

# BROOKLYN TABERNACLE

## BIBLE STUDIES

"MANY ARE CALLED BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN."

Matthew 22:1-14.—September 11.

**M**ANY of us have not in the past sufficiently discerned that none of the lessons of the Great Teacher were given in literal language—that they were all symbolical; as we read, "Without a parable spake he not unto them."—Matt. 13:34.

In today's Study we have another beautiful parabolic lesson respecting the Kingdom. We might inquire why the Bible is so full of these lessons concerning the Kingdom? Is it not because the Kingdom of God is the only hope of the world? Are we not learning this more and more? Faith in the coming Kingdom of God under the whole heavens began to grow dim within less than two centuries after the death of the Apostles. Instead of longing, hoping, to become the Bride of Christ, to be associated with him in his glorious Kingdom for the overthrow of Sin and Satan and Death, and for the uplifting of mankind during a reign of a thousand years, a new faith and a new hope came in, contrary to the Scriptures. This unscriptural hope instructed Christians that they should expect an earthly Kingdom of their own establishment, in which the popes would reign as representatives of Jesus, and the cardinals and bishops as representatives of the apostles and the "little flock," to whom the Kingdom is promised. Thenceforth the work of the Church, to "build one another up in the most holy faith," gave place to the unscriptural course of neglecting the Church and laboring for the world, under the unwarranted assumption that it is the duty of the Church to convert the world. As to how much injury has thus been done it is difficult to estimate. For the sake of numbers standards have been lowered and worldliness has been recognized, until today Christendom is in a sad plight as respects true doctrines and high moral standards.

As Messiah is to be the Great King of earth during the period of his Mediatorial reign, it is the Father's good pleasure that he should have a "Bride." And this Gospel Age is set apart for the finding and development of this Bride class of many members. The Kingdom is the great prize which the Father is to bestow upon his Son—to be shared by the Church, the Bride of Christ. The parable of today's Study outlines the call of this Bride class or Kingdom class from Jesus' day down to the completion and glorification of this company. Nowhere is Jesus represented as calling his own Bride. This is foreshown in Abraham, who typified the Father, and Isaac, who typified Jesus; and Abraham's servant, sent to call Rebecca to be the Bride of Isaac, typified the Holy Spirit, whose work during this Gospel Age is bringing to Christ the Bride class—"the very elect."

So this parable shows that the King sent forth the call to the Marriage. The Jewish people, the children of Abraham, according to the flesh, had been invited to this high honor from the time of the giving of the Law Covenant at Sinai. Century after century they waited for the announcement to be made to them that the nuptial feast was ready. Finally, when Jesus came, the announcement went to them. All things are now ready! Come to the feast! Meantime, they had become overcharged with the cares of this life—business, politics and religious schemes of their own conceiving. They manifested no interest in the announcement and even beat some of the servants, the Apostles and others, who sought to help them, and to draw their attention to the Great Feast, which was their special privilege.

The Almighty was wroth and sent the Roman Armies and "destroyed those murderers and burned up their City," Jerusalem, in A. D. 70. Then the King said to his servants, The wedding must take place even though those who were bidden are not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways and as many as ye find bring to the marriage feast. As the city represented the Jewish nation, so the highways represented the world in general—the Gentiles—to whom the message of the Kingdom was sent after fleshly Israel had first enjoyed the offer and but partially improved it. Another statement of the parable shows three different classes:—

- (1) The Jewish rulers who rejected him.
  - (2) Those called from among the streets and lanes of their city and gathered to the spirit plane by Jesus and the Apostles.
  - (3) Then the report was given, "We have done as thou hast commanded and yet there is room." Then the message went forth to go everywhere among the Gentiles and urge them to come in, until the house should be filled—until the elect number for whom the feast was provided would be found. Our Study states that the wedding was furnished with guests—good and bad. In other words, the offer of a share with Christ in his Kingdom has attracted some naturally very fallen, as well as some better favored by nature. But the arrangements of the Great King are such that the "wedding garment" covers all the blemishes of the most imperfect as well as those of the least imperfect.
- The latter part of our Study shows a discrimination and judgment ultimately to take place amongst those invited to the wedding and accepted. As none were permitted to enter in without a wedding garment—without an acknowledgment of the merit of Christ's sacrifice—no one will be permitted to remain and participate in the wedding festival except those who maintain their standing of confidence in Christ. Any who take off the "wedding garment" will be sure to be expelled from the privileges enjoyed and will go out from the light and blessings afforded to this favored class, into the "outer darkness" of the world and of nominal Christianity, in which shortly there will be a great time of trouble, symbolically represented by the "weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Are we not even now in the time of this inspection of the guests? And are not all Christian people who cast away their confidence in the sacrifice of Christ and who accept Evolutionary theories and Higher Criticism taking off "the wedding garment," and will they not all eventually find themselves in outer darkness, in confusion, in bewilderment? And will they not be sadly distressed in the great time of trouble which the Scriptures declare to be near?—Daniel 12:1.

## THE FALL OF 1910.

We are a favored people in many respects. This is a phenomenal fruit year. The harvest of small grain is above the average. The yield of corn and cotton in Union county bids fair to surpass that of 1909. Other crops are not disappointing. The outlook as late as June was very gloomy, but pluck and perseverance under Providence are winning out again. We therefore enter this fall season with high hopes and renewed aspirations.

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It is Not a Gift, but Simply a Matter of Steady Practice.

Ventriloquism is a curious illusion. There are two erroneous popular notions regarding it. One is that it is a special gift unattainable by ordinary mortals and the other that the ventriloquist produces the sounds he utters from his stomach, as the word appears to signify, and "throws" them this way and that as he pleases.

As to the first point, any one can learn to ventriloquize who is willing to work at it hard and long enough, and regarding the second point the fact is that no man can produce vocal sounds otherwise than with his larynx. It is simply a matter of cheating the ear. The performer needs only a facility in speaking without moving his lips and a little skill in misdirecting the attention of the spectators in order to successfully mislead.

Ventriloquism was known to the Egyptians more than 3,000 years ago and is said to have been much used by priests of old to make the oracles talk and for other miraculous purposes. The simplest ventriloquial trick for the beginner to try is performed by going to the door of a room full of people and, opening it slightly, thereupon conducting a conversation with an imaginary person in the hallway. The deception can be made effective if well carried out.

One day upon entering a room in a big office building I found a red faced man conducting a violent quarrel through a speaking tube with somebody five floors higher. His own remarks were loud and fierce, and the replies were faintly audible. I was not a little surprised to find such a thing going on, and it was not until afterward that I learned that the red faced man was doing the whole conversation.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### "Got His Goat."

Sitting at a table in a Broadway cafe, a well known turfman a few nights ago told how the phrase "got your goat" originated. He said it was borrowed from the race track stable. He said that it had been the custom of many trainers to place a goat with a thoroughbred in training for a race. The diversion that the goat furnished the horse was supposed to play a great part in balancing the animal's temperament. When the time for the race was near at hand great care was exercised to prevent the horse's friend from being stolen by hangers-on who figured thus to unnerve the racer. The loss of the goat has been known to worry a thoroughbred enough to make him lose a race, and so it came to be said that when a horse failed to perform up to expectations somebody had got his goat.—New York Sun.

### The Gesture Language.

Gesture, or sign, language was beyond doubt the earliest form of the communication of ideas. Long before there were such things as words men talked to each other by means of well understood signs. There are still tribes of men in Australia and the islands of the southern seas, as well as in darkest Africa, who when they wish to exchange ideas at night are obliged to build a fire so as to see by its light the gestures that are their only means of mental intercommunication. To this day the sign language is found useful even among highly advanced peoples. When you cannot make a man understand your words you can oftentimes get along with him fairly well by "making motions."—New York American.

### A Bride Who Has to Be Carried.

Of the quaint marriage customs still surviving in old English and Scottish families one concerns the Dukes of Atholl and their heirs. The duke always carries his bride across the threshold of Blair castle, it being in accord with an ancient tradition that it is unlucky for a bride to enter in the ordinary way. But this is only one of the many quaint old feudal customs that are observed upon this estate, which the Duke of Atholl holds from the crown by a strange tenure. Upon fear of forfeiture the owner has to present his sovereign with a white rose whenever he or she visits the castle.

### A Lost Patient.

The old family physician being away on a much needed vacation, his practice was intrusted to his son, a recent medical graduate. When the old man returned the youngster told him, among other things, that he had cured Miss Ferguson, an aged and wealthy spinster, of her chronic indigestion. "My boy," said the old doctor, "I'm proud of you, but Miss Ferguson's indigestion is what put you through college."—Everybody's.

### JUROR KILLS HIMSELF.

After Hearing Piles and Piles of Evidence, He Went Home and Shot Himself Rather Than Go Back.

Mr. John L. Young of Silver Hill township on Thursday morning of last week shot himself in the breast with a shotgun, inflicting injuries which resulted in his death yesterday morning about 9 o'clock.

Mr. Young, who had been serving as a juror in the long-drawn out Lane case against the Southern railway, had gone home to spend the night when he took upon himself the task of bringing an end to his own life. For four successive days, Mr. Young had sat and listened to evidence piled upon evidence in this case, which had a tendency to be muddle and confuse his mind, so he decided rather than go through with the wrangling of quibbling lawyers that was to come on the following day he would end it all by killing himself. Taking a shotgun on Thursday morning he fired the entire load through his breast, near his heart. Dr. Buchanan of Lexington, who attended Mr. Young, pronounced the wounds of a serious nature and entertained but little hope of his recovery. He lived, however, until yesterday morning about 9 o'clock. The burial will take place at Beck's church today.

For eighteen or twenty years Mr. Young had been considered a man of weak mind, and his actions in many cases have proven this to be a fact. About ten years ago he was a juror in a case here and when all the evidence had been produced it so confused his mind that he fled to the woods and remained there for a long period of time. It just seemed to have a tendency to unbalance his already weak mind. And after this peculiar action it was quite a while before he ventured near Lexington. He was a prosperous farmer out in the Silver Hill section, and was about 60 years old.

### A Sure Enough Snake Story.

A snake story that makes the flesh crawl came in from Polkton a few days ago. It is stated that a little boy arose one morning and found smutty streaks across his face and brow and on the bed clothing where he had slept. His little sister, who occupied the same room, noticed the smutty places on her hands and face and was puzzled to understand the matter. Later, as the bed was being made, a large black snake fell from a pillow to the floor. The snake had crawled on the roof of the house and down an old stove flue, falling from this to the bed where the children had slept. When the little folks learned that the big snake had crawled over them during the night, they set up a yell that made things lively for a little while.

### Death of a Citizen of Lower Union.

Henry Washington Sistare died at his home just over the line in Union county, N. C., August 24th. He was in usual health until the evening before his death, when he had a paralytic stroke from which he never recovered consciousness. He was a farmer and a country merchant. He was a prominent and highly respected citizen and will be missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was 53 years of age. He leaves a widow, three brothers and one sister. He was twice married. He leaves three sons and two daughters, all of whom are the children of his first wife. He was buried at Unity, services being conducted by Rev. C. S. Young.

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