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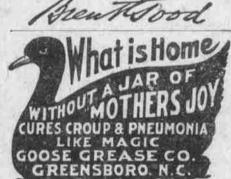
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# Jesus at Bethany

By REV. IAMES M. GRAY, D.D., Dean of the Moody Bible Institute. Chicago

TEXT-"There they made Him a supper."-John XII, 2.



It is the last week of Jesus' early life, and he is spending the days in Jerusalem and the nights in Bethany - the home of Lazarus and his sisters.

Martha and Mary. "There they made him a supper." An exquisite touch of Christ's humanity! Is not this what we

But think of the human kindliness and simplicity of the Redeemer here displayed! It recalls the marriage in Cana at which he was a guest. That was at the beginning of his ministry and this at its close. How better could he have demonstrated that he came into the world not to disturb its social arrangements or mar its domestic joys, but to elevate them to a higher plane? Blessed be God, we may have Jesus at our feasts and festivals as well as at other times, and what heart, loving Jesus, would attend a feast or festival where he could not be a guest?

But there is a practical question here of another kind. When we reremember that Jesus knew he was to die within a week, and endure beforehand unprecedented contumely, and desertion by his dearest friends, and then look upon him at this friendly board, receiving happiness from others, and dispensing happiness to them, must we not regard it as a sublime example of that confidence in God which knoweth that he doeth all things well? Death, sorrow, pain, desertion are experiences continually present. Some of us attempt to throw off the thought of them with the stoic's plea, "What can't be cured must be endured." Others seek to drown it in the hilarity and dissipation of the world. But how different that which Jesus knew, and which they know who have received him, and to whom he has given power to become the sons of God? Who would not be a Christian, a real Christian, if it were only for the sake of this legacy of peace?

The Devoted Mary and the Avaricious Judas.

heat is great and the feet exposed to them that bless thee;" 6, "and curse it by sandals suffer from dryness and her love for Jesusu. Love, not only for what she had learned from him, but for what he had done for her brother Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead. All of which comes out the stronger in contrast with the fanaticism and avarice of Judas, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundren pense, and given to the poor?" A specimen this of the way worldly people depreciate actions done for the love of God only, and especially giving money for Christ's cause. Judas said this, not because "he cared for the poor," John says, "but because he was a thief and had the bag and bare what was put therein." He was thinking of himself and not the poor.

The truest friends of the poor, the people who do most for them, are those who do most for Christ. "It is," says Bishop Ryle, "the successors of Mary of Bethany, and not of Judas Iscariot, who really care for the poor." As another says, even if Judas had said this from the heart it would have been wrong. It does not follow that the poor will not be benefited, because the rich live according to their means.

Social Distinctions to Remain,

But how significant that remark of Jesus', "the poor always ye have with you." How clearly it teaches that distinctions of class and rank will never cease in the present age. It was never intended that society should become a macadamized road where all are on a level. The existence of of those days of servitude on the part pauperism alone does not prove that of his descendants while they are to states are ill-governed, or churches are not doing their duty. This separation between rich and poor which Jesus made was opposed to the spirit of Christ, for in the true veneration of his name consists the most effectual and promises was fulfilled. In verse caring for the poor. It is important to keep this in mind in this bumanitarian age when the gospel of good works (so called) is so persistently thrust into the foreground in opposition to the gospel of faith. Poverty is forever at our heels, but Christ in the meanwhile may be vanishing self. Four centuries of opportunity away. How significant, "Me ye have not always." Oh, let us take it to heart! Him we have no longer when the wings of death suddenly overshadow us; or when our senses depart under the influence of disease, and the message of salvation no longer penetrates through the crowd of unbridled imaginations. We have him no longer when God gives us up to strong delusions, and permits them to take their permanent abode in our minds, because we have bardened ourselves against his calls to repentance.

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAYSCHOOL **LESSON**

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Eve-ning Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

### **LESSON FOR MARCH 2**

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM

LESSON TEXT-Gen. 15:5-18, GOLDEN TEXT-"He is faithful that promised."-Heb. 10:23.

Until within recent years it was frequently asserted that Abram's battle, as recorded in Gen. 14, "had not one whit of proof," yet the archaeologists have not only reconciled the apparent discrepancies but have proven beyond a question the accuracy of the record. Abram's victory over the four confederate kings is a story rich with typical suggestions.

I. "After These Things." vv. 1-7. God's word (v. 1) came to Abram not would have done only as a counsel but for assurance to such a friend? as well. So, too, our assurance is his word, I John 5:13. In the midst of the uncertainty and the strife, for we must remember Abram never possessed the land, God appeared to him in a vision and said, "Fear not." See Isa, 41:10. There in the midst of foes (Jas. 2:23) God promised to be to Abram a shield and an exceeding great reward. A "shield" for there is to the Christian life a militant side, Eph. 6:13, 14, I Tim. 6:12. A "reward" which was far more rich than any given by man. See 14:21, Prov. 10:22.

Abram Was Human. But Abram was, after all, human. and we read in verse 2 his question about descendants, he being as yet childless. Even so, however, Abram was willing to count the child of his steward as fulfilling the promise of God. Not so with God for the promise (12:3) was to include Sarah also. God very clearly makes this plain in verse 4, the heir was to be Abram's indeed and not the child of another. But not only is Abram to have an heir but the land in which he was sojourning as a pilgrim was to be his and his seed to be as the stars for multitude.

"And he believed." The great test to this faith came later. Heb. 11:19. but here in this first distinct scriptural history of faith we find set forth those principles that have governed through all time. (1) The acceptance of the word of God, e. g., to have our trust built upon or supported by the word of Jehovah, see Isa. 30:21; (2) to act upon that faith so that our course in life manifests the belief of the heart.

God's covenant, 12:1-4, is confirmed in seven ways, 1, Posterity, (a) natural, "earth," (b) spiritual, "heaven, The central feature of this supper (e) also through Ishmael, Gen. 17:18is the anointing of Jesus by the de- 20: 2, Blessing, both temporal and voted Mary. The action was not un- spiritual; 3, great name; 4, Be a blesscommon in eastern lands, where the ing. Gal. 3:13, 14; 5, "I will bless them that curse thee; 7, the families scorching. The motive of Mary was of the earth blessed through Abram, e. g., through Christ, Gal. 3:16.

"And he believed in the Lord" (v. 6). Abram built upon the naked word of God, he simply looked at that and that alone, Rom. 4:20, R. V. All God asks of us is for us to take him at his word. So it is that as we take his word about Jesus, he reckons that faith to us as righteousness; no matter how unrighteous we may have been, see Rom. 4:3-6; Gal. 3:6-7. The one think that God demands is that we believe him and his word.

II. "Whereby Shall I Know." vv. 8-18. The weakness of human faith indicated by Abram's question (v 8) is answered by God giving to him directions for the preparation of a sacrifice. Abram did not really doubt God's word (v. 6), but he did desire a confirming sign. Many today are looking for assuring signs from God when his bare word should be enough. Asking for signs is not always safe, Luke 1:18-20, but as in Abram's case God does give us a pledge a sign of our inheritance, 2 Cor. 1:22, Eph. 1:14. God gave Abram, after he had explicitly followed his directions, a symbolic vision of himself. Someone has suggested that the vile birds of prev (v. 11) are symbolic of Satan, and Abram, driving them away, a symbol of one victory over evil, Jas. 4:7. God is always nearer to man and best reveals himself when we are in the midst of sacrifice. God tells Abram be in Egypt, of God's judgment to be brought upon that land and of their ultimate deliverance.

Symbols of God.

Every detail of these predictions 15 there is presented the great thought of the need of preparation in youth for the future days of "good old age"-also in this verse a suggestion of the life beyond the grave.

The smoking furnace and the flaming torch were symbols of God himwere to be allowed the powerful Amorites who now possessed the land before the land came into bona-fide possession in accordance with the promise, for God's judgment was conditioned upon the "measure of their iniquity being full." In the midst of this horror of darkness came God's final assurance to Abram in the symbolic "flaming torch" which passed be tween the pieces of the slain animals typical of the two parties to the con-

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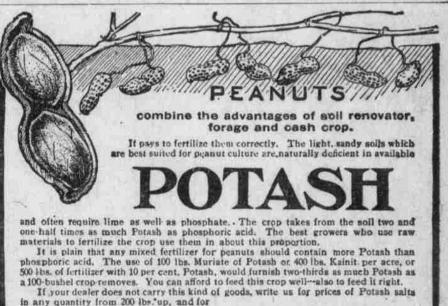
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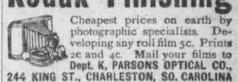
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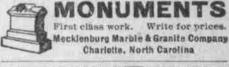
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