

The promises of heaven will never fail if their conditions are fulfilled. v. 10.

National prosperity depends upon national piety. vs. 11, 12.

Prove from Scripture

That the Lord requires purity.

Lesson Questions

[From the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY]

Juniors—Who was governor of Judah at this time? From whose words is the Lesson taken?

1 Whom did the people wish to come? Would He come? Whom would He send before Him? What messenger came before Christ?

2-5 What would Christ's coming bring to the wicked? To the good? To what two things is He likened? How does the Lord feel toward evil?

6-8 Does God ever cease to love us? Why then do we sometimes suffer? What had the Jews kept back from God?

10-12 What were the people required to do? What does God promise that He will do?

Seniors and the Home Department—What evils prevailed among the Jews? What prophet spoke against them? Who sought to set things right?

1-5 What question had the Jews been asking? Why? How were they to prepare

for the Lord's coming? (Matt. 3:2.) Describe the twofold result of the Lord's coming. What great separation will be made at the last judgment? (Matt. 25:32, 33.)

6-8 What is God's invitation to sinners? Mention a psalm that describes the blessedness of forgiveness. (Psalm 32.)

10-12 What were the Jews required to give for God's service? What sort of giving pleases God? (2 Cor. 9:7.) Should our giving be methodical? (1 Cor. 16:2.)

The Catechism

Ques. 107. *The Lord's Prayer*—its conclusion. In the conclusion of the Lord's prayer we have: 1. A ground of encouragement in prayer. It points us to one who is able to fulfil all our petitions. He is the Ruler of all things, 1 Chron. 29:11. All the power in the universe belongs to Him, Matt. 28:18. 2. The duty of giving praise a place in our prayers. Bible prayers are full of praise. See, for example, the Psalms, especially such a Psalm as the One Hundred and Third; the recorded prayers of Jesus (Matt. 11:25; John, ch. 17); and the prayers of Paul (see Eph. 3:20, 21). 3. The confidence that prayer will be heard. This confidence finds expression in the word "Amen", which means, "So be it." In using it we call upon God solemnly and with assurance, to grant the requests presented.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Lesson Subject—God redeeming His people by promising them a Saviour.

Introduction—Show an article made of silver, or a piece of silver money. Where do we get silver? Does it look

just like this when it is found in the ground? What has to be done to prepare it for use? Explain the refining process by means of fire or chemicals.

Lesson—Malachi, the last of God's prophets, tells the children of Israel about the Messiah coming to the world. They had begun to think that God did not mind if their ways were sinful. They thought He would not punish sin. God sent Malachi to tell them about the Saviour who would take away their sin.

