

Sabbath School Lessons.

April 16. JOB'S APPEAL TO GOD.

Lesson, Job 23 : 1-10. Golden Text, John 13 : 7.  
Memory vs. 8-10. Catechism Q. 55.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Job 7 : 1-21. .... Job's Complaint.  
T. Job 8 : 1-22. .... Bildad's First Address.  
W. Job 9 : 1-35. .... Job's Reply.  
Th. Job 14 : 1-22. .... Man Full of Trouble.  
F. Job 19 : 1-29. .... My Redeemer Liveth.  
S. Job 23 : 1-10. .... Job's Appeal to God.  
S. John 13 : 1-17. .... "Thou Shalt Know Hereafter."

Our lesson passage to-day is the beginning of Job's reply to the words of Eliphaz in the preceding chapter. In it he justifies his complaints by the severity of his affliction, and declares that were he tried before God's tribunal, he would be justified by him (vs. 2-7); but God hides himself, though he knows Job's innocence, obedience and loving estimation of his word (vs. 8-16).

QUESTIONS.

*Introductory.*—What was the subject of the last lesson? Who is pronounced happy? What counsel is given? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *Longing to find God*, vs. 1-5.—What did Job say of himself? How did he express his longing for God? Why did he thus long to find him? What would he then do? What did he wish to know?

II. *Confidence in God's Justice*, vs. 6, 7.—How did he express his confidence in God's justice? Who is meant by the *righteous* in vs. 7? What would follow God's decision in his favor?

III. *Assurance of God's Blessing*, vs. 8-10.—In what terms did Job describe his efforts to find God? How did he lament the failure of these efforts? Of what was he nevertheless assured?

PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. Those who truly long to find God are diligent in searching after him.
2. Sometimes God hides himself from those who thus search after him.
3. But he is still their God and Saviour. Isa. 45 : 15.
4. In good time he will be found of all who truly seek him.
5. Trials purify piety and make it more bright and valuable, like gold tried in the fire.

JOB'S CONFESSION AND RESTORATION.

April 23.

Lesson, Job 42 : 1-10. Golden Text, Jas. 5 : 11  
Memory vs. 5, 6. Catechism Q. 56.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Job 31 : 1-33. .... Elihu Reasons with Job.  
T. Job 36 : 1-33. .... God Mighty.  
W. Job 37 : 1-21. .... God Unsearchable.  
Th. Job 38 : 1-41. .... The Lord out of the Whirlwind.  
F. Job 4 : 1-14. .... Job Humbled.  
S. Job 42 : 1-17. .... Job's Confession and Restoration.  
S. James 5 : 1-20. .... The Patience of Job.

*Introductory.*—What was the subject of the last lesson? How did Job express his longing to find God? What appeal did he desire to make to God? How did he declare his assurance of God's favor? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *Job's Submission and Penitence*, vs. 1-6.—When the Lord had spoken, how did Job reply? What confession did he make? What prayer did he offer? How had he known God before? How did he know him now? In what terms did he declare his submission and penitence? How should a sense of sin affect us?

II. *Job's Friends Condemned*, vs. 7-9.—What did the Lord say to Eliphaz? Who were the three friends? Why was the Lord angry with them? What did he command them to do? Did they obey? What was the result? Meaning of the *Lord accepted Job*?

III. *Job's Restoration and Reward*, v. 10.—What did the Lord do for Job? Meaning of *turned the captivity of Job*? What did the Lord give him? What is said of his latter days? vs. 11-17. What does Paul say of God's providential care of those that love him? Rom. 8 : 28 ; 2 Cor. 4 : 17, 18.

PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. The Lord is omnipotent, and we should be submissive when he puts forth his power.
2. We should be careful not to indulge in presumptuous thoughts and words about God.
3. We know nothing aright of God or ourselves until he makes it known to us.
4. Self-loathing is the companion of true repentance, Ezek. 6 : 9.
5. The Lord is a bountiful rewarder of his servants and a liberal repainer of their losses.

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"Some will hate thee, some will love thee,  
Some will flatter, some will slight ;  
Cease from man, and look above thee,—  
Trust in God, and do the right."