

Lesson No. (15)

The Exile in Babylon

The Result of Sin

References:

2 Kings 25.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Although God is patient and merciful and slow in anger but also He is fair and hates sin, He gives the sinners many chances to repent and turn to Him.
- ★ When we use God's mercy in continuing sin, He would punish us as His children.
- ★ “Despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.” (Romans 2:4&5).

Objectives

General: The result of sin is problems in life and loss of eternal life.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Know God does not tolerate sin, but hate sin very much.
- B. Understand that when we do bad things, God allows things to happen to us to teach us a lesson to go back to Him.
- C. Learn some bad results of sins, such as result of smoking, drinking ...etc.

Bible Verse

“God be merciful to me a sinner.”

(Luke 18:13)

Teaching Aids

Felt figure and flannel board.

Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

Story Time

In the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign in Jerusalem. He did evil in the sight of The Lord. The people followed him, they left God's command and did not appreciate His goodness. God chose another way to punish them. He was beside the king of Jerusalem. What is his name? A great king Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon who came to fight the king of Jerusalem. They entered the city and robbed it. They killed many people and built a siege wall against it all around. The besiege continued for two years. The famine was so severe and the people needed bread to live. The king of Jerusalem escaped and fled at night with some of his army from the palace. They went out of the garden to a wide and easy place. The king ran with an amazing speed. The enemy armies rushed into the temple and palace. They discovered that Zedekiah the king escaped. They followed him and captured him and took him to the king of Babylon. They judged him as follows: a. His prophets, sons and leaders will be killed before his eyes, b. Put out his eyes, c. Bound him with bronze fetters, d. Thrown in Babylon's prison.

- 1 - What was God's feelings towards the people's sin?
- 2 - What is the meaning of exile?
- 3 - Who is able to forgive our sins?
- 4 - Mention the punishment that came upon the king of Jerusalem?

The case did not end at this point but the king of Babylon came. What is his name? and he burnt God's house, robbed the vessels, and burnt the king's house and all the houses of the great men and broke down the walls of Jerusalem all around and carried captives: the rest of the people except the prophet Jeremiah. The situation of the people remained like this for a long time. Their hearts melted, softened in it. They cried: God have mercy upon us, we have sinned against You. Do not forget Your promise and covenant to Your people. Would You return and have mercy upon us.

As we are all sinners we will repent for the past and present sins and we cried to God saying " God be merciful upon us the sinners.

- 1 - What did Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon do in the city of Jerusalem?
- 2 - What did Nebuchadnezzar do in the king of Jerusalem and the nation?
- 3 - What did Nebuchadnezzar do in the house of The Lord, the house of the king?
- 4 - What was the cause of all these troubles?

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.