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 245; 92 (Ps. Sel.); 232; 569; 535; 238.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—11-14 To whom were these words spoken? By whom? How near to the close of his life? To whose commands did He refer? In what brief form had they been given? (Ex. 20.) Where does he say the commandment is not? Where does he say the word is? What practical conclusion drawn from this fact?

15, 16 What choice set before the people? How are life and good connected? How, death and evil? What is the way of life as told in v. 16? Who said of Himself, "I am the Way"? What are meant by God's "commandments" His "statutes," His "judgments"? What is the reward of obedience?

17, 18 What threats against disobedience? Do like threats hold good now?

19, 20 To whom does Moses appeal to witness to his faithfulness? What had he set before the people? What would be the reward of love and obedience?

Seniors and the Home Department—11-14 Which is the first and great commandment? (Matt. 22:38.) How should it be kept? (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37.) Whence does love to God come? (Gal. 5:22; 1 John 4:19; Ps. 116:1.) What should it produce? (Ps. 5:11; 1 John 5:1, 3.) What is the object of the "word"? (Ps. 19:7; Eph. 5:26; John 17:17; 20:31; 1 Pet. 2:2.)

15 How should we spend our natural lives? (1 Pet. 1:17; Luke 1:75; 1 Tim. 2:2.) How is spiritual life begun? (1 Pet. 1:23.) How maintained? (John 6:57; Gal. 2:20; Matt. 4:4.) Who delivers from the fear of death? (Heb. 2:14, 15.) Of what is spiritual death the result? (Rom. 5:15.) What does death

eternal follow? (Rom. 6:16; Matt. 25:46.)

16-18 What commands given to the people? What blessings to follow the keeping of them? What punishment to follow the breaking of them?

19, 20 What choice should we make? Why? Through whom is life given? (Rom. 5:21; 6:23.)

Prove from Scripture—That a choice is placed before us.

Practical Points—1. The last words of the dying are very sacred. Surely these words of Moses to the people, whose leader he had been for forty years and to whom he is now bidding farewell, will be remembered. Alas! they were soon forgotten; so perverse are the hearts of men and so set on their own way, rather than God's.

2. "That thou mayest do it," v. 14. "God's law can be done, and therefore it must be done."—Peloubet.

3. "The gospel believed is a fountain in the heart; the gospel confessed is the stream through the mouth."

4. "Therefore choose life." Some choice we must make; and our all for time and for eternity depends upon which choice it is.

5. Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,

In the strife of Truth and Falsehood, for the good or evil side;

Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,

Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right.

And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What was the choice here set before the people?

2. What the blessing? What the punishment?

3. What choice does Christ offer?