

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
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AUGUST 27, 1922.—Subject—
"Nehemiah's Prayer." Lesson Material—Nehemiah 1:1-11.

Golden Text—"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."—James 5:16.

Time.—445 B. C.
Place.—Shushan.

The two books of Ezra and Nehemiah might well be bound in one volume. Ezra gives an account of the first return from Babylonian captivity. Nehemiah gives us the picture of that dark night of Jewish captivity and brings us to what seems a better day for these stricken Jews.

Three Nehemiahs are mentioned in connection with the return of the Jews from Babylon. One of them returned with Zerubbabel while another is mentioned as assisting in rebuilding the walls. The third one mentioned is the son of Hachaliah, a great leader in Israel. Nehemiah states the time and place of his labors. He says it was in the month of Chisleu, this corresponds to the latter part of our November and first of December, and in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes, in the palace at Shushan. Shushan was about two hundred and fifty miles east of the city of Babylon. Last part of verse eleven tells us unmistakably his office. He was the king's cupbearer, handled the king's liquors.

Nehemiah was like every other faithful man, interested in the land of his fathers; one of his brethren comes from Jerusalem to Babylon, Nehemiah makes special inquiry concerning the state of affairs among his own people. Doubtless many of the Jews that returned from captivity had gone back to Babylonia. Their hearts had doubtless failed them when they faced the task of rebuilding the city and the temple. Hananei informs him that "the remnants that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach; the wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire."

At these words the heart of Nehemiah breaks. Hear the words he utters, "It came to pass when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven." Prayer with all of these old Bible characters was a solemn exercise. They were conscious of the fact that they were in the very presence of Jehovah, they had come to seek an audience with the king of all the earth. They tried in some measure to prepare themselves for prayer. They confessed, fasted and tried to get in the proper frame of mind and heart before they came into the presence of Jehovah for the purpose of prayer.

Let us stand for a moment and listen to the solemn tones of Nehemiah's prayer. "I beseech Thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him and observe His commandments." True prayer is speaking to the Father, in the name of His only Son, through the inspiration of His holy spirit. There are many prayers recorded in the Bible worthy of our careful study. The model prayer given by our Savior is the one above all others. In this model prayer we find the true spirit that should prompt all of our praying.

Nehemiah is going further now and we find him begging for a hearing at the Throne. "Let thine ear be attentive, and thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant, which I pray before Thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel Thy servants and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned." Nehemiah is where all true prayer begins, down in the dust. None of us have anything to commend us before the all seeing eye of Jehovah. Our short comings are so great that we need to hear now the cry of Nehemiah: "We have dealt very corruptly against Thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which Thou commandest Thy servant Moses." Nehemiah is trying to get on praying ground and it takes some such confession as this before we can get there. There must be humility before there is any real praying.

Nehemiah had one purpose in praying. Not to glorify himself, but that Jehovah might be glorified through his life. Often we pray for everything from the rivers to the ends of the earth and when we are through and amen is said we do not know for what we have prayed. Nehemiah had a purpose in prayer and was willing to confess his sins and those of his people. He was willing to get down in the dust of humility before God and seek His favor and that not for his sake but that God might have the glory.

Practical lessons.—It takes courage to confess sins. When they are confessed we may be sure of forgiveness.

WEEKLY CROP REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14.

The excessive wet weather in the eastern part of the state has lessened somewhat, but the present rainfall continues the damage already done by that of the past weeks. The southeastern area reports destruction of fall crops by continued rains. The weather of the Piedmont is more favorable, being somewhat cool with favorable rains. In the mountains the weather continues damp and cool.

WHEAT

The wheat harvest has been poor; many sections only having about a fifty per cent yield, while the best is only fair.

CORN

Corn has improved slightly in the Coastal area, especially where it has been drained. Much has been poorly cultivated, due to the heavy rains which have made the crop late with slow maturity. However, the August outlook is much better than in July. The Piedmont corn is good excepting in lowlands where it is poor and late. This crop has also improved in the mountains.

COTTON

The boll weevil is doing considerable damage in the important southern and southeastern cotton areas. In the central part of the state, cotton is only fair, where it has been damaged by rain, is shedding badly, and there is much weed with little fruit.

HAY AND GRASSES

Hay and grasses are good all over the state, with harvesting in progress. It is much above the average. Although rain has been favorable to the growth of hay and grasses, it has caused the growth of weeds in some localities.

TOBACCO

Tobacco is fair to good in the Piedmont plateau. It has a poor condition in the northeastern part of the state, where the acreage is small. The southeastern section reports about the same condition as the plateau—fair to good. Hail caused heavy losses of tobacco in Iredell county during the past week. Curing is well advanced. Some farmers are putting their tobacco on the market and find the prices are fair to good, as compared with last year. Much of the tobacco is of good quality.

TRUCK

Truck in the central part of the state is good, where it is quite abundant, and much is going to waste in some localities. This crop is somewhat poor in the Coastal belt. It is not raised on as large a scale in this belt as elsewhere. The market on sweet potatoes is somewhat low in this area. Considerable quantities of potatoes are being marketed in the mountain section.

PASTURES

Pasture is good all over the state. The weather conditions have been generally favorable to all grasses. Much timber land and uncultivated areas have been turned into pastures.

PEANUTS

The peanut area in the northeastern part of the state shows a low condition, due to too much wet weather.

FRUIT

Most peaches have been shipped from the Sandhill section. The peach crop has been excellent in this territory. The fruit crop has been only fair in other sections of the state, with only about half a crop reported in many sections. Rain has done its damage with fruit as with other crops.

LIVESTOCK

The condition of cattle is good with some being sold in the mountains. There is more demand for hogs than cattle at this time. Hogs are being prepared for shipment in many parts of the east. Their condition is good and the price is good.

PROGRESS

Most crops are "laid by." There is much talk and interest in diversified farming. Farmers are also becoming interested in studying the conditions of other sections, as shown by a group of 150 farmers from Craven county who are going into Moore county to "study and learn." There is much interest in the organization of commercial orchards, as has been done in the peach industry. More fall and winter gardens are being planted in many sections.—By Frank Parker, N. C. Agricultural Statistician, Department of Agriculture.

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2. When we pray, if we are praying, we may be sure of an answer. 3. There must be confession of all sin before God will hear us. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, God will not hear me."—Psalm 66:18. 4. There is a vast difference in praying and the mere saying of prayers. Nehemiah's was a real prayer, out of the depths of his heart.

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POOR HEAD FOR HISTORY

"What was the lecturer's theme?"
"The human race."
"A large order."
"Yes. He carried his hearers back 500,000 years."
"Did you follow him?"
"Not the entire distance. That's too much territory for me to cover. I'm already having some difficulty in remembering who stopped 'em at the Marna."

The Anti-Climax.

"Ah," she sighed, "I shall never hear his footsteps again; the step I have listened for with eager ears as he came through the garden gate, the step that has so often thrilled my soul as I heard it on the front porch. Never, never again!"
"Has he left you?" asked the sympathetic friend.
"No. He has taken to wearing rubber heels!"—Scotsman.

Knows Better.

"What's at th' op'ry house tonight, squire?"
"Th' billboards say it's one o' them Broadway shows," replied Squire Witherbee, "that came direct from New York to Chiggersville. I know that ain't so."
"It may be true."
"It can't be true. In the fast pace, the company'd have to change cars at Hickory Junction to get here."

His Business Relations.

"You seem depressed," commented the sincere friend. "Are you worried over political affairs?"
"No," answered Senator Sorghum. "Surely you are not having trouble with your business relations?"
"Business relations is it. I have an enormous number of relations. They all want government positions and every one of them means business."



MONOPOLY.

Mrs. K.—How many servants do you keep?
Mrs. B.—One for general household.
Misplaced Foot.
Here lies the body of Jim Lake, Tread softly, all who pass; He thought his foot was on the brake But it was on the gas.

Strictly Modern.

"Are you going to take any summer boarders this year?"
"I guess so," said Mr. Cobbles, "but if they think I'm going to entertain 'em with rural comedy they're mistaken. I've got two tractors, a high-powered motor car, a truck and a radio outfit. Furthermore, I haven't worn whiskers in twenty years."

Might Need a Stadium.

"Mr. Wadleigh has been awarded an honorary degree by a fresh-water college."
"So I heard. He must have been honored in that way before."
"Yes?"
"I understand he's sending out 'feelers' among the trustees to find out how much it's going to cost him."

A Purist.

"Hello, Bert, how's the boy?"
"All right."
"Married?"
"Yes."
"Got any kiddies?"
"Yes, we call them children."

Play Ball.

"The papers are full of the great unrest in the world," remarks the pessimist.
"Cheer up," comforted the optimist. "The ball games are now pushing that stuff off the front pages."

Condition That is Acquired.

Wyseman—"Don't you know that there's a fool born every minute?"
Maggs—"And that's not the worst. There's a lot become fools later on who were not so when they were born."
—London Answers.



JUST LIKE US.

Mrs. Beetle—Henry, won't you please hook my shell up the back!
Fall Would Help.
The guy who wants to tell it all Can surely make you hot 'Twould help a lot if he would fall From off his train of thought.

Simple.

Brown—How can you make a thin goose fat?
Smith—Don't know.
Brown—Throw it up into the air and it comes down plump.—Sheffield Telegraph.

Father Gets Funny.

"Pa, what kind of relations are 'diplomatic relations?'"
"The kind our wives seldom have, my son."

If she dies I'll come back and kill you like the dog you are!

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