



The Sabbath-School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Fourth Quarter-Lesson XI. - Dec. 10.

THE HEAVENLY INHERITANCE.—1 Pet. 1:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Giving thanks unto the Father, who has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.—Col. 1:12.

THE SALUTATION TO THE SAINTS.—Vers. 1, 2. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. One selected, or sent forth with orders. To the strangers. Those abiding for a season in a foreign land. Scattered. The Jews scattered over the world by the Babylonian captivity, and all the Jews outside of the Holy Land. Throughout Pontus, etc. Districts in Asia Minor. Elect. Choice ones, to whom God has shown his gracious love. According to the foreknowledge of God the Father. The choice and the knowledge were not those of an arbitrary sovereign will. The Father who sought to manifest his love to all the good things he possesses are from his Father. He does not deserve them, but refers them to the loving kindness of God. Free will? Of course. But the receiver does not lay stress on the putting out his hand to receive the gift, but on the goodness which bestowed it. While we cannot perhaps reconcile election and free-will philosophically, we can see that they are reconciled by looking into our own lives. Each one can see two elements in his life,—on the one hand, certain things come to him from without, over whose coming he had no control whatever. This is the divine element. On the other hand, he exerts his will in reference to these things after they have come. This is the human element. Both are in every life.—God's control and man's free will. Through (or in, in a course of) sanctification of the Spirit. Sanctification wrought by the Holy Spirit. Unto obedience. The end and purpose for which God chose his people. And sprinkling of the blood of Jesus. Referring to the blood of the sacrifices sprinkled upon objects to which their efficacy would apply. Perhaps special reference is made to the ratifying of the covenant with the people in this way. Grace unto you, and peace be multiplied. They had enjoyed the grace of God, and felt the peace of God, but the apostle would have these not only increased, but multiplied, till they had received grace for grace, and knew the peace which "passeth all understanding," and "floweth like a river."

THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS.—Vers. 3-5. Blessed. Praised, honored. The God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. As well as our Father, and therefore bidding us to him as an elder brother. Which according to his abundant mercy. Salvation was a free gift, and therefore demanded praise. Hath begotten us again. Made us his children in spiritual life and holy character. Unto a lively (living) hope. A hope born of the new life. By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This was the source of hope, since if Jesus did not rise from the dead, then there was no proof that he was the Son of God, and could save us. To an inheritance. A portion of good coming to us, because we are children. An inheritance incorruptible, &c. Its substance cannot be destroyed. For you. For you, sojourners in a land that is not your own. (For you) who are kept. Literally garrisoned. The inheritance is kept: the heirs are guarded. By the power of God, so that no power can break through the protection. The only way that injury can come to any is by their refusing the protection by wandering away from God. Through faith, the faith that holds on to God, that lives in and through him. Unto (a) salvation, ready to be revealed in the last day. Disciples have foretastes of this salvation here and now. Even in this world "eye hath not entered, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him," but the fullness of God's salvation can never be known till we reach the heavenly city, and experience its joys "unspeakable and full of glory."

THE SUSTAINING POWER OF THIS HOPE.—Vers. 6-12. Wherein. In the hope. Ye greatly rejoice. This joy rises above the manifold temptation as the sun rises above the clouds and tempests of the morning. Though now for a season. The trials and storms are temporary. Even though the trials should continue through all their lives, the period would be short in comparison with eternity. If need be. Implying that afflictions are sent only when God sees them to be needful. Ye are in heaviness, through manifold temptations. Better, trials. They were in the midst of persecution, and their enemies tried every way to turn them from their faith. That the trial of your faith, the proving and the proof, the results of

the proving, being much more precious than of gold. It is much more important that faith should be proved than that gold should be; and the results, the purifying, the improvement by means of the testing, are far more valuable than the improvement made in gold by the removal of its dross. Gold that perisheth. That is still a perishable substance even after it has been purified with fire. Might be found. Clearly proved to be unto praise. Worthy of praise. And honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ to judge the world, when he will say to the righteous, "Come, ye blessed of my Father. Whom having not seen. These Asia-Minor Jews had never seen their Lord in the flesh. Ye love. They knew by faith his kindness and love toward them in coming from heaven to save them. Serving him, seeking his glory. Daily devotion to him, meditation, and prayer increase love. Though now ye see him not, yet believing in him and in his words, and accepting him by faith as Saviour and Lord. Ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, that words cannot express. And full of glory. The joy already irradiated with glory, flushed with the colors of heaven. Receiving the end (goal) of your faith. That toward which faith looks. The salvation of your souls. To a holy character and heaven, through Jesus Christ. Of (concerning) which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently. The prophets as a whole foretold Christ and his times, foretelling the grace, the great favor and blessing that should come unto you in the coming of his Christ. The spirit of Christ which was in them. Showing that the Old Testament Scriptures were inspired by the Holy Spirit. The many prophecies and types pointing to Christ could not have been foreknown except by divine revelation. And the glory that should follow. The resurrection, ascension, re-ascension of the divine glory, triumphs of church history, restitution of all things. They did minister the things. They themselves did not receive the blessings foretold, but they were serving future generations in preparing the way for, and aiding the coming of, the salvation revealed in the days of the apostles. Which things the angels desire to look into. The salvation through Christ, and by the Holy Spirit, is the greatest possible revelation of the wisdom and love to God; it was not for men alone, but for the whole universe. The angels are interested in it, and desire to know its meaning, and watch its results.

Practical hints. God's gifts of grace and peace come to his children in increasing ratios as they open their hearts to receive them. The inheritance of the saints is blessed and glorious beyond compare. Only children of God can be heirs of God, and they prove themselves to be children by living as children. The hopes of this inheritance brings triumph over temptation and sorrow loss and death. The more precious anything is, the more need there is that it should be purified and proved by trials. Faith grows stronger, purer and richer by trials. There seems to be no way in which we can attain real worth and true honor without trials. All the universe are interested deeply in our salvation. How strange that any can neglect what angels desire to look into.

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OUR MOTTO.—If God be for us who can be against us.

Cigarettes.

BY META LANDER.

Do you care to know how they are made? I think I can enlighten you. An Italian boy only eight years old was brought before a justice in New York City as a vagrant, or, in other words, a young tramp. But what did the officer charge him with doing? Only with picking up cigar stumps from the streets and gutters. To prove this he showed the boy's basket, half full of stumps, water-soaked covered with mud. "What do you do with these?" asked his honor. What do you think was his answer? "I sell them to a man for ten cents a pound, to be used in making cigarettes." Not particularly agreeable piece of information, is it, boys?

In our large cities there are a great many cigar-butts grubbers, as they are called. It certainly is not a pretty name, though very appropriate, for it is applied to boys and girls who scour the streets in search of half-burnt cigars and stumps, which are dried and then sold to be used in making cigarettes. But this isn't all, nor even the worst of it. These cigarettes have been analyzed, and physicians and chemists were surprised to find how

much opium is put into them. A tobaccoist himself says that "the extent to which drugs are used in cigarettes is appalling." "Havana flavoring" for this same purpose is sold everywhere by the thousand barrels. This flavoring is made from the toanka-bean, which contains a deadly poison. The wrappers, warranted to be rice paper, are sometimes made of common paper, and sometimes of the filthy scrapings of rag-pickers, bleached white with arsenic. Think of it, boys, the next time you take up a cigarette and drop it—as you would a coal of fire. The latter would simply burn your fingers; but this burns up good health, good resolutions, good manners, good memories, good faculties and often honesty and truthfulness as well. A bright boy of thirteen came under the spell of cigarettes. He grew stupid and subject to nervous twitchings, till finally he was obliged to give up his studies. When asked why he didn't throw away his miserable cigarettes, the poor boy replied with tears that he had often tried to do so but could not. Another boy of eleven was made crazy by cigarette smoking and was taken to an insane asylum in Orange county, New York. He was regarded as a violent and dangerous maniac, exhibiting some of the symptoms peculiar to hydrophobia.

What can we do, dear boys, to protect you against this dreadful foe? How can I adequately set forth the perils of this tobacco habit to which you are drawn, not only by the example and the persuasions, but sometimes the ridicule of other boys, and by various snares set for your unwary feet? Would that I could persuade you not even to glance at the temptation which comes in offers of pictures—if only you comply with certain miserable conditions. "If" Will you not settle that "if" now and forever with an emphatic No! Will you not deliberately resolve: "I will never touch another cigarette; I will never use tobacco in any form"? This will be your best gift to a loving mother and sister. And it would give me greater pleasure that I can express to receive such a pledge from you. I would put your names down in a book and keep it always as a precious memorial.—Christian at Work.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:—"Boys dies of smoking cigarettes." This was the sad heading to a telegraphic dispatch which I read in a Chicago daily paper only a short time ago, and which must have sent a wave of sorrow and indignation through the heart of every person who read it. From Kokomo, Ind., the message came telling of the death of this thirteen-year-old boy who had been trying to win a prize offered by the cigarette manufacturers. In his room were found 988 empty cigarette boxes, lacking but twelve of the required number, 1,000, which would win the coveted prize. His life was thus made a sacrifice that the manufacturers of the poison might be enriched, and that they might be better able to supply the destructive material to spoil other lives.

Just think of it, boys and girls of the temperance army—ninety per cent of the boys in our public schools are said to be using this hurtful tobacco in some of its forms, the worst of which is the cigarette. Have you not a great work before you? First to learn for yourselves the effects of its use, and second, to warn others concerning it. Read carefully the cigarette article on our page this week, and show it to others. Then determine for yourselves that you will never use this or anything which defile these bodies of ours—the holy temples of God.

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