

12, 13. For ye shall go out with joy, etc. A little more than a hundred years after Isaiah died, the people of Judah were carried captive to Babylon. Here they are told that they should one day be set free ("go out") from captivity; and with what joy! All nature will appear to rejoice with them. This is but a sign of the more wonderful freedom and gladness which come to all whom Christ sets free from sin.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The gracious invitation, Isa. 55: 1-13. T.—Look, and be saved, Isa. 45: 18-25. W.—An everlasting covenant, Jer. 32: 36-44. Th.—To-day! Heb. 3: 7-19. F.—Return and forsake! Isa. 1: 10-20. S.—Plenteous redemption, Psalm 130. S.—Christ's invitation, Matt. 11: 25-30.

Prove from Scripture—That gospel blessings are free.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 87. What is repentance unto life? A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience.

The Question on Missions—28. How long did Dr. Geddie labor in Anciteum, and with what results? Dr. Geddie labored in Anciteum 24 years. The words on his memorial tablet thus describe the results: "WHEN HE LANDED IN 1848 THERE WERE NO CHRISTIANS THERE; AND WHEN HE LEFT IN 1872 THERE WERE NO HEATHEN."

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, Ps. Sel. 97 (Supplemental Lesson); 122; 136; 76 (Ps. Sel.); 560 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 148.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—Of whom did the last Lesson tell?

1, 2 What does the prophet say to attract attention? What things are offered? How much is asked for them? How may we "buy" salvation?

3-5 What king is mentioned here? What does "sure mercies" mean? To whom does God promise lovingkindness? What greater King was descended from David?

6, 7 Whom should we seek? When? How does the sinner come back to God? How does God receive Him?

8-13 How much different is God from men? What does this make certain? Tell three things God does in nature. What will He do for us? What will bring us the greatest joy?

Seniors and the Home Department—What does the Lesson describe?

1-5 Show that all men need salvation. (Rom. 3: 23.) That there is only one way to be saved. (Acts 4: 12.) That salvation is offered to all? (Rom. 10: 13.) That God desires all to be saved. (1 Tim. 2: 4.) Give God's covenant with David. (2 Sam. 7: 16.)

7, 6 What is repentance? (Shorter Catechism, Ques. 87.) Quote a promise of pardon. (1 John 1: 9.)

8-13 In what way is it shown that God is certain to forgive? Will do for us all that we need? What is the greatest pledge of His willingness to bless us? (Rom. 8: 32.)

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. The moment the gates of a canal are opened, the water from the higher level rushes down to fill up the lower lock. And so, God's gifts; our faith removes every barrier, and they flow in, an abundant stream, to bless and brighten our lives.

2. "Bread of heaven! on Thee I feed
For Thy flesh is meat indeed.
Ever may my soul be fed
With this true and living Bread."

3. Money, it has been truly said, cannot buy salvation, but it can spread the knowledge of it.

4. Think of all the things we cannot purchase with money—the air and the sunlight, the happiness of home and the love of friends, our civil and religious freedom—why, these are the best things in life, and our debt to God for them can be paid only by a life of loving service.

5. It is a Chinese saying, that a man needs six hands, two to cover his eyes, that he may not see evil, two to cover his ears, that he may not hear evil, and two to cover his lips, that he may not speak evil. But the Bible tells us to open our eyes and see the Saviour, our ears and hear the glad message of salvation, our lips and proclaim it to others.

6. To win battles, soldiers must fight bravely; but there is needed, besides, a skilful leader. It was said of Wellington that he never lost an English gun. We have a Leader, Jesus Christ, under whom defeat is impossible.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. In what way are gospel blessings like "water," "wine," "milk"?

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2. How do we obtain pardon?

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3. What deliverance is promised in vs. 12, 13?

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