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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for June 29

REVIEW—REHOBOAM TO NEHEMIAH

GOLDEN TEXT—Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34. PRIMARY TOPIC—Selected Stories of the Quarter. JUNIOR TOPIC—Main Events of the Quarter. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Chief Persons of the Quarter. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—From Rehoboam to Nehemiah.

Three methods of review are suggested:

I. Modern Application of the Outstanding Teachings of the Quarter's Lessons.

For adult classes qualified members may be asked a week ahead to present the teachings of the quarter along the following lines:

1. Patriotism. It should be pointed out how the nation suffered and was utterly ruined because of the lack of patriotism.

2. The need of real education. Because the people were not taught about God they went into idolatry. The real need of the nations of the world today is to be taught about God.

3. Evils which afflict society, such as luxuries, indelicacy, tampering with the social machinery, etc.

II. Biographical.

This method is always interesting and can be adapted to all grades. The most outstanding men in the history of Israel and Judah appeared in this quarter's lessons, namely, Rehoboam, Jeroboam, Ahab, Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Athaliah, Hezekiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, etc. These can be assigned to different members of the class the previous week to present the outstanding lessons associated with each character.

III. The Summary Method.

This means pointing out the central teaching of each lesson. The following suggestions to that end are offered:

Lesson 1. The kingdom so gloriously administered in David's time reached its climax under Solomon, but because his heart was turned from God through the influence of his heathen wives God determined that the kingdom would be rent from him. Rehoboam's wicked stupidity in refusing the counsel of experienced men caused the work of two generations to be undone in a moment.

Lesson 2. Elijah's struggle with Baal proves that the Lord is the true God and that because He does respond when called upon in sincerity He alone is entitled to be worshiped.

Lesson 3. The proof that Elisha was chosen by God to succeed Elijah was that his anointing of the Spirit was discernible by the sons of the prophets and that he did similar and even greater works than Elijah.

Lesson 4. Those who give themselves up to the practice of sin will ultimately come to ruin. The wages of sin is death.

Lesson 5. Israel went into exile because of her sins, according to God's announcement through Amos. God's word cannot fail.

Lesson 6. In spite of Athaliah's wicked purpose to destroy the seed royal, Josiah of Mesiah's line was preserved and elevated to the throne. No purpose of God can eventually fail.

Lesson 7. Hezekiah, when threatened by the Assyrians, resorted to God's house and sought the prophet of God. God's house is the sure resort of His people when in distress and His ministers are best qualified to give help.

Lesson 8. Because Jeremiah faithfully declared God's word, God delivered him from his enemies.

Lesson 9. Judah, like Israel, went into captivity because of her sins. God never forgets the faithful ones nor fails to punish the wicked.

Lesson 10. Though Israel's leaders failed, and their failure involved the nation in ruin, the Good Shepherd will eventually come and deliver them and exalt them to their proper place among the nations.

Lesson 11. When the period of the captivity was fulfilled God caused a remnant to return. God never forgets. He can ever move the heart of a heathen king to fulfill His purpose.

Lesson 12. Through the reading of God's Word the people were revived and they put away their sins. The only way to bring a revival in righteous living is to bring the people to know God.

Rejecting the Truth

Has God predestinated some to be lost? Certainly not. There is no such thought in Scripture. The reason why some perish is their own deliberate rejection of the truth. "Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

Will Not Accept

God will not accept the oily words of new thought for the sacrifice and atonement of Christ.—The Living Word.

The Controversy

A controversy with one who preaches the word of God, is with God—not the preacher.—The Living Word.

Christian Life

The Christian life is not knowing or hearing but doing.—F. W. Robertson.

TIGER DESTROYS A CHILD

(For last week's issue.)

The tiger dashes down the mountain side and pounces upon the little curly-headed child playing under the shady oak; father and mother scream with terror, neighbors cease their work and soon the mountains are filled with men and dogs searching for the heartless beasts that tore and mangled the tender flesh of the innocent child. Excitement becomes intense, the ex-soldier from Flanders Fields, with gun in hand ascends the rocky steeps with clenched teeth and anxious eye as they follow the bloody trail and never relax their search until the cruel beasts are killed.

The blind tiger, a thousand times more dangerous and destructive, is concealed in the bushes, not only destroys one child, but ten thousand. The excitement does not run so high instead of young men taking their dogs and guns and hunting the monster, they fill their pockets with bottles and have them filled with liquid death, and the commerce of hell.

Some say why not have more rigid laws enacted for the protection of homes, decency and society. The officers of the law are criticized and blamed for not killing out and destroying all these destructive monsters. We have ample laws for the protection of every man, woman and child. What we need now is better citizenship in a great many sections of our country. It would be the height of wisdom and common sense for every man and woman in the county to organize an army of fearless soldiers who would take their rifles and shotguns and search out every nook and corner of the woods for blockade stills, and put an end to the British traffic.

We, readers, try to picture in your mind an awful scene like this. Lewd women blockade liquor, and a dozen young men amuse themselves on the Sabbath day, drinking, cursing, and fighting, with the Sunday School and church less than a mile away.

The demon of strong drink does not stop at the destruction of prostitutes and men of low character, but with the coils of the serpent it reaches out and blights the innocent with its commercial ruin, social infamy and moral degradation.

The beautiful young girl, the pride of her father's home, cultured and refined, standing high in society, gladdening the hearts of her many friends with happy waves of music tipping from the organ's keys, with a brilliant future stretching out brilliantly before her, all unthoughtfully assent to the marriage of a drunken son. In a few years the smiling face is covered with tears and the bright eyes hollow with hopeless grief when she becomes the wife of a drunkard the mother of helpless children, in a home where Satan holds dominion.

She sits up till midnight in the wretched home peering through crevices in the wall or broken window panes watching for the drunkard's return, a two-legged animal, a savage, a tiger, a putrid mass of disease, a loathsome living death.

Time passes on and the drunkard in the last stages of delirium tremens, fights apparition upon a bed of straw until the ruined soul takes a long leap into the dark. The poor widow with the helpless children tugging at her faded dress, goes out into the world where muscle and brain is needed. Does the demon of strong drink stop at this? In the

transmission of life to posterity, the children of drunken parents may be born with a propensity to the same evil and in after years fill the chain gangs and penitentiaries with criminals of the law.

If I was a professor and called upon to preach the funeral of a drunkard I would take my text in the 22nd chapter and 19th verse of Jeremiah. "He shall be buried with the burial of an ass."

Drunkenness sneers at the Bible, scoffs at religion, refuses the advice of mother, climbs over the cross of Christ, and violates the laws of the land. If the people don't control it it will control them.

If the devil keeps a list of names of those who are opposed to liquor I want him to write in his book of eternal remembrance just opposite my name that I despaired with every drop of my blood this hellish stuff.

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DEFECTIVE VISION MENACE TO THE NATION'S WORKERS

New York June 24.—Industry is neglecting the eyes of the workers greatly retarding national production it is asserted by the Eyesight Conservation Council of America. Its conclusions are based on a survey made embracing 170 companies located in twenty three states and employing more than one million men and women.

Summarizing the results of eye tests of a group of more than 200,000 employees, said to be the largest yet studied in the field for eye conservation, the council reports that the average proportion of defective vision is 43.3 per cent.

These disclosures it was stated, "establish a accurate instance of the proportion of defective vision among the 42,000,000 gainfully employed persons in the United States.

The Eyesight Conservation Council concludes that existing conditions place an extra burden upon industry and that production is retarded.

"Eye sight as an important factor affecting the output of the industry of the United States, is being overlooked," it is asserted.

"Comparatively few industrial and commercial establishments are giving any attention to the care of the eyes of their employees.

"Those companies that recognize their responsibility in this regard not only realize inestimable benefits, but are likewise contributing tremendously to the physical upbuilding of society. Such remedial measures as the correction of visual defects, safety campaigns for the protection of the eyes from hazards and accidents and improvements in lighting conditions are results which no company can afford to overlook.

"Production is increased the quality of workmanship is improved, less material is wasted, fewer accidents occur, greater individual effort is made possible and above all there result greater physical comfort and contentment."

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North Carolina County of Watauga in the Superior court full term 1924 John Ernie Buterly vs. Sarah Buterly

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

The defendant will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga County seeking the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony and the summons in said action having been returned by the sheriff not to be found in the state of North Carolina. Now therefore pursuant to an order made in cause of publication as the law directs the defendant will take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Watauga on the 14th day of July 1924 and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the relief demanded in said complaint will be granted.

This June 5th, 1924. A. W. SMITH, Clerk Superior Court.

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NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER MORTGAGE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed by John E. Smith to Jessie F. Robbins on the 15th day of November 1920 and recorded in book 7, page 82 in the registers office of Watauga County North Carolina to secure the payment of a note of \$285.00 and interest on the same from the 15th day of November 1920 until paid and the same being sold and assigned to the undersigned for value, and all the rights, title and interest of above mortgages having been transferred and assigned, to me and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness as secured by said mortgage and being past due, I, R. H. Hardin, assignee, will on the first day of July 1924 at twelve o'clock noon at the Court house door in the

town of Boone North Carolina offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands and premises to satisfy said indebtedness, interest and cost and expenses of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Watauga County North Carolina in Watauga township, adjoining the lands of Roby Adams and others and more fully described as follows:

Beginning on a stake in the Roby Adams line and runs west forty poles to a chestnut, thence south 107 poles to a stake, then 107 poles to the beginning, containing 23 1-2 acres, more or less. Published this May 28, 1924. JESSIE F. ROBBINS, Mortgagee. DR. R. H. HARDIN, Assignee. V. B. Bowers, Attorney.

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