

LESSON VII—November 15th, 1896.

God's Blessing upon Solomon. 1 KINGS 9: 1-9.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

1. What notable buildings, besides the temple, did Solomon erect? (1 Kings 7: 1-8). What cities did he build? (2 Chr. 8: 4-6). On whom did the burden of these building operations chiefly fall? (2 Chr. 2: 17, 18; 8: 7-9). Is unbroken prosperity spiritually dangerous? (Ps. 55: 19; 73: 5, 6).
2. In what connection was the appearance here referred to? (1 Kings 3: 5). Had Solomon received any communication from God since then? (1 Kings 6: 11-13).
3. This verse seems to indicate that the vision came immediately after the dedication of the temple, but the sharp language of reproof rather suggests that there had been some falling away already on Solomon's part that called for it. What proof did Christ give of God's undying regard for Jerusalem? (Matt. 23: 37). What temples are we required to dedicate to God? (2 Cor. 6: 16; 1 Cor. 3: 16, 17; 6: 19; Eph. 1: 21, 22). How does he hallow them? Will he ever forsake these temples? (John 6: 40; 10: 28, 29).
4. David's life was not blameless, why then does God hold it up as a model for Solomon? (Ps. 18: 20-24; 32: 5; Prov. 28: 13; 1 John 1: 8-10).
5. When was this promise partially withdrawn? (1 Kings 11: 34). When was it wholly withdrawn in a temporal sense? (Gen. 49: 10). In whom is the promise finally fulfilled? (Mark 11: 9, 10).
6. Illustrate God's long-suffering with his wayward children. (Ex. 34: 6, 7; 2 Chr. 36: 15; Isa. 1: 18; 44: 22; 54: 7-9; Micah 7: 18, 19; 2 Pet. 3: 9).
- 7-9. What similar warning is addressed to christian churches? (Rev. 2: 5). Even the world does not respect bad men. (Prov. 18: 3; 10: 7; Jer. 2: 19).

LESSON VIII—November 22nd, 1896.

Rewards of Obedience. PROV. 3: 1-17.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

1. If we remember God's law, what will God forget? (Jer. 31: 34; 50: 20; Heb. 8: 12; 10: 16, 17). Of what is our obedience a proof? (John 14: 15, 21; 1 John 2: 4, 5; 5: 3). What does God say of mere outward service? (Isa. 29: 13; Ezek. 33: 31; Matt. 15: 7, 8).
3. Where are gold chains mentioned as marks of honor? (Gen. 41: 42; Dan. 5: 7, 29; Ezek. 16: 11; S. S. 1: 10). What similar exhortations in the law itself? (Ex. 13: 9, 16; Deut. 6: 8; 11: 18). What superstitious practice did a literal interpretation of these passages give rise to? (Matt. 23: 5). To what is the word "tables," in the sense of "writing tablets," almost exclusively applied in the Old Testament? (Ex. 24: 12). The only other cases in which this word is used are Prov. 3: 3; 7: 3; Isa. 30: 8; Jer. 17: 1; Hab. 2: 2).
7. Give some N. T. passages regarding the vanity of human wisdom (Luke 14: 11; 16: 15; 18: 14; 1 Cor. 1: 18-31; 2: 5-14; 8: 2; 1 Pet. 5: 5).
9. What proportion were the Jews required to give to the support of religion? (Lev. 27: 30, 33; Deut. 12: 6, 7, 17-19; Num. 18: 26-32). What instances of tithe-paying before Moses? (Gen. 14: 20; 28: 22). What is the wider principle laid down by Christ? (Matt. 10: 8; Mark 12: 41-44; 1 Cor. 8: 12).
11. To what climax of blessedness does chastening raise the child of God? (Rom. 5: 3-5; Jas. 1: 12). In what spirit must it be received in order to produce this result? (Luke 22: 42, 43; Rom. 8: 28).
13. In whom may we obtain this priceless Wisdom? (1 Cor. 1: 24, 30; Eph. 1: 17; Col. 2: 3; Phil. 3: 8).