

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for August 10

FIRST MIRACLE OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—John 6:1-15. GOLDEN LEAF—When ever His path leads you, do not fear. PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus on a Wedding. JUNIOR TOPIC—The Miracle at Cana. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How Jesus Aided the Young People and Adult TOPIC—Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand.

I. The Marriage Feast (vs. 1-2).

Marriage was ordained by God and the first wedding was sanctioned by His presence (Gen. 2:22-24). Indeed, He must have performed the first marriage ceremony. It is not only honorable in all (Heb. 13:4) but when based on true affection it is the highest and best of human relationships next to union with the Lord. It promotes the physical, moral and spiritual well-being of both husband and wife and makes possible an atmosphere for the nurture of children. Marriage is not only an honorable relation but a wedding is a most beautiful occasion for all normal human beings.

1. Attended by Jesus' Mother and His Disciples (vs. 1-2). The friends of this marriage feast were related to Jesus by blood and grace. To be united to Jesus Christ by the bonds of grace does not interfere with normal human relations but sanctifies them.

2. Attended by Jesus (vs. 4). God attended the first marriage on earth (Gen. 2:22) and Jesus, who was about the Father's business (John 8:40), set a mark of honor in our country, spring of human life, by granting the marriage feast with His presence. The Redeemer of man as He entered upon His exalted career thus lifted the holy business of marriage to its proper dignity and beauty. Man by polygamy, adultery, divorce and fornication has grossly degraded it.

II. The Anxiety of Jesus' Mother (vs. 3-5).

1. The Wine Failed (vs. 3). Although this was a trivial social exigency it seems to have been quite natural. The arrival of Jesus and His disciples put a strain upon the resources of the host, for those guests were bludgeoned after they had reached Cana.

2. Mary Presents the Need to Jesus (vs. 3). The dear supplication is that she requested Him to embrace this opportunity to present His Messianic status by working a miracle to supply the lack of wine. We may learn two lessons from Mary:

(1) In our great needs, when our resources are exhausted, we like Mary should come to Jesus for help.

(2) Let us not proscriber to Jesus the manner in which His help is to be given. While it was right for Mary to come to Him in her need, it was not her province to dictate how help should be given.

3. Jesus' Assertion of Authority (vs. 3). He respectfully reminded His mother that He had passed from her authority—that His Father's will was supreme.

4. Mary's Confidence (vs. 5). Although with calm dignity He asserted His authority, there must have been some sign by which He gave her to understand that He would not fail her in this embarrassing emergency. She directed the servants to be ready to carry out whatever instructions He should issue.

III. The Water Made Wine, a Display of Jesus' Creative Power (vs. 6-9).

A miracle is the display of the supernatural. It is not against the laws of nature but the execution of issues beyond nature.

1. The Measure of This Miracle (vs. 6). The six vessels had perhaps a capacity of 120 gallons. Jesus is unstinted in His gifts. Twelve baskets were left over from feeding the Five Thousand.

2. Its Freedom From Display (vs. 7, 8). The mighty works of the Lord are not for display, not for the gaze of men. While not for display, it was so real that the disciples and guests knew that it was wrought by divine power.

3. Its Design. Its primary aim was to show the divine glory. Though Jesus would not use His divine power to relieve His own hunger, He responded to the plea to supply the wants of others.

4. Its Reality (vs. 9). This was not a sham, a make-believe. To prove its reality it was brought to the governor of the feast, presumably the bridegroom.

IV. The Surprised Table Master (vs. 10, 11).

The excellence of the wine was praised by the ruler of the feast. Christ gives, not only quantity, but quality.

Light and Darkness

A candle is not lighted for itself; neither is a man. The light that serves self only is no true light, its one virtue is that it will soon go out. Light unshared is darkness.—George MacDonald.

Prayer as a Weapon

Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian's weapon, which no man knows nor finds but he who has the spirit of grace and of prayer.—Martin Luther.

NOTICE

To Baker & Co: You will take notice that on the 3rd day of December 1923 a tract of land containing sixty acres in North Fork township listed in your name was duly sold by J. E. Young, Ex-Sheriff of Watauga County, for taxes for the years 1919-1920-1921-1922, amounting in all to \$16.87, and eighty five cents more, at which sale Kelly Osborne became the highest bidder for the price of \$17.70. You will also take notice that the time for redeeming this land will expire on the 3rd day of December 1924, and unless the amount of the taxes, cost and penalties is paid on or before said date, the purchaser will apply to J. E. Young, Ex-Sheriff of Watauga County, for a deed for said land.

This 3rd day of August 1924. KELLY OSBORNE, Purchaser.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

All persons are hereby notified that I have sold my entire interest in the firm of McKoy Ragan Brick and Stone Company to R. M. McKoy. McKoy is to pay all debts owed by said firm, and all persons indebted to said firm will make settlement with him.

This the 7th day of July 1924. J. S. RAGAN.

North Carolina

Watauga County.

Notice is hereby given the Elk Knob Copper Company that on December 31, 1923 the sheriff of Watauga county, after due advertisement sold a tract of land lying and being in North Fork township, Watauga county, State of North Carolina, property of the Elk Knob Copper Co., containing 110 acres, adjoining the lands of J. O. J. Porter, J. Walter Wright, Lumber Co. and others and being all the lands the Elk Knob Copper Co. owned in Watauga county, for taxes, when and where the undersigned became the purchaser and received from the sheriff a certificate of sale, that the said sale was made for the taxes due for the years 1920, 1921 and 1922, listed in the name of the Elk Knob Copper Co., taxes and costs amounting to \$20.44.

Notice is hereby given that unless the owner on or before the third day of December 1924 pays the said taxes interest penalties and costs, the undersigned will apply to the sheriff for a deed for the said lands.

This July 28, 1924. F. A. LINNEY, Purchaser.

ENTRY NOTICE NO. 2570.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of entry taker for said county.

N. H. Earp locates and enters 50 acres of land in Watauga township on the waters of Watauga river and Baird's Creek beginning on a stake the 4th corner of grantee, 2184 and runs with said grant line north to a chestnut, 3rd corner of said grant then with N. H. Earp's and other's lines various courses to the beginning, so as to include all the vacant land in said boundary.

Entered this 8th day of July 1924. H. J. HARDEN, Entry Taker.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Watauga County in the Superior Court before the Clerk, C. C. Farthing, administrator of Fred Farthing deceased.

VS. Minnie Watson, Dr. L. E. Farthing, Ed. G. Farthing, Zeb. V. Farthing, H. Grady Farthing, Donald Farthing.

This the 15th day of July 1924. C. M. CRITCHER, Sheriff.

By R. N. WARD, D. S.

Do you take your county paper?

Advertisement for Standard Polarine Motor Oils. Features an illustration of a car and the slogan 'Up at the top'. Text: 'Standard Polarine Oils are made in three consistencies, to fit every car and season with the correct high quality oil. Pick the right one from your dealer's chart and always insist on it—by name.' Logo: 'STANDARD Polarine Motor Oils'.

NOTICE

ing, and Howard Jurney and Ralph Jurney. The defendants Howard Jurney and Ralph Jurney will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Watauga County, N. C. for the purpose of selling the lands belonging to the estate of Fred Farthing, deceased, for the purpose of making assets for the said estate, and the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County on the 21st day of August 1924, at the court house in said county and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

This July 12, 1924. A. W. SMITH, Clerk Superior Court. Linney & Coffey, Attorneys for plaintiff.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an order of Isaac T. Avery, Referee in Bankruptcy in the matter of J. A. Lentz and Will Lentz bankrupts, the undersigned trustee will on Thursday August 7, 1924, on the premises at Blowing Rock, N. C. beginning at ten o'clock on the forenoon of said date, expose to sale and sell to the highest bidder all the land belonging to the estate of said bankrupts, which has been cut into convenient parcels and will be offered in parcels and as a whole and that sale reported to the court which will yield the most money to the creditors.

The sales will be on a basis of one fifth cash, balance in four equal payments due in four six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months from date of confirmation of sale by the court, the deferred payments to be secured by deeds of trust upon the property purchased and to bear interest of six per cent. The cash payment of 20 per cent from the date of the confirmation must be deposited with the trustee at the time of sale, or the property will be immediately resold.

The property will be sold free from all liens and encumbrances and a plat will be exhibited at the time of the sale and may be inspected upon application to the undersigned trustee. This 10th day of July 1924. GEORGE M. SUDDERTH, Trustee in bankruptcy.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned sheriff of Watauga county from the superior court of said county in that certain action in which the Valle Crucis Bank is the plaintiff and W. C. Eggers and E. H. Perry are defendants, for the sum of \$335.00 and interest and costs, I will on Monday Sept. 1, 1924 at 1 o'clock p. m. sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door of said county, the following tract of land, to wit:

Beginning on the center of the bridge in J. C. Eggers' line, thence with the public road, south 22 west 1 pole; south 2 1/2 east ten poles; south 4 poles; then south 28 1/2 west 2 poles to a stake in middle of said road; then south 6 1/2 west one pole on a maple stump; then north 82 W 57 poles to a beech, J. M. Greer's corner; then with G. W. Eggers' line 18 west 5 poles to a stake in South Prong of Ellison's Creek, near a buck eye, then with the middle of said creek north 89 west 6 poles, then north 54 1/2 west 6 poles, then north 69 1/2 west 4 poles then north 44 1/2 west 6 poles, then north 84 west 10 poles, then north 72 1/2 west 6 poles then north 88 1/2 west 7 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing 4 acres and 85 poles.

This the 15th day of July 1924. C. M. CRITCHER, Sheriff.

By R. N. WARD, D. S.

NOTICE

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga county to have the bonds of matrimony between the plaintiff and the defendant dissolved, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of superior court of said county to be held on the first Monday in September 1924 at the court house of said county in Boone, N. C. and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This July 1, 1924. A. W. SMITH, Clerk of the Superior Court.

NORTH CAROLINA

WATAUGA COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to Hunter Dayton that on Dec. 3, 1923, the Sheriff of Watauga County, after due advertisement sold certain tracts of land lying and being in Beaver Dam township, Watauga County and State of North Carolina, property of Hunter Dayton, containing ten acres more or less, adjoining the lands of Joe Farthing, A. C. Greene and others and being all the lands that Hunter Dayton owned in Watauga County, for taxes, when and where the undersigned became purchaser and received from the sheriff a certificate of sale, that the said sale was made for the taxes due for the years 1921 and 1922, listed in the name of Hunter Dayton, taxes and cost amounting to \$4.86. Notice is hereby given that unless the owner on or before the third day of December 1924 pays the taxes, interest penalties and costs the undersigned will apply to the sheriff for a deed to the said lands, This Aug. 4, 1924. W. L. GREENE, Purchaser.

NOTICE

To Sarah Ellison, guardian: You will take notice that on the 3rd day of December 1923, a tract of land of fifty one acres in North Fork township was duly sold for taxes in the manner provided by law, which said land was listed in your name as guardian. The taxes for which this land was sold was for the years 1921 and 1922, amounting to \$17.44 and cost eighty five cents. At which sale the undersigned became the highest bidder for the price of \$18.29. You will also take notice that the time for redeeming this land will expire on the 3rd day of December 1924 and unless the amount of the taxes cost and penalties is paid on or before said date the undersigned will apply to J. E. Young, Ex-Sheriff of Watauga county for a deed to said land. This the 2nd day of August 1924. KELLY OSBORNE, Purchaser.

NOTICE

To Sarah Ellison, guardian: You will take notice that on the 3rd day of December 1923, a tract of land of fifty one acres in North Fork township was duly sold for taxes in the manner provided by law, which said land was listed in your name as guardian. The taxes for which this land was sold was for the years 1921 and 1922, amounting to \$17.44 and cost eighty five cents. At which sale the undersigned became the highest bidder for the price of \$18.29. You will also take notice that the time for redeeming this land will expire on the 3rd day of December 1924 and unless the amount of the taxes cost and penalties is paid on or before said date the undersigned will apply to J. E. Young, Ex-Sheriff of Watauga county for a deed to said land. This the 2nd day of August 1924. KELLY OSBORNE, Purchaser.

ENTRY NOTICE NO. 2571

State of North Carolina, Watauga County office of entry taker for said county.

N. H. Earp locates and enters 20 acres of land in Watauga township on the waters of Watauga river. Beginning on the northeast corner of the W. E. Shipley tract and runs with said line to Mast's line, then with Mast's line and various courses and distances to the beginning so as to include all the vacant land in the said boundary.

Entered this 8th day of July 1924. H. J. HARDEN, Entry taker



AN AVALANCHE OF MONEY bothers many a man when his bills begin to turn into cash. For safety ease in disbursement and gaining almost instant credit in the business world, he should at once turn the sum into a bank. Open an Account and begin to do all his bill paying by check. It is the simplest and the most accurate way of keeping posted as every stub is a positive receipt that said bills are paid. There are manifold advantages attached to this bank method of doing business that never fail in advancing a man on the road to success. The Bank of Blowing Rock Blowing Rock, N. C. offers its unexcelled service.

REAL ESTATE 'WORTH THE PRICE' advertisement listing various properties for sale, including a 6 room house, 5 room bungalow, and 600 acres of land. H. W. HORTON REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.

WHY SAVE? advertisement for The Peoples Bank & Trust Company. Text: 'First, to have a competence in hand to guard against disaster in earning capacity and to have funds ready for emergencies. Second, to be able to take advantage of opportunity offered in good investments—which often present themselves but the one time. Third, to form the good habit of thrift and economy. Start an account with us today. We pay 4 per cent on savings.'

OLDSMOBILE SIX advertisement. Text: 'If price is right—Wouldn't You Rather Own a Six? Of course—everyone would! Practically no vibration; greater smoothness; steadier acceleration; reserve power, reserve speed, reserve stamina—these are things that you get in the Oldsmobile Six.' Includes illustration of an Oldsmobile Six car and the logo 'a SIX for \$795'. A. G. MILLER Local Agent, YUMA, N. C.