

SABBATH, February 28th.—LESSON IX: The Land Divided.—Josh. xviii. 1-10.

**Leader.** 1 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there; and the land was subdued before them.

**School.** 2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

**L. 3** And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?

**S. 4** Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me.

**L. 5** And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

**S. 6** Ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to

me, that I may cast lots for you here before the Lord our God.

**L. 7** But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave them.

**S. 8** And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go, and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the Lord in Shiloh.

**L. 9** And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came again to Joshua at the host at Shiloh.

**S. 10** And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

**HOME READINGS:** *M.* Josh. xviii. 1-10. *Tu.* Num. xxxiii. 50-56. *W.* Acts i. 15-26. *Th.* Heb. vi. *F.* Phil. i. 1-14. *S.* Rev. xxi. 9-27. *S.* 1 Cor. 12.

**TOPIC:** SURVEYING THE HERITAGE OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** THE LINES ARE FALLEN UNTO ME IN PLEASANT PLACES; YEA, I HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE. Psa. vi. 16.

**OUTLINE:** 1. THE "PLEASANT PLACES" OF CANAAN, v. 1-3; Joel iii. 18; Rev. xxii. 1, 2.  
2. THE "LINES" OF DIVISION, v. 4-9; Eph. ii. 14, 19.  
3. THE "GOODLY HERITAGE," v. 10; Heb. xi. 16.

#### QUESTIONS, etc.

Recite TITLE.

To what land does it refer?

Recite GOLDEN TEXT, TOPIC, and OUTLINE.

1. The "pleasant places" of Canaan, v. 1-3.

What fact about "the land" is stated in v. 1, and what question in v. 3?

Which tribes had not yet received their inheritance? [See v. 11; and chap. xix. 1, 10, 17, 24, 32, 40.]

Why were the "places" of Canaan "pleasant" to the people?

Of what pleasant places does Jesus speak in John xiv. 2, 3?

2. The "lines" of division, v. 4-9.

From verses 4-9 give an account of Joshua's plan for dividing the land.

What "lines" does God now make among his people? [See 1 Cor. xii. 8-11.]

3. The "goodly heritage," v. 10.

What is meant by "heritage" and "goodly?"

What was the part given each tribe in Canaan a "goodly heritage?"

What is the "goodly heritage" of Christians?

Who gives it, and how is it gained?

Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. That God cares for all his children?

2. That all do not get the same blessing?

DOCTRINE: Christian progress.

#### LESSON HYMN.

God is our refuge and defence;

In trouble our unfailing aid;

Secure in his omnipotence,

What foe can make our souls afraid?

Yea, though the earth's foundations rock,

And mountains down the gulf be hur'd,

His people smile amid the shock:

They look beyond this transient world.

#### QUESTION AND ANSWER.

24. Are all transgressions of the law equally great?

All transgressions of the law are not equally great; for some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

John xix. 11. He that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.