

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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It has been well said that the foundation truths of Scripture are all found in these opening chapters, and we have seen something of this in our last three lessons. Redemption by the death of a sinless substitute and also the glory to which the redeemed shall attain are simply set forth in chapter iii, 15, 21-24, and now we have in Cain and Abel representatives of all who profess to worship God. It seems from the simple record that Cain and Abel were the first children given to Eve; that in the first she thought she had obtained the deliverer of ill, 15, but, learning in some way that it was not so, she called the next Abel, which signifies vanity or transitory. By the time they had grown to manhood, perhaps thirty years of age, judging from seven references to that age in Num. iv, and from Luke iii, 23, Adam and Eve may have had many sons and daughters. That this was the case we infer from verses 15-17 of our lesson chapter.

To understand our lesson we must consider the confinement of the garden in Eden from which Adam and Eve had been driven out, and we must also see the justice of God in the flaming sword keeping the way of the tree of life and the glory of the redeemed shown in the cherubim.

In these two men we have two representative worshippers, each knowing the way of access to God as they had been taught; but, while one believed and obeyed, the other rebelled against God's way of sacrifice and dared to attempt to approach God in his own way. There can be no faith without some word from God to believe and obey, but we read, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts, and by it he, being dead, yet speaketh" (Heb. xi, 4). On the other hand, we read that "Cain was of that wicked one (the devil) and slew his brother" (1 John iii, 12). In 1 Cor. x, 20, we read that the gentiles sacrifice to devils and not to God; therefore we must conclude that all worship is either of God or the devil, and Cain listened to the wicked one rather than to God, as his mother had done before him.

The whole Bible story is the development of these two lives, the one leading to Christ—God manifest in the flesh—and the other to the antichrist, who will be the devil incarnate and who, with his companion and his master, shall find his place in the lake of fire, while the seed of the woman shall be the victor, and the kingdoms of this world shall be the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ (Rev. xi, 10; xix, 20; xi, 15). Many have gone and are going in the way of Cain (Jud. ii) who have no use for the precious blood of Christ, but insist that they know a better and more beautiful way, even the way of their own righteousness (Rom. x, 3). All such are, like Cain, of the wicked one and not of God and will find themselves, with their leader, in the world to come in the place of torment.

We must see these men coming to an appointed place (probably as near as possible to the presence of God at the east of the garden) to worship God, and as they present their offerings, one in faith or obedience, the other in unbelief or disobedience. God accepts the one and rejects the other. We are not left without information as to how God accepted sacrifice. In Lev. ix, 24; Judg. vi, 21; xiii, 20; 1 King xviii, 24, 38; II Chron. vii, 1-3, we have abundant testimony, and we can see by faith the fire from the flaming sword touching and consuming Abel's offering, while Cain's remains untouched, and his rebellion deepens, and he is angry against God and against his brother and hates both, and the murder that was in his heart becomes an awful reality in due time, for the great murderer had taken possession of him (I John iii, 15; John viii, 44).

Yet see the love of God as He reasons with Cain and points him to the sin offering still within his reach for him to accept and offer if he will, for verse 7 really says, "A sin offering is at your door." But Cain will not submit to God. The line of Cain is seen not only in this chapter to the end, but in a Pharaoh, a Sennacherib, and all blasphemers until the last of whom we read in Dan. xi, 26, 45; Rev. xiii.

But the Lord liveth who will bring every one and every work into judgment, and the question, "Where is Abel, thy brother?" is still ringing down the ages, and though many may say, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Ezek. xxxiii, 7, 8, indicates that much blood may be required at the hands of many. If we know the gospel of the grace of God, we are debtors to all who know it not, to give it to them also, but are we ready? (Rom. i, 14-16). Note Jehovah's two questions in iii, 9; iv, 9, "Where art thou?" "Where is thy brother," and may we hear them to some purpose. The only way to God is by Him against whom the sword was awakened (Zech. xiii, 7), for there is none other name under heaven whereby we may be saved, and there is no salvation through Him but by His precious blood (Acts iv, 12; Lev. xvii, 11; Heb. ix, 12, 22). As to the infallibility of these Genesis records let it suffice that He who spake as never man spake or would dare to speak indorses the record of the creation of Adam and Eve and speaks of the blood of righteous Abel (Matt. xix, 4, 6; xxiii, 35).

TEACHERS AND WAGE-EARNERS.

The current number of Collier's Weekly contains a thoughtful and truthful editorial on the matter of underpaying the teachers of the land, those upon whom rests the burden of mental and spiritual toil in the conversation of ideas and the rightful imparting of them, and the upbuilding thereby of the intellectual and better part of the nation and her mighty people. When one considers the facts in the case there comes from the appallingness that on an average the hod carrier gains for his toil likeunto that gained by the school teacher. The carpenter and bricklayer run far ahead of him in the annual toll paid for his labor.

It is a shame and will ever place a blot on the claims of the country for distinction in ethical upbuilding.

The editorial comment referred to is as follows:

"Teachers, even more than Congressmen, deserve higher salaries. It is a material age. The man who fashions the walls of a house is paid to a higher test of skill, and is paid better for his work, than he who molds the mind of a child. Bricklayers in San Francisco get \$8 per day; Harriet Jones teaches school in Luzerne County, Pa., for the same sum per week, and is given employment only nine months in the year. Masons in Calgary, Canada, get \$5.40 a day, or \$140 a month; Lawrence Amos teaches school in Brandywine Township, Pa., for \$40 a month. Many teachers are paid less than hod carriers. College professors are worse off, in proportion, than teachers. The average salary paid to professors in Columbia is \$3,745.85 to adjunct professors, men between 30 and 40, with a dozen years of service to their credit, \$2,126.92. Such figures are little less than a public scandal. No male teacher in any community should be paid less than enough to support decently a wife and five children. In every community the teacher should have a position of dignity and emolument equal to that of the banker and the professional man. Schools ought not to be the last refuge for economic dregs not wanted by business. They should attract and keep in their service the best talent. Facts dealing with this condition, both concerning communities where the rate of pay remains scandalously low and where it has been raised, should have wide circulation."

THE CARE OF THE SKIN.

"A beautiful body presupposes a healthy body, in perfect condition for its use, embracing color, texture, animation and intelligence," says Dr. Anna Galbraith in the January Delineator. "The adage, 'Beauty is but skin deep,' like many another, is untrue. The beauty of the skin is evidence of good respiration, good digestion, proper excretion by the bowels, skin and kidneys, good condition of the blood, and plenty of outdoor exercise.

"The skin is a very delicate and complex organ, and upon its conditions and the vicissitudes to which it is exposed the health is more dependent than upon any other agency in life over which we have control. The skin is not an independent organ; nothing in the body is independent. It is now well known that the skin, as well as other parts of the body, depends for its integrity upon the general nervous system. Disturbance anywhere in the body acts upon the skin; conversely, any disturbance in the skin acts upon the central nervous system.

Why There are so Many Smiths.

At the time of the adoption of surnames every artisan whose work required the striking blows on metal was known as a smith or smith, and the community therefore had its blacksmith, whitesmith, goldsmith, silversmith, arrowsmith and several others of the same character. The number of Smiths of the present day may therefore be readily accounted for when we remember that each of the different kinds of smiths was as much entitled to the use of his trade name for a cognomen as any other artisan. John the blacksmith and John the coppersmith were both known as John the smith, an appellation which naturally resolved itself into the family name of John Smith.

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Work on New Railroad.

Work has started on the new railroad from Lumberton to Fayetteville. It is being constructed by the Virginia & Southern Railroad Co., of which J. F. L. Arnold, of Fayetteville, is President, J. O. Blue, of Aberdeen first vice President and N. Blue, of Aberdeen, second vice President and general manager.

ANCIENT LITERATURE.

How Some of It Was Luckily Saved From Destruction.

Considering that the whole of ancient literature was confined to manuscript, it is wonderful that so much of it has come down to us. The preservation of some old writings has been almost miraculous. To a single copy preserved in a monastery of Westphalia, for instance, do we owe all that we have of Tacitus. This is the more remarkable since the emperor of that name had copies of the works of his distinguished ancestor placed in all the imperial libraries and caused ten copies of them to be transcribed yearly. Still, only the one copy has been found in modern times.

A page of the second decade of Livy, we are told, was discovered by a man of letters on a battlefield while he was amusing himself in the country. He rushed up to town, but he was too late, for the battlefield maker "had used up all his parchment the week before." Two manuscripts of Cicero on "Glory" were presented to Petrarch, who lent them to an old preceptor. This latter gentleman, being pressed by war, pawned them and died without revealing the name of the pawnbroker. Two centuries afterward they were mentioned in a catalogue of books bequeathed to a convent, but could not be found. It is supposed that Petrus Alexandus, the physician to the institution, appropriated them, and, having transcribed some of the thoughts to his own writings, destroyed the originals.

The original Magna Charta of England has certain mutilations, presumably from a pair of shears. It is said that Sir Richard Cotton, calling one day at his tailor's, discovered that that man was holding in his hand ready to cut a pattern a copy of the great Magna Charta, with all its appendages and seals.

THE STICKLEBACK.

After Whining a Fight His Colors Take on Brighter Hues.

Most courtly and gallant of fish is the three spined stickleback, the beloved "tidder" of British youth. These little fish derive their name from the sharp spines with which they are armed and which they can raise or depress at will.

The female stickleback is the model wife of a model husband. She does not leave her eggs to chance, but establishes a nest or nursery for their reception, over which her irritated little husband keeps a jealous guard.

Woe betide the rival "tidder" who rashly approaches too closely the domicile of his neighbor during the breeding season. With all his spines fixed for action the warlike parent steams out to offer him battle.

The contest that ensues is desperate, the combatants darting at each other with lightning rapidity, biting and striking at each other with their spines, a well directed cut from which weapon of offense will often rip up the body of the adversary, sending him to the bottom.

But most remarkable of all is the decoration which nature bestows upon the victor. The brilliant green of his mail becomes tinged with gold, while his red throat blushes to a deeper hue than ever.

On the other hand, his vanquished assailant, should he be fortunate enough to escape with his life from the battle, loses his brilliant and martial uniform of red, green and gold and retires to some obscure corner of his native pond, attired in a humble civilian uniform of sober and sorrowful gray.—Dundee Advertiser.

Parisians' Bread.

There is no city in the world where so much bread is consumed as in Paris. It is estimated that every inhabitant eats one pound a day on the average. Even in past centuries the French—especially Parisians—had a horror of stale bread. And, as in those days people manufactured their own bread, they had a curious way of making it palatable. Strange as it may seem, the bread they prepared—huge round or square slabs—was used as a dish on which the meat was carved and bore the name of "tranchoirs" or "tailloirs." The juice of the meat having penetrated into the bread imparted a pleasant taste and prevented it from becoming dry.

High Priced Copy.

During the siege of Kimberley the editor of the only daily paper there was often hard put to find enough news. One day in a clubroom he found Cecil Rhodes reading a fairly new paper from Cape Town. He borrowed it and rushed to his own office, where it soon reappeared as a special edition, selling like hot cakes. That same evening he met Rhodes, who inquired, "Where's my Cape Town paper?" "Oh, I cut it up for the printers," was the reply. "Please don't do that again," said Rhodes mildly. "That paper came through my native runners and cost me \$1,000."

The Long Lived Orchid Flower.

Even when orchid flowers are fully developed they may remain uncut upon the plants for two or three weeks without apparent deterioration. This gives them a manifest advantage over most flowers that have to be cut immediately upon or even in advance of reaching full maturity.—Country Life in America.

Never!

Mrs. Styles—My husband has the utmost confidence in me. Mrs. Myles—Did you ever ask him to let you cut his hair?—Yonkers Statesman.

He who restrains not his tongue shall live in trouble.—Brahman Maxim.

Don't Let Your Past Spoil Your Future

(O. S. Marden in "Success Magazine.")

There is nothing more depressing than dwelling upon lost opportunities or a misspent life. Whatever your past has been, forget it. If it throws a shadow upon the present, or causes melancholy or dependency there is nothing in it which will help you, there is not a single reason why you should retain it in your memory and there are a thousand reasons why you should bury it so deeply that it can never be resurrected.

The future is your uncut block of marble. Beware how you amite it. Don't touch it without a programme. Don't strike a blow with your chisel without a model, lest you ruin and mar forever the angel which lives within the block; but the past marble, which you have carved into hideous images, which have warped and twisted the ideals of your youth, and caused you infinite pain need not ruin or mar the uncut block before you. This is one of the merciful provisions that every day presents to every human being, no matter how unfortunate his past, a new uncut block of pure Portia marble, so that every day every human being has a new chance to retrieve the past, to improve upon it if he will.

Nothing is more foolish, more positively wicked than to drag the skeletons of the past, the hideous images, the foolish deeds, the unfortunate experience of the past into today's work to mar and spoil it. There are plenty of people who have been failures up to the present moment who could do wonders in the future if they could only forget the past, if they only had the ability to cut it off, to close the door on it forever and start anew.

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NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of the Estate of Alton Fuller, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises, on the 26th day of January 1907, at 10 a. m. the following personal property, to-wit: Two head cattle, two hogs, one reaper, one saw mill, one buggy, corn, pork, one cow, about 150 pounds of beef in patent cans and a lot of household and kitchen furniture, one shot gun and one rifle, and other articles too tedious to mention.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 26th day of January 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 22nd day of December 1906.

A. M. COX, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of Sarah E. Craven, deceased, late of Randolph County, N. C. This is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of February 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 22nd day of December 1906.

A. M. COX, Administrator.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly to amend the Charter of the town of Liberty, Randolph County, North Carolina.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of George Robbins, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises, on the 26th day of January 1907, at 10 a. m. the following personal property, to-wit: Two head cattle, two hogs, one reaper, one saw mill, one buggy, corn, pork, one cow, about 150 pounds of beef in patent cans and a lot of household and kitchen furniture, one shot gun and one rifle, and other articles too tedious to mention.

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This 22nd day of December 1906.

A. A. SPENCER, Admr.

THAD. S. FERREE,

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LEGAL NOTICES.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale given by the undersigned in a mortgage executed by Charles C. McAllister and wife Julia Ann McAllister on the 26th day of February 1907, and duly recorded in Book 82 at Page 281 in the Register of Deeds office in Asheboro, N. C., Randolph County, the undersigned mortgages will offer for sale on the account of default being made in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage the land therein conveyed to the last and highest bidder for cash at the Court house door in Asheboro, N. C. on the 4th day of February 1907 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day. The land is situated in Randolph County, N. C., adjoining the lands of Cooper, Hinshaw, and others and bounded as follows to-wit: Beginning at Richwine's, corner, thence North to a stone Newsum Cooper, and thence corner 61-2nd, thence Westwardly to Cooper's corner in Richwine's line to a stone, thence South to Hinshaw's corner 61-2nd, containing 2 acres more or less.

This Dec. 26th, 1906.

W. D. MCADOO, Mortgagee.

LAND SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Randolph County in the special proceeding entitled with W. Laughlin, Adm. of Jacob Charles, J. M. Christen et al. Ex Parte, I will, on the 26th day of January 1907, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder at public auction, at the court house door in Asheboro, N. C., the following land, to-wit:

1st tract: On the waters of Richard Creek, beginning at a rock pile and running thence South 20 chains to a post oak; thence West 20 chains to a post oak; thence South 20 chains to a red oak; thence East 25 chains to the beginning, containing 36 acres more or less, excepting 7 acres more or less sold to W. L. Wilkins Brown.

2nd tract: Beginning at a pine, Drake's corner, thence North on Drake's line 28 chains to a stone pile, thence corner; thence East on Troutman's line 14 chains to a stake, Troutman's corner; thence South on Troutman's line 26 chains to a stone pile in said Christen's own line; thence West on said line 14 chains to the beginning, containing 36 acres more or less.

Said land sold subject to the power right on said land of the widow of the said Jacob Charles. Terms of Sale: One-half cash and the balance on a credit of six months, bonds with approved security to be given for the deferred payment.

This 17th day of December, 1906.

J. A. SPENCE, Commissioner.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature at its present session, to amend a law authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, to issue Bonds and levy a special tax to provide Randolph County with suitable Court house and Jail. This January 26th 1907.

J. P. BOROUGH, Clerk to Bd County Commissioners.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Being qualified as executors of Jasper N. Holston, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment; and all persons holding claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 10th day of January 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This Jan. 3, 1907.

LEVI COX, MARY J. BOGGS, Executors.

ENTRY NOTICE.

A. L. Crofts has this day entered the following land in Randolph County N. C., to-wit: A tract of 25 acres more or less of land in Tabernacle Township on the waters of Sawyers Branch, adjoining the lands of Arthur Welborn, Nancy Laughlin, Frank Casant and others, for which without objection filed within thirty days from this date, he will ask for a warrant of survey to the County Surveyor of Randolph County.

This Jan. 16, 1907.

J. P. BOROUGH, Entry Taker.

ENTRY NOTICE.

Anderson Auman has this day entered the following land in Randolph County N. C., to-wit: A tract of 50 acres more or less of land in Union Township on the waters of Little River, adjoining the lands of Wm. Scott, Andrew Auman, Wm. Boling and others, for which without objection filed within thirty days from this date, he will ask for a warrant of Survey to the County Surveyor of Randolph County.

This Jan. 16, 1907.

J. P. BOROUGH, Entry Taker.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed by John Gray to W. N. Elder on the 14th day of February 1905, recorded in Book 109 page 75 Register of Deeds office, Randolph County, I will on Monday the 4th day of February 1907, at 12 o'clock P. M. sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Asheboro, N. C., the following described real estate situated in Trinity Township adjoining the lands of W. D. Lambeth and R. S. Floyd, and bounded as follows:

Lot No. 1, beginning at a stone in W. G. Brokaw's line, thence west 28 poles to a stone, thence south 32 poles to a stone near the road, thence east 38 poles to a stone in Sawyer's line, thence north with said Sawyer's line 17 poles to stone, beginning corner, containing 3.5 acres more or less.

Lot No. 2 is bounded by the lands of W. D. Lambeth, Mrs. Hannah Lamar, R. S. Floyd and W. G. Brokaw, the same being the lands purchased of W. G. Brokaw by the said Gray containing 1.25 acres more or less.

This Dec. 31, 1906.

W. N. Elder, Mortgagee.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jesse Hinchey according to law notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before December 30th 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

ROBT. N. DAVIS, Admr.

This 26th day of December 1906.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Mirinda Russell, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises, on the 26th day of January 1907, the following personal property, to-wit: One horse, cow, hogs, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture and other articles too tedious to mention.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 26th day of January 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 1st day of January 1907.

W. S. SKREN, Admr.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of H. C. Prentiss, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises, on the 26th day of January 1907, the following personal property, to-wit: Household and kitchen furniture, and other articles too tedious to mention.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 26th day of January 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 2nd day of January 1907.

M. J. Prentiss, Admr.

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