

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE WORKS AND WORD OF GOD

International Sunday School Lesson
for August 11, 1940

Golden Text: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Jehovah, my rock and my redeemer."—Psalm 19:14.

Lesson Text: Psalm 19

Few people fail to appreciate the beauty of nature or refuse to believe in God, the supreme creator of the universe. While, as the Psalmist declares, the forces of nature—the heavens, the stars, the sun or the moon—do not speak, their influence and effect are felt to the end of the world. They all witness to the wisdom and power of God.

From the revelation of God in nature, the Psalmist turns to his revelation of himself in his written word. As J. S. S. Perowne says: "He turns from that which was the common property of all to that which was the special privilege of the Jew. . . . The transition to this subject is no doubt somewhat abrupt, but this only renders the contrast the more forcibly striking. There is a quick rebound of the heart, as it were, from the world of nature, beautiful and glorious as it is, to that which is far more beautiful and more glorious, the word of revelation. But despite the seeming abruptness there is a point of connection between the two portions of the Psalm. What the sun is in the natural world, the law is in the spiritual: the one quickens and cherishes the animal life—nothing being hid from his heat; the other quickens and cherishes the life of the soul.

The Psalmist, in verses 7, 8 and 9, proceeds to describe the word of God in six titles, which present shades of meaning of one grand idea. The Law tells of the divine instruction relative to character and conduct. Testimony tells of the divine witness to what God is, and what we should be. Statute tells of divine directions designed to secure obedience, or check disobedience. Commandment tells of the divine decrees, authoritative and glorious. Fear tells of the settled habit of the soul which is informed by the law. Judgments tell of the judicial decisions and sentences of Jehovah. (Dr. Graham Scroggie). Of these six titles we learn that, they are, respectively, perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, enduring and true, each

Extend Deadline For Free Classing Of Cotton

Extension of the time limit up to which applications for free classification of 1940 cotton may be filed by organized improvement groups has been announced by the Agricultural Marketing Service. Delayed planting in many areas and general lateness of the season account for the extension.

The deadline date for most of Mississippi Valley and the southeastern States has been advanced from August 1 to August 15 and for the more northerly and westerly areas from August 15 to August 25. Applications must be filed with the Agricultural Marketing Service not later than August 15 for groups in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, and for groups in the counties of Texas lying entirely or for the most part east of the 100th Meridian.

To allow for later planting in other areas, the final date for filing is August 25 for groups in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and all counties in Texas lying entirely or for the most part, west of the 100th Meridian.

It is expected that, if a Government loan is announced, the classification memorandum furnished to members of groups qualifying for the free classing service will be accepted for loan purposes and members will not have to pay an additional fee for classification.

Instructions for making applications and forms for applying can be obtained by addressing any cotton branch office of the Agricultural Marketing Service, at: 441 West Peachtree St., Atlanta, Georgia; P. O. Box 363, Memphis, Tennessee; P. O. Box 1369 Dallas, Texas; P. O. Box 1140, Austin, Texas; 509 U. S. Court House, El Paso, Texas; or 210 Progressive Building, Bakersfield, California.

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Please accept our thanks and appreciation for the many deeds of kindness shown during the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Barber. Especially do we wish to thank those who furnished and drove their cars and those who sang in the choir.

THE FAMILY.

having the effect of leading the conscientious believer to a deeper appreciation of the treasure of the Word of God.

It might also be well to point out that in each of the six parallel clauses mentioned above, the phrase "of the Lord" occurs. One well knows that not all the laws of the Lord, if observed, do restore the soul. Not all testimony is sure, but the testimony of the Lord, if absorbed into the heart and soul, will make wise even the simple and unlearned. Space does not permit taking up each point, but we believe the truth is obvious to all.

Much of the fevered struggle for material possessions, for fame, for contentment in this world, would vanish if only people would realize and accept the truths outlined in this Psalm. The word of God points out the permanent, abiding things and makes thought for the transitory things of life seem foolish.

Through the first eleven verses of this Psalm, God is revealed as speaking to the Psalmist. It is perfectly natural, then, that after God had thus graciously spoken to man, that man should in turn address God. The Scriptures are God's word to us; prayer is our word to God. The full Christian life is that in which God speaks on the one hand, and we in turn speak to God.

"The contemplation of the law cannot but lead to self-examination and that to petition," declared Alexander Maclaren. "So the Psalmist passes into prayer. His shortcomings appall, for 'by the law is the knowledge of sin,' and he feels that beyond the sin which he knows there is a dark region in him where foul things nestle and breed fast. 'Secret faults' are those hidden, not from men, but from himself. He discovers that he has hitherto undiscovered sins."

"When the words of the mouth coincide with the meditation of the heart, we may hope that prayer for cleansing from, and defense against sin, offered to him whom our faith recognizes as our 'strength' and our 'redeemer,' will be as a sacrifice of a sweet smell, well-pleasing to God. He best loves the law of Jehovah who lets it teach him his sin, and send him to his knees; he best appreciates the glories of the silent heavens who knows that their witness to God is but the prelude of the deeper music of the Scriptures' declaration of the heart and will of Jehovah, and who grasps him as his strength and his redeemer from all evil, whether evil of sin or evil of sorrow."

HASTY EXIT

Salem, Mass.—In her petition for divorce, Mrs. Arna E. Walsh O'Brien, stated that her husband, Luther O'Brien, left home two hours after their marriage to mail a letter and she hadn't heard from him since.

Story Of Man Who Kept 25-Year-Old Date With Death

Truth Is Much Stranger Than Fiction In Case Of Dunn Man Who Left No Unfinished Business

You've heard folks say "I'm going to die." You've heard them say "I'm going to die soon." Perhaps you've heard them say "I can't live another month," but did you ever hear one say "I'm going to die in July of 1940," and say it for fifteen years?

Or if someone did tell you that, did he go home apparently in perfect health and die at the appointed time—not by his own hand?

That's just what happened in Dunn last Saturday.

Carson C. Surles 59-year-old filling station employee, kept the rendezvous with death that he made 25 years ago while he had a severe case of typhoid fever. His story, as he told it in Dunn for 15 years preceding his death at 2:30 Saturday afternoon is almost unbelievable; but he told so many people that it was generally known throughout the whole section.

Friends passed it off as a phobia of some type and thought he was the victim of an hallucination or a dream.

But Surles told them that while he lay desperately ill 25 years ago he asked the Lord to spare his life. Surles related to friends . . . "He said He would spare me, but that I had to go before I became 60." Surles would have reached that age

on August 18, so he spent all last week visiting friends and relatives and bidding them good-bye and inviting them to the funeral. Early last week he cleaned off his cemetery lot in readiness. An undertaker revealed that Surles left instructions for his burial a year ago, saying that he was "scheduled to die next July." He also made arrangements with a minister.

So this past Saturday morning he told his employer that "it's about time and I'm going home and get ready." A few hours later he was desperately ill, and friends and neighbors who had put little faith in his prediction, stood at the bedside and watched him draw his final breaths.

So it was little wonder that examination by a physician failed to reveal the cause. The doctor was convinced that Surles had not committed suicide and there was no evidence of foul play.

Daily newspapers said he often said that he had the utmost faith in the Lord's plan that he should go this year and said he would be ready before his birthday.

Surles left no unfinished business. He kept his appointment with death. And for once the maxim fits—"Truth is stranger than fiction."

Ample Care Urged For Pullet Flock

Poultrymen caring for their pullet flock during the late summer and fall should keep in mind that a little neglect now may be costly later, says C. F. Parrish, poultryman of the State College Extension Service.

The good poultryman will see that his birds are well fed on growing mash, whole corn, whole oats, and green feed. Here's why these items are so important in the pullet's diet: The growing mash helps to build a good egg factory. Corn puts weight on the bird and lays on a reserve of fat for the heavy laying period. Oats furnish fiber, and help build resist-

ance against disease, feather-picking, and prolapses. Green feed furnishes succulence, minerals and vitamins, and is rich in other essential food factors.

A liberal supply of green feed cuts feed bills and aids in growing a more healthy pullet. While green feed is more important during the growing stage, it does have a definite place in the bird's diet after laying starts.

For late summer grazing and green feed, sowed young green corn may be used to good advantage, along with Sudan grass, wheat, oats, barley, soybeans, and alfalfa. If ample grazing has not already been

provided, a green feed crop should be planted now.

Because egg prices generally rise sharply in August, many poultry producers ruin their pullets by rushing them with laying mash, Parrish said. The best plan is to let the pullets mature normally on growing mash, corn, oats, and green feed. Before the birds are changed to laying mash, they should have reached at least 20 percent production.

"I think I'll open up a model tea shop."

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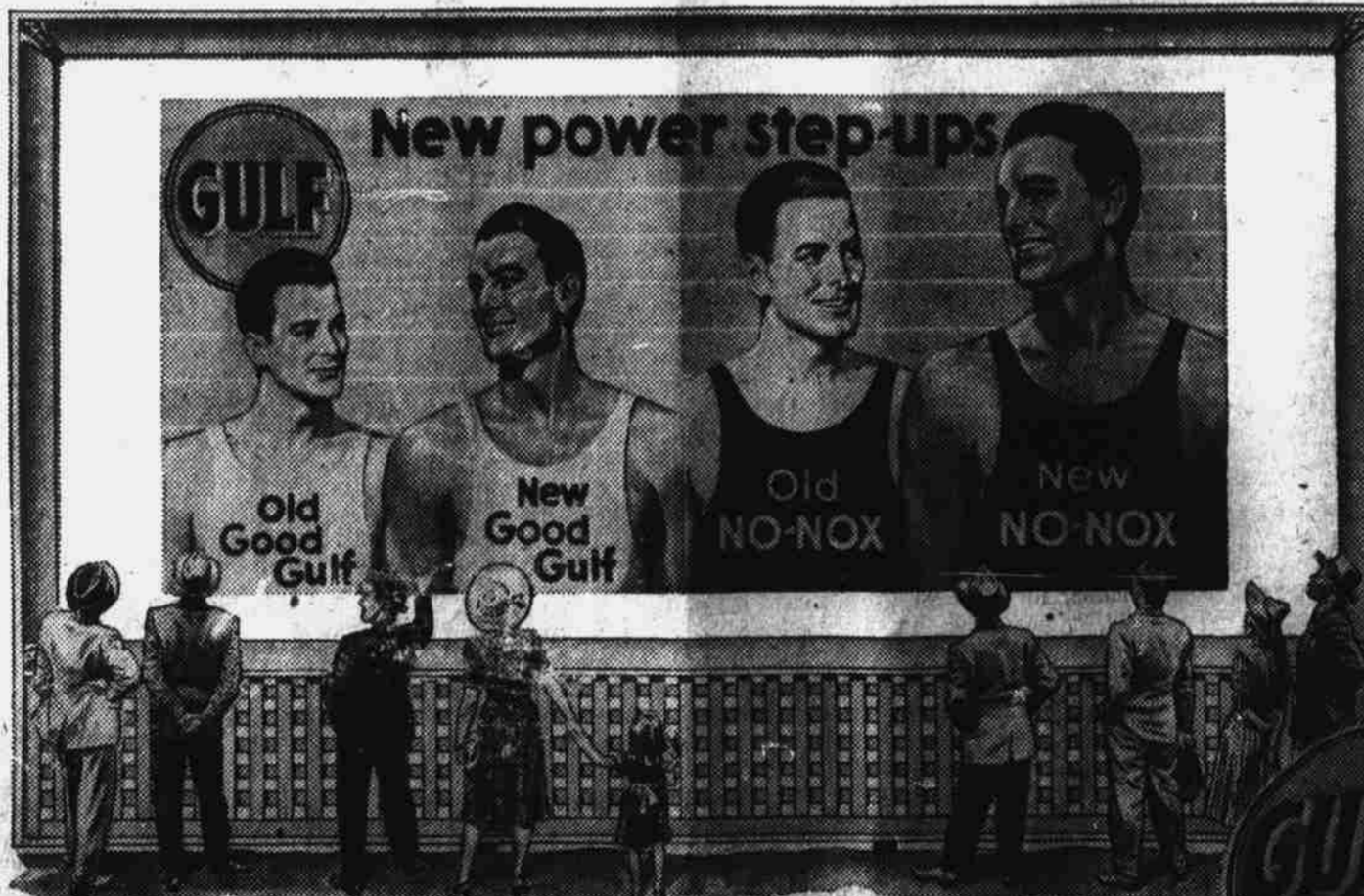
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