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Lesson for May 5

SIN, REPENTANCE, AND FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Luke 15:11-24.

GOLDEN TEXT—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—I John 1:9.

PRIMARY TOPIC—When a Boy Was Sorry.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus' Story of the Prodigal Son.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—When We Do Wrong.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Forgiveness of Sin.

I. The Origin of Sin (Gen. 3:1-24).

Man was placed on probation in the Garden of Eden. The means used in the testing of man were most simple. God issued just one prohibition, and alongside of the tree of knowledge of good and evil was placed the tree of life. To this tree man had access. Satan, a personal being, appeared in the guise of a serpent. He induced Eve to doubt both the Word of God and the love of God and then appealed to innocent appetite. She gazed upon and lusted after that which God had forbidden. Following her yielding to the suggestion of Satan, she induced Adam to disobey God. We see from this that so far as the human race is concerned sin originated in the free choice of the head of the race and through the law of heredity passed upon all mankind.

II. The Universality of Sin (Rom. 3:10-18).

By the use of many quotations from the Scriptures, Paul proves that every member of the race is guilty of sin.

III. The Destiny of Sinners (Gen. 6:5-8).

Man's rebellious disobedience to God was followed by his resolution to destroy the race from the face of the earth. God's holy nature is such that the sinner must be punished. The only escape from the wrath of God is through the Savior who was provided by God in the person of his Son.

IV. The Divine Remedy for Sin (John 3:14, 15; Isa. 53:4-9).

The sinless Son of God took the place of the sinner by becoming incorporated with the race through the incarnation. As a human being he rendered perfect obedience to the law of God, fulfilling every demand and on the cross of Calvary made a vicarious atonement for sin. Just as the Israelites who were bitten by the venomous serpent were healed by looking to the brazen serpent lifted upon the pole, so is the sinner saved from sin by looking to the one who was made a curse for sin in his sacrifice on Calvary (II Cor. 5:21).

V. Repentance Necessary (Acts 2:32-39).

The one who hears the gospel message and receives the crucified Savior not only has forgiveness of sin, but turns from sin to God and thus repents. On the Day of Pentecost Peter's gospel message, which centered in the Lordship and Saviorhood of Jesus Christ, convicted the people of their sins. The evidence of their faith in Christ was manifested in their conviction of sin and their penitence was shown in their confession of Christ in baptism.

VI. The Forgiving God (Luke 15:11-24).

The center of things in this parable is neither the prodigal son nor his brother, but the "certain man who had two sons." He who fails to see the heart of our Father God will miss the purpose of this parable.

1. The son's insubordination (v. 12). The son's desire for freedom moved him wilfully to choose to leave home.

2. The son's departure (v. 13). Having made the fatal decision, he went posthaste to the enjoyment of his cherished purpose.

3. The son's degeneration (vv. 13, 14). From plenty in his father's house to destitution in a far country was a short journey. The sinner realizes his destitution when the very powers which minister to his pleasures are burned out.

4. The son's degradation (vv. 15, 16). When his money was exhausted, he was driven to hire out to a citizen to feed swine. It is ever so, that those who will not serve God are made slaves to the devil (Rom. 6:16).

5. The son's restoration (vv. 17-24). a. He came to himself (v. 17). b. He made a resolution (v. 18). c. He made a confession (vv. 18, 19). d. He acted (v. 20). e. Reception by his father (vv. 20-24).

The father had not forgotten his son. So anxious was he for him that he ran to meet him and fell upon his neck and kissed him.

VII. Justification the Issue of Faith (Rom. 5:1-11).

The one who receives Jesus Christ is declared righteous. His guilt is removed; he has peace with God.

Ordeals

The hardest of all ordeals for an honest man is to stand arraigned at the bar of his own conscience. He knows more than the keenest, the most vindictive enemy could urge for a verdict of guilty.

Charity

A man's charity to those who differ from him upon great and difficult questions will be in the ratio of his own knowledge of them, the more knowledge, the more charity.—Norman McLeod.

TODAY and TOMORROW

by FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

HAPPINESS . . . a by-product

There is a whole sermon in a remark that Henry Ford's secretary made the other day. In Mr. Ford's business creed, he said, if one goes out primarily for profit he misses it, profit, like happiness, being a by-product.

Happiness as a by-product will strike many as a new idea; but that is precisely what it comes to. Happiness is not something that can be captured by pursuing it. It is only attained by pursuing something else.

The road to happiness is the road of self-respecting duty, of loyalty to obligations, or unselfish goodwill toward others. It may not be—seldom is—the road to riches or to power. The time comes in everybody's life when the decision has to be made between the pursuit of pleasure or the pursuit of duty.

Exactly the same is true of business. Business that does not put service and quality, fair dealing and honesty first, never in the long run makes a real profit. If profit is the sole motive of a business, that business lacks the solid basis that will enable it to weather depressions and meet competition.

CANDIDATES . . . and parade

This is the time, a year and half before the Presidential nominating conventions, when each party trots out its potential candidates for public inspection. There wont' be any contests for the Democratic nominations, but all over the country people are asking "Who have the Republicans got?"

The other night three men stood on the same platform and spoke at the Lincoln Day Dinner of the National Republican Club. One was Herbert Hoover. My guess is that he would give a very firm "No" to an invitation to run again; also that he is not likely to be asked. Another of the three was Harry Hoffman of New Jersey. Mr. Hoffman is looked on by many as the "white hope" of his party. Much will depend upon how he performs as Governor.

The third of the group was Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, able political analyst, growing lately in public regard because of his calm but penetrating comments on the New Deal.

There are lots of "prospects" to be heard from. The one finally nominated will be the one who seems like the best vote-getter in 1936. It's going to be an interesting game to watch.

FUTILITY . . . of the hour

Not in many years have there been so many utterly futile projects to make everybody happy, seriously debated by men who ought to know better. From Huey Long's "Share the Wealth" scheme, through Dr. Townsend's $200 a month old age pension plan, Father Coughlin's notions about banking and finance, and several of the just as wild things talked about in Congress which would make it a crime for an industry to be big or an individual to get rich, they all have one purpose in common.

That is politics.

No intelligent person believes for a moment that under any scheme which is possible of adoption in the United States, the ablest and smartest would not soon have more than the incompetent and the stupid, no matter what the laws were. But politicians, who know better themselves, have found they can fool many voters by promising the impossible.

DISTRIBUTION . . . faulty

I tried to buy some Northern Spy apples in a neighborhood grocery the other day. All I could get were fine-looking but—to me—tasteless Western apples, shipped from 2,500 miles away. Northern Spies grow only 250 miles from the New York market.

The same day my wife wanted some Florida oranges. None of the nearby stores had any but Californias, which we hold inferior. They had come 3,000 miles; Florida is only a thousand miles away.

Organized distribution versus unorganized marketing is the answer. Uncle Sam is paying a lot of attention these days to agricultural production. It would be of far greater public service to reorganize the distribution methods of food products.

DARROW AT 80

Famous Criminal Lawyer Reaffirms Agnostic Beliefs.

CHICAGO.—On his 78th birthday Clarence Darrow (above), noted criminal lawyer, talked on life, death and God. Long known as an agnostic, he reaffirmed his conviction that after life there is "nothing."

AREY URGES MORE SILAGE FOR WINTER STOCK FEED

Leading farmers and dairymen are now planning to produce an adequate supply of silage for feeding their stock next winter.

Good silage is one of the best feeds that can be given animals in winter, says John Arey, extension dairyman at State College, and he is urging all farmers to include silage in their farming budget.

Silage is cheap, he points out, because a large amount can be produced on a small acreage. It loses little food value while in storage, and provides succulent and nutritive feed at a time when pasture grass is not available.

The acreage which must be allotted to corn to produce a desired tonnage of silage depends largely upon the productivity of the soil. Corn that will produce fifty bushels of grain to the acre will yield about ten tons of silage, or enough to feed three average cows six months.

Although Texas seeded ribbon cane has only 72 per cent of the milk producing value of corn, when converted into silage, it will produce from 50 to 80 per cent more tonnage to the acre, according to tests conducted by the South Carolina experiment station.

Only a few dairymen in this state have grown the ribbon cane for silage, but Arey believes the results obtained will warrant a more general use of it, especially by farmers with trench silos. It will pack in the silo better than corn.

Corn plantings for silage should be between May 1 and July 1, but the best results are obtained from plantings made between May 15 and June 15. Texas seeded ribbon cane should be planted between May 1st and May 15th.

The advent of the trench silo should lead to a greater usage of silage by small herd owners, Arey states, for this type of silo is easily adapted to all herd sizes.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

What causes the Aurora Borealis? Read this authoritative article about the cause of nature's impressive display. Fully illustrated. One of many splendid features in the American Weekly, issue of May 5. The American Weekly comes each Sunday with the Baltimore American. Your newsdealer or newsboy has your copy.

BUY THE BOY A CALF AND START A DAIRY CLUB

Every farm boy is interested in animal life and desires something of his own to feed and handle.

"One of the best ways of fulfilling these natural desires is to buy the boy a pure-bred, registered calf and enroll the boy into the 4-H Club, where he can learn how to feed and care for his animal to best advantage," says F. R. Farnham, dairy extension specialist at State College. "We now have 4-H calf clubs in nearly every county of the State and the county farm agent or his assistant will be glad to give the boy advice and suggestions as to proper methods of handling his animal."

Mr. Farnham says, in the past, farm boys have selected crops for their club projects and have changed from one crop to another each year forgetting in a large measure some of the good ideas learned about handling the previous crop. This does not encourage the proper attitude of sticking to a thing until it is finished.

"If the boy is given a pure bred calf, his club activity in connection with handling the animal will develop into a long-time, supervised farm practice," Farnham says. "The boy builds on the small project of one calf each successive year until at the end of the high school period, this young man has organized an actual business of sufficient size to challenge his best managerial ability."

Democrat Ads Pay

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned Trustee by Clinton Stone on the 18th day of September, 1931, to secure the sum of Seventy-five Dollars ($75.00) to Carl Stone, said deed of trust being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga County, in Book 23, Page 229, and default having been made in the payment of the moneys thereby secured as therein provided, I will, on

Tuesday, May 16, 1935, at One o'Clock P. M.,

at the Courthouse door of Watauga County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

BEGINNING on a white oak in old Howell line; running north with said line 30 poles to a red oak and chestnut in said line; thence west 80 poles to a chestnut oak; thence north 52 degrees west 15 poles to a black gum; thence north 25 degrees west 32 poles to a stake in Jerry Watson's line; thence south with said line 28 poles to a chestnut oak (now dead); thence south 8 degrees east 18 poles to a chestnut (now gone); thence east 24 poles to a red oak (now gone); thence south 4 poles to a stake in old Collett line; thence east with said line 80 poles to the beginning, containing 30 acres, more or less.

This sale will be made subject to a deed of trust or mortgage to Mrs. Millie Watson for the sum of $175.00.

This the 15th day of April, 1935.

T. E. BINGHAM,
4-18-4c Trustee.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE

North Carolina, Watauga County.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Mortgage Deed, executed by Chase Brenizer and wife, Louise Brenizer, which said Mortgage Deed is dated the 9th day of September, 1925, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga County, North Carolina, in Book No. 7, page 235, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the conditions therein secured, the undersigned mortgagee will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of Watauga County, North Carolina, on the 17th day of May, 1935, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, the following described real estate:

That certain tract of land lying and being in Watauga Township, Watauga County, State of North Carolina, and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING on a stake at the Turnpike road and in the old Lenoir line, and runs south 52 east about 30 poles to a stake near an old Spanish oak, thence south 51 east 3½ poles to a rock, thence south 5 west 13 poles to a hickory, thence south 10½ west to a white oak on a rock; thence south 81 west 14 poles to a stake in the old Lenoir line, thence with the old Lenoir line south 28 west 13 poles to a large Spanish oak, thence south 25 west 7 poles to the road, thence with the road the following courses and distances: north 34 west 22 poles, north 25½ west 16 poles, north 36 west 18 poles, north 9 east 4 poles, north 75½ east 12 poles, north 52½ east 10 poles, north 68 east 12 poles south 88 east 8 poles to the beginning and contains 15 3-10 acres more or less.

This being the same tract of land conveyed to Chase Brenizer by George H. Maurice and wife, bearing even date herewith.

Terms of the sale will be cash and the mortgagee will require a deposit of 10% of the amount bid as evidence of good faith.

This the 16th day of April, 1935.

GEORGE H. MAURICE,
4-18-4 Mortgagee.

THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS
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By Mac Arthur