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In selecting and arranging the following texts and subjects, I have been much struck with the vast variety and extent of those divine instructions, on all important subjects, which God has so munificently imparted to man in his holy Word. I have always considered it the principal object of a religious instructor to lead those whom he teaches, as nearly as possible, to the fountain head of divine truth. All human compositions are necessarily defective, and they are only excellent so far as they approximate to the divine standard. Teachers may feel a holy confidence as to the instructions they communicate, when they are enabled to declare "Which things we speak not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual." (I. Cor. 2. 13.)

I may also observe that the plain and nervous language used in the English version of the Bible appears to me exceedingly well adapted for the rising generation: it is generally understood; and its simple, dignified, forcible, and venerable, style renders it a most appropriate medium for the communication of religious instruction.

What knowledge can be so important to our youth as an acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures? "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto, according to thy word." (119 P. 9.) "My heart's desire and prayer to God" for the young, is, that they may be blessed with a thoroughly scriptural education. May imitators of Timothy be found in all our schools, and in every family; to each of whom we may say: "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (II. Tim. 3. 15.)

I have endeavoured, in the ensuing pages, to select those texts which I thought most particularly calculated for the young. It has been my study throughout, to avoid every expression which could give offence to any body of evangelical Christians. I commend this little Work to the blessing of that God who has promised, "My word shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (55 Is. 11.)

I take this opportunity of remarking, that it appears to me quite unnecessary for the children to commit to memory the chapter and verses which state from whence the texts are selected, and which I have put in a parenthesis; it will be enough for them to learn the holy words, which are of inspired authority.

For the benefit of those children who are not sufficiently forward to learn the whole of this Catechism, I have published an Abridgment, price Four Pence.—W. F. L.

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## I. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

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*Scriptures—inspired—benefits of—duty of searching—divine help to understand and obey them, necessary—effects of—suited for the young—value of—the despisers of them punished.*

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### 1. *Who inspired the Scriptures?*

The prophecy came not of old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (II. Pet. 1. 21.)

### 2. *For what uses is the whole word of God given?*

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. (II. Tim. 3. 16.)

### 3. *How should we esteem the authority of the Bible?*

Not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God. (I. Thes. 2. 13.)

### 4. *Were the Scriptures written for our good?*

Whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope. (15 Ro. 4.)

### 5. *Does Christ command us to search the Scriptures?*

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. (5 Jn. 39.)

### 6. *What was the character of the Bereans?*

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so; therefore many of them believed. (17 Ac. 11, 12.)



7. *Is Divine help necessary to understand the Scriptures?*

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures. (24 Lk. 45.)

8. *What is a suitable prayer when reading the Bible?*

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.—Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. (119 P. 18 and 34.)

9. *With what dispositions should we receive the word of God?*

As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. (1 Pet. 2. 2.)

Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. (1 Jas. 21.)

10. *How should the word of Christ dwell in us?*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. (3 Col. 16.)

11. *What is our spiritual support?*

It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (4 Mt. 4. also 8 Deu. 3.)

12. *Does the word of God search the heart and conscience?*

The word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow; and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (4 Heb. 12.)

13. *What are the blessed influences of God's holy word?*

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew; as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass. (32 Deu. 2.)

14. *Is the word of God fruitful and successful?*

As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. (55 Is. 10, 11.)

15. *How does Christ describe the state of the believer in his word?*

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (5 Jn. 24.)

16. *Does the word of God in the heart preserve from sin?*

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (119 P. 11.)

17. *Do Christ and his word alone teach the knowledge of eternal life?*

Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. (6 Jn. 68.)

18. *Will every part of the Divine word be fulfilled?*

Verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. (5 Mat. 18.)

19. *"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?"*

By taking heed thereto, according to thy word. (119 P. 9.)

20. *Does the word of God strengthen young Christians?*

I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. (1 Jn. 2. 14.)

21. *How did Job value the words of God?*

I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. (23 Job. 12.)

22. *How did the Psalmist esteem the Scriptures?*

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. (119 P. 72.)

23. *How does the Psalmist describe the excellencies of the word of God?*

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:

the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether: more to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb. Moreover, by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward. (19 P. 7 to 11.)

24. *In what is the good man's constant delight?*

His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (1 P. 2.)

25. *Are the words of God pure?*

The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. (12 P. 6.)

26. *Is keeping the commands of God a test of our real characters?*

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him: but whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected. (1 Jn. 2. 4, 5.)

27. *How does Christ teach us to judge whether we are his true disciples?*

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (8 Jn. 31, 32.)

28. *Would those persons, who refuse to believe the Bible, be convinced by any other evidence?*

If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead. (16 Lk. 31.)

29. *What will be the punishment of those who despise the word of the Lord?*

As the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. (5 Is. 24.)