

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON VII, THIRD QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, AUG. 17.

Text of the Lesson, Num. 3, 11-13 and 29-32. Memory Verses, 23, 34-Golden Rule, Ex. 20: 12. Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearna.

11-13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

In the third month of the first year they came to Sinai, and on the first day of the first month of the second year the tabernacle was erected and accepted by God and filled with His glory (Ex. xix, 1: xl, 17, 24). Now, just fifty days later the cloud lifted, and they journeyed from Sinai to the wilderness of Paran in the order described in this chapter. Whether it was the tabernacle and its erection or the priesthood and the sacrifices or the journeying through the wilderness nothing was done and no step was taken except as God commanded or guided by the pillar of cloud and fire. On the part of Moses and Israel it was simply a matter of obedience. Concerning the cloud and its guidings and their obedience, see carefully chapter ix, 15-23.

2. Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel. Thus said Moses to Hobab, the son of Raguel, or Ruel, or Jethro, the father of Zipporah, Moses' wife (Ex. x, 15; xi, 1). The Lord had truly spoken good concerning Israel, as in Ex. vi, 8; that wondrous sevenfold "I will," beginning and ending with "I, Jehovah." Moses believed the word of the Lord, and, having respect unto the recompense of the reward, he forsook all his prospects in Egypt and fully identified himself with Israel as their leader under God (Heb. x, 24-27).

30. And he said unto him, I will not go, but I will depart to mine own land and to my kindred. This was what Naomi afterward desired. Ruth and Orpah to do, for she did not say to them, Come with me and I will do you good. Hobab saw no such prospect as opened up to the mind of Moses, and as far as appearances went he felt that he would be better off with his own people. It is difficult to many believers to esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches than the visible treasures of this world, yet Jesus and His sufferings now, with eternal glory hereafter, is the programme for the Christian.

31. Leave us not, I pray thee, forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.

It looks as if, for the moment, Moses was forgetting God and His cloud and His unerring guidance. So unstable is man even at his best. We think of Simon Peter and his confession that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, and the next acting as Satan's mouthpiece to tempt the Lord to pity himself and turn from the cross (Matt. xvi, 18, 23).

32. And it shall be, if thou go with us, yes, it shall be, that what goodness the Lord shall do unto us the same will we do unto thee.

Moses now talks more correctly, for we are fully authorized to offer to all the riches of God's grace and glory to all who will accept Him through Jesus Christ, but we are not authorized to seek either help or guidance from those who are not His. It will help us to remember that Jesus said concerning His own, "The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them," and "as Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (John xvii, 22, 23). See also John xvi, 15; I Cor. iii, 21-23.

33. And they departed from the mount of the Lord three days' journey, and the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them in the three days' journey to search out a resting place for them. This was infinitely better than the eyes or the wisdom of Hobab. How could Moses forget or seem to that God had led them out and would surely lead them all the way? How beautiful and all sufficient the promise in Ex. xxiii, 20, "Behold, I send an angel before thee to keep thee in the way and bring thee into the place which I have prepared."

34. And the cloud of the Lord was upon them by day when they went out of the camp. The cloud was the visible symbol of the Lord's presence with them, and He by it was their guide, their light, their shield, their oracle, their avenger, their covering (Ex. xlii, 21; xiv, 19, 20, 24-28; Num. ix, 15-23; x, 34; xiv, 14); in fact, all they needed for all their journey.

35. And it came to pass when the ark set forward that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let Thine enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Thee flee before Thee.

David, by the Spirit, afterward embodied this in at least two of his Psalms (lxviii, 1, 2; cxxxviii, 8). In Josh. iii, 13, the ark is called "the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth," and before it Jordan was dried up and the walls of Jericho fell down. When the people relied upon God, who dwelt between the cherubim, their enemies fled before them, but when they relied upon the ark (which was only the symbol of His presence), then their enemies obtained the victory (I Sam. iv, 3, 11).

36. And when it rested he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel. Thus, whether on the march or at rest, the great reality of Israel's life was Jehovah in their midst. In proportion as they realized this and acted accordingly they prospered, but when they forgot Him they failed. It is so with us. He says, "Lo, I am with you always," and when we believe this and thus realize His presence (for the only way to realize anything in the spiritual life is to believe it) and count on Him we have joy and peace and victory, but when we forget His presence we fail.

Not a Single Negro Voter. OPELKA, Ala., July 31.—The county registrars closed their work in this county here to-night. Two thousand three hundred and seventy-eight whites were registered. Four negroes, who held discharges from the army, but had not paid their poll taxes were not allowed to register. Therefore Lee county is without a single colored voter.

"No man has a right to wealth who has not a sense of the responsibility that goes with it."

THE PUZZLER

No. 171—Divided Feet. Divide a poet and get: 1. To sliver and a weapon. 2. Parched and a hair. 3. A kind of fuel and a mountain chain. 4. A metal and a worker in metals. 5. Expressed thoughts and value.

No. 172—Diamond. 1. A letter. 2. To set free. 3. Seen on the race course. 4. Something much used on country roads and enjoyed by many. 5. To allure into a snare or net. 6. Artful. 7. A letter.

No. 173—Metagram. 1. Not light. 2. Part of a tree. 3. A bird. 4. To listen. 5. A token. 6. A piece of ground kept for recreation.

No. 174—Patchwork. [Example: Take a syllable from an old fashioned feminine name and a syllable from a garland and make a lozenge. Answer: Tab-tha, chap-let-let.]

1. Take a syllable from a large gun and one from part of a harness and make a means of illumination. 2. Take a syllable from to overflow and one from a great number and make to expand.

3. Take a syllable from a meal and one from to cheat and make to discern. 4. Take a syllable from one who worships idols and one from to meditate on and make a paragraph.

No. 175—Charade. My first at times the sea breeze gently stirs; Again my first speeds foaming o'er the track And wins the race. My second stands among An ancient line of noted characters; A noble line, my second near the head.

My whole, a monarch absolute, controls His subjects with despotic power and awry; Albeit they love him, if he speak or move; They say, "Aha, my lord doth so and so."

And if he but express a wish they fly Instantly to obey his shrill behest; Shakespeare avows he wears upon his brow The very round and top of sovereignty.

No. 176—Numerical Enigma. I am composed of twenty-four letters. My 3, 10, 18 means relation. My 14, 2, 21, 11 is a form of rain. My 9, 17, 22, 13 means to search. My 7, 15, 8 is a kind of tree. My 6, 11, 21, 3, 23 means not different.

My 11, 21, 4, 24 is untruths. My 20, 10, 16 is a possessive pronoun. My 19, 12, 2, 1 is often found in sewing. My 5, 2, 13 is an article of clothing.

No. 177—Picture Puzzle. What vegetable is represented in picture No. 1? What flower is represented in picture No. 2?

No. 178—Decomposition. Behold enchantment and have danger. Behold again and have a part of the body.

No. 179—Ancient Historical Diagram. All of the words described contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed and written one below another, the diagonal, beginning with the upper left hand letter and ending with the lower right hand letter, will spell the name of a summer diversion. Crosswords: 1. The first king of Rome. 2. A city of Palestine. 3. A celebrated Roman general who was put to death in Carthage. 4. An island of ancient Greece near which a famous naval victory was gained by the Greeks. 5. A city on the Latinic gulf famous for its great temple. 6. Pertaining to Samnium. 7. A country of ancient Greece.

The Difference. The high priced automobile Now occupies the track. But G. Washington was satisfied With a modest little hack. Goldenrod. —Washington Star.

Key to the Puzzle. No. 163—Broken Words: Pans-ant. Turn-over. Night-hawk. Imp-end. Glad-den.

No. 164—Easy Acrostic: Primale-June. 1. Juggie. 2. Unaven. 3. Nimbale. 4. Entire.

No. 165—Proverbial Philosophy: 1. Look before you leap. 2. A rolling stone gathers no moss. No. 166—A Menagerie: 1. Gopher. 2. Ounce. 3. Dog. 4. Tiger. 5. Cat. 6. Camel. 7. Lion. 8. Fox. 9. Sable. 10. Bear. 11. Beaver. 12. Badger.

No. 167—Diagonal: Rose. 1. Rain. 2. Mold. 3. Moss. 4. Kale. No. 168—Riddle: A can. No. 169—Diamond: 1. G. 2. Moa. 3. Goose. 4. Ask. 5. E.

No. 170—Behendings: Yacht. 1. Y-ore. 2. A-bout. 3. C-lever. 4. H-ate. 5. T-ether.

Mount Pelee is Not Safe. WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—A Fort DeFrance dispatch received here today gives an interview with Professor Jagger Junior, assistant geologist with the United States geological survey, who has been investigating volcanic conditions in the West Indies, in which he says many more eruptions like that of Mount Pelee are likely.

He says the volcano is still dangerous and the people should not move back before the mountain is cold.

BUILDING OIL ROADS

THE USE OF PETROLEUM ON HIGHWAYS IN CALIFORNIA.

How It Is Applied and What Has Been Accomplished—The Cost of Building Them—Preservation Against Stormy Weather.

In an article on oil roads in California published in The Citigrapher the writer, Theodore F. White, says: "Oil has been used a number of years for laying dust, but we are using it as one of the principal elements in building permanent roads. We commenced using oil on roads in San Bernardino county in the spring of 1890 and made a contract with a company to oil twenty-five to thirty miles of roads in the vicinity of San Bernardino, Redlands, Highland, Bialto and Colton, the contractor to put on three applications of oil during the season and keep the roads free from dust from the 1st of May till the 1st of December. The

intense darkness lasted between twenty and thirty minutes, and coincident with it was a heavy downpour of rain and an electric bombardment that alarmed the timid, interested the curious and aroused the dormant.

The storm itself was first seen by the Weather Bureau sharp rays away to the southwest, but by the time the darkest of the clouds came into view they were coming straight from the west. They were very low and very heavy, and coming on a breeze that at no time got above 24 miles.

As the moment of noon approached, the darkness became more intense, the lightning flashes more frequent and startling, and the thunder a furious cannonading. The rain, which had been slight, began at 12:57 o'clock to come down in torrents, and continued to fall at such a rate that at 12:19 the gauge showed .44 inch for the twenty-two minutes. Then it became only a light shower again and ceased at 12:25. Altogether, .48 inch fell. The time of greatest darkness was the time of the heavy fall of rain.

Made Easy. The diffident young man had wanted to propose to the girl, but for the life of him he did not know how to go about it. He read books on the subject and sought information from men who had had experience but while the theories were admirable in every instance, he found, to his sorrow, that the practice thereof was quite a different thing.

He was walking with her one evening, thinking over these things, when her shoe became untied. She stuck out her pretty little foot with a smile, looked down at it and fell on his knees and tied the lace. Then he walked on with her, and the shoe became untied again. The third time it happened he was as ready as before.

"See if you can't tie a knot that will stick," she said, as he worked away at it.

He looked up at her tenderly. His chance had come. "If I can't I know a man who can," he at once said.

"Do you want him to tie it?" she asked, coquettishly.

"Yes," he replied.

"She jerked her foot away.

"It's the minister," he said, and he smiled to himself as he finished the work.

It was easy after that, and the banns were proclaimed on three following Sundays.

Brother Dickey on "Innocence." "See many rich men is killin' deyself! dese days kaze dey can't sleep," said Brother Dickey, "en des how come, hit's hard ter tell. Yit, after all, de po' mens ain't better off in dat respect dan what de rich mens is. De rich man can't sleep kaze he 'fraid dat endurin de night stocks is wine ter take a tumble en fall on him; en de po' man can't sleep, kaze de ballif is on his do'step, en smorin' so loud dat he keeps de whole house awake! De fac' is, hit's worry what's de ruination er all er us. Some folks even worry 'bout gwine ter heaven,—dey so 'fraid dey won't be enogh milk en honey ter go round'; en some worry 'bout gwine de yuther way, kaze dey ain't no good at shovelin' coal, en ain't had no experience in de fire department. Ex fer me, I don't worry 'bout nothin'; en nothin' kin wake me out er my sleep 'cept thunder en a call ter preach. But come ter think er it, dey's too much sleep in dis world, anyhow. Hit's pull Dick en pull devil, en keep wide awake, of you wants ter make a livin'!"

Beauty of Old Age. Old age is a part of the schemes of life, which was designed to be beautiful from beginning to end. It is the close of a symphony, grandly in its incipience, rolling on grandly and terminating in a climax of sublimity. It is harmonious and admirable according to the scheme of nature. The charms of infancy, the hopes of the spring of youth, the vigor of manhood—and the serenity and tranquility, the wisdom and peace of old age—all these together constitute the true human life, with its beginning, middle and end a glorious epoch.—Henry Ward Beecher.

A Huge Cotton Mill. DURHAM, N. C., July 31.—B. N. Duke, of New York, president of the Erwin Cotton Mill Company, and Secretary Erwin have decided that the company will build a cotton mill on the Cape Fear River in Harnett county. The mill will employ 2,000 persons. It will manufacture denim and will operate 70,000 spindles and 2,000 looms. The building of this great plant will necessitate the establishment of a town of five thousand inhabitants. It is stated that engineers will begin at once the work of laying off the site.

Train Robbers Captured. EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 1.—Two of the robbers who held up a Mexican Central train and secured \$50,000 from the Wells Fargo express car have been captured at Gomez Palacio, and nearly \$80,000 has been recovered. One has been fully identified as Bill Taylor, who held up a Santa Fe Pacific train in Texas and killed two men. He was sentenced to death for that crime, but escaped to Mexico. Fifteen thousand dollars of the booty secured in the recent robbery was recovered from Taylor.

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A Six and Company's Report.

Business Post, N. Y.

Mr. Wm. W. Head, of Providence, R. I., and J. H. Caldwell, of Concord, Mass. came here on business in connection with the incorporation of the North Carolina Central Railroad Company, reported in The Post yesterday, said before leaving for their homes that the work of grading the road will begin in about sixty days and will be rapidly pushed to completion. It is expected to be in operating condition about the first of the year. Grading will probably be begun at both Fayetteville and Concord at the same time.

These gentlemen as well as several other members of the railroad company are also interested in the Carolina Colony Company recently incorporated with \$1,500,000 capital. It is the purpose of the promoters for the colony and the railroad company to work hand in hand in developing sections of country hitherto unsettled. It is the purpose of the colony company to establish settlements all along the line of railroad for desirable immigrants who are seeking new homes. These settlers are expected from German farmers in the Northwest, who want a more congenial climate, and from the better class of immigrants from Europe who are seeking homes in America. It is understood that the men who have charge of the colony company will exercise care in the selection of settlers, and will not take them in an indiscriminate manner, as it is to the interest of the railroad that only a good, substantial class is secured. While the Carolina Colony Company's primary object is to settle up the territory contiguous to the North Carolina Central road, yet it will place colonists elsewhere in the State where it is desired.

Burned to Death in His Home. Charlotte Observer, 4th. Mr. W. M. Dulin, a young farmer, was burned to death at his home in Crab Orchard township at an early hour yesterday morning.

Mr. Dulin and Mr. John Johnston, a neighbor, had spent the day in Charlotte and arrived at Mr. Johnston's home, which is only a few hundred yards from Mr. Dulin's house, at about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Dulin found that his wife and two children were sleeping at Mr. Johnston's and told his wife that she might stay the remainder of the night at Mr. Johnston's, while he would go home and return for her and the children next morning. After his wife had told him in what part of the house she had placed his supper Dulin left for home.

Fire in the Dulin house was discovered about 2 o'clock in the morning by Mr. Aleck Allen, who lives near by. He gave the alarm and, accompanied by several men, ran to the burning residence. It was found that the house was enveloped in flames that forbade entrance. Looking through a window Mr. Allen saw Dulin lying on a trundle bed close to an open window. The bed was on fire, but Dulin did not move. He was dead, it was presumed.

It was not until the residence—a small two-room house—had been destroyed that neighbors were able to find Dulin's charred body. The legs were burned off and the upper part of the body was mutilated beyond recognition. Dulin lay on his right side, and the position of his body suggested that he had fallen asleep with his head resting on his right hand and that he had suffocated or burned to death without having attained consciousness.

10,000 Barrels of Gasoline. WILMINGTON, Aug. 5.—Residents in the northern section of the city are much exercised over a report that the Standard Oil Company has stored in a tank at its plant near the Carolina Central depot a tank containing 10,000 barrels of gasoline. In view of the frequency of electric storms the past week the possibility of lightning should strike the tank are horrible to contemplate in the eyes of those resident in that locality, who advance all kinds of reasons why the Standard Oil Company has probably that amount of inflammable fluid on "tap." One of these reasons is that the use of lamps and stoves consuming gasoline is larger than ever before and because the city places no restrictions whatever upon the amount that may be stored. The ordinances prescribe the maximum amount of gun powder and kerosene but nothing is said about gasoline. At last night's meeting of the board of aldermen the matter was discussed and the ordinance committee was instructed to frame a law regulating the sale and use of gasoline. The Standard Oil Company denies having the large quantity in stock and makes light of the terrorized inhabitants, but that gives them little consolation during a thunder storm. They say they want the ordinance and want it enforced.

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"Say, mister," began the hoggas, "can't you spare a poor feller a few cents for a night's lodgin'?" "Sorry, my poor man," replied the farmer, "but I need all the dough I have."

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