

B. Y. P. U. NOTES

Friends and all, I wish to say that we have for our meeting next Saturday night—a devotional meeting. Will God Hear Me When I Pray? This lesson is a lesson that should not be neglected and I trust that we may have a worthy program. Really what is quicker than radio? Prayer! Daniel's prayer beat radio; the answer came before he finished! Hear about it in B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Dear members, what about those D. B. R. When you miss these you miss the best part of the lesson. It is worth something to us to study these great men. Listen now, most of you will agree with me I think. Do you not like a real good novel? Of course we do! Well here it is in a real form of fiction all the difference is only most of the novels we read is nothing but a book full of lies and the life of these great characters is really true. Now for our Bible Reading this week, we deal with the life, or part of the life of Elisha the successor of Elijah who never tasted of death but went to heaven alive. Now what about Elisha? Let's study and see how he got along. The first thing or miracle Elisha did was to smooth the waters of Jordan and they parted and he crossed over on dry soil. Next we find him in the city of Jericho. Here the waters were very bad and it failed to moisten the soil. Here they went to Elisha with their troubles. Then Elisha desired them to bring a cruse of salt; and then he went to the spring of the waters and threw the salt in the springs and said "Thus saith the Lord I have healed these waters, there shall be no more dry or barren land." And so it was that the waters were healed. No it was not the salt that did this, nor it was not Elisha by himself. He did it through the power of God. There are plenty more great things he did but it would be better for you to study them yourselves so you can be better prepared to answer my questions Sunday night on this great character. Yes what happened to the little children when they said unto him "go up thou bald head?" Turn to II Kings and this book will inform you of the great adventures of Elisha.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Watauga County made at the spring term 1923 in that certain action entitled J. E. Jester and Minnie Jester vs. W. H. Byrd appointing the undersigned a commissioner to sell the hereinafter described lands according to the terms of a certain mortgage deed executed by J. E. Jester and wife Minnie Jester to W. H. Byrd on the first day of March 1920, I will on Monday June 18, 1923, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. at the court house door in Watauga county sell to the highest bidder for cash and according to the terms of said judgment, the following described lands, to wit:

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JUNE 3

JEREMIAH, THE PROPHET OF COURAGE

LESSON TEXT—Jeremiah 1:1-18.
GOLDEN TEXT—Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.—I Corinthians 16:13.
REFERENCE MATERIAL—Jeremiah 1:1-9; 18:1-8; 16:1-4; Matthew 2:17, 18.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Sons Who Honor Their Father.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Story of the Rechabites.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jeremiah, the Courageous Prophet.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Jeremiah's Service to His Nation.

Jeremiah was one of the last prophets of Judah. He saw the nation go into the Babylonian Captivity and Jerusalem destroyed, after which he went into Egypt. He was a lonely, misunderstood and unpopular prophet. He was most bitterly hated and persecuted. His own countrymen turned against him. He was placed in stocks and then thrown into a horrible dungeon from which he narrowly escaped with his life. The teacher should give a little sketch of his life. The following is suggested:

1. His Call (1:2-10).
2. His Commission (1:11-19).
3. His Sympathetic Heart (4:10).
4. His Great Sorrows (10:15-21).
5. The Divine Power Which Urged Him Forward and Sustained Him (10:7-9).

Because he was called upon to prophesy against his own nation and at the command of God urged them to surrender to the Babylonians, he was regarded as a traitor guilty of treason against his own nation.

I. The Rechabites' Test (vv. 1-5).

In the days of Jehoiakim, the Lord charged Jeremiah to bring the Rechabites into the house of the Lord and test them regarding the drinking of wine. This he did in a place where the people might behold them, the aim being to teach Judah by example. The father of the Rechabites had given command that they should not drink wine. Their filial obedience put to shame the children of Judah for their lack of obedience. Jonadab, the father of the Rechabites, was only a man but the one whose commands Judah disregarded was the Almighty God, their Creator and Savior. It is God's plan that every man be tested. Being a free agent, he can have character only through testing.

II. The Filial Loyalty of the Rechabites (vv. 6-11).

Though they were out of their own country in the midst of a foreign people they refused to drink wine, declaring that they had been true to the instructions of Jonadab all their lives. It is a fine thing when children remember their fathers and render obedience to their commands.

III. The Loyalty of the Rechabites in Contrast With the Disloyalty of Judah (vv. 12-16).

1. The Appeal (vv. 13, 14). He made the appeal on the basis of the filial loyalty of the Rechabites. He also reminded them that he had spoken to them in person, rising up early to do so.

2. The Ministry of the Prophets (vv. 15, 16). When the people failed to render obedience to God, he sent to them the prophets, who pleaded with them to amend their ways by turning away from their idols. Matthew Henry indicates the points of contrast somewhat as follows: (1) The Rechabites were obedient to one who was but a man; the Jews disobeyed the infinite and eternal God. (2) Jonadab was dead and could not know of their disloyalty or correct them for it. God is all-knowing and lives forever and will punish for disobedience. (3) The Rechabites were never reminded of their obligations, but God sent His prophets to speak to His people. (4) Jonadab left the charge but no estate to support the charge, but God gave the people a goodly land and prospered them in it. (5) God never assigned His people a task as hard as Jonadab's, but God's people disobeyed Him while the Rechabites obeyed their father.

IV. Judgment Upon the Jews for Disobedience (v. 17).

God declared that He would bring judgment upon them according to what He had said. Judgment is laid upon those who disobey and rebel against God.

V. Reward of the Rechabites for Their Loyalty (vv. 18, 19).

Because they had been true to the commands of Jonadab, they should always have a representative before God. God has such a regard for filial obedience that He lets no act go unrewarded.

Be Sure of Happiness.

Before we passionately desire anything which another enjoys, we should examine as to the happiness of its possession.—Rochefoucauld.

History.

History is little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind.—Gibbon.

Great Secrets.

The great secrets of being courted are to shun others and to seem delighted with yourself.—Bulwer.



CHERRY BLOSSOM

ONCE on a branch of a cherry tree there was under the soft bark hidden a little Cherry Blossom waiting for the time to come when it could go out in its pretty pink and white gown and show itself to the world.

There were, of course, many of these little blossoms, but this particular Blossom did not like to wait! she wanted to go at once.

So one soft warm morning she peeped out. "Oh, it is summer already," she cried. "I knew it must be time, and here are all of my sisters sitting inside waiting. I shall be the first to show the color of our new gowns."

"If I wait until the others appear who is to admire me! We all will be



Out She Threw Her Pretty Skirts.

admired together. I shall not wait for them; I want to be admired all alone."

So this foolish little Cherry Blossom came out the next day in the sun. She did not flit out her skirts at first, for it was not quite as warm as she had thought.

Gentle Breeze floating by stopped to speak to her. "I am afraid you are too early, 'Cherry Blossom,'" he said.



KATHERINE

LIKE Mary, the charming name of Katherine, has an almost illimitable history, and its derivations and contractions are endless. It signifies pure, since it was first borne by a maiden martyr, whose name was chosen as the center of an allegory of intellectual religion. Katherine in Greek became Katherina in the Latin tongue. Going further back, it can be found that this martyred Katherine was a virgin martyr of Alexandria, whose history is unknown. Some historians credit her with being the daughter of a king of Egypt, but this contention cannot be substantiated. However it is, Katherine's purity and sanctity are unmistakable.

The martyrdom of the original Katherine is recorded in literature and art—the destruction of the wheels that were to have torn her asunder; her martyrdom by the sword, and the translation of her body by angels to Mount Sinai, at whose foot stands a convent bearing her name, where she is adored perpetually, are all familiar themes to the masters of pen and brush. Passing from the sublime to the practical, the fireworks called Katherine wheels are an allusion to the instruments of torture which were destroyed by lightning and the tiny Brown bird known as the Kittywren is so-called from association as her sacred bird.

The crusaders brought home the story of Katherine's martyrdom and her name spread in fame throughout the West. The Italians had a Santa Caterina of Siena, whose influence was potent during the Middle ages, thus adding another link to the chain of sanctity which surrounds the name of Katherine.

Another famous Katherine was the countess of Salisbury, heroine of the Garter. John of Gaunt had a daughter, who, as queen of Castille, made Caterina a favorite in Spain, whence it was returned to England with Katherine of Aragon. Catherine de Valois, queen of Henry V, brought it to France. Several of the queens of the much-married Henry VIII bore the name of Katherine.

Kathleen, Kitty and Kate are names of individual charm, yet they spring from Katherine and are really only translations, diminutives, and contractions of that most popular of feminine names. No name is more universal than Katherine as her various derivatives, partly from association.

The graceful Kathleen originated in Ireland, after Katherine had become established in England. It is an adaptation of the old Ossianic Cathlin, meaning the "beam of the wave" and the name given to one of the stars.

Kitty and Kate are old English names, which stand on their own merits as individual names and are frequently given in baptism. Katie is

"My brother, North Wind, has not gone home yet; he is only napping for a day or two, resting for his long journey to his home up North."

"He will be back here before he leaves for good, and I hope he will not catch you. Why did you come out so early? Not one of your sisters is here."

"I was tired of waiting," replied Cherry Blossom, "and so would you be if you had been shut up in the house all winter with never a chance to peek outside."

"Better go back and wait a little longer," warned Gentle Breeze as he wafted away.

But Cherry Blossom did not take the warning, for the next day the sun was warmer and out she threw her pretty skirts for everyone to admire.

But that night how sorry she was that she did not heed the warning of Gentle Breeze, for the night wind grew chilly and by and by along came North Wind for a farewell trip and he nipped little Cherry Blossom so hard that the next day when the sun came out there she was all withered.

Poor little Cherry Blossom would never be a cherry now, and when it was time for her sisters to come out in their pretty new gowns she had to wear an old brown dress and cling close to the bark of the limb where she lived.

Then later she had to see her sisters in their beautiful red dresses which she could not wear, and she had plenty of time to think over how silly she had been not to wait patiently, as they did, for the warm days to come, instead of hurrying out ahead of them that she might have all the admiration for herself.

The next year she was wiser and stayed tucked snugly in her winter bed until it was time for all of her sisters to put on their summer clothes, and you can be certain that none of them looked prettier than the little Cherry Blossom who the summer before wore an old faded dress all the season.

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the Scotch adaptation. Catherine, belonging absolutely to England, has even produced a masculine counterpart. Catherine, Catherin Davita, the famous historian, was so-called since he was unfortunate enough to have Catherine de Medici for his grandmother.

In Italy, Santa Caterina is a term of derision for an old maid. Many hills have been named after Catherine, the Votress of Siena, and Ekaterinburg was so-called in honor of the Russian empress.

In France the name is Catherine, Catharina, Caton and Trinette. In Spain, we have Catalina. Catarina is Italian, and Katherine, Katchen, Kathe and Trina are Teutonic. Katica is Russian, and Katrina and Kollie are Swedish. The Slovak adaptation is Katrina.

The tullest gem assigned to Katherine and her derivatives is the moss agate, which promises a bold heart and freedom from danger to its wearer. It is an excellent amulet to be worn by travelers and signifies a journey when it is the subject of a dream. Tuesday is Katherine's lucky day and two her lucky number.

Waller's charming poem "Kitty Nell" is familiar to every one: Sweet Kate! Who could view your bright eyes of blue, Beaming humbly through your dark lashes so mild— Your fair-turned arm, heaving breast rounded form— Nor feel his heart warm, and his pulses throbb will-o'-wisp? (Copyright by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)



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Confidence Without Limit. Mother—Are you sure that this young man you are going with is all right?

Oo-Edna—All right? Why, my dear, I would trust him in Hollywood—Kansas Sour Owl.

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE MAIN POINT

IT IS a job of wondrous worth To go forth to reform the earth. And with respect I lift my hat To folks who tackle tasks like that. Especially if ere they roam They've cleaned up everything at home.

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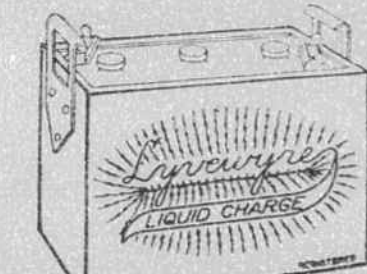
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