

THE RUINS OF BAALBEC.

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THIRTY miles north of Damascus lie the mysterious ruins of Baalbec, the splendid "city of the sun." According to an ancient tradition, it is identical with Baaeth, one of the garrison cities which Solomon built for Pharaoh's daughter, who was his wife. The great temple of Baal, a thousand feet in length, is unequalled for grandeur and beauty in the world. Several of its stones are over sixty feet long, and one, which lies still in the quarry, is sixty-eight feet long and fourteen feet broad and high. How they were placed in the wall is a mystery. Six noble Corinthian columns still stand, the last of fifty-four. They are seventy-five feet high, seven feet in diameter, and support an exquisitely carved entablature, fourteen feet deep. The great doorway shown in the engraving is forty-two feet high, and is partly filled with rubbish. A part of the lintel has fallen and is supported by a pier of rude masonry. Its exquisite carving will be observed.

MORNING SONG.

NIGHT is over ; light is streaming ;
Through my window-pane 'tis come ;
And the sun's bright rays are beaming
On my own dear happy home.
God has watched me through the night ;
God it is who sends us light.

Night is over ; some poor children
Have been homeless, sleepless, ill ;
God has let me rest so sweetly
In my chamber, warm and still.
Lord, I thank Thee for Thy love ;
Raise my morning thoughts above.

Night is over ; heavenly Father,
I would bend my knees and pray ;
Help my weakness, guide me safely,
Watch and keep me all the day.
Take away my love of sin ;
Let Thy Spirit rule within.

LESSON NOTES.

B C. 444.] **LESSON VII.** [Feb 16.

THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS ; OR, THE HOLY LIFE.
Psalm 1. 1-6. **Commit to memory verses 1-6.**

NOTES.—The Hebrew name of the Psalms is "The Book of Praise." It is by different authors. The inscriptions of the Psalms, which are very ancient, ascribe seventy-three to David, two to Solomon, twelve to Asaph, twelve to the sons of Korah, one to Ethan, one to Moses, and leave forty-nine anonymous.

OUTLINE.

1. The way of the righteous. v. 1-3.
2. The way of the ungodly. v. 4-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Prov. 4 18.

- 1 Shun evil companionship.
2. Seek knowledge from God's word.
3. Remember that God knows all your ways.

Find the name of the king, grandson of David, who walked in the counsel of the ungodly.... Find the name of a King of Judah, a descendant of David, who began to reign at eight years of age, and who walked in the ways of the righteous.

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THE KING IN ZION ; OR, THE HOLY LORD.
Psalm 2. 1-12. **Commit to memory verses 1-6.**

OUTLINE.

1. His foes. v. 1-5.
2. His friends. v. 6-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Acts 2. 36.

INTRODUCTORY:—When was the first promise of a Saviour? Gen. 3. 15. To whom was the next promise made? Gen. 12. 2. By whom did the next promise come? Gen. 49. 10. What promise came by Moses? Deut. 18. 15. What promise of Christ was given to David? Psa. 89. 19-29.

1. "Be wise." v. 10.
- 2 "Serve the Lord." v. 11.
3. "Trust in him." v. 12.

Find in Acts where the disciples quoted the beginning of this Psalm in prayer.... Find how many times Jesus speaks of his kingdom in the Gospel of Mark.