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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for July 27

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 4:1-11.
GOLDEN TEXT—"For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted."—Heb. 2:18.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Refuses to Do Wrong.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus Conquers the Tempter.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus Shows Us How to Overcome Temptation.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Victory Over the Tempter.

I. Its Purpose (v. 1).
The Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness with the specific purpose that He there meet and overcome the one whose works He came to destroy (Heb. 2:14). His temptation was not a preparation for His work, as usually thought, but rather the opening of the dreadful conflict between Christ and Satan, which was to issue in Satan's defeat. It was not to test Jesus to find out as to whether He would stand fast—to see whether He would sin. The eternal purpose of God as to redemption absolutely could not fail. It was rather to exhibit Him as an object upon which faith might rest, to show that a union between God and man had been effected which would insure man's reconciliation.

II. The Conflict (vv. 2-11).

A. The Combatants (v. 1).
(1) Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, the Divine Man, is now entering upon His mediatorial work. He went immediately from the place of anointing and heavenly recognition as the Son of God to meet the arch-enemy of the race.

(2) The Devil. He was a real person and, while always filled with cunning and malice, in this case the initiative was taken by the Lord. He was dragged into the presence of Jesus Christ and forced into the struggle.

2. The Battle Ground (v. 1). It was in the wilderness of Judea. The first man was tempted in a garden with the most pleasant surroundings and failed. The second man was tempted in a barren wilderness, surrounded by wild beasts, and gloriously triumphed.

3. The Method of Attack (v. 2-10). Since as our Redeemer Christ sustained a threefold relationship, the Son of Man, Son of God and as Messiah, each one was made a ground of attack.

(1) As Son of Man (vv. 2, 3). This was a test of the reality of His humanity. To demonstrate whether the humanity which He obtained through the virgin birth was real, the appeal was made to the instinct of hunger. Hunger is not the result of sin. While the appetite is not sinful, to have satisfied it in a wrong way would have been sin.

(2) Son of God (vv. 5, 6). This was a test as to whether the personality which had come from heaven and taken upon itself humanity was divine. The Devil quoted from a Messianic psalm to get Him to presume upon God's care. God does care for His own, but to neglect common precaution—to do the uncalculated thing—just to put God's promise to a test is sin and death. Satan tempts men today to do the spectacular things in order to get publicity, to gain the ears of the people.

(3) As Messiah (vv. 8, 9). Christ's mission as the Messiah was to recover this world from the Devil. The Devil offered to surrender to Him on the simple condition that He would adopt his method, thus obviating the necessity of the cross. The kingdoms were really Christ's and He knew that they would ultimately become His. The inducement was to get immediate possession without the sufferings of the cross.

4. The Defense (vv. 4, 7, 10). Christ met the enemy each time and repulsed his attack with the Word of God. Each time He said, "It is written" and quoted from Deuteronomy, the book which the higher critics would discredit. Christ had enough confidence in it to use it in this, the most crucial hour of the world's history.

5. The Issue (v. 11).

(1) Satan vanquished. The enemy was completely routed. The strong man was so bound that the spoiling of his house was possible.

(2) Angels came and ministered unto Him. This event was so notable that these glorious beings were sent from heaven to give it recognition and to minister unto the triumphant King.

Man's Sorrows

Man's sorrows are a mystery, but that sinners should not have sorrows were a sadder mystery still. And God pleads with us all not to lose the good of our experiences of the bitterness of sin by our levity or our blindness to their meanings.—Alexander Maclaren.

A Prayer

We pray Thee, O God, that Thou wilt help us to be faithful, earnest and true in all of our work, whatever it may be.

Clear Conscience

Lots of people regard a clear conscience as more of a luxury than a necessity.

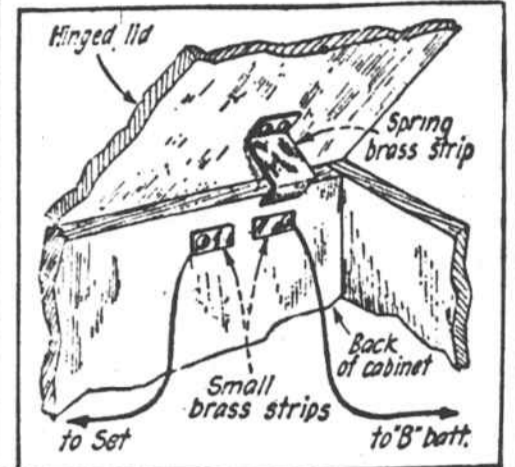
Considering Others

It is always easier to discuss the sins of others, than to do our own.

New Automatic "B" Battery Cut-Off

Short Circuit May Cost Owner Several New Tubes—Precaution Is Best.

With vacuum tubes at \$5 each, it would seem worth while that the owner of a multitube set take precaution to see that the "B" battery voltage is not accidentally applied to the filament circuit. When the modern bare bus-bar wiring is used in a set it is highly important that the "B" battery be disconnected while changing tubes or making adjustments, for the slip of a screwdriver or pliers can cause a short circuit that may cost the owner several new tubes. No protective method was followed by the writer, until one day it was forgotten, with the result that two tubes went. My set is now equipped with the automatic "B" battery cut-off, as illustrated. A few pieces of spring brass



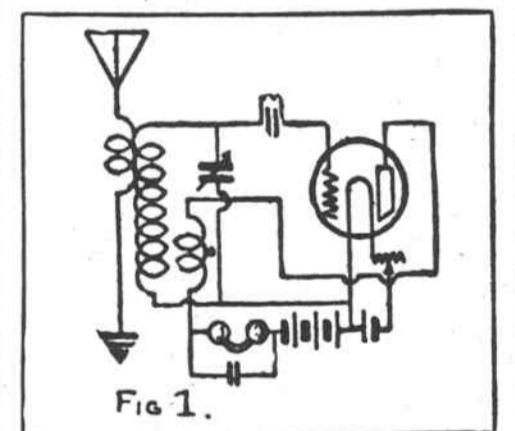
Battery Cut-Off.

and a little time was all that was necessary, and I can now change tubes or make adjustments without fear of endangering the tubes, for the act of opening the cabinet lid automatically disconnects the "B" battery, while upon closing it the set is again ready for action. The diagram should be self-explanatory. Two small brass plates are screwed to the back of the cabinet. They are spaced about 1/4 inch apart, the one being connected to the "B" battery, while the other is wired to the "B" battery binding post of the set. A spring brass strip of the shape shown is fastened to the hinged lid in such a position that when the lid is closed it will close the circuit between the two brass strips. All of the parts may be small and neat, and when mounted near the corner of the cabinet are not in the way. The owner of a set so equipped need no longer be in fear of burned-out tubes.—Radio News.

Selective Two-Circuit Tuner With One Control

Many radio fans, after having vainly tried to master the mystery of tuning a three-circuit tuner, have wished for some selective two or three-circuit tuner that would only require one tuning control. Up until the present time this ideal has not been realized, but it is now possible to build a good selective two-circuit tuner that has only one control.

The diagram for this receiver is given in Fig. 1. From the diagram it will



be seen that an untuned primary is used and that the tickler coil is wound directly over the secondary coil. This placement of the tickler reduces the number of turns necessary.

The tuning coil for this set may be built according to the following instructions:

The tube upon which the coils are wound may be either cardboard or composition. The diameter of this coil is 2 1/2 inches, the length is 3 1/2 inches. At one end of the tube the primary coil is wound. This consists of six turns of No. 24 D. C. C. wire. This same wire is used throughout the coil construction. At the other end of the tube a coil of nine turns is wound. This coil is tapped at the sixth turn.

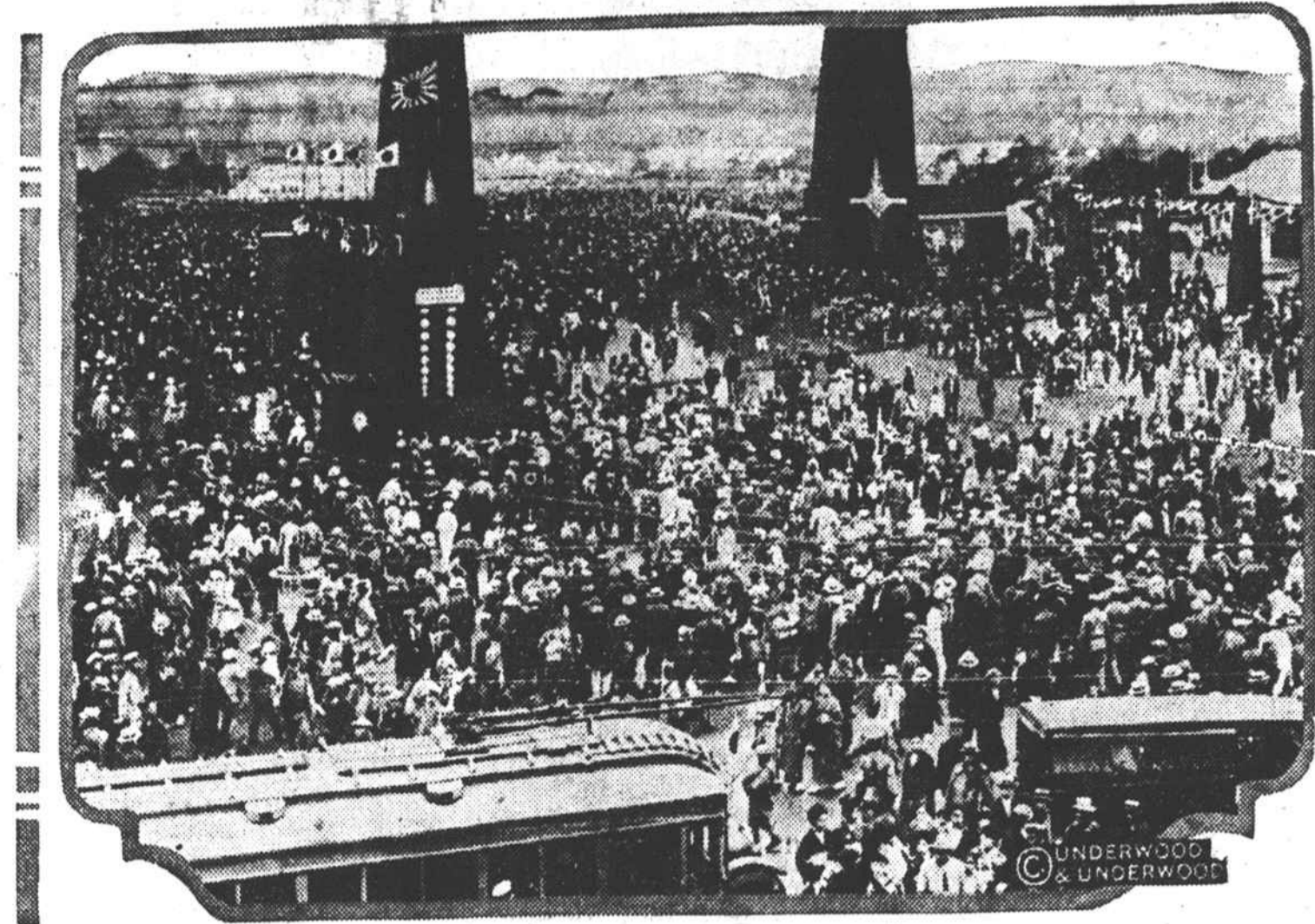
A layer of light paper should be placed over these two coils and then the secondary coil can be wound on the tube. The secondary consists of sixty turns of wire. This coil is started at the end of the tube upon which the primary coil was wound. It is wound over the primary coil at the start and over the tickler at the other end.

The tuning condenser has a capacity of .0005 mfd. It is advisable to use a low loss condenser in this set.—New York Herald.

Loud Speaker "Kink"

The radio fan may install a loud speaker in any room of his home if wires from the set are run along the baseboards of the rooms and taps taken off wherever it is desired to place the speaker. Ordinary twisted lamp cord will serve the purpose of feeder wire. When the loud speaker is plugged in the tuning will have to be changed slightly, as the capacity of the cords offsets the positions of the dials.

En Fete for Japanese Crown Prince



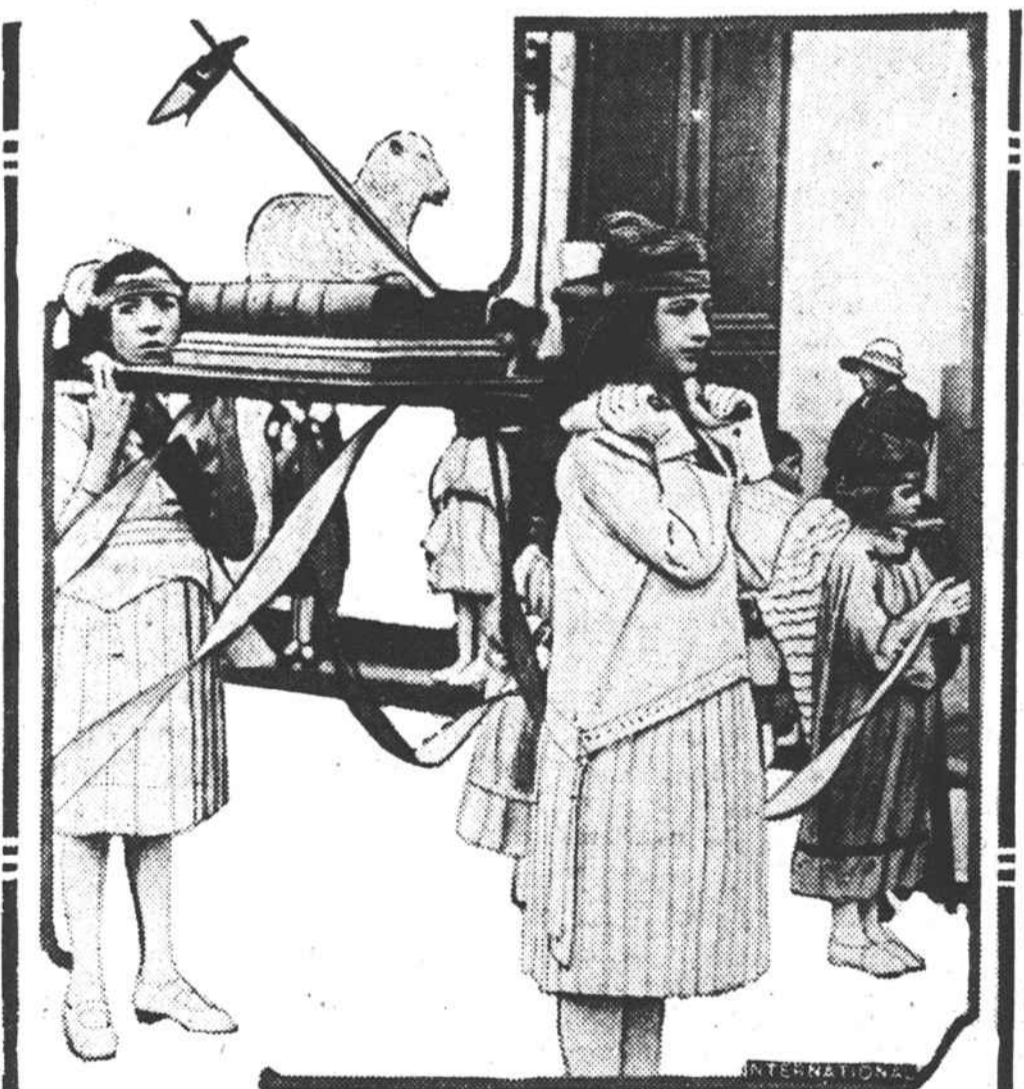
Tokyo en fete for the wedding of the crown prince. In the wide plaza in front of the imperial palace a pavilion was erected specially for the occasion and there the crown prince and his bride received the homage of the people.

Mother and Children Win Beauty Prize



A \$10,000 prize, offered to the most beautiful mother with the most beautiful children was awarded to Mrs. A. C. Gandy of Richmond, Ind., and her two children. The picture shows Howard Chandler Christy finishing a portrait of the group with Mrs. Gandy and her two children, Joe, two and a half, and Ann, four years, posing.

Annual Ceremony at Ostend



The Holy Lamb and the Bible being carried through the streets of Ostend during the annual ceremony of the blessing of the sea. Prayer is offered for a plentiful harvest of fish and freedom from storms.

Best Judges of Live Stock



Three high school boys from Whiteside county, Ill., Donald Williams and Elwyn Folkers of Sterling and Harold Gaulrapp of Rock Falls, won the international live stock judging contest at Hayward Heath, England. The boys won a gold trophy presented by the London Daily Mail. The boys are shown with their coaches, L. O. Wise and Prof. C. S. Rhode.

CHINESE STAGE STAR



Miss Lee Sut Mul, eighteen, pretty Chinese actress and the most sought after Chinese actress that ever came into the United States, sailed to China on the Pacific liner President Pierce. But accompanying the young lady was her husband, Tom Sum Tom, wealthy cotton grower of Mexicali, Cal.

PRINCE TO BE PRIEST



Crown Prince George of Saxony, who is about to become a priest in order to save the soul of his mother, the former Queen Louise, who eloped with an Italian pianist 21 years ago. His mother, still living, is now eking out a bare living in Brussels, where she is giving piano and French lessons. The young man is thirty-one years old.

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