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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 2

THE POWER OF THE EARLY CHURCH

LESSON TEXT—Acts 2:1-4, 17-42. GOLDEN TEXT—Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Acts 2:21. PRIMARY TOPIC—Peter Telling About Jesus.

The power of the early church was the Holy Spirit. This same Spirit has been the power of the church in all ages. The watchword of God's mightiest men throughout the centuries has been, "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

1. The Coming of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). Time Of (v. 1). It was on the day of Pentecost, "Day of Pentecost" means the feast which was held fifty days after the wave sheaf was offered (Lev. 23:15-16).

2. Upon Whom the Spirit Came (v. 1, 3, 4, 13-15). The twelve and others to the number of 120. The coming of the Spirit was not merely for the twelve but for all believers—members of the body of Christ.

3. The Marks of the Spirit (v. 2-4). These marks were external and internal. I. External. (1) The Sound of a Mighty Wind. There was no wind—only the sound thereof. This suggests the all-pervasive life-giving influence of the Holy Spirit.

(2) Tongues of Flame. Each of the 120 was crowned with such a tongue. The tongues show the practical purpose of the Spirit's gifts, and the fire indicates His purifying energy, purging the dross and making it witnesses for Him.

(3) Speaking in Foreign Tongues. For these humble Galileans to thus speak caused great amazement.

II. Internal. This is seen in the transformation wrought in the disciples. They have great courage and self-possession. Peter, who a little while before was covering before a Jewish maid, now with him boldness stood before the thousands of Jerusalem and a little later before the chief rulers of the city and declared that they had murdered their King.

III. The Converting Power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:37-42). Many people were convicted of their sins—about three thousand repented and were baptized. This revival was real because:

1. They continued steadfast in the apostles' teaching. They did not grow cold or run after every fact that came along. This is the real test of conversion.

2. They continued in fellowship with the apostles. The surest way to grow is to keep in fellowship with Christians. Death is sure to follow the neglect of the fellowship of the brethren in Christ.

3. In using the means of grace. "In the breaking of bread," God has instituted ordinances in His house and those who are genuinely converted will avail themselves of their use.

4. In prayer the apostolic church was a praying church. The Christian life cannot be lived without prayer.

Good Deeds. The influence of a good deed is great upon the world, but the reflex influence upon the doer is a priceless thing.—Gospel Banner.

False Prophets. False prophets and teachers have ever been speakers of pleasing words and glorifiers of the conditions of their times. Thus only can they hope to secure popularity, ease, and the other things they are after.

Insufficient for That Day. I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.—Lincoln.

THE DRUNKARD

This one thing cannot be brought out too strongly in words. I confess it is a subject above my knowledge to approach as to make it as strong as it should be made, and again I feel like saying a few words in regard to the drunkard and the shape he is in to face the coming judgment.

One may say where did we get the first record of anyone getting drunk? We very often see a passage in the old and the New Testament in relation to the drunkard. Please note Genesis 9:21, that is speaking of Noah. "And he drank of the wine and was drunken." I almost think I am safe in saying this is the starting point of this evil stuff effecting the cause of the upbuilding of our Lord's kingdom.

Boys and girls who never saw a drunken man and have no idea of the sauciness as a nesting place of vice and crime; who have never seen the drunkard's children, ragged and half starved, who have never heard the screams of the drunkard's wife, can have little conception of the blessings of prohibition. Now the drunkard may get it into his head that he has already done too much to be saved. Well if we believe the scriptures we can't deny the fact how low we stoop if we want to be saved and are willing to turn from sin our Savior will always meet us half way.

HERMAN WILCOX.

to be drunk. Perhaps its wide use as a medicine in former days went far toward forming the habit of drinking, just as the opium or morphine habit is often formed from the use of these drugs to relieve pain. When the habit once is formed the poor victim is its slave. Quite often one will drink to drown his sorrow but that only adds to the misfortune and poisons into a festering sore what otherwise might have been only a tender memory.

One may drink to get momentary relief from his sense of wrong doing but when he sobers up he finds himself deeper in the mire of sin than before. There is no valid reason in any circumstance or condition of life for drinking whiskey.

Richard Bland Lee had offered a resolution that the capital be established on the Potomac river. While these questions were in agitation there was a dinner party at the house of Thomas Jefferson, Washington's Secretary of State. It is thought that there an agreement was reached that Hamilton would support Lee's Capital location resolution and that Lee would support the assumption bill. That bill had got before the House again, and Representatives Richard Bland Lee and Alexander White of Virginia and Daniel Carroll of Maryland reversed themselves and voted for it and it was passed. The House passed the bill establishing the seat of government on the Potomac between the mouth of the Eastern branch and that of Conococheague creek July 9, 1790, by a vote of 32 to 25. It went through the Senate in that form, and was signed by President Washington, July 16, 1790. It was amended March 3, 1791, that the federal territory might be below the mouth of the Eastern branch, so as to include the town of Alexandria, but before the amendment was enacted, President Washington directed the Commissioners to lay out the new territory as it is today, minus that part which Virginia ceded, and which was retroceded.

HOW WASHINGTON BECAME CAPITAL CITY

From the Washington Star. One of the measures before the First Congress which caused serious discussion was the "assumption bill" under the terms of which the general government would assume the revolutionary debts of the states. Virginia's debt, had been reduced, was funded at six per cent, and the interest was being regularly paid. Some states had not been successful in caring for the revolutionary obligations and Virginia protested against assuming a share of responsibility for debts of less prosperous or provident states. Representative Richard Bland Lee and Alexander White of Virginia were vigorous in opposing the assumption bill, which was a pet measure of Alexander Hamilton, and it was defeated in the house April 12th 1790, by two votes.



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And when there is anyone The summons to cash in, They tell of all the good he's done And cover up the sin; And of the erring one who fails In life's exacting school They show that criticism pales Beside the golden rule.

Their patron saint is good St. au, Their motto's from his pen, As you will readily recall: "Be all things to all men." Their path is not with roses strewn The world knows not their worth Amid the crowd they stand alone As best upon the earth. —James Graham in Beaver Crossing (Nebraska) Times.

Rev. John A. Ravan



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