

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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It will help us to ever keep in mind that from Gen. iii to Rev. xx the conflict is on between God and the devil for man and his inheritance, the earth. "The righteous Lord loveth righteousness" (Ps. xl, 7), but this the devil hates. His work is sin and uncleanness and lust and murder, and he is always after the people of God to take them in his net. Too often he captures them, and the name of the Lord is dishonored, but when the righteous are overcome God is glorified. In chapters xxxviii and xxxix we have an example of each, and in the former it is the tribe from which our Lord came that we see involved in the sin, for "our Lord springs out of Judah" (Heb. vii, 14), and yet both Judah and Tamar are mentioned in the ancestry in Matt. i, 3. When we have clearer light it will be one of the surprises to see how fully the Holy One of God identified Himself with sinners that He might save them by the sacrifice of Himself. Therefore, the wisdom of Israel, foretold his brightness, and though Judah prevailed above his brethren, none of him came the chief ruler or prince, the birthright was Joseph's (1 Chron. v, 1, 2).

We turn to the attractive story of Joseph and see him first as a slave in Egypt in the house of Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, and we read, "The Lord was with him, and he became a prosperous man" (xxxix, 2, 3). What a different thing prosperity is in the sight of God and of man! Oh, that we might see things as God sees them and glory that "Notre Seigneur Potiphar" so favored him that he unconsciously put him into Joseph's hands, and this fact is stated five times in verses 4 to 8, with the comment that from the time Potiphar did this the blessing of the Lord was upon his house and all that he had.

There is nothing that can compare with the blessing of the Lord, which maketh rich and to which our toll addeth nothing (Prov. x, 22, R. V. margin), and perhaps there is nothing which the devil hates more, for now his anger at Joseph, through whom all this blessing came, if he cannot lead him into sin and thus break his fellowship with God, he will persecute him for righteousness' sake, and this he does, and lands him in prison, branded as a vile man. From being Potiphar's chief steward to a prison—what a seeming downfall! But read verses 21, 22—"The Lord was with Joseph, * * * and that which he did the Lord made it to prosper." Prosperous as a slave and also as a man wrongfully imprisoned!

In verse 22 we read that whatever was done in the prison he was the doer of it, and being faithful to God there, a miracle came and he was afterward true of heart as in Egypt (xli, 15). Happy are we if our lives are so yielded to Him that whatever is done in or through us He is the doer of it. Let us yield fully to Him, as those who are alive from the dead (Rom. vi, 13), and He will not fail to work in us both to will and to do all His good pleasure (Phil. ii, 13; 1 Thess. i, 11, 12; Heb. xii, 2). When we yield and trust Him to work, we must believe that He is working no matter how things seem and even though everything seems to be against us. Years are passing with Joseph, and it is not unlikely that the taunt of his brethren often came to him from the great adversity.

Now, mark the steps in the working out of God's plan and His using and overruling the most ordinary events and His making the sin and wealth and even unbelief of man to work out His purposes. The offenses of the chief butler and the chief baker of the king of Egypt cause them to be sent to prison, and they are given in charge of Joseph as their keeper. On the same night each of them dreams a dream which makes him sad, and Joseph, noticing their sadness, inquires the cause, and on being told that it was because no one could interpret the dream he said: "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams" (verse 8). This they did. The chief butler telling his first and receiving from Joseph a favorable interpretation, the chief baker is encouraged to tell his also. When Joseph saw the evil in store for the baker, he did not in any way deceive him, but told him faithfully the interpretation. Any one who walks with the God of Truth cannot but speak the truth under all circumstances without respect of persons.

The closing verses of our lesson contain a pitiful plea from Joseph to the chief butler showing how keenly he felt the situation, though bravely making the best of it and seeking to glorify God in it. It seems almost incredible that for two full years this man gave Joseph no thought (xl, 23; xli, 1), yet such is man. Compare Eccles. ix, 14, 15, and say honestly before God if you are in no way forgetful of Him or of the suffering ones for whom Jesus died and to whom He expects us to tell the good tidings. To be forgotten by those to whom we have been kind is indeed grievous, but what shall we say of those who know the kindness of God and refuse to make it known to others?

A Fearful Warning.

The terrible fall of Franc H. Jones, of Charlotte bank is a warning to all men who handle other people's money not to speculate in stocks or gamble in any other way. No doubt Mr. Jones would have been horrified when he took the first money from the bank had he been told that he was a thief. He was not one at heart. He intended to replace the money "before any one found out he had been using the bank's funds." There would soon be a rise in stocks he had bought and he could replace the money without any one knowing it, were his thoughts; but instead of being able to do that, he got deeper and deeper in the mire. More of the bank's money had to be purloined in order to try to get back what had been lost. That went the way of the other and again more had to be put up or all would be lost, until at last the inevitable exposure, flight and disgrace came. Mr. Jones' record shows that he was not naturally dishonest. Lack of will power to withstand temptation led to the first criminal act. Once on the downward road progress to ruin was rapid. His greatest sin was in giving way to the first temptation. He should have known that one act laid the foundation for greater crime in himself and involved misery to others. What a warning his conduct and its attendant results should be to all men who hold similar positions. To every man, person who yields to the first temptation to use the money entrusted to his keeping, here is the danger of becoming the criminal, being from the officers of the law and ashamed to face friends and acquaintances. The first step makes others wiser. If the first fund is invaded the first time because of extra necessity the get all be repaired and under less suspicion. The only safe course is those who resist the temptation to commit the first offense.—Wilmington Messenger.

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Cheap Generosity.
A great smoker handed his cigar case to his right hand neighbor. "Thank you, but I don't smoke," said the man. He therefore handed it to the man on the left, who made the same reply, whereupon his wife nudged him and said, "Why don't you hand it to the captain?" "No, thank you; he smokes."—Nos Lollars.

The Mean Thing!
"Who was that fool you bowed to?" "My husband." "Oh, I—er—I—lambly apologize." "Never mind, I'm not angry. But what a keen observer you are!"—Cleveland Leader.

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