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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JESUS TEACHING AND HEALING
By EDGAR HALL

This is the only instance in which Jesus, during His ministry, stepped outside of Palestine into the pagan world. He again sought rest and seclusion for Himself and the twelve by retiring to the northern extremity of Palestine. Across the uplands with their near view of snow-capped Lebanon; through the many wooded valleys of those highland regions, a two days' journey brought them to the hills at whose feet lay the plains of Tyre. It was not a long journey, by modern transportation. He may have wanted to get away from argument. He was not ready yet to commit Himself to those stormy currents which were eventually to bear Him to the Cross. There is no intimation at all in the Gospels of His purpose in going there, or of what He did. The passage which follows would seem to indicate that He had not lost hope of covering Palestine to the Gospel of the Kingdom, but that He was not ready to carry His gospel to the Gentiles. He could hardly have gone on a teaching mission; but, again, we do not know. Only one incident of the trip is recorded, but it is a precious one that sparkles like a diamond on the gospel page. The report of His marvelous ministry went with Him everywhere and there would always be the suffering and the needy whither He should go. Even when off on His vacation, Jesus had His religion with Him and scattered blessings. Some Christian people when they go off on a vacation leave their religion at home, but Jesus could not leave His behind because it was incorporated with His whole personality and was His spirit and life. During this visit a woman met Him with the request which voices an aspect of the suffering by which He always Himself surrounded and which He was always being called upon to relieve. The Gospel calls her "a woman of Canaan." The Canaanites were the old Palestinian stock which the Jews found there when they came in from the wilderness. They belonged to the same race as the Jews, but were very distant relations. One Bible dictionary says that this woman belonged to the Phoenician stock of Syria, which would prove, if it were true, that there was still in northeast Syria some mixture of races dating from very ancient times.

These people did not share the Jewish faith; they were heathen; and there was a bitter hostility between them and the Jews. In the eyes of a Jew he woman, therefore, was worse, so to speak, than the Samaritan woman; she was heathen and alien and, if anyone could be entirely outside of the Kingdom, surely she would have no right to it. But she was a woman and a mother; her daughter was in a desperate state, and she followed Jesus, begging and wailing, until His disciples could endure it no longer and asked Him to send her away. The twenty-fourth verse would indicate that Jesus in His own mind thought of His ministry as to the Jews only; as far as that went, He perhaps agreed with His disciples. But there was still the sad and seeking woman. It was easy enough to lay down a general principle, but after all humanity is more than a race and a faith; humanity is need, and suffering and it was to the needy and suffering that Jesus was sent. The twenty-sixth verse seems a pretty hard saying, but we need to remember that words mean one thing; in cold print and another thing when they are vibrant with the speaker's voice and get half their meaning from His accent and

low, also, for oriental ways of speech. The saying is not as unkind as it looks. Perhaps also the saying was uttered in such a way as indicated it was not offensive, but a playful and kindly allusion. At any rate, the woman was not offended by it but caught it up with marvelous quickness of wisdom and wit, and turned it back upon Jesus. She accepted her lowly station, her alien estate, and she turns the proverb upon the speaker. "Yes, Lord," she said, "it may be that we poor heathen folk are like dogs at a doorstep, but even a dog is permitted to eat the crumbs under the table. I ask only a crumb of your mercy." Jesus gave her not only a crumb; He gave her the whole loaf. Perhaps He remembered the proud critics to whom He had offered everything and who would accept nothing at all. The door of their hearts was barred, but here was a heart wide open; a faith which never criticised, but humbly accepted. He did what she asked—her daughter was made whole. She helped Jesus to help her and made it impossible for Him to refuse her any further. This marvelous woman was a wonder to Jesus Himself and drew from Him an exclamation of astonishment and delight. "Oh, woman, great is thy faith!" These words have come thundering down through the ages and are as immortal as anything Jesus ever said. Of all Jesus' miracles this for the Gentile woman was Martin Luther's favorite, and when he, too, would prevail with God, Luther would read this story. This story is a window through which to see the unflinching tenderness, the inclusive human sympathy of Jesus. It teaches us also that the Kingdom of God knows neither race nor station; it knows only human need. Wherever need is, there are those for whom the Kingdom is intended, wherever faith is, there the frontiers of the Kingdom run. Our opportunities are rich and full compared with hers, and our persistent faith in us will bring us showers of blessings. Jesus came back home and found in Galilee what He had left on the seacoast—suffering and need.

We live in a world of organized charity—of doctors, nurses and hospitals. There is sickness enough, and some of it incurable, but there is genuine, sympathetic ministry to care for it. The sick are often overlooked in their poverty, but when they are discovered, something is always done for them. This, among other things, is itself the wonderful fruit of the Christian spirit. The ancient world was different. Medicine was almost a joke; the civilizations of the time of Christ were helpless before the massive fact of human suffering; the lame hobbled about the streets, the blind were begging everywhere. There are still in Jerusalem, it is said, many dwarfed and stunted, and twisted folk just lying around in utter helplessness. Every step Jesus took must have been attended by something like that. The Gospels report how He met all that mass of misery with the endless outpouring of His power. It was, after all, naturally limited by His own presence; for every one helped, there must have been hundreds who still suffered on. This ministry of Jesus was an anticipation of prophecy of what the spirit of Christianity was to do for the world. The spirit of Christianity now uses science and organization, but it still does the work of Christ. The Kingdom of God will never be victoriously present till every resource of our civilization is put at the service of the suffering of the world in the name and in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

ANTIOCH NEWS.

Mr. Knox Watson of State College, Raleigh, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Watson. Mrs. Flora Conoly has been quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Hodgin. We are glad to know that she is some better now. Misses Hazel Biggs and Mary McNeill of Lumberton came home Saturday afternoon on a short visit. They returned to Lumberton Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Newton visited in the home of Mrs. Newton's brother, Mr. Jim Newton near Fayetteville Sunday afternoon.

Miss Sarah Hodgin, who is a student at Flora Macdonald College, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hodgin.

Miss Claire Crenshaw was in Lumberton shopping last Saturday morning.

The many friends of Miss Mary Conoly will be sorry to know that she is very ill at her home here.

Mrs. Conoly is loved by all who know her and her illness is the cause of much anxiety. We sincerely hope that she will soon be much better.

Mr. James McPhaul who is attending school at State College, Raleigh, came home last Thursday for the spring holidays. He returned to Raleigh Monday.

Miss Ollie Biggs spent a few days recently in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Biggs.

Mrs. M. H. McPhaul, Mrs. J. D. McLeod and Miss Thelma McPhaul motored to Raleigh last Friday. They went up to see Miss Lucille McLeod who is in school there. Friends of Miss McLeod will regret to know that she has been sick for several days and was unable to return home with her mother. We hope she will soon be entirely well and able to take up her work again.

Messrs. Bennie and Lucy Dalton who are attending school at Chapel Hill have been spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dalton.

Mrs. P. McN. Gibson went over to Fayetteville Saturday afternoon. Mr. Duncan McLaughlin a student of Maxton Junior College spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Flora McLaughlin.

Misses Thelma McPhaul, Ollie Biggs and Jack McNeill went over to Lumberton Saturday evening. They carried Misses Hazel Biggs and Mary McNeill.

Miss Elizabeth Stutts of the local school faculty spent last Saturday night in Raeford visiting her friend, Mrs. Dave Hodgin.

Mr. Douglas McBryde who is attending Maxton Junior College spent a few days recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McBryde.

Miss Annie Mae McLean went over to her home in Laurinburg last week end for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McLean.

Dr. Buie has been holding a dental clinic in our school for the past few days and quite a few children are minus many molars. This was the first extraction of teeth for many of them and some of them think they were lucky to escape with heads. Dr. Buie was formerly located in Red Springs and he has many friends here who were happy to see him again.

The many friends of Mrs. R. A. Smoak will be delighted to know that she is getting along splendidly following an operation last Wednesday for appendicitis. She is at Sister's Sanatorium in Lumberton.

Mr. Clyde Stutts of Gibson came up Sunday evening to see his sister Miss Elizabeth Stutts at the teacherage.

We are glad to know that Miss Willa McLaughlin is better. She has been sick for several days.

Mr. Smoak, Mr. Thomas McLaughlin, Miss Lettie and Master Albert Smoak all went over to Lumberton last Sunday to see Mrs. Smoak.

Friends of Mr. M. B. McBryde sympathize deeply with him in the accident which happened to him recently. While working at timber he was hit in the eye with a limb

and suffered a severe injury which may cause him to lose the sight of this eye. He has suffered intensely since the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Mearham and Mr. James Lyon all of Wadesboro came over Sunday to visit their uncle, Mr. P. McN. Gibson. Mrs. Mearham and Mr. Lyon have many friends here, they having attended school at Antioch when children.

Mr. John Brown of Lumberton, was visiting relatives and friends here Sunday afternoon.

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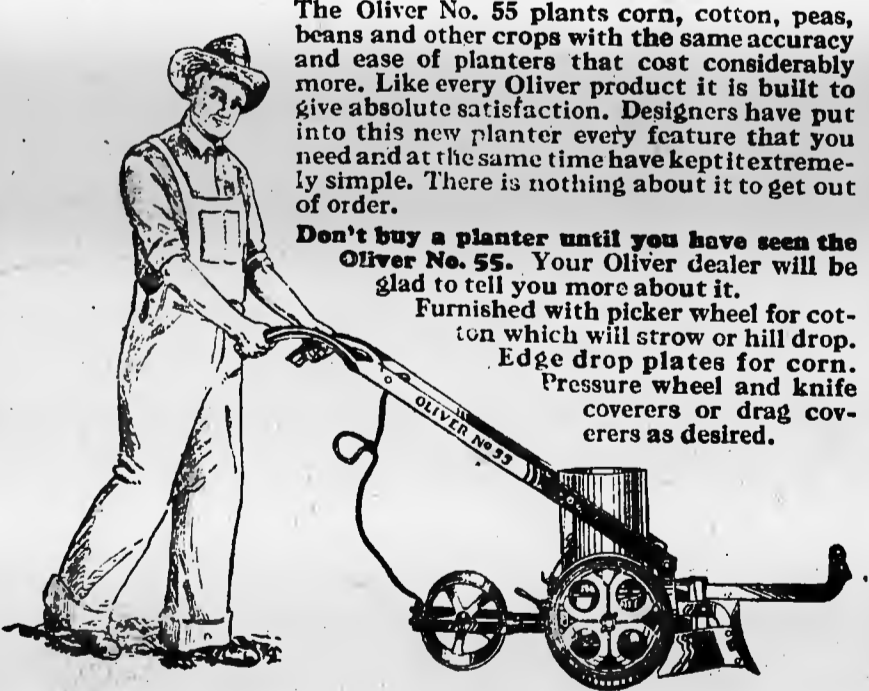
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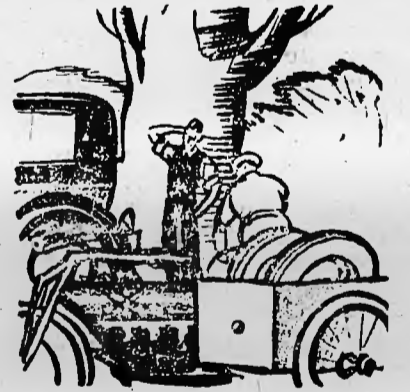
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