

# Sunday School Lesson

For Sunday, Oct. 8th  
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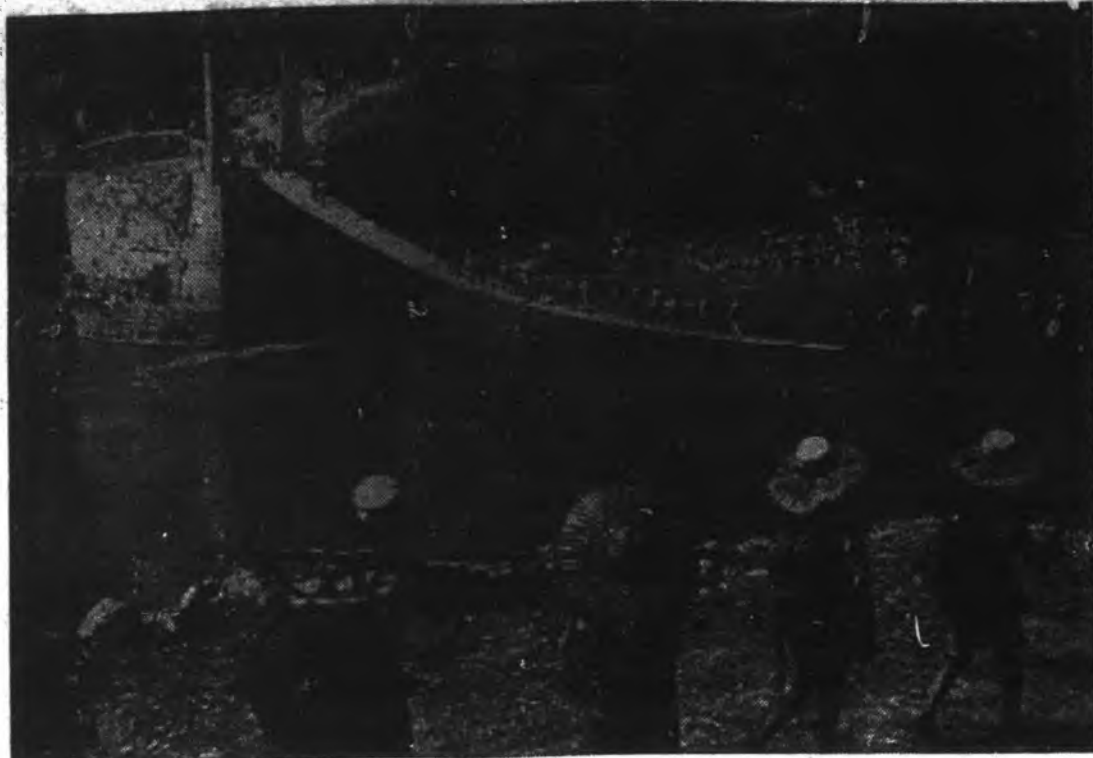


Topic: Jesus' Program for Meeting Life's Problems  
Bible Material: Mat. 4:1-4; Mat. 6:81-84; Luke 4:16-21

In considering the life of Jesus, we sometimes lose sight of the fact that he had to deal with problems concerning his own life, just as others who lived about him. While he was the Son of God, he was also born of woman, and had to experience suffering.

in the realm of the material, just as we today. He was both human and divine. He grew hungry, just as we. He became tired, just as the disciples. He was tempted by Satan, just as was Simon Peter. That is why the present lesson should have for us all such vital concern. It sets before us in bold outline Jesus' program for meeting life's problems.  
**OUR BODILY APPETITES—**  
One of the first problems that Jesus faced in life, and which

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every individual must face, is the matter of bodily appetites. As Dr. Broadus suggests, "Our bodily appetites form the occasion of many of our severest temptations". In the case of Jesus, it was the matter of his hunger for simple bread. The background of the scene is laid in the wilderness where Jesus had been led by the Spirit, and where for forty days and forty nights he had fasted. Jesus was led into the wilderness immediately after his baptism in the Jordan by John, evidently in preparation for his public ministry which was soon to begin. Finding him in the throes of hunger, the tempter came and said to him, "If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become bread". Satan was tempting Jesus to satisfy a reasonable, natural desire in an unnatural way. There was nothing wrong in the desire; the wrong lay in the proposed method of satisfying the desire. Oftentimes our bodily appetites "are not sinful in themselves; the sin consists in seeking excessive or essentially improper gratification of them, or in seeking lawful gratification by improper means". (Broadus).

Jesus' program for meeting the problem raised by Satan is simple and clear cut: He met it with a sword of the Spirit. "The Father's Word was to him the sword with which he conquered the great spiritual enemy." He merely quoted the tempter a passage of scripture: "But he answered and said, It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God".

Many a problem in life, that has to do with the carnal desires of the flesh, would be solved if we would only apply the sword of the Spirit—God's Word. The difficulty lies in our unwillingness to search the Scriptures for light and strength in dealing with our problems. Too many of us wrestle with the strong arm of self, feeling that we alone are sufficient to grapple with any problem that may exist in our lives. We lose sight of the fact that "the Word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and narrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

### ALL TEMPORAL WANTS—

In the second passage of the text (Matt. 6:31-34), Jesus dealt with the problem of temporal wants in general. Specifically he is talking about clothing and food, but he evidently has in mind all the things of the class to which food and raiment belong . . . all temporal wants. This is the passage, we understand, that was read most often by the Rickenbacker party during their long days at sea in the open life rafts. Let us read them again: "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof".

The word rendered "take no thought" in verse 31 and 34 comes from a root meaning "to be split into factions", "to cut to pieces", "to draw in different directions". Jesus is seeking to say to his disciples, "I do not want you to be distracted over temporal wants. I do not want you to develop a split personality over material things. You put the kingdom of God and his righteousness first in your lives and these temporal wants will be taken care of. Your Heavenly Father knows about your needs. In the preceding verse, Jesus had

reminded his disciples that Solomon in all the glory of his station was not arrayed as the lilies of the field. God had made a merciful and gracious provision for the lily that could not be surpassed even by the wealth, fame and beautiful garments of the king Solomon. In my ministry to scores of the "down and out" class, I have not found one who was able to look me straight in the face and say, "Yes, Pastor, for the past year I have sought diligently to seek 'first his kingdom and his righteousness'; and this condition in which I now find myself has come upon me in spite of it all".

In the last verse of the passage Jesus is reminding us that we should not concern ourselves too much about the anxiety of tomorrow. It is enough for them to be felt on the morrow; they should not be borrowed today.

### ONE LIFE'S CALLING—

The lesson closes with a tender, beautiful picture of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth, where he had been brought up. There before his own people he read a passage from the ancient prophet Isaiah, relating it to his own mission. Jesus considered the whole of the Old Testament as prophetic of his life and work. It was to him a harbinger of his mission in the world. Luke tells us of how, following the resurrection, he spake unto the disciples saying, "These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures". His mission was "to preach the acceptable year of the Lord", and to see that his followers might, through the church, make known unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places "the manifold wisdom of God according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus' interpretation of the prophecy "was at the same time a fulfillment of it; for the voice of him of whom the prophet wrote was sounded in their ears".

### Halls Mills News

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lovette and son, Larry, have returned to their home in Baltimore, Md., after spending the past week with Mrs. Lovette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hall, of Halls Mills, and other relatives in North Wilkesboro.

Misses Imogene and Bettie Sue Hall were visitors of Miss Hazel Hall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hart and daughter, Carol, of Landis, spent last week-end with Mrs. Hart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hall, of Halls Mills.

Misses Hazel and Annie Wyattte and Ruth Wiegler, of Vannoy, were visitors of Mrs. Glenn Hall Sunday.

Mr. L. C. Hall, of Halls Mills, is having his home repaired and improved.

### ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of W. E. Harris, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 4th day of September, 1945, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

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