Elisha's Heavenly Defenders

Sunday School Lesson for April 9, 1911 Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT-2 Kings 6 8-22 Mem-

ory Verses 15-17.
GOLDEN TEXT—For he shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways—Psa, 91-11. TIME—According to most scholars, this event occurred in the reign of Jehoram (B. C. 904-804, Beecher, 851-849, Hustings). Mrs. Houghton, however, holds that the Syrian king of this story was Hazael and the king of Israel was Jehu.

PLACE-Dothan, a small town about ten miles north of Samaria, situated on a remarkable isolated bill, surrounded on three sides by hills. Traces of walls may still be seen all around the hill-top. Also Samaria, the capital of the Northern

How did Elisha show himself to be try his supernatural knowledge, as we should use for our country our lesser knowledge, and all our powers. Assy- farmers. ria was not at the time pressing upon Syria, so that Syria could attack her hereditary enemy to the south. But the plans of Benhadad II. were frustrated over and over. Elisha was then living in Dothan, about ten miles north of Samaria. Dothan was "a small town, of which some ruins and a well still mark the site." The caravan route from beyond Jordan passes, from the Plain of Esdraelon, close to it. Probably Benhadad's route on his predatory expeditions lay through this pass, which was narrow and easily defended. Therefore when the Syrians' coming was revealed to Elisha and told by him to King Jehoram, a comparatively small body of Israelites, posted a little north of Dothan, would effectually check their progress.

How can we apply to ourselves Elisha's advice, "Beware that thou pass not such a place?" By recognizing all places of special temptation, and being on our guard there. "Think of the men who cannot get past any gambling resort to save their souls! There are certain stores and hav-lofts and street corners and vacant lots that are more dangerous to boys than pest houses. There is absolutely no possible safety except in avoiding them." Boys, and men, too, beware!

How did Benhadad plan to circumvent Elisha? Sending spies, and learning that the prophet was living at Dotham, he sent a large body of cavalry and chariots to capture him. To secure such a man was vital. It would at once deprive Jehoram of one who was inspired by the gods and put him at the service of Syria, for it would be assumed that he could be bribed to help

How did Elisha, in the knowledge of his heavenly helpers, meet the Syrians? Our version, the Hebrew, implies that Elisha and his servant boldly went down from Dothan into the valley, and that the leaders of the Syrians came down from the heights on which they were encamped, to parley with the prophet. He prayed; for prayer is the recourse of all the strong est men in the time when they need to be strongest. Prayer is a nowerful thing, for God has bound and tied himself thereto. He prayed that blindness might fall upon the Syrians, and at once his prayer was granted. Not literal blindness is meant, probably, for was re-elected in 1825. At the close they were able to follow Elisha to Sa- of his second term he was elected, maria, but a confusion of vision or of mind, so that they were readily de ernor of Tennessee, and was spoken luded. Perhaps only the leaders were

Why did Elisha lead the Syrians ten miles to Samaria? To show them, and also to show the Israelites, how powerless they were before Jehovah. Elisha ishment of everybody, he suddenly remade the pompous and confident invaders appear ridiculous, which is the most thorough defeat that can be given to any enemy. Besides, one reason why Elisha had led the Syrians to the capital was that they might be kindly treated, feasted and sent back to Benhadad with coals of fire heaped upon their heads.

What is the great teaching of our lesson for modern people. The reality of the invisible world, and its power to help and comfort. To have no sense of the invisible is the ruln of art. It is the ruin of all life also. Many will believe only what their uninstructed eyes can see.

Christians should be continually upheld by the realization of their angelic helpers. The brave man need not see any celestial form with spear and helmet by his side, yet he may know as he goes out to the battle that the spirits of justice everywhere are sympathizing with him and helping him in unknown ways. The mother may not discern an angel bending over the bed on which her child is laid, but still she may know that there are other watchers by its bed beside herself, spirits whom God has sent to see that none of his little ones take any harm. The soul in its bereavement may not look to see here again the very presence and feature of the friend whom God has taken, yet still may be sure that even now, in such unknown ways as soul may present itself to soul, his friend is with him, for encouragement and strength. Pity we cannot now practice Elisha's plan of ending war.

When the comet of October, 1858, appeared, a lecturer made a tour of some country villages in Devonshire with a view to telling the country people some facts about the beautiful object; and among other points he touched upon the calculations which astronomers had made as to the enormous length of the tail of the comet. A countryman treated this part of his lecture with contemptuous incredulity. "I saw the comet myself," said the man, "and its tail was just four feet long; and how are we to believe this man who comes to tell us that it is ever so many millions of miles?"

GEN. SAM HOUSTON

Romantic Career of "The Red Man Eloquent."

Great Southwestern Pioneer Who Was Chief Among the Cherokee Indians-He Best Understood the Indian's Character.

Austin, Tex.-No more unique and remarkable character ever appeared in our history than Gen. Sam Houston, of Texas. He came of a family that emigrated from the north of Ireland, a place which may justly boast of the ancestry of such men as Stark, of the Revolution; Crockett, of the Alamo, and Jackson himself. The family was one of consideration, entitled to coat a true patriot? By using for his coun- armor in the old country. Though they did not belong to the landed gentry, they had been large and prosperous

Houston's father was an officer of the brigade of riflemen that Morgan led to Washington's assistance from the right side of the Potomac. His mother was one of those pioneer women of superb physique, high principles and strength of mind and courage to match. After the death of her husband when Sam, who was born in 1793, was but 13 years old, she took the family over the Alleghanies and settled on the borders of the Cherokee nation in western Tennessee.

Sam's educational opportunities were meager, but he made the best of them and had no occasion to blush when placed beside the most distinguished men of his time. According to some, his unwillingness to clerk in a country store, and, according to others, the refusal of his older brothers to permit him to study Latin, caused him to abandon civilization and cast his lot with the Cherokees.

After several years he returned to civilization and opened a country school, but soon left it to join the army. He enlisted in the Creek war in 1813, and greatly distinguished himself at the battle of Tohopeka, or Horseshoe Bend, where he was twice wounded.

The war over, he studied law, and in 1819 was elected district attorney of Davidson county, Tennessee. In 1823 he was elected to congress, and



practically without opposition, Govof as a presidential possibility.

In 1829 he was married to a beautiful and highly accomplished young lady of Nashville. Three months later, to the surprise and utter astonsigned the governoship, deserted his young wife, and mysteriously disap peared. He was next heard of among the Cherokee Indians, the friends of his boyhood, who had been removed to the Indian Territory.

He remained among the Indians four years, was admitted to their councils, was elected a chief, and took unto himself a wife, the daughter of a famous warrior. In 1832 he visited Washington in the interest of the tribes who were being defrauded by

the rascally agents of the government. The same year he went to Texas on a mission to the Commanche Indians as a representative of President Jackson. Texas was just entering upon her struggle for independence from Mexico, and Houston was induced to remain in the country and give his undivided aid to the cause. On the outbreak of hostilities he was elected commander-in-chief of the Texan army. By a masterly stroke of military strategy he succeeded in -decoying Gen. Santa Ana, the Mexican commander, from his base of supplies and administered to him a crushing defeat at the battle of San Jacinto, April 21,

In September following he was elected president of the republic of Texas, whose independence had been previously declared on March 2, 1836, and, after an interim of two years, was re-elected for a second term. His influence was potent in bringing about the annexation of Texas to the United States in 1845; and, on the accomplishment of annexation, he was elected to the United States senate, where he sat for 12 years. Two terms as governor of the state rounded out his official career. He died in Huntsville, Texas, July 26, 1863.

No other man in this country has so fully understood the Indian's character as Houston. He of all men, best understood their feelings and aspirations, and most deeply sympathized with them in their struggle against manifest destiny in the person of the white man. He fully entered into their thought and was "The Red Man Eloquent."

PECULIAR AFTER EFFECTS OF GRIP THIS YEAR.

Leaves Kidneys In Weakened Condition

Doctors in all parts of the country have been kept busy with the epidemic of grip which has visited so many homes. The symptoms of grip this year are very distressing and leave the system in a run down condition, particularly the kidneys which seem to suffer most, as every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to more serious sickness, such as dreaded Bright's Discase. Local druggists report a large sale on Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root which so many people say soon heals and strengthens the kidneys after an attack of grip. Swamp-Root is a great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, and, being an herbal compound, has a gentle healing effect on the kidneys, which is almost immediately noticed by those who try it. Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., offer to send a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, free by mail, to every sufferer who requests it. A trial will convince any one who may be in need of it. Regular size bottles 50 cts. and \$1.00. For sale at all druggists. Be sure to mention this paper.

The Progress of Music.

A German baker in West Philadelphia has a young hopeful who is beginning in youth the study of the violin. He takes weekly lessons and the parents are sanguine of his becoming a great musician.

A friend strolled into the bakeshop the other day and inquired of the genial German what progress the boy was making.

"He pretty good gets along," came the baker's assuring answer, with an elevation of the chin and a swelling chest. "He play 'Home, Sweet Home' with such sweetness that makes you wish for the Faderland. And, by golly, you ought to hear him play that 'Nearer, My God, to You.'"

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JUST SO.



"He always was a bad egg, but nobody seemed to notice it while he was rich."

"Yes, he was all right until he was

Parental Tactics.

As worried parent is sometimes bliged to do something like this: "Pa, what is a transcendentalist?" "Have you chained up the deg as I told you?"

"Not yet, pa." Well, do that, and when you come back I will tell you what a transcen dentalist is.

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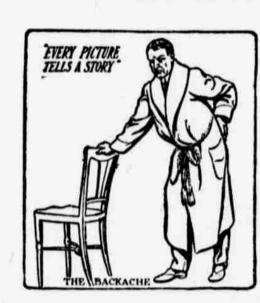
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Colds and Chills Bring Kidney Ills

February, March and April are the backache months, because they are months of colds, chills, grip and pneumonia, with their congesting, weakening influence on the kidneys. Colds, chills, or grip strain the kidneys and start backache, urinary disorders and uric acid troubles. You feel lame, weak and tired and have headache, dizzy feelings, achy muscles and joints; too frequent, painful urinary passages, sediment, etc. Chills hurt the kidneys. Likewise well kidneys often prevent taking cold, by helping to pass off the waste matters of cold congestion. Doan's Kidney Pills are very useful in the raw winter and spring months. They stop backache and urinary disorders, keep the kidneys well and prevent colds from settling on the kidneys. Strong testimony proves it. What better evidence could you ask?

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TERRIBLE CASE OF DROPSY.

Lebanon, Ind., Man Gives Vivid Description of His Suffering.

John T. Anderson, 613 W. Main St., Lebanon, Ind., says: "I was taken suddenly with agonizing pains through my kidneys, followed by a stoppage of the urine. I called in a physician, but he gave me only temporary relief, by drawing the urine with a catheter. I was soon in such agony I could not lie in bed, and for four weeks sat in a chair, propped up by pillows. After about a month, it seemed as if something

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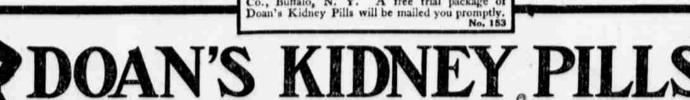
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