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## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 27.

THE SEVEN HELPERS.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 6:1-7.

It would be a source of great blessing if every teacher and scholar would read through the book of Acts several times during the year. Such reading will give vision, inspiration and a more comprehensive idea of the continuation of what Jesus began, and which record is not yet fully written. The time of this lesson is about A. D. 35, though Ramsey places it at 32, 33; and the place, the city of Jerusalem.

I. The Occasion, vv. 1-2. For a time the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus continued in Jerusalem, but soon the pressure of circumstances thrust it forth as prophesied (1:8). There were two groups of men in the early church: those who had been born in Judaism who spoke Hebrew (Aramaic), and those born in foreign cities and who spoke the Greek language. These men arose over the distribution of funds among certain of the dependent widows—the text suggests "secret displeasure." There was impertinence, selfishness, suspicion and jealousy in that early church.

II. The Method, vv. 3-4. It does not appear that God gave the church a cut and dried program according to which it must act. Certainly the church had no precedent to follow, and step by step God was developing it. This lesson gives us a glimpse of those steps: (1) As the occasion demanded, (2) The Apostles refused to diminish their praying and preaching, literally it was "not pleasing" to God for the Apostles to "serve tables." Such work must be done, certainly, but it was not to be done by these God-appointed and selected leaders, their duty was clearly stated. The minister's business is praying and ministering the word. These things should fully engage his attention, and in them he is to continue steadfastly. The minister cannot manifestly "know more about books than the schoolteacher; more about politics than the politician; more about medicine than the doctor; more about psychology than the college professor."

No, that is out of the question, though he should be intelligent in these lines. But he should be pre-eminent in prayer and in the ministry of the word, and furthermore he should preach that word pre-eminently. (3) The church, not the apostles, must needs select these new officials. (4) The qualifications of these men, who were thus to care for these temporal affairs, were (a) "men of good report," not those bearing doubtful reputations, nor chosen because they were rich or shrewd in business. (b) "full of the spirit." It demands the Spirit-filled man to look after financial affairs as certainly as it does to teach or preach the word. (c) "full of wisdom." Men of common sense, a quality often sadly lacking among spiritually-minded men. Men meeting such qualifications will be men of the "spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind" (literally sound sense). (II Tim. 1:7).

III. The Method of Choosing, vv. 5, 6. (1) The people did the choosing. The early church seems to have been remarkably democratic. (2) The choice was made after, and not before, prayer had been offered. This is a suggestion and a warning for present-day practice of choosing church officials. (3) It was a legal selection, not the selection of a minority, and it was confirmed by the laying on of the hands of the apostles.

IV. The Result, vv. 7, 8. First of all upon the people. (1) The word "increased." (2) The number of disciples "multiplied greatly," and (3) Some of the priests of the Jews were "obedient to the faith." Secondly, the result in the lives of the thus chosen and Spirit-anointed men gave evidence of the good hand of God. They were "full of grace" (Eph. 4:9, Acts 15:17); they were "full of power" (1:8). The first two of them soon became great and mighty preachers as well. Indeed as far as we can read they even outstripped the apostles themselves in real achievement for God. Stephen, of course, stands out pre-eminently. His character is suggested in verse eight. He was (a) "full of faith," (b) "full of the Holy Spirit," (c) "full of grace" (R. V.), (d) "full of power."

How sad it is that so frequently our churches fail to make a wise and spirited choice of its leaders, and are content with few, or perhaps none, being added to its membership. No man is fit to be an officer in the church of Christ unless he is filled with the Holy Spirit, (Acts 1:8, Luke 24:49). Such a man will always stir up opposition of the powers of evil, even as did Stephen. Those who opposed Stephen were moral and religious men (v. 9). Frequently the opposition a Spirit-filled man encounters is not from the immoral, the worldly, or the utterly ungodly; but those who stand out against him, and reason against him (v. 10), and often seek to kill him, are moral and religious men.

### Several Convicts Escape

One of the guards being intoxicated and leaving his post for a few minutes is said to have been responsible for the escape of several white state convicts in the Salisbury yard on Wednesday night. The men had been working at the Yaddin Narrows and were here preparatory to being taken to the western part of the state. They were in a car attached to No. 85 and a guard was stationed at each door, until the guard in question left his post.

The following is an official list of the prisoners who made their escape: Earl Cotton, of Raleigh, serving 20 years for killing an elderly man, Daniel, serving a 25-year term for committing the notable murder in Randolph county; Charles Hilton, residence and term not learned; George Ryan, 4 years; J. W. Teasdale, ten years for automobile theft; O. S. Smith, alias Harry Cobb, ten years; James Freeman Watanga County, three-year sentence. All except Freeman made their escape in Salisbury, the latter having jumped out of the car window near Majors. Earl Cotton has also been captured.

Jim Freeman one of the escaped convicts was caught after a very exciting and persistent chase by the officers late Thursday afternoon. He was located near the Ghese school in Franklin Township and was trailed by L. D. H. Brown's blood hounds down to the creek, thence back to South river where he was captured, having covered about fifteen miles. He has made several attempts to escape. It was he who, several years ago while attempting to escape, boarded a freight train and was shot by the authorities of the penitentiary.

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### Keat Job Safe Cracking

Lexington, Feb. 16.—Safe-crackers last night blew open the safe in the Ocea Oola bottling plant near the Southern depot and got away with about \$40 in cash and checks to the amount of nearly \$100. All of the checks were on local banks, except one drawn on a Winston-Salem institution.

The job was one of the completest ever seen here, and was evidently the work of professionals who had mapped out the plant. Entrance was made by breaking out the top pane of a back window and reaching through and loosening the night lock. The interior of the safe was completely wrecked and the lower corner of the door was folded back by the force of explosion, which even made a crevice in the heavy portion of the safe. A clock just over the safe stopped at 11:55 and the pendulum was jarred loose by the force of the explosion, while small bits blown from the safe flying about.

Although the explosion completely wrecked the safe, it was not discovered until this morning. Persons passing along Main Street just before mid light report hearing a noise as of an explosion just as a train was passing, but thought it was the firing of torpedoes on the track as a signal. A negro woman who lives nearby declared that she saw a man and a woman enter the building, but thought it was some of the employees and did not raise an alarm. The explosion did not wake her, so she did not see them leave.

Fresh Milk Cow for Sale, 5 years old, call on or write J. L. Suther, route 2, Salisbury, N. C.

### French Gunners Bag Big Zeppelin

Paris Reports Several German Machines Brought Down, Russians Pursuing Turks. Feb. 21.—Another of Germany's Zeppelin airships has come to grief, and it is probable that some, if not all, of its crew perished, as it was engulfed in flames as it fell to earth, a victim of an incendiary shell fired from a French anti-aircraft gun.

The Paris official communication reports that the airship was southward bound from a region of St. Menchould when the French guns at Bevinny began shelling it. At least one of the missiles found its mark and the huge air-ship took fire and fell in the vicinity of Brabant-le-Roi.

The Germans near Ilions, to the south of the Somme river, have met with repulse at the hands of the French in an inter-district attack extending over about four and one third miles. The offensive movement was preceded by a heavy bombardment and clouds of asphyxiating gases. When the German infantry endeavored to come out of their trenches for the attack, however, the barrier fire and the fire of the French riflemen stopped them everywhere, according to Paris.

The Germans, in Ardennes, were prevented from occupying the crater of a mine by a strong counter-offensive of the French.

In Champagne, the forests of the Argonne and in the entire region of Verdun, there has been much artillery activity, in which Paris claims that considerable execution was accomplished by the French gunners. The Germans report additional repulses of British grenade attacks against exposed positions along the Year Canal and also the putting down of an Entente allied offensive along the Lens-Arras road.

Numerous fights in the air between German and French aviators have taken place. Paris reports that several of the German machines were brought down by the fire of the French airmen. Aeroplanes have been carried out by the French and British aeroplanes squadrons notably on the German aviation field at Habsheim at Mulhausen and on a munitions factory at Paguy-sur-Moselle, British aircraft bombed the town of Don, southwest of Lille.

There has been little fighting on the eastern and Austro-Italian fronts. The Albanians fighting for the Teutons, are reported to have reached the Adriatic Sea west of Kava. This would indicate that the Austro-Hungarians and their allies have completely surrounded Durazzo.

In Asia-Minor, the Russians are persistently following the Turks who fled from Erzerum, and also are pushing their way northward from the captured ortses to the Black Sea, with the purpose of establishing a base there for their warships and transports. Bitlis on Lake Van has been captured by the Russians.

A Turkish power station on the toman front east of the Suez Canal has been blown up by a British aviator. Again Constantinople has been thrown into a state of consternation over the presence of an Entente allied submarine in the Bosphorus, according to an unofficial report. The underwater boat is said to have torpedoed six transports loaded with munitions and one tug.

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### County Republican Convention

The Republicans of Rowan County held their annual convention in this city last Saturday, the same being quite largely attended. A resolution was presented by J. M. Proctor, in which the Democratic administration was scored and in which the word "deceitful" was used. This word caused considerable discussion and argument and was principally objected to by Prof. Brown of Enochville, but the resolution was finally adopted on account of having a number of defenders who spoke in favor of its adoption. Mr. Proctor, in representing the resolution, made a strong speech which was received with hearty applause. Attorney G. W. Garland also made a speech.

Eighteen delegates were chosen to attend the congressional convention which meets in Taylorville, and eighteen delegates were also chosen to the State convention at Raleigh. The primaries will be held throughout the county on June 8th. At the convention Saturday it was decided to hold another convention here immediately following the holding of the primaries to ratify the decision on the same.

Calls were made for those who contemplated announcing their candidacy for office and the following were among those who spoke out at the meeting: J. M. Wagoner, for prosecuting attorney; H. O. Bueck and J. W. Proctor, for register of deeds; Prof. F. B. Brown, for State senator; Albert Miller and A. A. Myers, for the lower house; S. A. East, for treasurer; W. E. Russell, J. B. Yost and J. M. A. Minus, for sheriff; M. A. Sturtevant, C. P. Foster, O. L. Hillig, P. A. Peeler, J. H. Holston, J. H. Flock, G. M. Fisher, or J. S. Campbell and O. M. Fisher, for county commissioners.

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### Pitt County Convict Brains an Overseer

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 15.—About 4 o'clock this afternoon Joseph McLawhorn, nephew of Sheriff McLawhorn, was fatally hurt by being struck with a pickaxe by one of the negro convicts he was guarding. Particulars are hard to get, though it occurred only five miles from here. The convict was working on the road and as yet no information of why the convict made the assault has been had.

The pickaxe entered McLawhorn's head and much of his brain oozed out. The doctor says it is impossible for the wounded man to live long. After striking McLawhorn's head the convict took his gun and fired four times at the other guard, missing, however. The guard fired at the convict once and six others made good their escape. There is much excitement over the matter. Many people have gone to the scene and are assisting officers in search for the escaped convicts.

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### Some French History

The Popacy, the Same Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Their Boast.

In 906 Robert the Pious was King of France, Robert was more of a monk than a king. He spent more time saying prayers and repeating chants and before the altar than he did attending to the affairs of his kingdom. He had married a woman whom he loved. This woman was his cousin. The Pope disapproved and excommunicated the king. But the year 1,000 was approaching, and the year 1,000 was the year in which the world came to an end, or at least in which the Apocalypse said it was going to come to an end. The people were filled with apprehension and half frenzied with terror. They were restive and under the ban of the church. Yielding to their impurities, Robert the Pious returned, put away his wife, and was restored to felicity in the bosom of the Holy Church.

It was in his reign in the year 1023, that active persecutions began under the coalition of church and state. In that year thirteen Jews were condemned and put to death at Orleans, and others elsewhere. In the year 1208 Pope Innocent III, vicar of the Church and vice-regent of God upon the earth, issued a proclamation addressed to knights, abbots, nobles and warriors everywhere, calling upon them to arm and invade Southern France, and promising every knight, every noble, every leader who went with an armed force, that if they should dispossess any of the inhabitants of castles, towns, strongholds or estates, the title to those properties would be vested in the conquerors. Thus Pope Innocent III, vicar of the church and vice-regent of God upon the earth, added to religious fanaticism the lust of rapacity and greed. The armies gathered and the war of religion and extermination began. When a part of the army was besieging a certain town the soldiers said to the chief: "When we have entered how shall we distinguish between the faithful and the heretic? How shall we know whom to kill and whom to spare?" and the chief replied, "Kill them all; the Lord will surely know his own."

In 1545 there was a community of peasants, that is to say, farmers dwelling in peace and contentment in a province at the foot of the Alps. This community extended over a domain of about fifty miles in length and of considerable width. They had lived there, they and their ancestors, for a period of three centuries. They were not Catholics. They were heretics. Their heresies consisted in three doctrines: They rejected infant baptism, the sacrifice of the mass, the adoration of the cross and the sale of indulgences. Pope Paul III, vicar of the Church and vice-regent of God upon the earth, called upon the King of France Francis I, to make war upon the heretics of the Vandois valley and exterminate them, but France hesitated. These people had regularly paid taxes and tithes; they were harmless, industrious and frugal. The armies of the king of France had met with reverses in their foreign wars and the internal affairs of the kingdom were not in satisfactory condition. The clerical party urged upon the king that his reverses abroad and his embarrassments at home were plainly due to the fact that he had relaxed persecution of the heretics. Still the king hesitated. After a while he sent two Cardinals of the church to investigate these people. The

### Beasley and Cook Guilty

Two most important cases on the criminal docket in the Rowan Superior court in session last week have been completed. Both the defendants were found guilty. Boney Cook, a Negro, was found guilty of murder in the second degree. His case consumed the entire day Wednesday in bringing about a decision. He was sentenced to seven years on the county roads. Cook was charged with the murder of Gamewell Jefferson, colored, at Granite Quarry a year ago.

The case against D. L. Beasley attracted widespread attention. He was given a hearing on Thursday and was found guilty. Beasley was sentenced to two years on the county roads. He was indicted on a charge of house-burning and car robbery. One of the chief State witnesses was Howard Jones, now serving time for car robbery, who related to the jury some important facts in the case.

### Mr. Davis Got Rid of a Bad Cough

"Some time ago I had a very bad cough," writes Lewis T. Davis, Blackwater, Del. "My brother, McCabe Davis gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. After taking this I coughed half a dozen bottles of it out only used one of them as the cough left me and I have not been troubled since." Obtainable everywhere.

Cardinals returned and said they were farmers, laborious, industrious and happy, and that while their doctrines were not entirely in accord with those of the Catholic Church, they, the Cardinals, would not counsel prosecution against them. One of these Cardinals went so far as to endeavor to persuade the peasants to make a formal abjuration, saying, "we will not demand a notary nor even a signature; go through the form that we may satisfy the authorities at Rome." But the hardy, rugged and sincere peasants replied, "How shall we formally adjure anything, if our doctrines are right and we believe them?" They had not learned the adroit and velvet diplomacy that has characterized the jesuitical methods of Rome in all these centuries. They only knew how to be honest; they were densely ignorant. Then the parliament issued a mandatory decree ordering that all of the dwellers of the Vandois valley should be killed, that every building should be demolished and rased to the ground, that the cellars should be filled up, that every tree of the forest should be cut down, every tree of the garden rooted out, and the land made unfit for any of the people of their descendants who might escape to farm it or cultivate it for a hundred years. Two armies of the king in obedience to the decree, marched into the peaceful Alpine valleys, and then the work of slaughter began. Thousands of these defenseless, unarmed peasants were killed. Six or seven hundred were sent to the galleys. Hundreds of children were sold into slavery. And those few that escaped, were met everywhere by a decree proclaiming the penalty of death for any one that should offer them aid or succor, money or vitals. Thus perished the dwellers of the Vandois valley in 1545, by the direction of Pope Paul III, vicar of the Church and vice-regent of God upon the earth.

Continuing their advance in Albania the Austro-Hungarians report the capture near Berat-Sjak, a short distance northeast of Durazzo, of an advanced Italian position. This is the first indication that the Italians were operating so far north in Albania, the belief having prevailed that their activities had been confined to the locality adjacent of Avlona.

That progress is being made by the Teutonic allies in the direction of Avlona seemingly is shown by the report that the Albanians who are fighting with them have occupied the town of Berat, situated about 81 miles northeast of Avlona.

Four German seaplanes have raided the east and southeast coasts of England, dropping bombs. Lowestoft and Walmer were visited. Two men and one boy were killed and a marine was wounded. The raiders escaped. Unofficial advices from Saloniki are that a Bulgarian patrol which crossed the Greek frontier near Doiran was repelled by Greek troops and forced to retire.

### Mrs. R. N. Hackett Gets a Divorce

Mrs. Lois Long Hackett, who has spent most of her time in Brooklyn, N. Y., in recent years, but who for near a year has been living at Carson City, Nev., with her little daughter, has returned to Statesville. Mrs. Hackett was engaged in teaching in Nevada. During her residence there she instituted suit for divorce against her husband, former Congressman R. N. Hackett of Wilkesboro, and the divorce was granted. Cruelty and non-support were the allegations in the complaint. Mr. and Mrs. Hackett have been separated for more than seven years. Statesville Landmark.

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