

How had the ten spies acted?

Who had stood with Caleb in an honest and courageous report?

What of Joshua's strength and vigor?

To what does he ascribe it?

What does he propose to do with his foes?

In whose strength will he fight?

What response does Joshua make?

On what ground?

The two names of Caleb's portion?

### Prove from Scripture

That God keeps His faithful servants.

### Topics for Brief Papers

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. The two faithful spies.
2. Old age with honor.
3. Following the Lord fully,

### The Catechism

**Ques. 47.** *What the First Commandment Forbids.* This question shows how much is included in the First Commandment, how it touches the religious life at every point, and in how many ways it is apt to be broken.

Breaches of this commandment fall, broadly, into two classes, negative and positive. Of these the negative offences are dealt with first. It is forbidden to deny that there is a God, whether the denial be made in so many words or consist in living as if there were no God. That is to say, all

atheism, whether in thought or practice, is condemned. It is a sin, also, to withhold from God the worship and glory which belong to Him as at once the true God and our God.

The positive transgression of this law consists in giving to others what is due to God alone. This is even a more grievous wrong than denying the existence of God or withholding from Him rightful worship. We have here a condemnation of the sin of honoring false gods who were no gods, which prevailed among the heathen nations surrounding Israel, and of the combination of the worship of Jehovah and idols which was the form of idolatry peculiar to Israel, and was common among the colonists of Samaria, 2 Kings 17:28-41. The law tells also against the Roman Catholic practice of offering prayers to saints and angels and paying divine honor to the Virgin Mary. It is true that the Roman Catholic church seeks to justify such practices by saying that the honor paid to saints and angels and the Virgin is of a lower kind than that paid to God, but the mark by which the two kinds of honor are distinguished is not satisfactory. Hodge says: "The important principle is this: Any homage, internal or external, which involves the ascription of divine attributes to its object, if that object be a creature, is idolatrous."

### FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

**Links**—A new family moved into the house next door. Fred and Mary watched them coming and ran in great glee to tell mother that "they had counted seven little Bruces coming to live next door";

what a large family!

Do you remember how many big families there were of the children of Israel—we'll hold up hands and count ten fingers and thumbs twice—twelve tribes (families).

**Lesson Thought**—God remembers me.

**Lesson**—The Bruces have their own house and garden. You have your own house and garden. Families all have their own houses and these twelve big families coming into the

