

mand did he give to his followers concerning it? To watch and pray.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—The second coming of Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **Watchfulness Enjoined—Against Deception**, v. 21-23. What was the danger of deception to the disciples? How were they to avoid being led astray? What test is given in 1 John 4. 1-3? What is said in 2 John 7? By what similar heresies are we in danger of being led astray?

2. **Watchfulness Enjoined—Against Doubt**, v. 24-31. What events were to take place after that "tribulation"? To what are these words supposed to refer? What lesson may be learned from the fig-tree? What is meant by the words "this generation"? How much of this has been already fulfilled? How much yet remains to be fulfilled?

3. **Watchfulness Enjoined—Against Surprise**, v. 32-37. Of what "day" was Christ speaking? How could the time be unknown to Christ? How should we regard that day? What is our present duty? How is this stated in 1 Peter 4. 7? What is required in the Golden Text?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

1. Against what does this lesson warn us?
2. What privileges does it hold out to us?
3. What duties does it set before us?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

1. **Watchfulness Enjoined—Against Deception**, v. 21-23. Against whom did Jesus tell his disciples to watch? Against false Christs. Who are they? People pretending to be Christ. How would these false Christs try to deceive? By showing signs and wonders. How may we be on our guard against these? By watching and prayer.

2. **Watchfulness Enjoined—Against Doubt**, v. 24-31. What did Jesus say would take place after these troubles? The sun and moon should become dark. Who will then appear? The Son of Man. Who is the Son of Man? Jesus Christ. What is he then to do? To bring together his people.

3. **Watchfulness Enjoined—Against Surprise**, v. 32-37. What did Jesus say of the time when he will come? "Of that day knoweth no man." What did he tell us all to do? To watch and pray. Why should we watch and pray? To be ready when Christ comes. What did the apostle say in the Golden Text? [Repeat Golden Text.]

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Watch over your own heart.
2. Watch over your words.
3. Watch for chances to do good.
4. Watch for your Saviour's coming.

ANALYTICAL & BIBLICAL OUTLINE. The Spirit of a Christian.

I. THE WATCHFUL SPIRIT.

Take ye heed, behold, I have foretold. v. 23.
"Let us watch and be sober." 1 Thess. 5. 6.

II. THE COURAGEOUS SPIRIT.

Powers...in heaven shall be shaken. v. 25.
"Fear not, little flock." Luke 12. 32.

III. THE TRUSTFUL SPIRIT.

Shall gather together his elect. v. 27.
"Make your calling and election sure." I. Pet. 1. 10.

IV. THE BELIEVING SPIRIT.

My word shall not pass away. v. 31.
"Word of our God shall stand forever." Isa. 40. 8.

V. THE WAITING SPIRIT.

Of that day...knoweth no man. v. 32.
"Not for you to know the times." Acts 1. 7.

VI. THE PRAYING SPIRIT.

Take ye heed, watch, and pray. v. 33.
"Pray always...be accounted worthy." Luke 21. 36.

VII. THE WORKING SPIRIT.

To every man his work. v. 34.
"Stewards of the...grace of God." 1 Pet. 4. 10.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL LESSONS.

The Coming of the Lord.

1. It is a certain coming, for the Lord has promised it. v. 26. 31.
2. It will be a visible coming, seen by men. v. 26.
3. It will be a glorious coming, in the clouds and with majesty. v. 26.
4. It will be a joyous coming to those who are the true followers of Christ. v. 27.
5. It will be an unknown coming, with regard to its time. v. 32, 33.
6. It will be an unexpected coming to the Church and to the world. v. 35.
7. It will be a coming to judgment, for all to whom the Lord has given trusts to execute and work to do. v. 35, 36.
8. It is a coming for which God's people should be prepared, by fidelity and watchfulness. v. 35-37.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

55. *Who was the second King of Israel?*
The second King of Israel was David, who was raised to the kingdom from keeping of sheep.