

## EXPLANATIONS.

**Job answered the Lord**—Eihu, without introduction, follows Job's three friends, and tries to vindicate God's government of the affairs of men. His remarks are interrupted by a storm which rolls across the desert, and out of the thundercloud the voice of God is heard. When the Voice is silent Job confesses his error in the words of our lesson. **I uttered that I understood not**—Job perceives that it is foolish indeed for man to call in question God's way. **Dust and ashes**—In oriental lands people sit down in the dust and cover their heads with ashes as a sign of grief. **The words**—The words of chapters 38 to 41. **Spoken of me**—Better, spoken unto me. **Seven**—The perfect number; a complete

sacrifice. **Offer up for yourselves**—This passage is one of several which seem to prove the great antiquity of the story of Job. **Turned the captivity**—His sufferings were due to a certain bondage to evil powers. **Twice as much**—double the amount of property.

## CATECHISM QUESTION.

21. How is it proved that the Holy Spirit inspired the Old Testament Scriptures?  
Chiefly by the words of our Lord and his apostles. Matthew xxii. 43. He saith unto them, How then doth David in the Spirit call him Lord.  
2 Peter i. 21. Men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Ghost.

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## LESSON V. WISDOM'S WARNING.

[April 30.]

## Prov. i. 20-33.

[Commit to memory verses 20-23.]

20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded:

25 But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and he filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whose harkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

## HOME READINGS.

M. Prov. i. 20-33. Tu. Isa. 1. 16-20. W. Heb. 10. 26-31. Th. Jer. 11. 9-14. F. Luke 13. 24-30. S. Isa. 55. 1-7. S. Heb. 12. 25-29.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. (Heb. 12. 25.)

## LESSON HYMNS.

New Canadian Hymnal, Nos. 82, 84, 96.  
Dominion Hymnal, Nos. 281, 81, 248.

**AUTHOR**—Solomon, who wrote "three thousand proverbs." Part of the present collection was compiled under King Hezekiah, but the portion from which our lesson is taken is unquestionably Solomon's.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. **Wisdom's Invitation, v. 20-23.**  
Where does Wisdom utter her cry?  
What are her words to the simple?  
What two other classes does she address?  
What does she invite all to do?  
What does she promise to such as repent?  
What is Jesus' promise to the penitent? (Matt. 11. 28.)  
Where does true repentance cause joy? (Luke 15. 7.)
2. **Wisdom's Warning, v. 24-33.**  
How had Wisdom's call been regarded?  
How had her counsel been received?  
How will Wisdom treat such scorners?  
How is their time of trial described?  
What then will the scorners do?  
What success will they have?  
Why will they not be heard?  
What does Wisdom say about the fear of the Lord? (Verse 7.)  
What had these people despised?  
What penalty must they suffer?  
Whose prosperity is their ruin?

Who is his promise of safety and peace?

What wise counsel ought we all to heed? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

## THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Whose inspiring voice is heard in our streets, our homes, and our hearts? **The voice of Wisdom.**

2. What does she say to the simple ones, scorners, and fools? **"Turn you at my reproof."**

3. What does she say shall befall those who scorn her reproof, but afterward call to her in distress and anguish? **"They shall not find me."**

4. What does she say concerning prosperous fools? **"The prosperity of fools shall destroy them."**

5. What is the GOLDEN TEXT? **"See that ye refuse not,"** etc.

## EXPLANATIONS.

**Wisdom**, in this book stands for *right living*, morally and religiously. It begins with "the fear of the Lord." Rightly understood, true Wisdom and true religion offer the same counsels and direct in the same courses. **The chief place of concourse** was the crowded thoroughfare of the city. **The gates** were the places of popular resort. **Simple ones**—inexperienced and heedless ones. **Will laugh at your calamity**—This phrase simply means that the moral government of the universe unvaryingly pays the wages which sin has earned.

## CATECHISM QUESTION.

22. How is it proved that the New Testament is inspired by the Holy Spirit?

The Saviour told his apostles that they should be witnesses of him, and promised that the Spirit should bring his words to their remembrance, and teach them things to come.

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