



Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, The Songbook of the Bible, for Sunday, July 3.

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2. What is the moral effect of association with the ungodly?

3. In what way may the Bible be a man's taste for righteousness?

4. How are the ungodly like chaff?

5. How may one nation influence another nation for righteous living?

Where there is peace, God is. — George Herbert.

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ment coming when the wicked will be condemned. The wicked are pictured as cut off, even in this life, from religious fellowship and association with the faithful.

V.6. "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous but the way of the ungodly shall perish." God is said to "know" those of whom he approves. The wicked he does not "know." He refuses to acknowledge them."

V.1. "God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us." This verse is an echo of an ancient priestly benediction. — Numbers 6:24-26. Here is found "face to shine upon us," a poetical way of describing a favorable attitude on God's part.

V.2. "That thy way may be known upon the earth, thy saving faith among all nations." Saving faith is a result of the saving power of God. God is asked to bless his people in order that observing what God does for Israel, the surrounding heathen may come to know him.

V.3. "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee." Here is implied universal salvation like that of the New Testament Great Commission. It is simply good manners to praise God, and all peoples ought to so recognize God as a loving Father.

V.4. "O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon the earth." God is here pictured as interested in, and dealing righteously with nations other than the Hebrew. In this world we often are compelled to endure unrighteousness, but all things will be finally righted when God takes full charge of the peoples of all nations.

V.5. "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee." This is a repetition of verse 3. The mark of poetry in the Psalms is parallelism or repetition. Sometimes it is a repetition of thought and sometimes a repetition of the same words.

V.6. "Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God, shall bless us." Whenever true religion prevails, every partakes of its beneficent influence.

V.7. "God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him." Here we have a vision of the triumph of God when all nations and all people shall worship, thus manifesting the true fear of God.

A warm welcome awaits you.

LESSON PRAYER:
Our Preacher Says

Lesson prayer: We are grateful for the songbook, the Psalms, of the Bible for they voice various religious experiences. We pray for such blessed relationship with God and man that there will be constantly welling up in our hearts praises to God. Grant that we may praise thee so well that others will join us in thanksgiving.

Book Review

Great Companions, Volume 2, by Robert French Leavens, The Beacon Press, consists of meaningful excerpts from such men as Gengel, Gandhi, and A. N. Whitehead, meditation upon whose ideas brings strength, serenity, courage, and vision. The short selections are arranged by subject, not by chronology, giving a sense of the importance of truth rather than time.

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