

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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of this point of view, we, too, believe it to be divinely inspired. Man and woman were created to share this wholesome and natural companionship. When man is alone for long, he grows self-centered, abnormal. He is likely to lower his standards. In company with another he is alert in mind, kindled in ambition, and concerned with the raising of social standards. All this was involved in the creation of man and his helpmeet.

To discover in the story of creation the grounds for false distinctions between the capacities of men and women is the last resort of misguided minds. Yet it has sometimes been argued that man was created first and is therefore the lord of all creation. Woman was an afterthought and therefore secondary in importance and capacity. The ancient Hebrew attitude toward woman grew out of this assumption of her inferiority. The words of Jesus changed all this. He gave woman her rightful place of equality beside man. In the Christian point of view they are two halves of a perfect whole, united in a covenant and sharing equal responsibilities and privileges.

The Christian marriage of two young persons consummates the pattern. Through this intimate and vital union "they are no more two but one flesh." The physical side of the union means nothing unless it is fortified and supplemented by the spiritual bonds of love and companionship. There can be no incompatibility between those who are joined in this way. Times of disagreement and misunderstanding may come, for we cannot always think exactly alike; but underneath any superficial disturbance is a deep bond of spiritual unity, which will hold through stress and strain. Leave out this element and you reduce marriage to a physical relationship. Spirit with spirit must and does meet where there is a true Christian marriage.

When we read of the marriage disasters that occur about us, we can come to one of two conclusions: Either the union of spirit did not take place, or there has been a willful violation of the pattern of companionship. And these two ways are really one. When one willfully sets out to break this pattern, he not only cuts across social custom but also violates the will and the plan of God.

We were meant to live in companionship. The standard of that companionship is high, requiring mutual loyalty, respect and confidence. Let either party to the marriage covenant neglect or disregard this standard and he breaks asunder that which God has joined together.

The lenient laws of some states encourage disregard of marriage vows. Divorce is obtainable for trivial causes. Perhaps we need to get back to the clear and unvarnished statement of the seventh commandment.

Parables help to make clear for us the meaning of Jesus' teaching. So the Christian view of marriage is a parable or a parallel to the relationship one may attain with God through Christ and his Church. The intimacy and confidence of two joined together in their common endeavor is a happy symbol of the intimacy and confidence one may find in divine companionship.

Jesus' relation to the Father was through a complete union of spirit. His followers, in turn, began to marry themselves to the church. Cellardy of the clergy in some branches of the Christian church is based on that idea. Most of us, however, believe that marriage, divinely ordained, is

one beautiful means whereby we may know the joy and blessings of the greater union with God.

Wedding Bells

When a man decides against marriage, his motive is sometimes selfish. It is possible that his views of married life are similar to those expressed by the absent-minded justice who was performing a marriage ceremony.

The justice turned to the woman and asked, "Will you have this man for better or worse?"

Turning to the man, he absent-mindedly asked, "Have you anything to say as to why sentence should not be passed upon you?"

When a young woman decides against marriage, it is usually for a good reason. She may have family obligations. She may desire a business or professional career. It may be that Prince Charming has not come along.

The first thing to be said about marriage is that it is a divine institution.

The Church recognizes the sacredness of this institution. The minister says to the wedding guests:

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here, in the sight of God . . . to join this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which is an honorable estate, instituted by God.

Being a divine institution, marriage should take place at the altar of the church, and quite properly, a minister should perform the ceremony.

The second thing to be said about marriage is that it is for life.

"Wilt thou . . . forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her so long as ye both shall live?" asks the minister.

Two passages in the Gospels set forth Jesus' views on divorce. He says to the Pharisees in Matthew 19:1-11:

Hence a man shall leave his father and mother And cleave to his wife, And the pair shall be one flesh . . .

What God hath joined, then man must not separate. . . I tell you, whoever divorces his wife except for unchastity and marries another woman commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Strangely enough, Mark 10:1-2 the exception is omitted. According to Mark, Jesus made no provision at all for divorce. It is likely true that the statement in Mark's Gospel comes closer to the mind of Jesus with reference to divorce than does the one in Matthew. Jesus' standard is no divorce at all. When two persons are married, according to the standard of Jesus that union is made and sealed in heaven, and the seal must never be broken.

The third thing to be said is that Christian marriage is a co-operative plan.

"It is all right for the husband to joke about being the head of the house, but actually to think that he is is unfortunate. I have heard of a man who boasted in the presence of his wife that he was the head of the house. Not to be outdone, she replied, "You may be the head of the house if you please; but, if so, then I am the neck, and the neck always turns the head."

No item of family business can bring about more trouble than the management of the family purse. The family together should make the budget. That means that every member of the family knows what its income is and what its obligations are.

One last word: When you stood at the altar on the day of your wedding, the minister said these words:

I charge you both, as you



LOVELY JOAN FONTAINE wears a cover-up version of the dinner dress. Of pale blue chiffon, it features soft draping at the neckline and modified leg-o-mutton sleeves. A girdle of gold braid gives it an air of importance.

stand in the presence of God, to remember that love and loyalty alone will avail as the foundation of a happy home. If the solemn vows which you are about to make be kept inviolate, and if steadfastly you endeavor to do the will of your Heavenly Father, your life will be full of joy, and the home which you are establishing will abide in peace. What is your testimony, today? Have you kept those vows? Does the peace of God abide in your life and home?

A camel can drink 15 gallons of water at one time. It requires as much water as other animals of its size.

Mr. Ellington Is Making Picture

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work unique enough to have trouble finding just the right pigeon hole for it. It is a well known fact that Ellington's best records have been impromptu. They, the omnipotent, say that an Ellington composition goes something like this: Duke sits down at the piano, coaxes out a tune with a finger or two, the drummer gets the rhythm, begins to pick it up, Duke slides into it with both hands, dreaming at the keys till he has something, nods to the trombone to pick it up, tosses it to the sax and the band is off. They name it afterwards.

Duke himself tells about just such an arrangement of "Tiger Rag." It was on his first trip to London when the manager of the Palladium asked that the band play "Tiger Rag" because the king and queen were to be on hand and liked the number, thinking it typically American. The Britisher got off a crack about "the American tiger saluting the British lion" which he seemed to think was pretty good. Ellington grinned and got his hand together, told them they were going to give the British "Tiger Rag" all right but it would be a refined tiger. Waiting for curtain call they dished up a new arrangement, all muted brasses, dulcet trombones and rippling saxes, which they called "Whispering Tiger." The British were surprised but they clapped their hands off when they got their breath.

Orson Wells was the bright little boy who originally planned the Ellington picture but along about production time he went good-will touring to South America. It was hardly possible that Wells would carry through anything that wasn't all-Orson but it was still a good idea.

BIRTHS

- Rufus and Carrie Donnell, local hospital, boy, August 23.
- James and Emma Lee Grace, 210 Huffman street, girl, October 15.
- Jasper and Louetta Tate, 1711 Water street, boy, October 6.
- Robert and Margaret Jordan, 1111 East Washington street, boy, October 10.
- Olmstead Falls, O., with a population of 750, has 180 air raid wardens.

The Poet's Corner

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In order to encourage slavery, Camouflaged under freedom's name; I count their works but loss, Sin's defeat my spiritual gala. —William Malet Carpenter.

THE TOKAY WALTZ.

By the Gulf of Carpenteria. Where bright moonbeams gleam, My sweetheart waits for me, Near a winding stream; Soon I'll sail away. Beyond the horizon's glow, Where music and love abound, And mellow stars hang low. (Chorus)

Play the Tokay waltz, That charming love refrain. Like rare Albany wine; Play the Tokay waltz. When Renark stars are bright, And lovers dance and dine; Beside the Darling river. In a harem built for two, We'll quaff sweet Albany Tokay, Where midnight stars peep thru, As we listen to the Tokay waltz, Our love song of dreams come true. —William Malet Carpenter.

Ranch holdings almost the size of Rhode Island and Connecticut combined are fairly common in Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

CASH FARM INCOME IN U. S.

OPA-DATA

1939 1942 (Estimated)

Each coin = \$1,000,000,000

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FROM COAST TO COAST

ROYAL CROWN

2 full glasses 5¢

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T. C. HOYLE, Jr., Chairman, Guilford County Executive Committee