

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE PENTATEUCH.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON VIII. [Aug. 21. THE MANNA; or, BREAD FROM HEAVEN

Exod. 16. 1-8. Commit to memory verses 4, 5.

1. And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness

3. And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, and when we did eat bread to the full for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4. Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or no.

5. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in: and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6. And Moses and Aaron said unto the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of Egypt.

7. And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord, for that he heareth your murmurings against the Lord: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?

8. And Moses said, This shall be, when the Lord shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the Lord heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him, and what are ye? your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my father giveth you the true bread from heaven John 6. 32.

OUTLINE.

- 1. The Bread of Egypt, v. 1-3. 2. The Bread from Heaven, v. 4-8. TIME.—B. C. 1491.

PLACE.—The wilderness of Sin, between Elim and Sinai.

CONNECTING LINKS.—1. The song of Moses, Exod. 15. 1-21 2 The bitter waters of Marah. Exod. 15. 22-26. 3. The encampment at Elim. Exod. 15. 27.

EXPLANATIONS.—Wilderness of Sin—Near the Red Sea, half way to Mount Sinai, a desert and dry region. Murmured—They showed a spirit of distrust toward God, who had kept them, and might be expected still to keep them. Would to God—A wicked wish that they could have died in the plagues of Egypt. Flesh-pots—The large vessels in which food was cooked. Bread—Here meaning all kinds of food. Ye have brought—They blamed Moses and Aaron, forgetting that they were led by the pillar of cloud. I will rain bread—A promise showing at once God's mercy, God's power, and God's long-suffering. A certain rate every day—Enough each day for the day's needs. Prove them—Testing their faith by their daily dependence upon God. The sixth day—The day before the Sabbath. Prepare—On other days they prepared only enough for one day, on this day, enough for two. Ye shall know that the Lord—By the food sent by him. See the glory of the Lord—This may mean some special glory in the cloudy column, or it may refer to the manna which he promised. Murmurings against the Lord—In murmuring against Moses, they were murmuring against him who directed Moses. Flesh to eat—In a multitude of quails that covered the camp, v. 13. Bread to the full—In the manna. The manna represent Christ: 1. It was needed. 2. It came from God. 3. It was a free gift. Each family must obtain it for themselves. 4. It must be gathered in time. 5. There was enough for all.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. The Bread of Egypt, v. 1-3. From what place did the Israelites journey? What had they found at Elim. Exod. 15. 27. Into what wilderness did they enter?

Where was this wilderness? How long had they been away from Egypt? What sport did they show? Against whom did they really murmur? v. 8.

What did they wish had taken place? Why was this a wicked wish? How did it show want of faith in God? What reason did they have for trusting God's care?

Why did God let them suffer at this time? Deut. 8. 3.

2. The Bread from Heaven, v. 4-8. How did God show his mercy to the people? What did he promise to them? What was this bread from heaven? v. 14. What did they call it? v. 15. How did they prepare it? Num. 11. 8. Did they ever grow tired of it? Num. 11. 6. Who was represented by the manna? [Golden Text.]

How did the manna represent Christ? John 6. 51. What were the people commanded to do on the sixth day?

What was the purpose of this? v. 29. What is the command concerning the Sabbath? Exod. 20. 8-10.

What did Moses and Aaron say should take place?

How were they to know that the Lord had led them?

What was the "flesh" given them to eat? v. 13. What is said in Isa. 78, 27, 28.

From whom do we receive our daily food? Matt. 6. 25, 26. How should we seek it? Matt. 6. 11.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson do we find— 1. How easily past mercies are forgotten? 2. How kindly God deals with his people? 3. How abundantly God supplies our needs?

THE LESSON CATECHISM

1. Where did the Israelites journey after crossing the Red Sea? In the Wilderness of Sin. 2. What trouble there came upon them? A want of food. 3. How did they show their lack of faith? By murmuring at Moses. 4. What did God promise them? Bread from heaven. 5. What was the name of the food which God gave them? The manna. 6. Whom did it represent? Christ, the bread of life.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The bread of life.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON IX. [Aug. 28. THE COMMANDMENTS; or, LOVE TOWARD GOD.

Exod. 20. 1-11. Commit to memory verses 3-11.

1. And God spake all these words, saying, 2. I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6. And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work:

10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. Matt. 22. 37, 38.

OUTLINE.

- 1. The One God, v. 1-3. 2. The Worship of God, v. 4-6. 3. The Name of God, v. 7. 4. The Day of God, v. 8-11.

TIME.—B. C. 1491.

PLACE.—Mount Sinai, in the Wilderness.

CONNECTING LINKS.—1. Water from the rock at Rephidim. Exod. 17. 1-7. 2. Battle with the Amalekites. Exod. 17. 8-16. 3. Encampment before Mount Sinai. Exod. 19. 1, 13. 4. The glory of the Lord upon the mount. Exod. 19. 16-20.

EXPLANATIONS.—God spake—With his own voice, from Mount Sinai. Thy God—The God of all men, but in a special sense the God of the Israelites, whom he had led out of bondage. No other gods—There is no other God besides the Lord, but men have always shown themselves ready to find other objects of worship. Before me—Whatever is loved or sought in preference to God is held before him. Graven image—Meaning any kind of an image for worship. The sin is not in making images, but in making them for worship. Heaven above Sun, moon, or stars. Water under the earth—Rather, "the water below the level of the earth." Jealous God—One who demands all the service of men's hearts. Visiting the iniquity—Punishing sins. Fathers upon the children—Children always suffer for the wickedness of their parents, as the children of drunkards. God intends that men shall be afraid to sin, for their children's sakes, if not for their own. Unto thousands—"To the thousandth generation," that is forever. In vain—Swearing falsely or lightly. It does not forbid oaths taken before a magistrate. God's name should ever be spoken reverently. Sabbath day—The day of rest. Not do any work—That is, none but what is necessary. Thy cattle—All beasts of burden are here meant. Thy stranger—The traveller or foreigner who may be within the gates of the city. Six days—This may mean six creative periods.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. The One God, v. 1-3. Who spoke the words of this law? Where did he utter them? Deut. 5. 22. By what name did he call himself? How did he show himself to be the God of Israel? What is the first commandment? Is there more than one God? 1 Cor. 8. 6. What is meant by "other gods"? How may we have other gods?

2. The Worship of God, v. 4-6. What is the second commandment? What does it forbid? What is here said about the character of God?

In what respect is God jealous? [See Explanations.] Upon whom does God visit iniquity, and how? Upon whom does God show mercy? Who is it that loves God? John 14. 21.

3. The Name of God, v. 7. What is the third commandment? What is it to take God's name in vain? What warning is given with this commandment? What did Christ say in Matt. 5. 34, 37? How should we ever speak God's name?

4. The Day of God, v. 8-11. What is the fourth commandment? What does this commandment forbid? How should the day be kept? Isa. 58. 13. Why was this day chosen? What day is now kept as the Christian Sabbath? Why is it chosen? Mark 16. 9. What work may be done upon the Sabbath? How are the first four commandments summed up in the GOLDEN TEXT.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson do we learn— 1. That we should serve God only? 2. That we should speak God's name reverently? 3. That we should keep God's day holy?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Where were the ten commandments given? At Mount Sinai. 2. How were they given? By the voice of God. 3. What does the first commandment forbid? Serving other gods than the Lord. What does the second commandment forbid? Making and worshipping idols. 5. What does the third commandment forbid? Profane swearing. 6. What does the fourth commandment require? The keeping of the Sabbath.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Righteous toward God.

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