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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson I.—First Quarter, For Jan. 5, 1913.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Gen. 1, 1, to 11, 3. Memory Verses 27, 22—Golden Text, Gen. 1, 1—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

In our meditation upon this most wonderful portion of the most wonderful book ever written we will probably repeat many things, hoping that the precious truths may enter many hearts. More than ever do we desire to be fully under the control of Him who wrote it. He may say through us only that which is truly His own. The opening section assigned to us for today's lesson contains in the first verse the record of creation. In the second the result of a great catastrophe and in all the rest an account of a great six days' restoration or fashioning anew of the work which had by a judgment been brought into chaos.

It is not written that in six days God created, but in six days the Lord made (or fashioned) heaven and earth, the sea and all that is therein (Ex. 11, 10, or as it is in Gen. 1, 3, "all His work, which God created and made (margin, created) to make"). The first verse of just seven Hebrew words and twenty-eight letters tells all we know of creation and does not tell us anything as to when it was. It is a laudable statement and, for aught we know, may refer to what took place millions of years in the past. Other verses bearing upon this which should be most prayerfully considered are Ps. cxxiii, 6, 9, and Heb. xi, 2, which affirm that the creating word brought into existence that which did not exist before.

That the creation was by Him whom we know as the Son of God is most plainly stated in John 1, 1-3; Col. 1, 12-13. Thus believing the first verse in the Bible, one can readily believe every miracle and wonderful record in the whole book, according to Jer. xxiii, 17, and find comfort in it as the prophets and apostles did (Isa. xl, 28-31; Acts iv, 24-31). The words "in the beginning God" have helped some whom I know, for they have said, I will not begin that which I cannot begin with God. We do well to pray that all our works may be begun, continued and aided in Him.

In the second verse the R. V. reads, "And the earth was (or became) waste and void." In Isa. xlv, 18, we read, "He created it not a waste." We know, therefore, that the second verse does not describe it as He created it. There are only two other places where the words translated "without form and void" are used together (Isa. xxiv, 11; Jer. iv, 23), and in each there is a desolation because of a judgment, so we conclude that in Gen. 1, 2, we are reading of a desolation caused by a judgment because of a great rebellion. The suggestion by Pember in "Earth's Earliest Ages" that possibly the devil before he fell was in control of this earth may be well worth considering, but we must wait.

Over this waste and void condition the spirit of God moved, and God said, "Let there be light, and there was light"—more literally, "Light be, and light was." Thus early in the book we are made acquainted with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and are shown that all things are accomplished by the Spirit through the word. In the first verse we have already noticed a four times seven of letters, and if we count we shall find in our lesson today the name "God" just five times even, suggesting an abundant completeness (1, 20-23; H. 13).

In the third section God is seen working unaided by His Spirit and His word, and when He is allowed to work is unbindered in us we shall be perfectly new creatures to His glory. Let those who desire to know God count the number of times that the different verbs are associated with His name and do not accept my figures unless you prove them correct: Said (10), saw (7), divided (5), called (5), created (5), blessed (5), made (5), rested (2), set (1), named, finished, sanctified, given (1). It was so (5), let (14). More important, however, is it to notice that God alone is seen working, so it was in Christ when He was here as man, and so it should be in us (Phil. II, 13).

Inasmuch as there are ages enough for all the geological periods between the first two verses, I am willing to accept the days as ordinary days, but let each one be fully persuaded for himself.

Not only have we here the record of God working by His Spirit and His word in earth, air and sea, but we are taught by II Cor. iv, 6, to find an analogy in the work of God in man, whose life because of sin is all waste and void and dark and the word light comes by the spirit and the word light comes by the dark soul. Christ is received, and there is a new birth. Thus becoming a child of light, there is a division between light and darkness, and waters from below do not satisfy, so the water that He gives is desired and enjoyed. There is the power of resurrection as on the third day, then the reflection of the light of the sun in our lives as on the fourth day, then the abundance and fruitfulness of the fifth day, while the sixth day sees man, male and female, in the image of God, with dominion over all things. If we would enjoy the rest of the seventh day, while we wait for its full coming, we must wholly cease from ourselves and all our works.

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In The Superior Court.
Special Proceeding before the Clerk.
Lou A. Fry, adm'r of the estate of H. D. Fry, deceased.
VS.
Clyde Fry and Sadie Fry, heirs at law of H. D. Fry.

By virtue of an order from the Clerk of the superior Court of Catawba County in the above entitled cause, for the purpose of securing assets with which to pay debts of the estate of H. D. Fry, deceased, I, Lou A. Fry, commissioner will on the eighteenth day of Jan. 1913, in front of the Post-office in Hickory, N. C. at one o'clock a.m. to the highest bidder for cash sell the following described real estate: viz;

First tract. Adjoining the lands of Laban Hallman and G. W. Fox Beginning on a stone in the Bridge road Hallman's corner and running S. 57 3/4 West 17 poles to a Post oak Hallman's corner; Thence South, 51 East 19 1/2 poles to a stake in said Hallman's line; Thence North, 55 East 14 poles to a stake in the road. Thence North 41 1/2 West 20 poles to the beginning, containing 1.91 acres, same being the home tract, but not including the widow's dower.

Second tract Lying and being situated in Catawba County, Hickory Township, N. C. adjoining the lands of J. A. Poovey, Saprofnis Holler and others; beginning at a stone in the branch near a bunch of poplar trees and running South 74 West 20 poles to a pine; thence S. 57. West 12 poles to a Spanish oak; thence South 42 West 29 1/2 poles to a stone, thence South 48 East 30 4/5 poles to a stone in Mrs. Holler's line; thence with Mrs. Holler's line N. 32 E. 17 poles to a stone; thence S. 63 1/2 E. 31 poles crossing a branch to a stake by a Persimmon pointer, thence N. 11 1/2 W. 56 poles to a stake in the branch; thence N. 59 1/2 W. 12 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing about 12 1/2 acres.

Third tract. Being situated in the town of Longview, Catawba County, Hickory Township, North Carolina adjoining the lands of O. J. Brewer and others; Beginning at a stake on the street and runs S. 1/2 W. 80 feet to a stake Brewer's corner; thence N. 89 1/2 E. with Brewer's line 200 feet to a stake; thence N. 1/2 E. 80 feet with said street to a stake thence N. 89 1/2 W. 200 feet to the beginning, and known as the B. G. Campbell lot.

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