

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 7.

FEBRUARY 18th, 1894.

1st QUARTER.

God's Judgment on Sodom. Gen. 18: 22-33.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right." Gen. 18: 25.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 23-26. LESSON HYMNS, 10, 40, 145, 173.

PROVE THAT—We should pray for all men. 1 Tim. 2: 1.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 89. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Gen. 18: 20-33	Gen. 18: 5-13	Gen. 19: 12-17	Gen. 19: 23-29	Matt. 11: 20-26	Luke 17: 26-33	2 Pet. 2: 4-9

To the Teacher.—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—The first part of this chapter presents us with a beautiful picture of patriarchal hospitality. See a reference to this occasion in Heb. 13: 2, and read what Christ says in regard to kindness to the needy, Luke 14: 12-14. Hospitality is enjoined as a Christian virtue in Rom. 12: 13; 1 Tim. 3: 2; 5: 10; Tit. 1: 8; 1 Pet. 4: 9; 3 John 5-8.

The five "cities of the plain," Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zebaim and Zoar, were probably situated at the north end of the Dead Sea near the mouth of the river Jordan. Like the world before the flood, they had become so wicked that God, although ever "merciful and gracious" (Ex. 34: 6, 7), was compelled to destroy them as a warning to men, and to prevent the evil effects of their bad example. As the whole region is an "oil district," Sir William Dawson suggests that this may have been done by a sudden outburst of burning petroleum and gas. The appearance to a spectator unfamiliar with such scenes would be as if "fire and brimstone were rained out of heaven." This terrible judgment is frequently referred to in the New Testament, Matt. 10: 15; 11: 24; Mark 6: 11; Luke 10: 12; 17: 28, 29; Rom. 9: 29; 2 Pet. 2: 6-8; Jude 7; Rev. 11: 8.

LESSON PLAN. I. Abraham's Intercession. vs. 22-26. II. Persistent Pleading. vs. 27-33.

Turn up all the passages referred to and you will be surprised to find what a wonderfully interesting book the Bible is.

I. ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION. God had just told Abraham what he was going to do, and the two angels who accompanied him went on towards Sodom on their mission of mercy to Lot and his family. But Abraham seems loath to leave until he had pleaded for the miserable sinners whose "day of grace" was about to close, he stood yet before the LORD, and with deepest reverence and earnestness drew near. Mention two other occasions on which God appeared in human form (Gen. 32: 24-30; Josh. 5: 13-15). *Should

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