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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 18

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST A MISSIONARY

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 9:35-38; Luke 9:1-3; John 3:16-17.

GOLDEN TEXT—"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Preaching in City and Country.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus a Missionary.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Missionary Activity of Jesus.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Christ's Missionary Zeal.

I. The Missionary Motive (Matt. 9:35-38; Luke 9:1-3)

As Jesus saw the multitude His compassion was aroused. Their pitiful condition moved Him to take steps to provide missionaries. The result of this was the sending forth of the Twelve. Jesus saw the multitude as:

1. Shepherdless Sheep (v. 36). The people were in need of a protector, provider and guide, just as sheep are of a shepherd. They were faint and scattered—distressed, cast down and hopeless. What a picture of the needy world today! The world is hungry but knows not how to have this hunger satisfied. They know not which way to turn in their confusion and perplexity. They are in need of that which alone the Good Shepherd can supply.

2. Grain Ready for Harvest (v. 37). He told the disciples that the grain was ripe, ready for the harvest, and that unless laborers were secured the harvest would be lost. This is still a picture of the world. The laborers are still few. It is the Lord's harvest that is ready to be gathered. No wonder He was moved with compassion! Those who have eyes to see and hearts to feel are still moved with compassion as they see the world ready to be gathered into Christ's fold but no one to perform the labor. The means for securing laborers for the harvest is prayer. He urged the disciples to pray that the Lord would send forth laborers.

II. Classes of Missionaries (Luke 9:1-3)

Three classes are here enumerated:

1. Jesus Himself (v. 1). He is the grand and supreme missionary. All receive their example and power from Him. He left all and gave all in this great enterprise.

2. The Twelve (v. 1). Christ called them and sent them forth. They were His representatives and were clothed with His power. Missionaries should be chosen and commissioned by the Lord himself. In the evangelization of the world there will always be need of the group of men and women devoted exclusively to that work.

3. Certain Women (vv. 2, 3). Christian women can most effectively do their part in preaching the gospel by ministering to the workers. All who have experienced the saving grace of God desire to have a part in sending the gospel to others that they too might be saved. The church is greatly indebted to the work of consecrated women.

III. The Missionary Message (John 3:16, 17)

The salvation which is offered to the lost world was accomplished through the sacrificial death of Christ. Out of a heart of love God gave His own son to die. The figure portraying the method of the Cross and salvation is that of the brazen serpent. The outstanding teaching as suggested by Dr. Charles R. Erdman is as follows:

"1. That men are, like the Israelites of old, serpent-bitten; but the deadly poison is the sting of sin.

"2. God has provided a remedy in the person of His Son; in His crucifixion we see sin vanquished, as the uplifted serpent pictured the death of the destroyer; yet as the uplifted serpent was not real but one of brass, so Christ was not really a partaker of sin but only made in the likeness of sinful flesh.

"3. As it was necessary for the dying Israelites to accept God's provision, and with submission and faith to look upon the brazen serpent, so it is necessary for us to look in repentance and faith to the crucified Savior and to commit ourselves to God as He is graciously revealed in Jesus Christ. If we refuse to accept Christ we perish, but faith results in eternal life."

"4. This provision is made by the love of God and is freely offered to everyone who believes. 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

His Presence.
When we have broken our God of tradition, and ceased from our God of rhetoric, then may God fire the heart with His presence.—Emerson.

God's Way.
God's way of forgiving is thorough and hearty—both to forgive and to forget; and if things be not so, thou hast no portion of His.—Leighton.

Heart and Home.
Without hearts there is no home.—Spurgeon.



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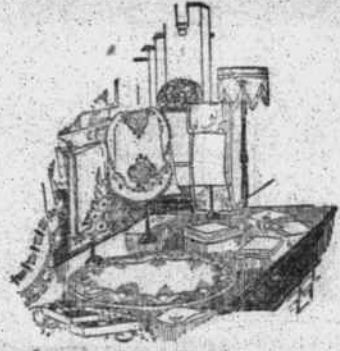
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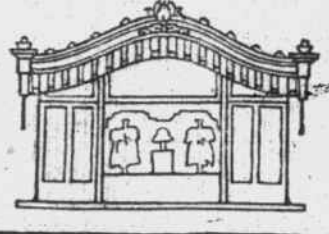
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NOTICE—LAND SALE.

By virtue of the powers contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by J. R. Hayes on the 4th day of November, 1912, and duly recorded in the Register of Deeds office for Person County in Book 20, page 591, the terms of same not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of the note secured by said deed of trust, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at public auction at the Court House in Roxboro, N. C., on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 1923, at 12 O'CLOCK M.

the following described tract of land lying and being in Holloway Township, Person County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of the estate of Mrs. Mollie Thomas on the South, lands of the estate of Dr. William

Merritt on the West and North, and the lands of the estate of G. D. Neal on the North and East, containing 144 acres, more or less, and being known as the home place of the late J. R. Hayes.

This Oct. 27th, 1923. E. D. JONES, Trustee. Wm. D. Merritt, Atty.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Person County in the special proceeding en-

titled W. Luther Cates, Administrator of the Estate of Fannie McCain, deceased, vs. Annie Wagstaff et al, the same being No. 1000 upon the special Proceeding Docket of said court, the undersigned Commissioner will, on

MONDAY, THE 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1923, AT 12:00 NOON at the courthouse door in Roxboro, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract of land lying and being in Roxboro Township, Person County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Main Street and others, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a stake on Main Street in the Town of Roxboro, N. C.; thence with Main Street South 15 degrees West 44 feet to a stone, a corner of lot No. 2; thence with lot No. 2, North 77 1/2 degrees West 150 feet to a stake; thence North 15 de-

grees East 44 feet to a stake; thence South 77 1/2 degrees West 150 feet to the beginning, it being lot No. 2, of the Frank Terry Place.

This 15th day of October, 1923. THOS. D. COOPER, Commissioner

NOTICE SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by a judgment of the Superior Court of Person County, made in that special proceeding entitled Ella A. Clayton and Wallace Clayton vs. Willie L. Clayton et al.

I will on MONDAY DECEMBER 3rd, 1923 at 12 o'clock M. in front of the court house door in Roxboro, N. C. sell to the highest bidder for cash, the lands mentioned and described in the Partition in said action to wit: 1st. That tract of land in Roxboro

township Person County, N. C. bounded on the North by George Mitchell, on East by George Mitchell on South by lands of W. W. Clayton, and on West by J. B. Barnette, containing 25 1/2 acres more or less, known as the Will Clayton place.

2nd. That tract of land in Roxboro Township Person County, N. C. bounded on North by lands above described, on East by J. B. Walker, South by J. T. Walker and West by J. B. Barnette, containing 51 acres more or less, known as the W. W. Clayton place.

Dwellings and necessary barn on either place.

This November 1st 1923. N. Lunsford, Commissioner.

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