Sunday School Lesson---Young Peoples Topic

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The second most pathetic sight in nodern Jerusalem is the Wailing Place. There one may see, especialon Friday afternoons, dark-skinned lews from Arabia, fair-skinned Jews from Russia, Spanish Jews in long gaberdines, American Jews in European dress-a strange collection of prople, your gand old, from many ands, all reading or reciting lamentations for the glory of the temple that has departed.

No orthodox Jew will enter the Mosque of Omar, in the Temple area, lest he inadvertently tread upon the Holy of holies; but to this fragment of the outer wall of Solomon's Temple-a hundred feet or so of buge blocks that have withstood all the vicissitudes of wars and time— for religious purposes is the work the devout Jews resort to mourn for of the preachers is no new one; been worn smooth, as a mother kiss- money-raisers of whom everybody faith, is in danger. Thee hurch must get one middle-aged, handsome strong ries were a first charge upon the day. In this mighty struggle which faced woman, who, at point after funds. In any case, the money was is now upon us the church's young point, leaned against the wall and not raised. Probably the priests theming lover. She was incarnate trag the edge of indignation. It is quite

the one-as the decline of religion al- forthcoming. ways is was the decline of the other. The priests having failed, Joash or. The nation which outgrows the put the responsibility for the repairs church severs itself from the spring to the Temple where it belonged, of its own power. France has done upon the people themselves. He deworse than break the official tie creed that the money should be raisthat bound her to one branch of the ed by the people's putting their hands eschurch; she has separated herself in their girdles and pouches and rais-

THE HOPE OF THE WORLD.

son, upon the rebuilding of the tem and let everybody who worships Treat Paine, United States senator ple, should be made the vehicle of the day's message concerning the church which is a spiritual temple. best way to secure money for the quarters of the society to Washingand her relation to national affairs. church. Make the responsibility the ton Happily, this series of studies in the affair of the whole people; arouse tife of a nation, makes it obligatory them to a sense of the proper place country have organized their local apon members of the Sunday school and importance of religion; enable think in national terms. The them to give small sums at a time; are to co-operate with the national thoughts of myriads should be turn-ed to conceptions of the weifare of Half the church debts that are a their countries, and the vital part reproach to modern churches, and a autumn and winter in behalf of the that religion plays therein, by this historical review of a people which church officers, would be quickly re- The Episcopal Church Congress, once was great but now is no longer moved if this sensible Scriptural plan meeting in Washington April 25-28, a nation

I have said that the second most concerted effort in upbuilding. The Body of Christ himself. hope of the world is a united Christian church; the despair of the world is ac hurch torn by dissensions and antagonisms and rivalries. Sad as was the spectacle of the dismaniled Temple of Solomon, to which Joash called the people to the task of rebuilding, even sadder is the present spectacle, in the same city, at the broughout the Christian world.

loyalty to the world. Only a united Lord. church can serve the world in the great ways that the times demand. It great communions which have maintained an attitude which other comhave, with brave brotherliness come out and declared, "Whether Christian union comes in our way or in any other way we welcome it and will work for it." The church stands in the world as a symbol of God's greatness, goodness and nearness; the worst of perversions is to make it and aloofness.

WHAT THE TEMPLE TAUGHT.

its magnificence taught the truth, that his unspeakable name is Jeho-Lord we grow in grace.
vah. All the religions of the nations Isaiah has some wise and stirring round about were but intimations of words concerning the Sabbth that W. Gordon. Him-faint and distorted reflections have a present-day application: "If of the Light that lighteth every thou turn away thy foot from the man. To hold aloft this glorious torch Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure among all people was the divine on my holy day, and call the Sabmission of Israel; the truth which the bath a delight, the holy of the Temple embodied was her message Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, for her times.

lowing in flagrant sin, or spending thine own words, then shalt thou de great powers upon trivial ends, whom light thyself in the Lord; and I will God meant to be a noble servant of cause thee to ride upon the high his generation, so the Jews debased places of the earth, and feed thee their high calling; instead of lifting with the heritage of Jacob, thy faththe world up to their exalted plane, er; for the mouth of the Lord hath they themselves sank to the level spoke it. of their environment. They preferred being fashionable to being themselv-"This is the day of rest: es which is a calamity for a nation Our failing strength renew; or an individual. They became pow- On weary brain and troubled breast, erful and prosperous, and they forgot the Lord, which is the price that many a person nowadays has paid for affluence; choosing a fat purse at the

cost of a lean soul.

A REFORM BACK OF REFORMS. | he goes to the more fashionable Es-The International Sunday School Les. same principle works out by men's son for April 23 is "Joash Repairs ceasing to go to church altogether, the Temple." II Kings 11:21—12:16, and frequently the golf club instead on Sundays. Old Israel had neglected the temple until it was in a sorry state. The treasures had been looted, to pay tribute to conquering enquarry, as is still the fashion in Syria today, for the building or less tell, for the erection of heathen temples and shrines in the sacred area. in a word, the leaders of the nation had lost all religious convictions. Things were in this sorry pass when young King Joash reached years of his house.

HOW TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CHURCH.

bad notion that money-raising the fallen estate of Israel. Some of Joash had it, and he tried to make these mourners, especially the older the Temple priests responsible for rabbis, strike an observer as being the securing of the needed funds for rather perfunctory and profesional, the repair of the structure. He gave but most are deeply sincere. They them a long trial, but they either bath. kiss the old stones, which have thus shirked the task, or, like some other es her dead babe. I shall never for has heard, felt that their own sala rally to the defense of the Lord's solved, and when at length she selves had become injected with the will do tattle for the Lord and His went away, it was with such a look prevailing indifference to the condias a woman bestows upon her depart- tion of the Temple; familiarity dulls conceivable that men who should be The fate of the Jew is personified flaming forth in wrath at conditions in the fate of the temple. The glory which surround them are complaof the house of Jehovah was the cently puttering along, content only giory of the nation. The decline of that their own salaries should be

admit that she is among retrograding fair, or an expedition to loot the same thing-or the appointment of a committee to wait upon the neighboring kings to solicit gifts. No; he said, Obviously, this Sunday school les- Prepare a box at the Temple door,

revelation to the bad financiering of men and boys of North America. were adopted.

is the strife between the Christian sects which one meets at all the sacred sites. The incredible antagonisms of bodies which claim allegiance to the same Name, and profundamental reform. The largest series where the same string process of the same speakers.

Church is vital to the prosperity of the women speakers.

Quakers have joined in formal protest to the promoters of the Boy scout Movement, and the American public interest in the church is a public, against the military character of this new effort for boys. Ingiance to the same Name, and profess to serve the same Master, is a scandal to Christendom. It is a tearing down of the temple, when all the conditions of the time, and commands of God, call for a great and concepted offers in unbuilding The

WHAT IS A GOOD SABBATH? Terse Comments Upon the Christian

Endeavor Topic For April 23, "Sabbath Benefits." Isa. 58:1-4.

By William T. Eellis.

very sepulchre of the Redeemer, of that is not a holy Sabbath. Above gregational, Christian, Episcopalism, strife and all of the second of the hatred, and all the similar conditions all else, this is a hallowed day, set Let the youth in the Sunday school end is not achieved unless it is ob- Presbyterian, Universalist, Unitarian get an early grasp of the great truth served as such. The only Sabbath and other religious bodies. of the sin of Christian disunion. This that is freighted with blessings is the is an offense against God, and a dis-Sabbath that is kept holy to the

The quiet and rest and solemnity No life of the Sabbath should lift our hearts Can be pure in its purpose and is a cause for deep rejoicing that nearer to heaven, and make more within recent months two of the real and close to us the endless Sabbath in the new home. This is one of the good things that each returnmunions have considered intolerant, ing rest-day should bring us-a clearer understanding of, and greater love for, the heavenly life and the heavenly world

A profitable Sabbath is the one which we have helped make profitable for some one else.

fairs of every day, should be put Phillips Brooks. stand for man's smallness, wickedness aside on Sunday. That should be a special day. The difference between the first day of the week and the other six ought to be clearly marifested. Fill Sunday with new inter-The Kingdom of Israel under Solo- ests. Reading and conversation and with God in heaven, but the being mon was one of the great empires of apparel and meals and conduct in happy with God in earth never en the time, greater by far than is com- the home should all hear the impress ters into their thoughts.-Wesley. monly believed, as those who have of this particular day. By every availtraveled over these regions know, able means endeavor to give a Sap- who try, no matter how humbly, to The crowning glory of that illustrious bath character to the day that has be earthly providences to the poor

reign was the Temple of Jehovah. All been set apart for the honor of God. and helpless, and to gild their mote That Sabbath is profitable whereon with the gold of charity, before it is new then to the world, that there is we gain new thoughts about God. As but one God in the universe, and we grow in the knowledge of the through and steal.-L. M. Alcott.

not doing thy own ways, nor finding Just 1: there is many a man wal- thine own pleasure, nor speaking

Shed thou thy freshing dew."

That is a mistaken notion which counts the Sabbath a day of gloom. No other day in all the week should "Nobody rides in a carriage to a be filled with such brightness and joy up in liquid form, also tablets. At Noncomformist chapel," is a common as the day that commemorates the druggists 25c and 50c bottles. Tablets sneer in England; the point being completion of God's work of creation

the possible good out of a Sabbath unless we get a refreshing and beau-tifying of life that will make the

whole week gladder. Worship is one of God's chief pur poses in the Sabbath. No Sabbath is complete and profitable that is not worshipful. This is the day set aside for adoration and supplication and communion. Going to church is not alone enough to make a Sabbath profitable; there must be also sincere tablished Church. In this country the and devout worship from the individual heart.

The week's work, that is to say, the world's work, should be laid aside on Sunday, but there is other work that we can do that will add to the helpfulness and sanctity of the day. Ministry to the sick and needy is a emies. Its walls had been used as a Sabbath service. So, pre-eminently, is the teaching or preaching of the word. The hours of Sabbath that are noble structures, even, horrible to free from other holy service should be thus spent in loving deeds of ministry in the Master's name.

Only the Lord's work should be done on the Lord's day. We honor the Lord's day best in

The Sabbath is the golden clasp which hinds together the volume of the week .- Longfellow.

A sacred Sabbath sanctifies life.

This is the day the Lord hath made; He calls the hours his own; Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad, And praise surround the throne.

A helpful Sabbath is a holy Sab-

Our Sabbth, the bulwark of our soldiers should be at the van. Who day?

NEWS AND NOTES.

It is reported that Mormon missionaries in England are promising the right of suffrage to women who will emigrate to Utah.

Over 900 meetings were held in

England the last week in March in support of the proposed treaty of arbitration and perpetual peace. Resolutions were passed in its favor by reresentatives of 10,000 free church-

English Catholic scholars have refrom religion; and her best friends ing it. He did not order a church cently sent appeals to American admit that she is among retrograding fair, or an expedition to loot the scholars proposing a revision of the Philistines-which are about the English Catholic Bible, and inviting American co-operation.

The directors of the American Peace Society have elected as president to succeed the late Robert from Ohio. Theodore E. Burton. It That principle still holds as the has been decided to move the head-Sixty cities in different parts of the

committees of one hundred, which committee of ninety-seven in the Men Half the church debts that are a and Religion Forward Movement next

will not only bring woman suffrage Above all else, though, let it be into its program, but will break a pathetic sight in modern Jerusa-lem is the Wailing Place; the first lem is the Wailing Place; the first church is vital to the prosperity of

vice of older persons, where money can be earned for worth while work, and industrial exhibitions and competitions be held once each year. The Third Congress of the National

Federation of Religious Liberals is to be held in New York city, April 26-28. A platform meeting will be characterized by short addresses on "Religious Unity and International Co-op-There is no profit in the Sabbath eration" by members of Baptist, Con-Ethical Culture, Friends, German aside for sacred purposes, and its Evangelical, Independent, Jewish,

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS.

strong in its strife, And all life not be purer and sweeter thereby. -Browning.

When we might be swamped by success God sends the life-boat of trouble.—Anon.

How many of our lives are feverish with the perpetual search after new things, when the things we have now The cares of the week, and the af. have not begun to be exhausted .-

Every one can have a friend. Who himself knows how to be friend.

Many, indeed, think of being happy

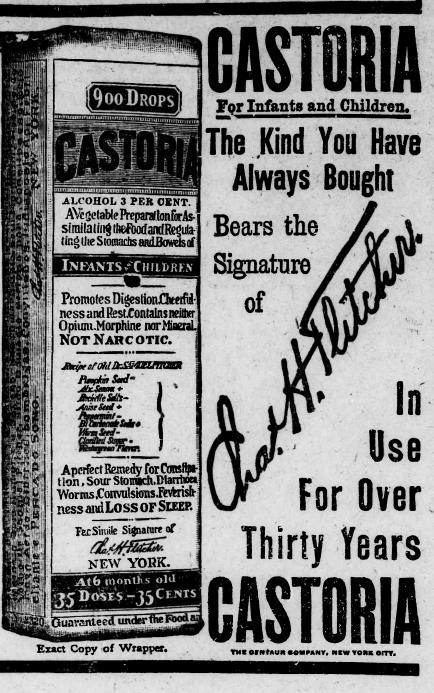
laid up where thieves cannot break The man who remains master of himself never knows defeat.-Charles

Cairns Reaches New York.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, April 21.—Frank S. Cairns, until recently collector of customs at the port of Ilo Ilo, Philipping 121-1 ippine islands, and recently appointed a member of the financial cabinet of the Shah of Persia, arrived here from Manila yesterday.

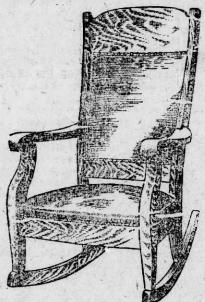
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