

THIRD QUARTER.

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LESSONS.—1. God is jealous of his honor, and punishes those who, like Uzzah, profane his ordinances. 2. Happy is the family which receives Christ as Obededom received the ark of the covenant.

No. 10.—Mephibosheth. 2 Sam. 9, 1—13.

Mephibosheth was a child of 5 years when Saul and his sons died; his lameness was caused by his nurse letting him fall as she fled when she heard the tidings of his father and grand-father's death—2 Sam. 4, 4. *Eat bread at my table continually*, that is, on all public occasions. Eastern monarchs commonly eat alone. *All that pertained to Saul*, (v. 9,) that is, all the property of his family.

LESSONS.—1. Like David, we should fulfil our engagements—1 Sam. 20, 42. 2. We should search out those who are entitled to receive kindness at our hands. 3. How great is the love of Christ in permitting us to enjoy fellowship with him at his own table—1 Cor. 10, 16.

No. 11.—Death of Absalom. 2 Sam. 18, 9—17.

Absalom, the third son of David, by Ahin-oam (chap. 3, 3,) and distinguished for his beauty, had rebelled against his father—chap. 15, 10—12. His hair, which was his pride, now becomes his ruin. *Joab* was the son of Zeruiah, David's sister, and, therefore, cousin of Absalom. David had indulged Absalom too much and now reaps the sad fruits.

LESSONS.—1. Disobedience to parents exposes to fearful judgments. 2. That in which men glory,