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# LESSON FOR JULY 1

## JOHN, THE BAPTIST

(May be used with temperance appli-cations.) IESSON TEXT-toke 3.3.8, 7.34-28, GOLDEN TEXT-toke 3.3.8, 7.34-28, GOLDEN TEXT-The shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drive neither wine nor strong drink." -Luke 1.4. REFERENCE MATERIAL - Matt 1.4.4, 1.1.4.5, MAL 21.4.6 REFERENCE MATERIAL - Matt 1.4.4, 1.1.4.5, MAL 21.4.6 REFERENCE MATERIAL - Matt 1.4.4, 1.1.4.5, MAL 21.4.6 REFERENCE MATERIAL - Matt 1.4.4, 1.1.4.5, MAL 21.4.5 REFERENCE MATERIAL - Matt 1.4.4, 1.1.4.5, MAL 21.4.5 REFERENCE MATERIAL - Matt 1.4.4, 1.1.4.5, MAL 21.4.5 REFERENCE MATERIAL - Matt 1.4.4, 1.4.5, MAL 21.4.5 REFERENCE MATERIAL - MATERIAL - Matt 1.4.4, 1.4.5, MAL 21.5, MAL 21.5 REFERENCE MATERIAL - MAL 21.5 REFERENCE MAL 21.5 R

Baptist.

John was a great man. In an-nouncing his birth the angel said. "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord.' He was not only great in the Lord's sight, but was great when measured by the standards of men. In the teaching of this lesson a survey should be made of John's life and work.

Birth and Ministry Foretold (Matt. 3:3; cf. Isa. 40:8). He was thought about and his work

planned long before he was born. He came as God's messenger. His life was a plan of God. He was said to be a man sent from God (John 1:5). There is a sense in which every life is planned everyone is sent from God. Everyone should remember that God has something to do with his life II. His Character.

1. Humole (Luke 3:4). He did not sek human praise and commendation. His supreme concern was to proclaim the Curist. He did not make himself. prominent-was only a voice calling upon people to prepare for the Messinh. His person and habits were a protest against the luxury and hypocritical formality of his th

2. Contracous (Links 3:7). He faced great multiple and struck hard at at conditude and struck hard at size. The did not trim his messince to out the growt. He uses de-nouncest the religious backers of his-time and detaunded of them frame-worthy of repentance

III. His Preaching (Luke 3:3-5). 1. Domanoed Repentance (v. 5.6). Suddenly emerging from his sectorion. he came into the region of the Jordan as a messenger of God, calling upon the people to repeat in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

 Demanded Proofs of Penitence (vr 7, 8). He insisted that their talse religions he abandoned-their sinful hearts renevated-showed them that the vice pussions of their souls must be uprooted. A change of mind, that is, the turning of the soul from sin to God, was necessary. This is a prepa-ration which must be made before one can see and experience the salvation of God

IV. Jesue' Testimony to John (Luke 7:24-28). Because John did not see the interval between the "sufferings two main lines crossing the of Christ' and the "glory that should zontally, We may then foretell, or hold follow" he was perplexed. Therefore he sent a deputation to Jesus for light. The prophets did no? see, or at least did not make clear, the interval between the crucifixion of Christ and His second coming. The two events were so presented as to appear to be in close succession. John in his preaching has atressed the mighty judgments which should take place at the appearance of the Messiah. The turn things were taking (he bimself being imprisoned with the gloomy prospect of death), was in great contrast to the coming of the Messiah in flery judgment-"the ax is laid unto the root of the trees" testimony against any such an accusation. Christ vindicated him against a vacillating mind because of the storms of persecution. He was not like a reed shaken by the wind (v, 24). He had lived a life of self-denial, therefore he did not deny his faith in Christ because of the dungeon (v. 25). Jesus declared that no greater prophet had arisen. That which perplexed John was the delay in judgment-the day of God's patience while gathering out the Church. This was a truth not disclosed to the prophets-that which Paul made known-because a special revelation had been granted (Eph. 3:3). V. The Martyrdom of John (Mark 6:14-29). While John was in prison Herod had frequent interviews with him. John boldly told him that it was unlawful for him to have his brother's wife. He did not mince matters even with the This so enraged the licentions king. Herodias that she caused his death. He sealed his testimony with his blood.



THE BIRDS' REVENCE

MR. AND MRS WOODPECKER Wi had inished their home and had her bushand, but he net with no bet-four ears resting or the saft sawdist. Let success, for Mr. Squirre told him inside when one morning they heard the some fidne he had told his wife

some one at the door. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and who was it but Mr. Squirrel asking if the house was for rent. The house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and who was it but Mr. Squirrel asking if the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the house was for rent. Mr. Woodpresset flew to open it, and the time so they patiently waited for revenge.

The very idea," said Mrs. Wood pecker, when her husband told her wint Mr. Squirrel had asked; "he knew perfectly well that we were liv-ing here. What he wanted to find out was if we were at home and if we were to be would here and if we

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I was at home and on guard. He Mr. and Mrs. Woodbocker knew that won't come back. I think we are onice they were revenged, but before they

YOUR HAND HAND HAND HAND HAND HAND HAND How to Read Your Characteristics and Tendencies – the Capabilities or Wackmesses That Make for Success or Failure as Shown in Your Palm

(either horizontal or vertical, on the like to bring up for conversation topics sunt of the moon) runs into the line of a morbid or salacious interest mount of the moon) runs into the line of the head, which is the lower of the as indicated in the past, some danger to the head, or some other mainty, arising from a journey. This is confirmed when the place of joining the two lines is marked by a spot, an island or  $\mathbf{x}$ break.

hair lines that leave the line of life (encircling the thumb) and travel with shown by the line of life. If one way around the mount of Venus, the bail of the thumb, while the other proceeds to the base of the mount of Luna, the subject will make a great that which gave him birth. Dy Wheeler Syndicate, Inc. ) -0THE WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

home new and that possession

proved it. Mrs. Woodpecker new grass to find

all the time so they patiently waited

Mr. Squirrel had been busy storing

knew they would never be comfort-

able again in their home they deter-mined that bad Mr. Squirrel should

not live in comfort there either, and as soon as they had watched him run-

ning down the parts they flew over to Reddy Squirrel's and told him about the food in the hollow of the tree which had once been their home.

Now Reddy Squirrel liked nothing better than to find a store of food which Mr. Gray Squirrel had hidden. When he heard the news he did not even stop to thank the Woodpeckers, for Reddy is not a very polite creat-ture. Off he scampered.

If was late in the day when Mr. Squirrel returned to his new home, and when he discovered he had been robbed he ran to the door of his home

and chattered anarily.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES

For the purpose of collecting th taxes for the years, 1920 and 1921 Iwill on Monday, July 2, 1925, st o the highest hidder for each the following described real estates, to

## Boone Township, 1921.

 T. Barnett, \$7.06 200 Acres.
 d B. Hartley, \$6.70 Town lot.
 W. Horton, \$25.11 5 acres. Hodges, \$21.00 45 acres. T. Brannock, \$1.12 Town for Norris, \$16.91 66 acres Wineberger, \$2.06 Boone Township, 1920

Bigarrier, J. S., \$7,80 [51].
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This June 1st 1923. J. E. YOUNG, Ex-Sheriff

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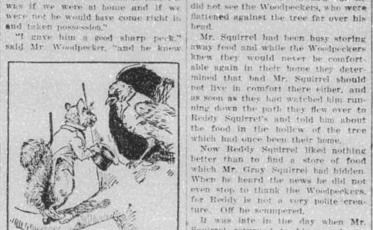
# Here is The Big AUCTI YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR

Another Car-load of New and Second-hand Furniture to be sold under the Hammer on Saturday, July 7th, at A. G. Miller's Store, Brownwood, N. C.

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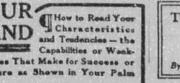


"Who Was It, but Mr. Squirrel!"

ife, my dear." But Mr. Woodpecker was wrong, sat witching, Mr. Woodpecker said,

But Mr. Woodpecker was wrong for Mr. Sourcel and its mind so upon this very house for a home and he invended to have it so he can up here wrone be word used to make it with the in and make himself at home. We knew that wist the with y out did bin to to the word in the Mr. Squirrel, and we told him to to the word in the Mr. Squirrel, and we told him to the with the Mr. Squirrel, and we told him to the with the Mr. Squirrel, and we told him to the with the Mr. Squirrel, and we told him to the with the Mr. Squirrel, and we told him to the with the Mr. Squirrel, and we told him to the with the Mr. Squirrel was the with the tore her with the me here is the word to bok the a new here hime here is Mr. Woodpecker was and of the tree. The words of the told hime here is the word to bok the and the word to bok the and the word the there have the Mr. Squirrel the discoverse is the store here. The words of the tree here the store here. The words of the tree here the store here. The words the there here the store here. The words of the tree here the store here. The words of the tree here the store here. The store here the store here the store here. The store here there the store here the store here

home before Miss Woodbecker was out of shelt of the cree. "I wondle if this told him," thought Then the wheel for his breakfast and when poor Mrs. Woodbecker returned home be not her at the door like an anary cat, clustering that this was or 1925, by Missing Sweepage femiliated



# "SHALL I TRAVEL ?"

IN SOME rare cases the line of travel

When travel is indicated by the little who jests about such matters. It shows an underlying and shoormal interest in subjects which are quite properly taboo in polite seciety. it, the indication is similar to that branch of the divided line goes on its sided life, that you are losing your youthful attitude, and that you mental attitude is not as normal nor as whole-some as it should be. And when you and "the chaff is burned up with un-quenchable fire" (Matt. 3:10, 12). The trend of events puzzled him. It was not lack of faith, but confusion of mind that prompted his inquiry. ture.



TOPICS TABOO

Sometimes you will find the most

would be extremely indignant if any one rold a questionable story in her

presence, who has a penchant for talk-

ing in a shocked way about immorality and unconventionality and this

really is just as much to her discredit

as it is to the discredit of the woman

Stop and ask yourself if you are of

this number. It is really an indica-

tion that you are living a narrow, one-

permit yourself to verge on these subjects taboo you just increase this un-wholesome, crabbed side of your na-

#### Secking the Name of God.

The Turks carefully collect every ecrap of paper that comes in their way because the name of God may be written thereon.-Richter.

### Men of Genius

Men of genius are often dull and inert in society ; as the blazing meteor, when it descends to earth, is only a stone.-Longfellow

Prosperity and Adversity. He that swells in prosperity will be sure to shrink in adversity .-- Colton.

#### Odd Expression

Sister Cora had just returned home from the hospital, where she had had her tonsils removed, and Betty asked mother for some money to buy some flowers for Cora. She got the money and hurried to the corner, purchasing a large bunch of sweet peas. Arriv ing home, she left the flowers in the hall, went to the writing desk, and found an old business card On the blank side the wrote: "To Oora from Betty. Huppy sickness."

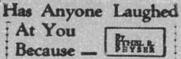
# Class,

"Flowers, plate, fine china-you seem very particular about this dinner."

"It is in honor of our new cook."-Detroit News.

.......... A LINE O' CHEER By John Kendrick Bangs. SORROW SORROW like some poisoned dart Often comes to plarce the heart. But from out the scar there But from out the scar there grows Like a fair and fragrant rose Sympathy for other's woes... Sympathy to help them hear Some too heavy load of care. Whereby we ourselviz may gaim Sure relief from present pain. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

And remember that in this country well-bred persons generally keep off topics of this sort. You will never queer yourself socially by keeping clear of them and there is much probability that you will spoll your chances for social success if you don't keep clear of them. (@ by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)



You don't approve of dancing? No doubt you have seen some dancing which has upset your sense of decency! Maybe your perents did not approve and gave you their prejudices; maybe you've never tried the thing There is dencing and yourself. dancing. You are guite right to be against the wrong sort. You are not alone in this. If you still are against it when you know the whole story you won't be laughed at if you are not snobbish about your point of view. No one will laugh at you if your reasons are bealthy. No one will laugh at you if you don't try and hurt others in reforming them. SO

Your get-away here is That experience and reason and not guesswork or prejudice lead you to disapproval. (@ by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

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