

LESSON NOTES.

B.C. 6.] LESSON III. [Jan. 16.
PROPHECY OF ZACHARIAS; or, The Dayspring from on High.

Luke 1. 67-79. Commit to memory verses 76-79.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Dayspring from on high hath visited us. Luke 1. 78.

OUTLINE.

1. The Redeemer, v. 67-75.
2. The Forerunner, v. 76-79.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *The Redeemer*, v. 67-75.—Who gave this prophecy? Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. When did he give it? Soon after John the Baptist was born. What had happened to Zacharias after the visit of the angel? He had been dumb. Why had this happened to him? Because he did not believe the angel's promise. When was he able to speak again? When John was born. What did he then speak? The words of this prophecy. How did he begin his prophecy? With praise to God. For what did he praise God? For sending a Redeemer. What Redeemer has God sent? His Son, Jesus Christ. From what does the Redeemer save men? From sin. For what besides did Zacharias praise God? For keeping his promise of mercy. To whom had God given promises? To Abraham. How did Zacharias say that God should be served? In holiness and righteousness.

2. *The Forerunner*, v. 75-79.—What is a forerunner? One who goes before to make ready for another. Of what forerunner did Zacharias speak? Of John the Baptist. Before whom did John go? Before Jesus Christ. What work did John do for Christ? He made the people ready for him. How did he make the people ready? By telling them to turn from their sins. By what name did Zacharias speak of Christ? [Golden Text.] What is the "dayspring?" The sunrise. How is Christ the dayspring or sunrise? Because he brings light to men. Where does he guide our feet? Into the way of peace. How may we describe Zacharias' song? A song of sunrise, light, and peace.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Praise God for giving you a Redeemer.
2. Let him lead you into the way of peace.
3. Seek to have your sins forgiven.
4. Serve God all the days of your life.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—The faithfulness of God.

B.C. 6.] LESSON IV. [Jan. 23.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS; or, Good-will toward Men.

Luke 2. 8-20.

Commit to memory verses 10-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men. Luke 2. 14. L

OUTLINE.

1. The Night Watch, v. 8-12.
2. The Night Song, v. 13, 14.
3. The Night Visit, v. 15-20.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *The Night Watch*, v. 8-12.—Who were watching? Shepherds with their flock. Where were they watching? In the fields near Bethlehem. When were they watching? At night. Who came to them? An angel of the Lord. How did they feel when they saw the angel? They were afraid. What were the first words of the angel? "Fear not." What else did he say? "I bring you glad tidings of great joy." What were the tidings? That Jesus was born that day. How did the angel say that they might know him? As a babe lying in a manger.

2. *The Night Song*, v. 13, 14.—Who suddenly appeared? A multitude of angels. What did they say? [Golden Text.] For what were they praising God? Because Christ had come. What does Christ bring to men? Peace and good-will. How does he do this? By making those who love him love all other men. For what, then, was the babe of Bethlehem born? To be a blessing to everybody.

3. *The Night Visit*, v. 15-20.—What did the shepherds say after the visit of the angels? "Let us go to Bethlehem." Why did they go there? To see Jesus. When did they go? At once. When should we go to seek Christ? As soon as we hear about him. Whom did they find? Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. Who was this babe? The Lord Jesus Christ. What good thing did the shepherds afterward do? They told others about Jesus. How were the words of the shepherds received? With wonder. In what spirit did the shepherds go back to their flock? With praises to God.

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