

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 8.

DARKNESS AND LIGHT.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 11:14-23. GOLDEN TEXT—“Therefore whether the light that is in thee be not darkness.” Luke 11:35.

I. The Accusation (vv. 14-16). The fact of demonology as revealed in the New Testament records is here strongly emphasized. Their existence, their malignity, their evil powers, their relation to the devil, and yet their subjection to our Lord, is all clearly set before us. The devil had so taken possession of this man that he could not speak, yet a word from Jesus, and the dumb spoke. That he should have such power caused the people to “wonder” (v. 17). His miracles were for one principal reason (John 6:34). Matthew tells us (12:23) that in this case they asked the question: “Is this the Son of David?” e. g., the promised Messiah? The record does not, however, indicate that they believed on him—were converted. They knew what had been prophesied about the Coming One (Isa. 35:10, 35:2, 4), yet they hesitated to come out on his side. Into the midst of their controversy (v. 15, Matt. 12:24; Mark 3:23) the Scribes and Pharisees projected themselves. They had come down from Jerusalem seeking, “that they might accuse him” (John 8:12, 30). It is ever thus that the devil seeks to divert.

II. The Defense (vv. 17-20). “But he knowing their thoughts.” Evidently they dared not openly to make their accusations. They would not “wonder” the natural and true explanation. Jesus answered this contradiction and these charges for us (Isa. 55:10, 4), and must not his disciples expect a like treatment? (Matt. 10:35). With convincing logic Jesus reveals their motive (v. 16) and demonstrates the untenable position and conclusion which resulted from their own charges. Satan is not fighting himself. A king never sends an army against his own soldiers, but against those at his own disposal. Therefore, out of their own acknowledgment that the devils were cast out, he proves that the kingdom of God has come upon them. Such an accusation (v. 15) was to Jesus an evidence of the depravity of their hearts. There is keen sarcasm in the answer he demanded from them (v. 19). Evidently they, too, had had power over demons, and it is easy to see the dilemma into which he led them. This is not the only time that Jesus convicted men out of their own testimony (Matt. 21:27).

III. The Application (vv. 21-26). With a true teacher's skill Jesus gives home the truth brought out in the preceding paragraph. Satan is a “strong man,” but he, Jesus, is stronger. He has power to overcome and to take from the strong man his armor (defense), and his spoil, and to bind him fast (v. 23; Mark 3:27; Rev. 19:2). Those bound by chains of sin are the spoil of Satan, and Jesus is the only one powerful enough to—
—break the power of canceled sin
—and set the prisoner free.
—cleanse the “palace.”

With Christ there must be entire possession; there can be no neutrality (v. 23). We cannot belong to Christ and be a slave to Satan, to mammon, to self, or even to others whom we may love. The persistence of evil is here indicated. Unless spirits are ever seeking a habitation. Therefore it is not enough for a man to be cleansed, his dwelling must be occupied, and if the Holy Spirit does not take possession, the evil will. The parable that follows (vv. 24-26) teaches this truth negatively. In one case Satan is dislodged by Christ, he sends the “palace” (v. 23) (man) to be preoccupied. In this case the palace is empty (Matt. 12:44). The absence of a positive attachment, too, or possession by Jesus Christ, involves hostility to him. This picture is that of the reformed man, not of the reformed man. This latter has his place preoccupied, and the returning spirit can find no place of abode. Unless, however, such be the case, the latter end of that man is far worse than his first state; witness the gold-silvered interstate man who returns to their cups (2 Pet. 2:22); they return because they have no stronger defense to drive off the returning enemy. This application and principle here presented may, and does, account for most of the back-sliding after many of the so-called conversions, viz., that the germ of character has not been sown (John 3:7). It is by far the most difficult proposition in Christian work to reach one who is thus appareled.

IV. The Illustration (vv. 27-35). In the preceding verses, Jesus conclusively used similar, objects as illustrations. The incompleteness of placing a candle under a bushel measure rather than in its proper place that it may completely perform its proper function is set forth in the parable of the Light (John 1:9; 1:12). It is also in the Christian. They are to be so set before men that, seeing Christ reflected in them, they will glorify the Father who sent him. This is that which is used by God in redeeming, transforming and enabling earth's sinful children.

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Not So Primitive Now.
Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.
They were speaking of the struggle on the part of some people in bringing up broad statements the other night when Congressman John T. Watkins, of Louisiana, was reminded of Old Zeke, after looking at the squirrel's nest, the thickness of nutshells, hog melts and other weather signs, was prepared to make the usual prediction.

“Boys,” he impressively remarked on meeting the crowd at the next public sale, “it's going to rain for 72 days straight.”

“What's a'chun' ye, Zeke?” scoldingly demanded a doubting citizen. “According ter the Bible, when it rained 40 days the world was entirely flooded.”

“Yes, Jim, I know that,” admitted Zeke, attempting to get out of a bad hole, “but ye must remember that the world wasn't so well drained then as it is now.”

Pretty Good Excuse.
Everybody's Magazine.
There are endless numbers of correspondents who would like to make the excuse given by a youth who was passing his first year at boarding school.

The first letter was anxiously awaited by his loving parents. When it came, some time after his arrival, it read thus:

“Dear parents, I hardly think I will be able to send you any letters while I am here. You see, when things are happening I haven't time, and when they aren't happening I haven't anything to write. You'll understand how it is, won't you, father? And mother, you just ask father to explain to you how it is. So now I'll say good-by with lots of love. In haste, Raymond.”

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A Lesson in Pronunciation.
Harper's Weekly.
“How do you pronounce that word ‘divorcee,’ professor?” asked Mr. Slabside. “Is it ‘divorsay’ or divorcee?”

“That all depends, my young friend,” smiled the professor. “When Mrs. Jones Smith Wiggles got her first divorce I should have called it a divorce-A, but now that she comes through with a third I should say that divorce-C was a justifiable form.”

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Washington Times.
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