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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON IV, THIRD QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JULY 24.

Text of the Lesson, I Kings xix, 1-18. Memory Verses, 9-12—Golden Text, Ps. xxxvii, 7—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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1. "And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword." That was a record that would stir all the devil that was in her. But she was fast filling up the measure of her iniquity, and her time would soon be over; then the outer darkness. It is good when husbands and wives tell each other everything. Let us as believers be sure that we tell Jesus everything, both what we do and what we teach (Mark vi, 30).

2. "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." Vain threat of a wicked woman! For did she not know that the God of Elijah had so securely hidden him for three years that he could not be found? But she was angry now and stopped to think of nothing but the vengeance that was in her heart against God and His servant.

3. "And when he saw that, he arose and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there." Desperate people are sometimes permitted to do desperate things, and it might have been very unwise to have remained within reach of such a one. When they persecute you in one city, it is sometimes right to flee to another. Yet in this case it looks as if Jezebel and her threat came for the time between Elijah and his God.

4. "It is enough. Now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers!" This was his prayer to God, as having gone a day's journey into the wilderness he sat down under a juniper tree and wished he was dead. Yet this is the same man who stood before all Israel on Carmel in the name of the Lord. Then he stood with God and for God, and thought not of himself, but now he considers himself and sees that he is no better than his fathers. His mind is not staid upon God. He is considering feelings and circumstances, and God is not ruling in him.

5. "And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him and said unto him, Arise and eat." He was weary and needed rest, and God gave it to him. It is wonderful how differently things appear when we have been refreshed by sleep. We are often like fretful children who do not know what ails them, but mother knows that it is time they were asleep. He giveth to His beloved in sleep.

6. "And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink and laid him down again." God say that His child was hungry as well as weary. A little sleep quieted and prepared the body to receive the food which an angel had prepared, and without seeming to count it at all strange to be thus provided for he eats and drinks and sleeps again.

7. "And the angel of the Lord came again the second time and touched him and said, Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for thee." How wonderfully ministered unto is this poor, weak child of God, who is so discouraged and wants to die, little thinking that he is never to die, but be gloriously received up when his work is done! Every child of God is just as well cared for. Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the angels are all ministering unto us.

8. "And he arose and did eat and drink and went in the strength of that meat 40 days and 40 nights unto Horeb, the mount of God." The Lord Jehovah is our strength and song. Jesus Himself is the true bread from heaven. When it is our meat, as it was His to do the Father's will, we can go in that strength of that meat to our journey's end. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

9. "What doest thou here, Elijah?" This is the word of the Lord to him as he lodges in a cave at Horeb. It is a good word of the Lord to us at all times, and happy is it for us if we are never found where He has not sent us. Better still if we can say truthfully, "Lord, I am on Thy business, for Thou didst send me."

10. "And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts." Then he tells what the Lord well knew about Israel's sins, but adds that he is the only prophet living, and his life is in danger. What God would do if he should be killed he does not dare to hint, but he evidently thinks the Lord's cause is in great peril.

11, 12. He is told to stand on the mount before the Lord, and, behold, the Lord passed by. There was a mighty wind, then an earthquake, then a fire, but the Lord was not in either of them. Then there was a still, small voice. How slow we are to learn that God often works in the most unlikely ways and through most unlikely people—the still, small voice rather than the storm or earthquake or fire.

13, 14. To the repeated question, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" after all that great object lesson, he gives the same reply as before, indicating that he was so preoccupied with himself and his championship for God that the lesson was lost upon him. It is true that he did not know till God told him (verse 18) that there were 7,000 still, small voices for God who had not bowed to Baal, but he did not know, for Obadiah had told him (chapter xviii, 13) that there were 100 whom Obadiah himself had cared for.

15, 16. He is told to return and anoint a king over Syria and a king over Israel, and the Lord adds, "Elisha, the son of Shaphat, of Abel-Meholah, shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room." When any worker with God gets so exalted in his own estimation that he thinks himself the only one capable of doing the work, it is then time to appoint his successor in office. God will use any vessel that is willing to be used by Him and to His glory, but when the vessel begins to think itself important it is time to break it or set it aside. Although Paul wrought more than others, he said, "Not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (I Cor. xv, 10). John the Baptist insisted that he was only a voice. Our Lord Jesus made Himself of no reputation, but emptied Himself even unto death. May we, like Elijah in chapter xvii, 1, remember that it is the living God before whom we stand, and that He is well able to maintain His cause without any help of ours. May we rejoice to say with Paul, "Whose I am and whom I serve," holding ourselves ready for any manner of service, wholly at His commandment (I Chron. xxviii, 21), and, like Elisha, faithfully doing ordinary work, yet ready for any call from Him. If He sees us faithful and ready, He will call when He wants us and put us where He can best use us.

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INASMUCH.

VISITED BY THE SAVIOR.

"Martin, Dost Thou Know Me?"

A poor shoemaker, Martin by name, had a great longing to behold the Lord Jesus. One night, in a dream, he received the promise that the Saviour would visit him on the morrow. Martin's dwelling was in a cellar, and his work-bench stood beside the low window from which he saw nothing but the feet of those who passed by. As was his custom, he rose early, worked at his trade, ate his morning meal, and said to himself: "To-day the Lord Jesus will visit me." Looking up he saw a pair of shabby feet wearily dragging themselves past his window. Full of pity, he went out and found a poor woman, hungry and homeless, who had wandered about the streets all night long carrying a sick baby in her arms. Martin took her into his dwelling, gave her the remnant of his breakfast and fed the child with milk. When she had gone, he again sat down to his work, believing that now the Lord Jesus would soon appear. About noon he saw another pair of tired feet shuffling past. Hurrying out, Martin found an old man, who had not tasted food that day. He invited him in and shared his midday meal with the hungry guest. When he had gone, Martin thought sadly: "The day is half spent and the Lord Jesus has not yet come".

Toward evening he saw more feet, in violent movement, hurried flying hither and thither, and when he went out he found an old fruit seller and a street boy in a fierce fight. The woman clutching the sleeve of the boy's threadbear jacket, screamed: "He stole my apples, and I will beat him for it." Martin made peace between them, and, finding that both were hungry, he took them home and shared his supper with them.

The day being ended, he went to bed with a sad heart; for the Lord Jesus had not visited him as it had been promised him in his dream.

He slept, and again he dreamed, and, behold, in his dream appeared first the tired woman and her sick child. She looked into his eyes and said: "Martin, dost thou know me?" And the old man came, and the fruit-seller, each asking: "Martin, dost thou know me?" Then Martin understood, and he remembered the words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have hone it unto me."—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Down on Key West and Marion Butler.

Monroe Enquirer.

We are told, and it is said there is no fake about the matter, that a Vance township Populist magistrate, who who is at outs with Marion Butler, said that the meanest man connected with this war is "this here fellow Key West." The magistrate says further that, in his opinion, "there is no more sly and treacherous fellow loose than that fellow Key West, except Marion Butler."

Some Stops to Make.

Exchange.

Stop thinking of the body; keep it clean, and comfortably and becoming ly clothed, and then forget it. Your body should be no more to you than your house, through which you should endeavor to express the idea—home.

Stop finding fault with the weather and speaking of every change of the atmosphere as if sickness were contained therein. Refuse to take cold. Some people speak of certain days and atmospheres as "good for pneumonia."

Stop describing your sensations. Stop saying you feel sick, feel tired, feel weak, feel hot, feel cold, feel anything. Cultivate thought, not sensation.

Forget self in making others happy.

Banish fear by ceasing to think or talk about it. Stop saying "I am afraid" of anything.

Fear, distrust and doubt are depressing sensations. Cultivate hope, faith and trust. They are the tonics of the mind.

Realize that there is but one Life in the universe and that man cannot be separated from that Life.

Be not anxious if the day pass by in which you fail to eat breakfast, dinner or supper; but do not allow a day to pass without adding some thought to your mental store, which you will be glad to incorporate into your morality.

Never say you are in poor health. There is no qualification to health. You might as well speak of poor harmony.

Establish an equilibrium of mind and the bodily functions will take care of themselves.

LONELY LABORERS

NEVER MIND WHERE YOU WORK.

You May be Unknown to Fame, but the Angels May be Acquainted With You.

Many Christians have to endure the solitude of unnoticed labor. They are serving God in a way which is exceedingly useful, but not at all noticable. How very sweet to many workers are those little corners of the newspapers and magazines which describe their labors and success; yet some who are doing what God will think a great deal more of at the last, never saw their names in print. Yonder believer brother is plodding away in a country village; nobody knows anything about him, but he is bringing souls to God. Unknown to fame, the angels are acquainted with him, and a few precious ones whom he has led to Jesus know him well.

Perhaps yonder sister has a class in the Sunday School; nothing striking in her or in her class; nobody thinks of her as a remarkable worker; she is none the less fragrant.

There is a Bible woman; she is mentioned in the report as making so many visits a week, but nobody discovers all she is doing for the poor and needy and how many are saved in the Lord through her instrumentality. Hundreds of God's dear servants are serving Him without the encouragement of man's approving eye, yet they are not alone; the Father is with them.

Never mind where you work; never mind more about how you work; never mind who sees, if God approves. If He smiles be content. We cannot always be sure when we are most useful. It is not the acreage you sow, it is the multiplication which God gives the seed which makes up the harvest.—Evangelical Messenger.

Increase in the Valuation of Railroads for Taxation.

The railroad commission, at its session last week, assessed the railroads for taxation and the report shows an increase of more than $5,000,000 over the valuation of last year. It is expected that the railroads will file exceptions to the increase. The Southern Railway is assessed as follows:

Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line, per mile, $15,000; increase in tax, $85,845.

Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio, per mile, $7,000; increase in tax, $64,585.

Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta, per mile, $15,000; increase in tax, $47,420.

Northwestern North Carolina, per mile, $8,000; increase in tax, $30,610.

Piedmont, per mile, $18,500; increase in tax, $185,095.

Western North Carolina, per mile, $11,000; increase in tax, $289,705.

North Carolina, per mile, $17,000; increase in tax, $983,050.

Total, $1,536,725.

The total increase in the valuation of the lines of the Atlantic Coast Line system is $2,080,796, the Seaboard Air Line is increased $773,890, and the total increase in all lines, including the telegraph companies and the Pullman Car Company, is $5,591,454.

A Dodrotten Fool

Southern Druggist.

I was the only passenger in the car. Midway of a block another came in. His hat was crushed and his clothing daubed with mud. For a long time he sat in gloomy meditation. Then he hitched up toward me and said: "I guess I'm the dodrottenest fool running loose in the town!" "S-?" I said. "Yes, sir. I ain't got sense enough to be let go without a guardeen. See that car up ahead there?" "I did. It was half a dozen blocks away. "Waal, sir, I run like sixty to catch that car." "Couldn't catch it eh?" "Yes, I could. That's the trouble. I did catch it, and I gin the conductor a dime on the hind platform an' he gin me a nickle change. Then somehow I up an' dropped the nickle overboard. I hollered to the conductor to stop the car, but he wouldn't do it, so I ups an' jumps off back'ards. Look a' my clo'es. When I got up that car was o' reach, so I had to wait for this one." "Did you find your nickle?" "Oh, yes; found that right enough. Lost my car, split my clo'es and skint my back jest for the gratifyin' privilege of pickin' up that doddeen nickel, an' givin' it to this conductor. I used to think Bill Thompson was the dingedest fool a-shin', but I guess I'm close onto him." "What did Bill do?" "W'y don't you know? Bill's dog got his head stuck in a pitcher, and Bill cut off the head to save the pitcher, and then broke the pitcher to get the head out."

NEVERS—FOR BOYS.

Never make fun of old age, no matter how decrepit, unfortunate, or evil it may be. God's hand rests lovingly on the aged head.

Never use intoxicating liquors as a beverage. You might never become a drunkard, but beer, wine, and whiskey will do you no good, and may wreck your life. Better be on the safe side. Make your influence count for sobriety.

Never make sport of one of those miserable creatures—a drunken man or woman. They are wrecks; but God alone knows the stress of the storms which drove them upon the breakers. Weep rather than laugh.

Never tell or listen to telling of filthy stories. Cleanliness in word and act is the sign manual of a true gentleman. You cannot handle filth without becoming fouled.

Never cheat nor be unfair in your play. Cheating is contemptible anywhere, at any time, at any age. Your play should strengthen not weaken your character.

Never call anybody bad names, no matter what anybody calls you. You cannot throw mud and keep your own hands clean.

Never be cruel. You have no right to hurt even a fly needlessly. Cruelty is the trait of a bully, kindliness the mark of a gentleman.

Never lie. Even white lies leave black spots on the character. What is your opinion of a liar? Do you wish other people to have a like opinion of yourself?

Never make fun of a companion because of a misfortune he could not help.

Never hesitate to say no when asked to do a wrong thing. It will often require courage—but say it so distinctly that no one can possibly understand you to mean yes.

Never quarrel. When your tongue gets unruly, lock it up, if need be bite it. Never suffer it to advertise your bad temper.

Never make a companion of those who are continually doing and saying evil things. A boy, as well as a man, is known by the company he keeps.

Never be unkind to your father and mother. When they are dead and you have children of your own, you will discover that even though you did your best, you were able to make only a part payment of the debt you owed them. The balance you must pay over to your children.

Never treat other boys' sisters better than your own.

Never fancy you know more when fifteen years old than your father and mother have learned in all the years of their lives. Wisdom is not given to babes.

Never lay aside your manners when you take off your fine clothes.

Never be rudely boisterous at home or elsewhere.

Never forget that God made you to be a joyous, loving, lovable, helpful being. Be one.

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MILLIONS SHOT AWAY.

Two Batteries Fire $6,000,000 at Each Other in an Hour—One Broadside Cost $10,000.

Philadelphia Record.

Some idea of the enormous cost of war at the present day may be had by figuring on a fictitious regular engagement between two big battleships like the Oregon and the Pelayo. Outside the damage and total loss of valuable property, the cost of ammunition used runs up amazingly fast. It is almost like burning money. Fancy paying $10,000 every time a shot is fired from a rapid-firing gun. There are a good number of warships in the United States navy that have nearly half a dozen guns that small shot with a calibre of ammunition at a single gulp [illegible] of a quarter-ounce in the [illegible] eat up from $200 to $700 with every shot.

One broadside from the battleship Oregon, with every gun belching fire and shell, would cost at least $10,000 simply for the ammunition and for the moment. Figure on the destruction of property made by such a broadside, and the total runs up more rapidly. A battle between these two giants of the sea would quickly destroy at least $5,000,000 worth of property in the hour. Each ship costs the [illegible] $6,000,000. It is probable that the other would be damaged half this value, or $3,000,000. These two incidents of a naval battle would mean a total destruction of $[illegible]

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To operate the Pelayo would be [illegible] $[illegible] a minute. [illegible] $[illegible] a minute.

The total cost of the engagement to the Pelayo would be $21,000,000 [illegible] an average of $[illegible] a minute. [illegible] $60,000 [illegible] a few [illegible] space.

Therefore, suppose that the ship would be [illegible] and the other badly disabled, the cost of this one battle between the United States government and that of Spain, counting $[illegible] worth of ammunition, would be dangerously near $8,000,000.

If the Oregon were destroyed the fight would cost us $[illegible] If she were only disabled, she would escape with a loss of $2,000,000. The destruction of the Pelayo would mean a loss to Spain of $8,000,000. If she were only disabled the expense to the Spaniards would be $2,000,000.

A Place of Euphony

A traveler meeting a settler near a house in the backwoods, the following colloquy occurred.

"Whose house?"
"Nigger."
"What's it built of?"
"Logs."
"Any neighbors?"
"Frogs."
"What's the soil?"
"Bogs."
"The climate?"
"Fogs."
"What do you eat?"
"Hogs."
"How do you catch them?"
"Dogs"—hx.

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The Republican Party the National Worst Enemy.

In the Congress of the United States there is a clearly drawn issue between the Republican party and all others in the matter of providing the revenue necessary to carry on the war. That issue discloses a radical change of policy on the part of the Republican party since the days when its policy was declared and executed by Seward, Chase, Lincoln and Grant. These men, as the fathers of the Republican party, in order to raise war revenues, enacted an income tax as well as a stamp tax, a bank tax as well as a beer tax, and issued greenbacks and treasury notes as well as bonds in order to procure the sinews of war. The children of the party now oppose the income tax, the bank tax and the issue of greenbacks, and would raise the revenue by taxes on beer, whiskey, tobacco, and other things that make the poor pay just as much revenue as the rich, and oppose the taxation of corporations or banks, in order to make the rich pay a fair share of the war expenses. They would oppose the issue of Treasury notes and bonds. [illegible] would be discharged at [illegible] times. That will average [illegible] shot. Each [illegible] of the [illegible] would cost the government $[illegible] In the case of [illegible] they would be [illegible] worth, for a little time, [illegible] her guns of $[illegible] each every time they are discharged, for [illegible] of them $1,[illegible] each, and eight of them $7,[illegible]

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