

Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for September 12

GIFTS FOR THE TABERNACLE

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 25:4-29.
GOLDEN TEXT—Honor the Lord with thy substance and of the first-fruits of thy increase.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Gifts for God's House.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Willing Gifts to God.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Liberal Giving.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Generous and Systematic Giving.

I. What the Tabernacle Was.
It was a rectangular structure 30 cubits long, 10 cubits wide and 10 cubits high. This was divided into two rooms, the holy place and the holy of holies. The two rooms were separated by the veil. The tabernacle was within a court 100 cubits long and 50 cubits wide. Within the court, before the door of the tabernacle was situated the brazen altar. Between the altar of sacrifice and the door of the tabernacle was placed the laver. Inside of the holy place was found the candlestick and also the table of showbread. Directly in front of the veil was found the altar of incense. The altar of incense was closely connected with the brazen altar in the center of fire and blood. In the holy of holies was found the ark of the covenant, the most sacred object of the entire tabernacle. This ark contained the table of stone, the pot of manna and Aaron's rod that budded.

II. The Meaning of the Tabernacle.
The tabernacle was the symbol of God's dwelling place. This tabernacle typified the incarnation of God in Christ. John says that the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (John 1:14). The furniture of the tabernacle beginning with the brazen altar symbolizes the spiritual history of the worshiper, making clear the sinner's method of approach unto God. The position of the brazen altar at the door of the tabernacle indicated that no one could draw nigh to God without going by the way of that altar. The question of sin must be settled before man dares approach God. The laver typifies the sanctification of the believer. The sacrifice at the brazen altar signified atonement. The oblations of the laver prefigured sanctification. Atonement was made by the sacrificial death of Christ. Sanctification was effected by the washing at the laver, prefiguring the influence of God's Word, His ordinances and the operation of the Holy Spirit. The candlestick, with its central shaft and its extending branches indicated the unity and diversity of God's people. The candlestick also shows the purpose of the sanctification of the believer, namely, to shine for God. The table of showbread was for a memorial unto God of his chosen people, one loaf for each tribe. What the bread was for Israel, Jesus Christ is to the church. The star of incense symbolized communion with God in worship. The putting of the blood from the brazen altar on the altar of incense shows that acceptable prayer rests on the ground of the atoning work of Christ. The veil symbolized the flesh of Christ. The rending of the veil at the time of Christ's crucifixion shows that the death of Christ gives access to God. The mercy seat upon which the blood of the sin offering was sprinkled indicates that the duty of God's law had been satisfied.

III. The Offerings of the Tabernacle.
1. The matter of giving (v. 5).
"Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord." Giving which meets God's approval must come from the heart. The offering must not only be made of a willing mind but it must be as unto the Lord, an expression of love and godly fear.

2. Gifts had to be in giving (v. 22).
"They shall be both men and women." It was God's purpose from the beginning that women should unite in the support and care of the worship of God.

3. What was to be given (v. 25-28).
Under this heading two interesting things stand out—measure and variety.

(1) Measure. They brought what they had to bring.
No one is under obligation to give that which he does not possess. Capacity is the measure of responsibility.

(2) Variety.
Some brought jewelry (v. 22); some brought gold (v. 22); some brought fine linen (v. 23); some brought goat's hair and rough skin (v. 24); wise-hearted women did spin with their hands (v. 25); the rulers brought the expensive things that were needed (v. 27). This shows what a variety of things are needed in the Lord's house.

Sentence Prayer
O God, We come into Thy presence and confess the many sins we have been guilty of, and we pray that Thou wilt forgive them all.

The Only Safeguard
The only safeguard against error is a full knowledge of Christ.—The Gospel Minister.

Unselfish Prayer
God loves an unselfish prayer.—Phoeb.

About Your Health

Things You Should Know



by John Joseph Gaines, M.D.

WARM WEATHER DIET

Swimming is an ideal method of bringing every body muscle into use. As a nerve invigorator, exercise in water with the minimum of clothing on, outclasses the medicine bottle a thousand to one.

However, most good things have perils lurking beneath their tempting exteriors.

The danger of drowning today is practically nil, so wise are the precautions taken; but the man of fifty or more, who cherishes a forty-eight inch waist-band, and who innocently carries a deceptive heart-lesion, may start something impossible to stop by taking the sudden, violent plunge. The corpulent figure is neither safe nor artistic in the "high dive." The man over fifty had better refrain from aquatic feats that make his heart "thump."

Swimming-races are dangerous when attempted by amateurs. I saw recently a young man of perfect build, swim across a small lake to beat a record; the contortions of his heart immediately after, and which lasted an hour or more, were enough to alarm an experienced cardiologist.

Swimming is one of the pleasures which should never be overdone. And a full stomach is bad company to have along, when doing fancy strokes, particularly if you are a "tired business man" unaccustomed to athletic feats in water. But moderate exercise in the realm of our sunny brethren, when the temperature is right, is one of the very best agencies for circulation, muscle and nerve.

The State Beekeepers' Association meets in Greensboro September 8 and 9 to discuss late methods of handling bees and honey.

Calls Dry Conference



Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews, U. S. national dry chief, has called his twenty-two district chiefs to Washington for a 6 day conference, starting Sept. 20.

In Memory of Susie Aycoria Jones

Susie Aycoria Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones was born July 27th, 1913, entered into rest July 29th, 1926, making her stay on earth 13 years and two days.

She was taken with Malaria fever, after battling with this a few days other complications set in which closed her life. She was sick only eight days. There is a sadness attached to the meaning of the word death at any age, but when its victim is one whose life has been so short it seems particularly sad.

Although cut down so young, there are lessons for us who are living, though strong in stature, the picture of health, just in the bloom of youth we are reminded that buds are often plucked before they blossom into full-grown flowers. We should realize the meaning of this passage of scripture which says, "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

Susie had not made an open profession of religion, but only a few

days before she was taken sick she talked to one of her friends in regard to joining the church and several times while sick she spoke of going home where everything was beautiful and where she would be at rest, just a short while before she breathed her last she called her little brother Romulus, who had preceded her to that better land some years ago, and said everything looked so pretty. So we feel assured she is now sweetly resting in that beautiful home.

By her attractive manners and willingness to do her part in what ever was undertaken, she easily made friends. In school she was loved by teachers and class-mates. So kind, gentle and patient she was in her home with the younger children, in fact she had a lovely disposition to every one. Love was a part of her nature, especially so for her mother. I have never seen a more thoughtful, devoted child to her mother, from a little child up until she was taken sick, she wanted to relieve her mother of any burden she could, even on her bed she would speak of wanting to do things for mother.

Her father being in Florida all this year, she seemed particularly interested in making her home circle happy. Her sunny smiles and pleasant words often drove away clouds of loneliness and brought about showers of cheerfulness. She loved her father too, so often I have heard

her speak of how glad she would be when he returned, many plans she was making for his enjoyment.

God claimed her before her father could get home, but she awaits you Papa in that brighter home where father, mother, sisters and brother will have no more good-byes.

She was laid to rest in the grand-father Neals family cemetery where many friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute of respect. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Curren and Rev. J. A. Beam. Pall bearers were Messrs. W. B. Hayes, O. M. Gentry, S. M. Neal, S. B. Wade, C. C. Walter and A. S. Prigam. Flower bearers were Misses Larnah Gills, Irena Gentry, Lois Gentry, Lorene Gentry, Anna Dixon, Lois Hays, Virginia Parkham, Mary Walter, Messrs. Rurby Gentry, Charles Walter and J. F. Walter.

As Susie was laid to rest and we realized she could be with us here no more on this earth, we could but look up and say, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord."

It seems hard to give up our loved ones and sometimes we can not understand, yet the Lord knows best and he will not make our burdens greater than we can bear. His will not our must be done.

We loved her but God loved her best. He took her to live with him. Oh! yes we will miss her, but why

should we grieve? Is she not better off than we who are left behind to face the trials and troubles of this world?

Besides her loved ones at home she leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

She will live in our hearts and the sweet memory of her life will ever abide with us, may we find consolation in the assurance that earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal—One Who Loved Her.

What's This?

Not many weeks since a bishop attracted considerable publicity in New York state by declaring that "no man who kisses the papal ring will ever get in gunshot of the White House. The good bishop referred, of course, to Al Smith, the scintillating controversy center of Democracy as it is, not as it once was.

Now one wonders what the thousands who applauded the declaration will say to the statement of a New York Times writer who says President Coolidge did nothing else while Gov. of Massachusetts than "stopped and kissed the ring of Cardinal O'Connell in the presence of thousands of people."—Stanley-News Herald.

Tom Tarheel says that having something to sell from the farm each week has helped him through many a tight place.

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