

SABBATH, Feb. 23.—**LESSON VIII.—The Covenant with Abram.**—Gen. xv. 1-7.

Leader. *S.* 1. After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. Dan. x. 1; Ps. iii. 3.

School. 2. And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? Acts vii. 5; Gen. xiv. 14.

L. 3. And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

S. 4. And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

L. This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

S. 5. And he brought him forth abroad, and said: Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them; and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

S. *L.* 6. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness. Rom. iv. 3, 9; Ps. cvi. 31.

S. 7. And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

TOPIC—Faith in the Covenant Promises of God.

Golden Text—He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.—Rom. iv. 20.

Home Readings.

- M.* Gen. xv. 1-7.
- Tu.* Heb. xi. 14-25.
- W.* Ps. cv. 1-22.
- Th.* Ps. cv. 22-35.
- F.* 1 Chron. xvii. 11-27.
- S.* Gen. xxii. 1-19.
- Sa.* John viii. 34-47.

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS:

Ps. lvi. 11.	Gen. xi. 31, 32.	Rom. iv. 13.
Deut. x. 22.	Heb. x. 16.	James ii. 23, 24.
John viii. 56.	Ps. lxxxiv. 11.	Heb. viii. 6-13.
Gal. iii. 6, 7.	Heb. xi. 8, 12.	

Outline:

1. WORDS OF COMFORT, v. 1;
2. QUESTION OF DOUBT, v. 2, 3;
3. WORDS OF PROMISE, v. 4, 5-7;
4. FAITH UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS, v. 6.

Recite *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*

1. How did the Lord appear unto Abram?

v. 1.
What reason did God give Abram to assure him? v. 1.

In what sense was he a shield to Abram?
How was God a reward to Abram?

2. What had God promised Abram in chap. xiii. 16?

Had Abram any children at this time? v. 2.
What did Abram show by his question?

[His anxiety for the future. *Old age was upon him, and no sign of the fulfilment of God's promise.*]

What is meant by "steward"?

[One who has oversight of the affairs of the house.]

Where was Damascus?

[A city of Syria, on the edge of the desert, east of the mountain range Anti-Libanus. One of the oldest cities now in existence.]

3. Whom did God promise Abram should be his heir? v. 4.

What did he bid Abram do? v. 5.

What was Abram to learn from this?

What assurance did God give Abram that this promise should be fulfilled? v. 7.

Where was "Ur of the Chaldees"?

[Site not known. Probably in Mesopotamia, north of Babylon.]

4. How did Abram receive this promise? v. 6.

What lesson do we learn from Abram's faith? Repeat Golden Text.

What blessing did Abram's faith bring him? v. 6.

How does this account concern us? Gal. iii. 7, 9.

Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. That God has his promises in remembrance;
2. That the Lord is the protection of his people;
3. That his saints need have no fear as to success in life;
4. That faith is very precious in the sight of God;
5. That faith in God is essential to the blessing of God?

Song of the Second Monday.

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The language of the earth was one,—
One speech to all was given;
"Come, let us build a tower," they said,
"Whose top may reach to heaven."
But God, in whom they failed to trust,
Looked down on Shinar's plain,
Confused their language, and they found
Their boasted structure vain.
Chorus—To such as keep his righteous law
God makes his wonders known;
The upright soul shall ne'er be moved,
He will not leave his own.

So Abram in a vision heard
A voice that said "Arise!
And walk through all this goodly land,
Spread out before thine eyes;
Thy race, more numerous than the stars,
From bondage here shall rest,
And all the nations of the earth
Shall in thy seed be blest."
Chorus—"To such as keep," &c.