

inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *As touching* the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

Time.—About 622 B. C. **Place.**—Jerusalem, the capital of the kingdom of Judah.

Rulers.—Josiah, sixteenth king of Judah; Assur-bani-pal, king of Assyria; Psammetichus, king of Egypt.

Home Readings.

M. A good king. 2 Kings 22. 1-7.

Tu. The Book of the Law found. 2 Kings 22. 8-20.

W. Effect of the book. 2 Kings 23. 1-8.

Th. Putting away evil. 2 Kings 23. 15-25.

F. The law in the heart. Deut. 6. 1-13.

S. Hear, learn, and fear. Deut. 31. 7-13.

S. The perfect law. Psal. 19. 7-14.

Lesson Hymns.

No. 383, New Canadian Hymnal.

Shine on our souls, eternal God,
With rays of beauty shine.

No. 296, New Canadian Hymnal.

I love to tell the Story
Of unseen things above.

No. 289, New Canadian Hymnal.

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of Life.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.

1. The Book of the Law, v. 8-11.

What was this "book of the law"? See Deut. 31. 24-26.

Who found the book? Where?

How long had it been lost?

To whom did Hilkiah give the book? Why?

Upon what did Shaphan first report to the king?

What further announcement did he make?

What effect had the reading on the king?

Why did he rend his clothes?

What did he fear?

2. Inquiring of God, v. 12-14.

Concerning what was inquiry made of the Lord?

Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: As touching the words which thou hast heard, 19 because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith 20 the LORD. Therefore, behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

• Who were commanded to seek his counsel?

What reason was there for seeking the Lord?

To whom did the servants of the king go?

What other prophetesses are named in the Old Testament?

Who of this order are named in the New Testament?

3. God's Answer, v. 15-20.

To whom did God send his answer?

What message of sorrow was sent?

Why was this judgment pronounced?

Why was Josiah a subject of mercy?

What mercy was promised him?

What course of life insures blessedness?

GOLDEN TEXT.

Teachings of the Lesson.

1. Is your Bible lost? It sometimes is, in trunk, or closet, on shelves, beneath books, papers, piles of trash and worldliness. Hunt up the law of the Lord!

2. "Search the Scriptures." Read, pray, meditate; open the soul to spiritual illumination. The message may be of judgment; but better know and seek pardon than die in ignorance and sin.

3. God's mercy is sure. He will be gracious to such as seek him. A broken heart is as sweet incense before him.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. The Book of the Law, v. 8-11.

What is the GOLDEN TEXT?

What were Hilkiah and Shaphan doing?

How had the temple sunk into decay?

What thing showed a holy zeal in repairing it?

What did Hilkiah say to Shaphan?

What book was this?

What did Shaphan say to the king about the money?

What did he show the king?

What else did he do?