

God Leads a People

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Scripture—Exodus 13:17-15:21.



After Israel's departure from Egypt Pharaoh decided to force them to return. He pursued them to the Red sea. Here God opened a path for them.

God caused the east wind to blow the waters of the sea away before the Israelites so that they passed through on dry land between great walls of water.

When Pharaoh pursued them into the sea God made his chariots sink in the sand. Then he made the waters return to destroy the Egyptians.

Redeemed from their enemies by the power of God, Moses led the children in a song of praise to God for his salvation. (GOLDEN TEXT—Isaiah 57:11.)

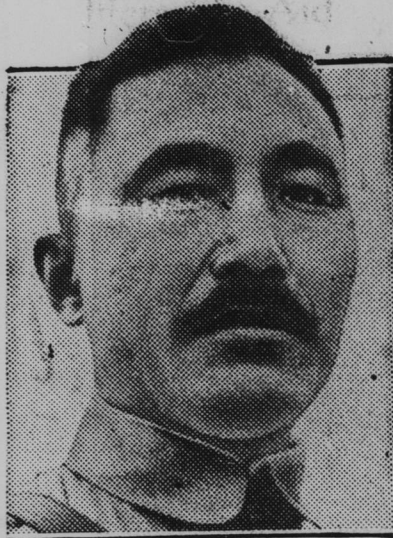
Weed Price Officially Sharply Up

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age \$24.21 per hundred pounds; Hahira, 266,940 pounds, average \$27.35; Waycross, 296,430 pounds, average \$27.30; Pelham, 285,702 pounds, average \$24.21; Tifton, 692,520 pounds, average \$24.73; Adel, 318,924 pounds, average \$27.19; Douglas, 652,000 pounds, average \$25.56.

The world series cannot be far away—the second division club owners have begun firing their managers.

Offers His Aid



That a united China may face the present Japanese invasion of North China is indicated by the offer of General Ma Pu-Fang (above), governor and war lord of Chinghai Province, who has telegraphed the Government he is ready to lead his provincial troops against the Japanese at Peiping. (Central Press)

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TODAY — SATURDAY

The new western star with a punch that will knock you off your feet. First time here, and don't miss seeing him.

Fred Kohler, Jr.

"Toll of the Desert" Also 11th chapter "Clutching Hand" and Mickey Mouse comedy.

God Leads a People THE WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Golden Text



Isaiah 57:11—"The Lord will guide thee continually."

By DR. ALVIN E. BELL (The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for Aug. 1 is Exodus 13:17-15:21, especially 13:17-22; 14:10-15, the Golden Text being Isaiah 57:11. "The Lord will guide thee continually.")

ISRAEL'S redemption from Egyptian bondage is typical of our redemption from the bondage of sin. God leads his redeemed hosts over a highway of salvation even as he opened a way for Israel through the sea.

The Safe Way. The short cut from Gosten to Canaan might have been made in a journey of 10 days. But this would have taken Israel through the country of the warlike Philistines. They were not yet ready to meet such warriors. They would have become discouraged and returned to Egypt. So God led them by the safer way southward where the Red sea would cut off return to Egypt. So as God at times closes a way to us it is but to open to us a better and safer thought it be a

longer and more difficult way.

"Lead Kindly Light,"

"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: he took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people." And to us he says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." His kindly light still leads amidst encircling gloom. "The Salvation of the Lord."

"Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord," said Moses to God's people in the day of their redemption. We, too, may behold in it our own redemption in type and parable.

There is first pursuit: our spiritual foes will no less let us go without pursuit than did Pharaoh in the case of Israel: "The Egyptians pursued after them" (verse 9), So Satan tries to reclaim us. In Israel's case there was panic: "And they were sore afraid" (verse 10). But there is never need of panic if we are in the way of God's leading. What we need is faith in the promise of God: "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today.... The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace (verses 13, 14).

"That They Go Forward!"

There comes a time when nothing but action suits God, when we must proceed in the way he leads us: "The Lord said unto Moses, wherefore cryest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Up to a certain point we must ask God, and after that we must tell people. When God says, "Forward! March!" even prayer may not delay, we must proceed. In all of this God has a program in which he knows the end from the beginning: "The children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea" (verses 16-18). In this program God provides protection for his people: "The angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them" (verse 19). Thus God always stands between us and our foes. Furthermore he exercises his power for our deliverance: "And the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind" (verse 21). He also metes out punishment upon his foes and ours: "for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians" (verse 24). The object of it all was the preservation of his people: "Thus the Lord saved Israel that day... and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord" (verses 30, 31). And the result was a great

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World Situation Has U. S. on Spot

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As to the Orient: Every one knows that Japan is attempting a piecemeal conquest of China.

Gets Them All Angry. Now, suppose the United States announces, "We are quite aware that there really exists an Anglo-Franco-Russo - German - Italian - Portuguese state of war in Spain, and we shall keep out of it." Thereby we announce substantially, "We formally proclaim all you fellows to be liars, in our judgment."

This is not calculated to make for pleasant relations between Uncle Sam and any of the belligerents, on either side.

On the oriental hand, suppose we were to say, "It is perfectly obvious to us that Japan is trying to eat up China and we are opposed to it. Nevertheless, we are neutral."

Of course this would make Japan sore as a boil, but it would not be a bit comforting to China, either.

Neutral? Indeed, in a policy of neutrality between Japan and China we would be on the side against our own interest.

We would have to say as neutrals "We will not ship supplies to either belligerent. Each must come here, buy what it wants and take its purchases home in its own vessels."

China hasn't any mercantile marine, to speak of. Japan has a pretty good one.

Hence, we should be giving an advantage to Japan.

China Formidable? China may win this time, too. It has been badly thumped in the past, but it is a more formidable power today than it used to be.

Japan has up-to-the-minute energy, but no basic resources. It has some in Manchukuo, but they are underdeveloped. They can't be quickly realized on.

China is equal to a long war. Japan has got to be speedy.

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