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SOCIALISM AND THE BIBLE

The International Sunday School Lesson for February 27 "Rewards of Faithfulness."-Matt. 25:14-30.

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Fersons who read more of radical- of ignorance and limitations. Both in isn than of religion, are fond of ap- their respective degrees are answermealing to the Bible as the basis of all able to God.

varied socialistic theories. Their

anybody wants to go to the Bible economics and sociology, here it economics and sociology, here it in the lord of the servants reappeared for his reckes upon Bolshevism and less ex-

the Weymouth translation :--his travels, called his bondmre. To one he gave five talents, other two, to another one-to each ding to his individual capacity;

hen started from home. Without the one who had received the five went and employed them in ness, and gained five more. In the way he who had the two gained more. But the man who had reed the one went and dug a hole and ed his master's money.

After a long lapse of time the masthose servants returned, and had koning with them. The one who received the five talents came and might five more, and said,

Sir, it was five talents that you en-

You have done well, good and shworthy servant.' replied his masyou have been trustworthy in the magement of a little, I will put you harge of much: share your master's

The second, who had received the a talents, came and said, Sir, it was two talents you en-

usted to me: see, I have gained two

e done well,' his master replied; hear of a youth; and condemnation have been trustworthy in the man- could not be severer. Sons should be ment of a little, I will put you in improvements upon fathers to vindiarge of much: share your master's cate the divine principle of the in-

But, next, the man who had the one the kingdom comes. No better laws, a ont in his keeping came and said, but better people, make a better state "Sir, I knew you to be a severe man, of society. What ails prohibition en-eaping where you had not sown and forcement? Simply the fact that a ng what you had not winnowed multitude of the people are not up to being afraid, I went and buried the level of the law; and no law ever talent in the ground: there you attains a higher plane of fulfilment e what belongs to you. than the sentiment of the men and You wicked and slothful servant,' women to whom it applies. Some silly lied his master, 'did you not know folk think that if we adopted the soit I reap where I have not sown, and viet form of government our ills would vanish. Absurd. What we need is a mered what I have not winnowed? our duty was then to deposit my higher grade of individual life, such as mey in some bank, and so when I the Sunday school is seeking everyame I should have got my property where to produce. with interest. So take away the talent Like all the words of Jesus. this paom him, and give it to the man who rable compacts exhaustless wisdom. It ins the ten.' (For to every one who points the way to the kingdom's commore shall be given, and he shall ing; and it points the way also to ine abundance; but from him who has dividual improvement. Use, enlarge and thing, even what he has shall be multiply your talent, whatever that be aken away.) 'But as for this worth- When we have five-talent men indarkness outside: there will be the talent men we are, obviously, lifting weeping and the gnashing of teeth." servant, put him out into the creased by fidelity and efficiency to ten-Whose Money Was It? ten-talent scale. All the best of human according to the most advanced of qualities-initiative, courage, applicaodern theories, this householder had tion, fidelity—are called into being and right to possess money of his own. developed by the talent-increasing his same state of mind denies God person. ny sovereign or proprietary rights in How How is this land of ours growing? uman life. But the words of Jesus are The story is being repeated every day volicit: it was his own money that on every hand. One ambitious person he man in the story distributed to his succeeds: it may be a working girl who wn servants for his own purposes. introduces into her home better furniroperty, like life, must be enhanced ture, a piano, and a more careful manner of dress and conduct. The whole it will deteriorate. The three servants had varying ca- family is lifted up to her level. Her parity, even as have every group of neighbors emulate the family's examtoday. To say that we are all ple, and planos are heard up and down qual in character and in possibility is the street. Books and reading and a to dout the plain facts of life. If hu- finer social code follow. The men must man beings did not differ greatly, Le-earn more to maintain the scale of life. Relatives are drawn into the process. ning and ruining Russia today. The Every one of us has seen neighbormaster in the parable knew his men, hoods and families so lifted up merely and he was fair to them all; for he by one person's employing his or her of advice I could give, it would be not as he could handle. own talents to the full. As yet social-What a blunder it would have been ism has found no substitute for this this: "Say, Yes, I will, and No, I won't." have entrusted the five talents to tested process of democracy. When the Auto "Knocks" he one-talent man! Each was given the opportunity to One of the wise sayings born of fulfill a trust, and to prove his powers. modern experience is that "The auto-With all the unsocial selfishness that mobile 'knocks' going up-hill; but a modern experience is that "The autothere is in the world today, it is none man 'knocks' when going down hill. the less true that many business men The faultfinder in the lesson was the are more for their achievements than man who was the failure. The one-talent man produced nothing but comthen the dividends. As a friend said re- plaints. Just as "the destruction of the poor is their poverty," so the fail-tesponsibilities, when we were discuss-ure of the unsuccessful is usually their ertain commercial fallures: "It own weakness. It was because he was the money that matters; it is life, only a one-talent man that the servant bife life that these men have put into their work. To see your life-structure cellapse—that is the bitterness of it

When the Reckoning Comes Unfashionable though the idea may if they know anything about be at present, it is still as true as when Testament, is usually to the the Master told this tale, that the day communistic experiment of the of reckoning is coming. It may be postcommunistic church, a venture that ended poned but it may never be averted. It was "after a long time" that the lord

the familiar parable which is the ian proverb says, "God does not pay nt Sunday school lesson. It is every Saturday, but He always pays." ded with truth for our times. There are many kinds of fools in the is more of hope for human prog- world, but there is none so foolish as in it than in any of the countless the one who thinks he can escape God. Under the delirium of mob passion, forms of socialism. Suppose we Russian bolsheviks interdicted the of all quote the parable itself, church, even as the French revolution judgment day as an affront to the sovis and entrusted his property to ereign dignity of man; and we may exclaim, with Omar Khayam.

"I myself am heaven and hell." Just the same, such vaporings do not postpone by a single minute the inevitableness of the reckoning at the great Assize. An old story tells of the dog that was disturbed by the brightness of the moon. So it went out into the field and barked and bayed at the moon; but the moon simply kept on shining. Puny minds cry out in protest against God: but Kod keeps right on being God, and judge of all the earth Scornful and impious young people who have been "emancipated" from the old faith, laugh at the idea of God sted to me: see, I have gained five and a reckoning. Today is their turn to laugh; tomorrow, as said the Psalmist, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh."

It is a real and reasonable incentive to faithfulness and clean living that we are servants of the living God, and that a reckoning with Him is one of the sure and inescapable things.

"A Better Man Than His Dad"

Unless my sons become better men than I am, both they and I must be written down as failures. "He is not "Good and trustworthy servant, you the man his father was." we sometimes crease of the talents. That is the way

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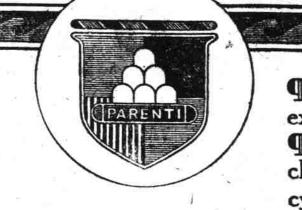
By virtue of, and in pursuance of the provisions of a certain mortgage deed made and executed by George T. Johnson and wife, I. O. Jonnson, to M. J. Corbett, dated the 12th day of March, A. D. 1919, and recorese in the office of Register of Deeas of New Hanover County, in Book No. 103 at page 410, of the records of said office, default having been made in the payment of some of the maturing promissory notes and in the payment of the interest on said notes, according to the tenor and effect thereof, wherein and whereby under the provisions of the said mortgage, each and all of the outstanding and unpaid promissory notes should at once become due and psyable, and the property described in said mortgage should be sold by the said mortgage; And whereas, default has been made

in the payment of the maturing promissory notes, as in said mortgage provided, and the right of the mortgagee to foreclose has become absciute.

Therefore, the undersigned mortgagee hereby gives notice that he will on Monday, the 14th day of March. A. D. 1921, at twelve o'clock M. on said date, at the front Court House door of New Hanover County, in the City of Wilmington, expose for sale, by public auction, for cash to the highest bidder," all the following described interest in real estate and the following described

personal property, to wit: First: All that certain leased hold estate which was conveyed by George P. Ganzer to George T. Johnson and D. L. Latta, partners trading as Globe Baking Company, by lease duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County in Book 74, at page 610, etc., and by the said Johnson and Latta to the Globe Baking Company, (Corporation), by instrument in writing bearing date the 12th, day of December, A. D. 1914, and duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, and by the said Globe Baking Company, (Corporation), to the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, trustee, by deed of trust duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, and by the said Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, trustee, to M. J. Corbett by instrument in writing bearing date of the 10th day of March, A. D. 1919, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, in Book 103, at page 259.

Together with all the rights, powers and privileges granted in the said papers or either or any of them and subject to the limitation and conditions set forth in said 'ease from the said Ganzer to the said Johnson and Latta the intent and purpose of this instrument being to convey to the party of the second part all the rights. powers, privileges, property, estate and interest in the property conveyed by the said lease and also, Second: All the right, title and interest of the Globe Baking Company in and to all the buildings and structures on the property mentioned in said lease and commonly known as the Ganzer property. Third: All machinery, tools, personal property of every nature and kind on said premises belonging to the Globe Baking Company which were by the said Globe Baking Company conveyed to the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company by the deed of trust hereinbefore referred to, as well as all property thereafter acquired, by the said Globe Baking Company which were by said trust deed conveyed to the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, trustee, and by it conveyed to M. J. Corbett, including three ovens, one cake oven, one dough divider, one rounder, one automatic proofer, one sifting outfit, one dough mixer, with automatic flourer and scaler, seven steel troughs, 32 bread pan racks, two cake machines, pan racks, pie racks, bread cases, shipping baskets, two iron safes, four cases Silent Salesman, office supplies and fixtures and any other property conveyed and transferred by the said deed of trust and now in existence and not particularly enumerated above, all of which was conveyed by the party of the second part to the said George T. Johnson by instrument in writing bearing this date. Also all improvements, additions, and replacements which the said George T. Johnson may make to said property, as well as all other like articles which he may hereafter acquire during the existence of this mortgage, and the said George T. Johnson hereby stipulates and agrees to replace any of the property herein mentioned which may be worn out .n its use with other like articles, which when acquired shall be conveyed hereby as security for the payment of the notes herein mentioned. Terms of sale, M. J. CORFETT. Cash Mortgagee.



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life is the talent of which every one is is steward. What we do with our e is the real measure of what we do and he shall have abundance; but from or God. The two-talent man may be him who has nothing, even what he te as successful in kind, and earn same reward, as the five-talent

each is responsible for his use of his When an heir of opportunity and vilege fails to use his life aright he a more culpable failure than the son



poorest stick is a good "knocker." It was not for lack of two talents

that the failure in the story was condemned; but for lack of attempt to do his duty-for, be it remembered, the increase of the talents was a duty, as well as an opportunity. In effortless, self-pitying, bitter-souled sloth, the one-talent servant showed himself a simple quitter. Had he made any fair trial he would have been rewarded.

"It is good to know that attempted things.

Are counted and crowned by the King of kings."

So the "Master of all good workmen" laid down the principle: "For to every one who has, more shall be given. has shall be taken away."

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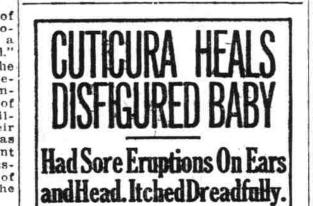
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But if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all lib-erally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him .- James 1:5.

. . Yea, I have found Thee, God! Thy breath doth fill me with a fire divine-And were a thousand worlds like this my foes, The battle would be brief-the victory mine.

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