

2. *The man chosen.* His name is Abram—"father of elevation," a chief. A massive man, of independent judgment, a leader amongst his kind; but remarkable chiefly because he obeyed God; and he obeyed because he trusted. "Faithful Abraham" the Bible styles him. (Gal. 3: 9.) Perhaps the best measure of a man is his faith in God.

3. *The test put upon him.* To cut his life in two, leaving country, home, kindred at the bare call of God. Abram stood the test, and that is the highest of praise accorded to him.

4. *The six-fold promise.* For the details see Exposition, vs. 2, 3. Only the Almighty God can make such a promise, and only the All-merciful God would have made it.

5. *The ready obedience.* It is the office of faith to trust and obey. It does not ask questions. There is a grand simplicity in the words—"So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him" (v. 4).

6. *Courage and perseverance.* Having put his hand to the plough, he will not turn back. Into the very centre of the land he penetrates, in spite of the jealous Canaanite.

7. *Heavenly encouragement.* It would be a good exercise to count in Scripture the occasions on which God appeared, to succor His servants.

8. *Altar building and worship;* by which

God is honored, and through which Abram is nourished and strengthened for his tasks of faith.

Prove from Scripture

That family worship is a privilege.

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. The tests and proofs of Abram's faith.
2. The promise made to Abram.
3. Our call to holiness and service.

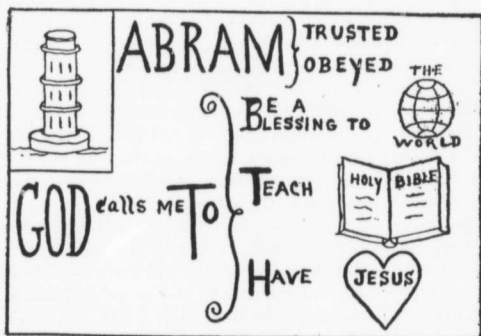
The Catechism Question

Ques. 87. *Repentance unto life.* Another of the great words of Scripture and of practical religion. "Except ye repent," said our Lord, "ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13: 3, 5). The sense may be brought out by a series of questions. Who are to repent? The sinner. What leads him to it? The grace of God. How does that grace affect him? It gives him "a true sense of sin," and a true sight of God's mercy in Christ. How does he regard his sin? He grieves over it and hates it. From what does he turn? His sin. To whom? To God. With what set purpose and endeavor? To obey with the new heart and in the new spirit which God bestows upon him. In what does repentance unto life result? It is a "saving grace."

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Connection—Show Story Book or draw outline of ark. Recall lesson.

Introduction—Can you tell me the name of our country? Name of the country where



our King and Queen live? Name of any other nation? If you go to Italy, France, China, etc., you cannot talk to the people because they do not speak like we do. Have you seen little Pedro, the Italian fruit man's son, and Pierre, the French boy, and the Chinese man who washes clothes? We cannot talk in their languages.

Tower of Babel—Outline of a tower. Noah's sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren again peopled the earth.