

The Bible Service.

Conducted by a Committee of the AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS, 1879.

SECOND QUARTER.

April 5. Sanctified Attention. Job 23: 14-30. April 12. Properly Heated. Job 41: 1-10. April 19. Queen Esther. Esther 4: 10-17.

THIRD QUARTER.

July 5. Peace with God. Romans 5: 1-10. July 12. The Security of Believers. Romans 8: 28-39.

XII.—CONSECRATION TO GOD.

For Sabbath Day, June 21.

MALACHI 3: 1-5.

8. Will a man rob God? Ye have robbed him. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed him? ...

TOPIC.—Devoting ourselves and our all to God.

OFFICIAL READINGS.

I. 1. Thibbles. Gen. 22: 1-14. Deut. 14: 22-29. II. 2. The Lord's Prayer. Matt. 6: 9-13. Luke 11: 2-4.

QUESTIONS.

Introduction. When and where did Malachi prophesy? Under whose rule? ...

THE DEAD HOUSE.

By James Russell Lowell. Here once my step was quickened, Here beckoned the opening door, And welcome thrilled from the threshold ...

THE DEACON'S STORY.

By Deacon Baker. Deacon Baker laid down his religious weekly, raised his "specs" until they rested on the top of his shiny bald head, grasped firmly the arms of his Elder-Brewster arm-chair ...

Who was the first man to pay tithes to the Lord? With what was he taxed? How can we rob God? What will be our course if we rob God? ...

INTRODUCTION.

Malachi (messenger of Jehovah) prophesied at Jerusalem about 420 B. C., and was contemporary with Nehemiah. He is the last of the prophets, and his prophecies constitute the closing book of the Old Testament.

EXPLANATIONS.

I. v. 9. Yet ye have robbed me. After Jehovah had announced the coming judgment for the long-continued transgressions of the Jews, he adds a question to the effect: "Why do ye rob me?"

LESSON THOUGHTS.

1. We love our life, health, possessions; our love, service, worship, indeed, all that we are and have in this life and expect to live to come to God.

could see them, "No property with unpaid tithes." And it is true still. No Christian, no church, can prosper with unpaid tithes. No land that seeks first wealth, and makes morality and religion and education secondary, ever can prosper.

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