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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JUNE 3

JEREMIAH, THE PROPHET OF COURAGE

LESSON TEXT—Jeremiah 33:1-18
GOLDEN TEXT—Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.—1 Corinthians 16:13
REFERENCE MATERIAL—Jeremiah 33:1-8; 13:1-9; 16:1-4; Matthew 2:17, 18.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Sons Who Honor Their Father.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Story of the Rechabites.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jeremiah, the Courageous Prophet.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Jeremiah's Service to His Nation.

Jeremiah was one of the last prophets of Judah. He saw the nation go into the Babylonian Captivity and Jerusalem destroyed, after which he went into Egypt. He was a lonely, misunderstood and unpopular prophet. He was most bitterly hated and persecuted. His own countrymen turned against him. He was placed in stocks and then thrown into a horrible dungeon from which he narrowly escaped with his life. The teacher should give a little sketch of his life. The following is suggested:

1. His Call (1:2-10).
2. His Commission (1:11-19).
3. His Sympathetic Heart (4:10).
4. His Great Sorrows (10:15-21).
5. The Divine Power Which Urged Him Forward and Sustained Him (30:7-9).

Because he was called upon to prophesy against his own nation and at the command of God urged them to surrender to the Babylonians, he was regarded as a traitor guilty of treason against his own nation.

I. The Rechabites' Test (vv. 1-5).
In the days of Jehoiakim, the Lord charged Jeremiah to bring the Rechabites into the house of the Lord and test them regarding the drinking of wine. This he did in a place where the people might behold them, the aim being to teach Judah by example. The father of the Rechabites had given command that they should not drink wine. Their filial obedience put to shame the children of Judah for their lack of obedience. Jonadab, the father of the Rechabites, was only a man but the one whose commands Judah disregarded was the Almighty God, their Creator and Savior. It is God's plan that every man be tested. Being a free agent, he can have character only through testing.

II. The Filial Loyalty of the Rechabites (vv. 6-11).

Though they were out of their own country in the midst of a foreign people they refused to drink wine, declaring that they had been true to the instructions of Jonadab all their lives. It is a fine thing when children remember their fathers and render obedience to their commands.

III. The Loyalty of the Rechabites in Contrast With the Disloyalty of Judah (vv. 12-15).

1. The Appeal (vv. 13, 14). He made the appeal on the basis of the filial loyalty of the Rechabites. He also reminded them that he had spoken to them in person, rising up early to do so.

2. The Ministry of the Prophets (vv. 15, 16). When the people failed to render obedience to God, he sent to them the prophets, who pleaded with them to amend their ways by turning away from their idols. Matthew Henry indicates the points of contrast somewhat as follows: (1) The Rechabites were obedient to one who was but a man; the Jews disobeyed the Infinite and eternal God. (2) Jonadab was dead and could not know of their disloyalty or correct them for it. God is all-knowing and lives forever and will punish for disobedience. (3) The Rechabites were never reminded of their obligations, but God sent His prophets to speak to His people. (4) Jonadab left the charge but no estate to support the charge, but God gave the people a goodly land and prospered them in it. (5) God never assigned His people a task as hard as Jonadab's, but God's people disobeyed Him while the Rechabites obeyed their father.

IV. Judgment Upon the Jews for Disobedience (v. 17).

God declared that He would bring judgment upon them according to what He had said. Judgment is laid upon those who disobey and rebel against God.

V. Reward of the Rechabites for Their Loyalty (vv. 18, 19).

Because they had been true to the commands of Jonadab, they should always have a representative before God. God has such a regard for filial obedience that He lets no act go unrewarded.

Be Sure of Happiness.

Before we passionately desire anything which another enjoys, we should examine as to the happiness of its possessor.—Rochefoucauld.

History.

History is little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind.—Gibbon.

Great Secrets.

The great secret of being courted is to shun others and to seem delighted with yourself.—Bulwer.

ONE SWEET HOME

Oscar, Now You Behave Yourself

By Terry Galkison
A UTOCASTER



Poem by UNCLE JOHN

The world is full of pitfalls that a feller should avoid, and the sucker that detects 'em has to keep his wits employed.—Then it's right to lend a warnin' to our unsuspectin' young, which ort to come impressive, from a feller that's been stung. . . .

WARNINGS If you run across a sniper with a bunch of oily stock,—refer him to yer enemy, that's jest around the block,—for he has no objection to the way a fortune's made, and you wouldn't want to do a thing that's in restraint of trade!

In general, I would advocate remainin' home of nights, for there's many a fool distraction, when you're out a-seein' sights,—I wouldn't want to stray away—a mile or so from car,—it's mighty nigh a Waterloo, to run across a vamp!

A SCRAP OF PAPER.

When you come to think of it, pretty nearly as much can be accomplished today with a sheet of plain white paper, as the magician of old could compass with all his charms and amulets and touchstones!

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LUCAS MITCHELL vs LINDSAY PATTERSON

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This May 1, 1923.
D. W. BRADSHAW,
Clerk Superior Court.

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