

JOB'S GREAT WISDOM.

REV. DR. COURT'S REVIEW OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

The Practical Side of Religion as Shown in the Words of Afflicted Job—The Fruition of the Hebrews—Questions for the Student to Answer.

Golden Text: In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy ways (Prov. iii, 6).

The lessons have been in Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Malachi. A brief review of the character of each of these books would form the matter of an instructive talk on the part of the teacher.

The common things of life are good—God's daylight, sleep, food, family love and a contented spirit.

Satan—the well known adversary—appears among those holy servants of God. He, too, as accuser, resister, enemy, has his report to give in.

Each of the three speaks twice, Job replying twice, and then in the third turn one of them drops out as having no more to say.

Who does God favor? Tell what you remember of the state and prospects of the wicked. How does a good man treat his horse? What is the wise man's reward?

Describe the woes of the drunkard. What stings like an adder? What strange things do drunken men see? When drunk, does a man know or feel when he gets drunk?

What value does the wise man put on a good woman? Describe her industry, her wise and winning words, her good name at home and her praise from God.

Why should the young be careful to keep the Creator in mind? How is a life of piety best begun in youth? What is the conclusion of the whole matter? Why should we heed God's commands?

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among the people of Israel. Judgment is foretold. He predicts the coming of the Messiah. Judgment looms before him—the terrible day of the Lord.

Characteristically the last book of the Old Testament ends with the word "curse," while the last word of the New Testament is a benediction of grace.

And now let us give a few hints as to the questions of the review. The lessons of the quarter were 12, as follows:

- 1. The Afflictions of Job: Job ii, 1-10. Golden Text: Job i, 21.
2. Afflictions Sanctified: Job v, 17-27. Golden Text: Heb. xii, 6.
3. Job's Appeal to God: Job xxxiii, 1-10. Golden Text: Job xiii, 7.
4. Job's Restoration: Job xlii, 1-10. Golden Text: Jas. v, 11.
5. Wisdom's Warning: Prov. i, 20-33. Golden Text: Heb. xii, 25.
6. The Value of Wisdom: Prov. iii, 11-24. Golden Text: Prov. iii, 5.
7. Fruits of Wisdom: Prov. xii, 1-15. Golden Text: Prov. xi, 30.
8. Against Intemperance: Prov. xxiii, 29-34. Golden Text: Prov. xx, 1.
9. The Excellent Woman: Prov. xxxi, 10-31. Golden Text: Prov. xxxi, 30.
10. Reverence and Fidelity: Eccl. v, 1-12. Golden Text: Rom. xii, 1.
11. The Creator Remembered: Eccl. xii, 1-7, 13, 14. Golden Text: Eccl. xii, 1.
12. Messiah's Kingdom: Mal. iii, 1-12. Golden Text: Mal. iii, 17.

1. What were the Lord's words to Satan after the first assault? What did the evil one say? What did he do? How did Job answer his wife when she advised him to forsake God?

2. Who is called happy? Why? What advice is here given? By what promise is this advice commended? What blessings are promised? Answer—Deliverance in trouble, food in famine, safety in war, secured from slander, preserved from wild beasts, flourishing on earth, dying in old age.

3. What was Job desiring? How did he believe God would treat him? Did he see God? Was he sure that all was well? How was he to come out?

4. Was Job abased at God's rebuke? Was God angry with Job's friends? What were they told to do? How was Job at last?

5. Where does wisdom cry out? Why does wisdom address the crowd? Name the three classes addressed. Which of them is worst? Does the door remain open forever? What is the slaying of the disobedient and unbelieving? Can any harm befall a Christian?

6. Whom does the Lord love? To correct one to make one better—is that good? Who is the happy man? What is the value of wisdom? Describe her path. Tell how wisdom's teachings are life to the soul. Why does the wise man walk safely? Is sweet sleep a blessing?

7. Whom does God favor? Tell what you remember of the state and prospects of the wicked. How does a good man treat his horse? What is the wise man's reward? What a wicked man's!

8. Describe the woes of the drunkard. What stings like an adder? What strange things do drunken men see? When drunk, does a man know or feel when he gets drunk? Tell the best way to avoid becoming a drunkard. Are you an abstainer?

9. What value does the wise man put on a good woman? Describe her industry, her wise and winning words, her good name at home and her praise from God. What is deceitful? What is vain? Whose works praise the worker?

10. In prayer what should one guard against? Why? Is it well to vow and not perform? Tell what the greedy man gets. Whose sleep is sweet? How do riches bring cares?

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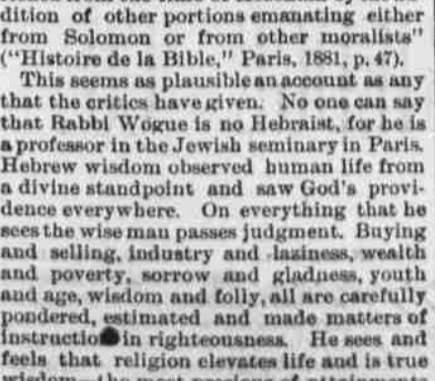
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