

abideth ever; as Isaac remained in Abraham's household, while Ishmael was sent away, Gen. 21 : 10. The Son shall make you free . . . indeed. Jesus has the freedom of a Son in his Father's house. Ye are Abraham's seed; the descendants, that is, of Abraham. Yet ye seek to kill me. These people, though they believed the words of Jesus, were mastered by feelings of hate and murder towards him. To be free, they must get rid of these. Merely being Abraham's descendants could not make them free. My word hath no place. They did not obey it as Abraham obeyed God, Gen. 12 : 4.

III. JESUS GIVING JOY.—56-58. Abraham rejoiced to see my day; that is, Abraham rejoiced in the certainty of the promises which were fulfilled in the coming of Christ. Saw it. The Old Testament saints in paradise were permitted to know that the Messiah had come. Not yet fifty years old. The Jews misunderstood Jesus to say that he had lived, in a literal sense, along with Abraham. Before Abraham was, I am. Christ is an eternal, while Abraham was a created, being.

LESSON QUESTIONS

12 Where was Jesus speaking? During what feast? What did he call himself? To what custom of the feast did he refer? What psalm describes God's Word as "a light unto my path?" (Ps. 119 : 105.) Where are Jesus' disciples called "the light of the world?" (Matt. 5 : 14.)

31, 32 Explain "believed him" (Rev. Ver.). How do we become the true disciples of Jesus? How does Jesus make us free? Where does Paul say that Christians are "made free from sin?" (Rom. 6 : 18.)

33, 34 What claim did the hearers of Jesus make? Was this claim true? Of what kind of slavery had Jesus spoken?

35-37 Who alone can free us from sin? How did the Jews of Jesus' time show that they were not true descendants of Abraham? Who are the true seed of Abraham? (Gal. 3 : 29.)

56-58 What did Jesus say of Abraham? What did Jesus claim for himself? Where does Jesus teach that Abraham is living? (Mark 12 : 26, 27.)

MORE MEN AND BETTER MEN

Our leaders in the great War are calling for more men. These are urgently needed to take the places of

those who have fallen in the fight. But, at the same time, tens of thousands of men, in Great Britain, are being permitted to perish every year through the use of strong drink. It is said that, in the motherland, more lives are annually lost by drink than were lost in the first eighteen months of the War. Alcohol injures the health and shortens the life of the drinker. Besides, it is the cause of innumerable accidents which cause loss of life. A careful observer says that, during a certain period of five years, every accident in the British Navy, which was publicly investigated, was due to drink. If it were not for drink, Britain could easily find more men for the army. And better men, too. A young Englishman who had served as a trooper in the South African War, was asked how it was that the Boers so constantly outwitted and trapped our men. He replied in four words: "The Boers don't drink."

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is the drunkard or the drink-seller most to be blamed?
2. Does prohibition interfere unduly with personal liberty?

A PRAYER

We thank thee, Lord Jesus, that in thee is life for us who have been dead in sin. We rejoice that thou hast invited us to come to thee and drink. May we not grieve thee by hewing out for ourselves broken cisterns in which there is no water, but may we receive from the fountain that is ever flowing and overflowing for those who have ears to hear and eyes to see. Teach us the joy of living for others, following in thy steps. And to thee shall be all the glory. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That sin makes us slaves.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 21-29.

The Question on Missions—11. Tell about the results of this work. The dispensary, in Toronto was started in 1903, in Winnipeg in 1911, and in Montreal in 1914. In the three dispensaries nearly 6,000 individual cases have been cared for by doctors and nurses. Besides, many have learned that Jesus is truly the promised Messiah. They are now, therefore, sending their children to our Sunday Schools, mothers come to our sewing classes and services and many join the Christian church.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What does Jesus mean by calling himself "the light of the world?"

2. How are we made free from sin?

3. Give some reasons against the use of drink.

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