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## The Sabbath-School.

### INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Fourth Quarter—Lesson X.—Dec. 6.

Read 1 Kings 11:1-43. Commit verses 9, 10.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.—1 Cor. 10:12.

THE INFLUENCES BY WHICH SOLOMON WAS LED ASTRAY. Polygamy. Contrary to the divine law of his kingdom, Solomon multiplied wives till he had 700 wives and 300 concubines, partly for the sake of political alliances, partly that he might be first in this, as in all other directions. The statement does not say that he had all these at any one time. Farrar thinks that probably (as by some slip of the pen) the number of wives is an error, and should read 70 instead of 700. It came to pass, when Solomon was old. Between 50 and 60 years old, when he ought to have been in his spiritual and mental prime. But his great labors, his burdens of wealth and pleasure, and his polygamy had sapped his manhood, and made him prematurely old. His wives, many of them foreign princesses, the daughter of Pharaoh, and women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites, heathen women who brought their heathen notions, training and customs with them. Turned away his heart after other gods. This was a gradual process, resisted while he was busy with his religious work of building up the kingdom, but as he gave himself up more to pleasure, these foreign wives cajoled and persuaded the king to their wishes. Evil influences flowed from or were intensified by Solomon's polygamy.

An Imperfect Heart. And his heart was not perfect with the Lord. The word rendered heart in the Old Testament is very significant. It reaches down to the depths out of which thought, feeling, action flow. When Solomon's heart was loyal, his inner and outward life was pure. When his heart became disloyal he began to sin. Perfect (entire) with the Lord... as was the heart of David his father. Not that David was a perfect man, but he never swerved from his loyalty to God. His service of God was imperfect, indeed; but he never served other gods, and his bitter repentance shows that in his heart he was always loyal and true. Solomon was not whole-hearted in God's service.

Bad Company. Through his heathen wives Solomon was thrown into bad company and unholy influences. No one is strong enough and wise enough to be safe in constant intercourse with persons of wrong principle and false religion, any more than one is healthy enough to be safe physically in a malarial or fever-laden atmosphere. Indeed, one who goes by choice into bad company and loves to remain there is already more than half fallen. The only time when one is safe in bad company is when he is laboring to do them good.

Tolerance of Evil. The attempt made by some to gloss over Solomon's apostasy as a sign of a large-hearted tolerance is misreading of history. Tolerance for harmless divergences of opinion there should always be. But tolerance for iniquity is a wrong to holiness. What tolerance should there be for principles destructive of the very foundation of his prosperity? It was like tolerating drinking-saloons and immorality. It was like tolerating corruption, and oppression, and anarchy, and robbery, and murder.

The Pleasures of Life were absorbing. He gave himself up to every form of pleasure, "Whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them. I withheld not my heart from any joy." No person can make pleasure first, and be safe for this world or the next.

Ambition and Pride. Standing at the head of the world, there was danger of pride in himself and his circumstances. He would be tempted to attribute all his greatness to himself rather than to God. Every one around the king would be likely to praise and flatter him and exalt him in his own estimation.

His Great Wealth. This was promised as a reward and was not necessarily an evil. But every great privilege is always close by a great danger. The temptations of wealth are very great, and few are able to resist them.

### PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Old age has its dangers as well as youth. Starting right is not enough. It is he that "endureth to the end" who is saved. What pathetic warning lies in that when Solomon was old! No length of life spent in holy thoughts and service secures us against the possibility of fall. Only one thing does, "Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe."

Knowledge and worldly wisdom cannot alone save us from sin. Only a heart filled with a supreme love of God can keep us.

The most dangerous temptations, those which come gradually,

almost unconsciously. Solomon's fall was not like lightning from a clear sky, but from clouds which for years had been gathering electricity. Temptation can be resisted.

THE SINS INTO WHICH SOLOMON FELL.—Vs. 5-7. Solomon's fall was first a fall within, and then a fall without. The worm ate out the heart of the tree before the storm could overthrow it. For Solomon went after. Some think he actually worshipped idols, but most think that his sin was that he favored and abetted idolatry, by building idol temples, and supported idol worship.

Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians. Ashtoreth was the female divinity corresponding to Baal, and typified the moon. Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. This is the same divinity who is called Molech. Molech was a fire god, and was worshipped with human sacrifices. Ammonites, descendants of Lot and inhabiting the mountainous district east of the Dead Sea and the lower Jordan. Then did Solomon, as the next step, build a high place, a shrine or temple on a hilltop among the trees. For Chemosh, a local name for Baal, the sun god. The abomination, the idol and its worship hateful to God. Of Moab. The Moabites, also descendants of Lot, lived east of the lower Jordan. In the hill that is before Jerusalem. The Mount of Olives. And likewise did he for all his strange (foreign) wives. Thus he tried to serve two masters. All this encouraged immorality, and cruelty, and crime, which were a part of the idolatrous worship.

WHAT GOD DID TO PREVENT HIS FALL.—Vs. 9, 10. Solomon was not left to himself all this time, but God withstood his downward way. And the Lord was angry with Solomon. The Lord's anger is indignation against wrong. All good beings must have this anger; and it is the more intense in proportion to the purity of the person who feels it, and his clear perception of the evil, and his love for those who are injured by the wrong. Had appeared unto him twice. First at Gibeon, at the beginning of his reign, and then at Jerusalem, about the middle of his reign, in the very height of his prosperity. And had commanded him, both in the visions and in his word. His conduct was a direct disobedience of a positive command. God gave Solomon wisdom to foresee the trend of every course of life. He knew the consequences of his conduct.

God gave him a deep experience of his goodness and love. He loaded him with benefits which only the greatest ingratitude could forget. He hedged him in with promises.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS SIN.—Vs. 11-13. A large part of his kingdom was to be taken from his family. The Lord said unto Solomon. Probably by a prophet. I will surely rend. I will violently take away. The kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. This made the decree the more bitter. This employee was Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, a bright, ambitious, and talented young man. The prophet Ahijah told him that he was to be king of ten tribes, but he tried to anticipate Providence, and made an insurrection against Solomon, and was compelled to fly to Egypt to save his life. Solomon thus trained up the very instrument of his punishment, and by means of the very sins he was guilty of. Notwithstanding, in thy days I will not do it. The threatening had two gracious and merciful limitations: (1) The blow should not fall until after his death, and (2) the disruption should be but partial. There should be a remnant. For David thy father's sake. Because of the promises made to him. I will rend it out of the hand of thy son, whose bad conduct arose largely from the polygamy and sins of Solomon. I.... will give one tribe to thy son. The tribe of Judah, which absorbed the tribe of Benjamin. For David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake. The kingdom endured in this line, and the kingdom of God in the world to-day, is an outgrowth from it.

His Personal Life was Unhappy. It is described "vanity and vexation of spirit." No one can any more gain happiness in Solomon's way than he can quench his thirst with the salt waters of the sea.

Solomon forfeited the conditional promise of long life. He failed in the conditions, and his life burned out at the age of 60.

### W. C. T. Union.

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

### Gambling.

When the Roman soldiers cast lots for the seamless robe of our Lord as He hung upon the cross, they but obeyed that spirit which long years previous had inspired the gambler, and to-day, in one form

or another, is found manifesting and stimulating the base desire of men to get something from their fellows for nothing. Unregenerate human nature will probably continue to indulge its cupidity and hope for the unrighteous gain of gambling, but this is no sufficient reason why the warning voice should not be raised against the danger that imperils society, or the demand that be made that the law, such as it is, be rigorously applied to punish those guilty of such forms of gambling as are denounced by the Criminal Code.

Dr. Chauncey M. Depew, of world-wide experience, recently declared: there is one vice that is growing with tremendous rapidity over the earth, and especially among civilized nations. This is gambling. Never has the gaming habit prevailed more widely among any people than among the so-called Christian nations of this century. From the gamblers on 'change down to the boys who play pitch and toss for pennies—all confess the sovereignty of this destructive vice. It has found its patrons within the sanctuary and Holy Church and Sweet Charity are encouraged, by exemption from the penalties which legislation has imposed upon the saloon raffle, to indulge vicious methods of replenishing their treasuries, while the plea for moderate indulgence in this sin has been made even within the courts of the church by Mr. Kirwan Martin, when sitting as representative of the Cathedral Church, Hamilton, at the recent Anglican Church Conference, Toronto.

One need not adduce to sustain the statement that such forms of gambling as fish ponds, grab bags, and drawings at church entertainments, and progressive euchre parties, and other games at cards with small stakes, just to give zest to the game (?), are becoming quite common among members of certain branches of the Christian church.

It may be quite possible to make the stake on the game so small, as suggested by Mr. Martin, that the evil will appear only to the microscopist, but that does not destroy the essentially vicious character of the indulgence.

The man who steals the cent from the dead man's eyes is not less a thief because the corpse does not miss it or the coin is not a sovereign. Nor, essentially, is it less gambling because the ante is only five cents and not five dollars. Apply the microscope of time and opportunity to the young man playing in one of Mr. Martin's harmless games for small stakes and you find the dishonest cashier betraying the confidence reposed in him and using trust funds to enable him to gratify the passion so innocently (?) indulged. Though the decree may vary almost as widely as the polls, there is no essential difference between the church raffle or charity drawing and the saloon gambling, or, for that matter, that of the Casino of Monte Carlo, with its dark back ground of the suicides' cemetery. The full ripe fruit of the latter is potentially present in the tiny seed of the former, so small that Mr. Martin cannot see it.

There is no time for the church to give any countenance to gambling, even in its mildest forms, and it is but fair to state that the proposal to increase interest in the game by a small stake quite shocked the venerable members of the Anglican conference. In spite of the local incident of a raffle for the benefit of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 'The Templar' believes that the Church of England is becoming increasingly intolerant of gambling and all forms of extracting money for church purposes from an unwilling people by the doubtful expedients of grab bags, etc.—Royal Templar.

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