

**INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB**

THE GAZETTE'S BRANCH.

Prizes for Answers.

The Gazette has secured the right to publish the International Sunday School Lesson questions by the Rev. Dr. Linscott, which have aroused so much interest elsewhere, and they will appear weekly. One of these questions each week is to be answered in writing, and upon these answers prizes will be awarded. This paper is also authorized to form a Local Newspaper Bible Study Club for its readers, and guarantees to all who join and fulfil the conditions, that everything herein promised shall be faithfully carried out.

Persons may join the club at any time during the year, but must, of course, answer the 52 questions hereinafter explained, to qualify for the prizes. It is, however, desirable that the questions be answered as the lessons are studied.

The International Newspaper Bible Study Club, which had its origin last year at Brantford, Ont., is for the purpose of promoting, in an unfettered way among the masses, a wider study of the Bible, the baser truths of Christianity, and the problems which enter into every man's life. It is composed of all those who join a local club and take up the simple course outlined herein, barring only ordained clergymen. We have the sympathetic co-operation of the latter, but it is not considered fair to have them compete for the prizes. Sunday School teachers, Bible class scholars, and churchgoers generally may belong to this newspaper club, also non-churchgoers of all shades of opinion. All such are warmly invited to join and compete for the prizes.

**CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.**

1. Each contestant, or his or her family, must be a paid-up subscriber to this paper during the continuance of the contest in order to qualify for membership in the International Newspaper Bible Study Club and this Local Club.

2. Each contestant in this Local Club must answer each of the written questions for 52 consecutive weeks, commencing for Sunday, July 26th, and the answers must all be in the possession of this paper within two weeks after the close of the contest.

3. Each question must be answered separately, and the paper written on one side only. No answer must exceed 200 words, and may be less. If possible, write on letter paper, size about 8½ by 11 inches.

4. Each answer must have the name and address of the writer at the bottom of the answer, so it can be identified, given a number, registered, and then the name cut off so the examiner may know it by number only.

5. Students should be careful to understand the question before answering. To do this the lesson text must be read, and especially the verse or verses upon which the question is based.

6. The answers for this local club must be delivered at this office, and they will be collated at the close of the contest and forwarded to headquarters for independent examination by competent examiners. The prizes will then be awarded according to the highest number of marks won by members of the International Newspaper Bible Study Club, and prizes which may be awarded to members of this Local Club will be given out from this office.

**THE PRIZES.**

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All who can write, and have ideas, are urged to take up these studies regardless of the degree of their education, as the papers are not valued from an educational or literary standpoint, but from the point of view of the cogency of their reasoned ideas.

Rev. Dr. Linscott's Suggestive Questions on the Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 13th, 1905.

Solomon Dedicates the Temple.—Kings viii.

Golden Text.—I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord.—Psalm cxxii: 1.

Verses 1-11.—These verses describe a grand gathering of the King, the priests and the people for a great religious festival. Would it be a good thing for every church to have such gatherings; something, say, of the nature of the old time camp meetings?

What is the chief institution of a nation, and what is the chief duty of a man?

Is there in a church to-day, any more of "the glory of the Lord" manifested, than anywhere else?

Verse 12.—Is "darkness" as much a sign of God's presence as is the light, and is one as necessary as the other?

Verse 13.—What is the best thing for a man to do with his surplus money?

VERSE 14.—SHOULD EVERY PERSON CONSTANTLY "BLESS" EVERY OTHER PERSON, AND IF IT WERE DONE, WHAT WOULD BE THE RESULTS?

(This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 15-21.—Are the promises in this day which God makes "with his mouth," always fulfilled "with his hand"?

What was God's chief purpose in choosing Israel to be the repository of his truth?

Why did God not permit David to build the Temple of God?

What reason is there to believe that each individual is a link in the chain which draws out of events, as they occur, God's purposes, as in the case of David and Solomon?

Verse 22.—Ministers, like Solomon, often spread out their hands when about to pray in the pulpit. Is there any important significance in this gesture, or is it simply a useless pulpit mannerism?

Verses 23-24.—Granted that there is only one Almighty God, are there any other powerful spirits, either good or evil, which exercise an influence over us, and answering to what the ancients called "the gods"?

God's promises in general, and to the individual, are as dependable as are the laws of gravitation; but what is the evidence that such is the case?

Verses 25-26.—Is it a proper prayer to ask God to keep his promises?

Which is the better way, to keep God in mind of his promises, or to take it for granted that they will be answered, and to ask God for grace to keep our part of the compact?

Verse 27.—What is the supreme evidence that God does dwell on the earth, and in the heart of each individual?

Verse 28.—Speaking from actual test, or experience, what are the benefits of prayer?

Verses 29-32.—Was this great prayer of Solomon extempore in its language, or prepared before hand?

Should ministers prepare their prayers with as much care as they should their sermons?

Which is the more important part of the church service, the prayers or the sermon?

Solomon assumes in this prayer that all calamities, both national and personal, are a result of sin. Is that assumption correct?

Is a minister's prayer for God to forgive the sins of the people of any avail, if the people do not repent?

Verses 53-66.—What is the chief, or supreme, purpose of the church and of worship?

What are the churches doing for this country?

Lesson for Sunday, Dec. 20th, 1908.—Solomon's Downfall.—I Kings xi: 4-13.

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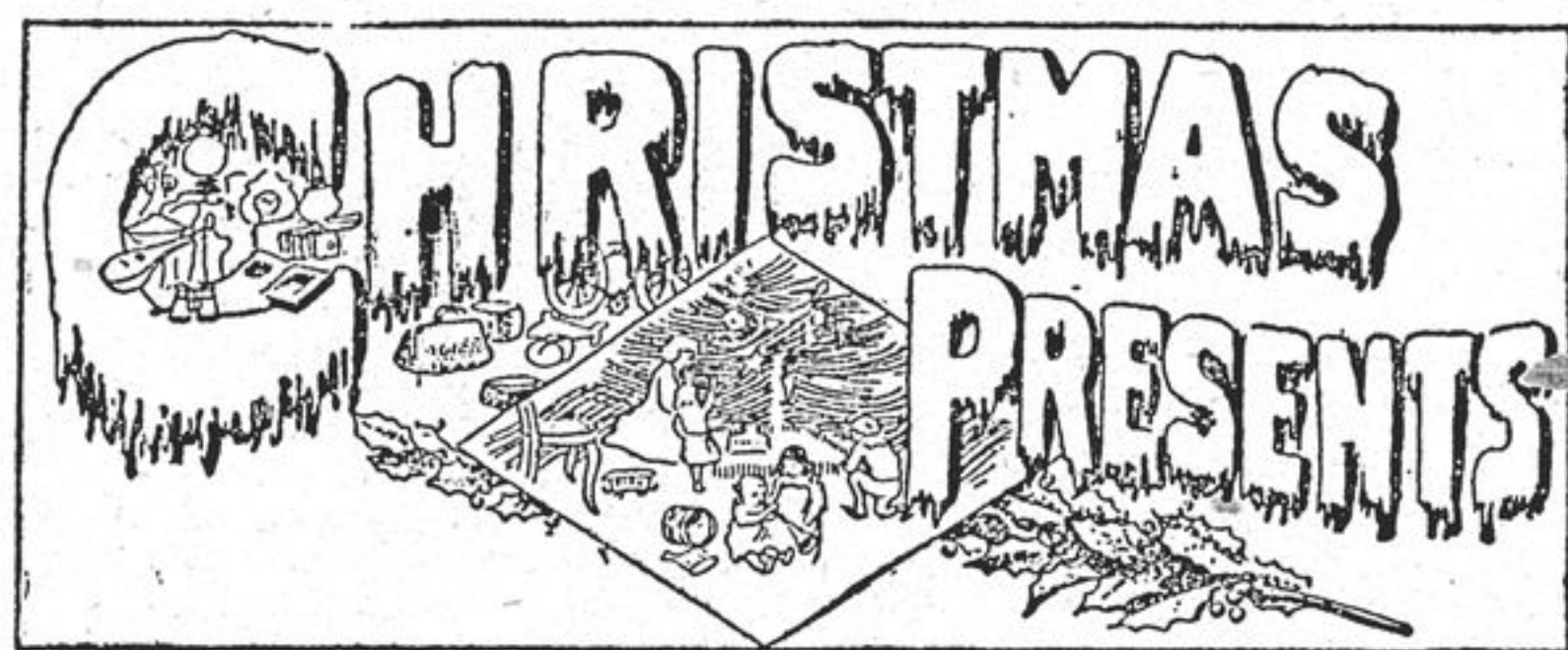
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