

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON

Sour Experiences.

"When Jesus, therefore, had received the vinegar..."

The brigands of Jerusalem had done their work. It was almost sundown, and Jesus was dying.

A WORLD OF AGONY

is compressed in the two words: "I thirst!" O skies, Judea, let a drop of rain strike on His burning tongue!

THE VINEGAR WAS AN INSULT.

I am disposed to adopt the theory of the old English commentators, who believed that instead of its being an oplate to soothe, it was vinegar to insult.

In some lives the saccharine seems to predominate. Life is sunshine on a bank of flowers. A thousand hands to clap approval.

A GRAVEL IN ALMOST EVERY SHOE.

An Arabian legend says that there was a worm in Solomon's staff, gnawing its strength away; and there was a weak spot in every cavalry support that a man leans on.

SOVEREIGNS GREATER THAN THE SWEETS.

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar." It is absurd to suppose that a man who has always been well can sympathize with those who are sick.

THE SOURNESS OF BEREAVEMENT.

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PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

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brightest crowns in heaven will not be given to those who, in stirrups, dashed to the cavalry charge, while the general applauded and the sound of clashing sabres rang through the land;

SOURNESS OF POVERTY.

Your income does not meet your outgoings, and that always gives an honest man anxiety. There is no sign of destitution about you—pleasant appearance, and a cheerful home for you;

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so chilly and so damp to go down the stairs of that vault. I don't want anything drawn so tightly over my eyes.

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PINKETON METHODS.

The Great Detective Talks of His Work and His Employes.

"We can train any young man and make a good detective of him if he is intelligent," said Robert Pinkerton to a St. Louis reporter.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1893. The Tabernacle.

LESSON TEXT. (Exod. 40: 1-16. Memory verses, 1-5)

LESSON PLAN.

TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: God's Covenant Relations with Israel.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest have good success whithersoever thou goest.—Josh. 1: 7.

LESSON TOPIC: Covenant Relations Promoted by the Sanctuary.

LESSON PLAN. Lesson 1. By its erection, vs. 1-5. Outline: 1. By its sacredness, vs. 9-11. 2. By its priesthood, vs. 12-16.

GOLDEN TEXT: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them.—Rev. 21: 3.

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.—Exod. 40: 1-16. God's directions for the tabernacle.

T.—Exod. 48: 17-28. Obedience concerning the tabernacle.

W.—Heb. 4: 14-16; 5: 1-14. Christ the great high-priest.

T.—Heb. 7: 1-38. Christ the great high-priest.

F.—Heb. 8: 1-13. The spiritual sanctuary.

S.—Heb. 9: 1-28. Spiritual sacrifices.

S.—Heb. 10: 1-25. Christ a sacrifice.

LESSON ANALYSIS. I. BY ITS ERECTION.

I. The Tent: The tabernacle of the tent of meeting (2).

The Tent shall be sanctified by my glory (Exod. 29: 43).

The tent of meeting, where I will meet with thee (Exod. 30: 36).

The cloud covered the tent of meeting (Exod. 40: 34).

The true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched (Heb. 8: 2).

II. The Laver: The laver between the tent of meeting and the altar (7).

Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, to wash withal (Exod. 30: 18).

They shall wash with water, that they die not (Exod. 30: 20).

Moses and Aaron and his sons washed thereat (Exod. 40: 31).

Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins (Acts 22: 16).

III. The Altar: The altar of burnt offering before the door (6).

Abraham... bound Isaac... and laid him on the altar (Gen. 22: 9).

Draw near unto the altar, and offer... thy burnt offering (Lev. 9: 7).

Thy burnt offerings... shall be accepted upon mine altar (Isa. 56: 7).

Manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself (Heb. 9: 26).

1. "The Lord spake unto Moses." (1) The supreme speaker; (2) The distinguished auditor; (3) The momentous messages.

2. "On the first day... shalt thou rear up the tabernacle." (1) The finished tabernacle; (2) The appointed uprearing; (3) The set day.

3. "The altar of burnt offering before the door." (1) The altar before the door; (2) The door beyond the altar. (1) The altar and its uses; (2) The door and its connections.

II. BY ITS SACREDNESS.

I. A Holy Sanctuary: Anoint the tabernacle... and it shall be holy (9).

I have prepared for the holy house (1 Chron. 29: 3).

Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for evermore (Psa. 93: 5).

The tabernacle which is called the Holy of holies (Heb. 9: 3).

Enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus (Heb. 10: 19).

II. A Holy Altar: The altar shall be most holy (10).

Whosoever toucheth the altar shall be holy (Exod. 29: 37).

They shall not come nigh unto... the altar (Num. 18: 3).

Whether is greater, the gift, or the altar? (Mat. 23: 19).

We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat (Heb. 13: 10).

III. A Holy Laver: Thou shalt anoint the laver... and sanctify it (11).

Ye were washed... ye were sanctified (1 Cor. 6: 11).

He saved us, through the washing of regeneration (Tit. 3: 5).

Let us draw near... having... our body washed (Heb. 10: 22).

They washed their robes... in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7: 14).

1. "Take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle." The anointing-oil: (1) Its composition; (2) Its uses; (3) Its symbolism.

2. "It shall be holy." (1) Ceremonial holiness and its means; (2) Absolute holiness and its means.

3. "The altar shall be most holy." (1) The structure of the altar; (2) The uses of the altar; (3) The sacredness of the altar.

III. BY ITS PRIESTHOOD.

I. Called: Thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons (12).

Take Aaron and his sons with him (Lev. 8: 2).

I have appointed thee a prophet unto the nations (Jer. 1: 5).

He is a chosen vessel unto me (Acts 9: 15).

No man taketh the honour unto himself (Heb. 5: 4).

II. Consecrated: Thou shalt anoint him, and sanctify him (13).

Thou... shalt anoint them, and consecrate them (Exod. 28: 41).

Speak... that they profane not my holy name (Lev. 22: 2).

Be ye clean, ye that bear the vessels of the Lord (Isa. 52: 11).

The bishop therefore must be without reproach (1 Tim. 3: 2).

III. Perpetuated: Their anointing shall be to them for an everlasting priesthood (15).

Gas lighting was introduced into New York in 1823-4.

The covenant of an everlasting priesthood (Num. 25: 13). Teaching them:... and lo, I am with you always (Matt. 28: 20). How shall they hear without a preacher? (Rom. 10: 14).

Appoint elders in every city (Tit. 1: 5).

1. "Wash them with water." Ceremonial washing; (1) How performed; (2) By whom administered; (3) By whom received; (4) For what purposes; (5) With what symbolism.

2. "The holy garments." (1) What they were; (2) By whom worn; (3) For what purposes.—(1) Clothing for the priesthood; (2) Symbolism for the saints.

3. "Thus did Moses." (1) Elaborate instructions; (2) Punctilious obedience.

LESSON BIBLE READING. THE TABERNACLE.

After a divine pattern (Exod. 25: 9; 26: 30; Heb. 8: 5).

Made from free gifts (Exod. 25: 1-8; 35: 4, 5, 21-29).

Workers divinely qualified (Exod. 31: 2-7; 35: 29-35).

Was a movable tent (2 Sam. 7: 6, 7).

Was God's meeting-place (Exod. 25: 8; 29: 42, 43).

Consecrated with oil (Exod. 40: 9; Lev. 8-10).

Purified with blood (Heb. 9: 21).

Filled with God's glory (Exod. 29: 43; 40: 34; Num. 9: 15).

Symbolic of Christ (Isa. 4: 6; Heb. 9: 8, 9, 11).

Symbolic of heaven (Heb. 6: 19, 20; 10: 19).

LESSON SUBROUNDINGS.

The free-will offering for the tabernacle having been brought in by the people, directions were given respecting the two men endowed and appointed for the artistic work (Exod. 35: 30 to 36: 1).

To these, and to their associates, the people were bringing further offerings every morning, when it was reported to Moses that already there was more than enough (36: 2-7) in hand.

From chapter 36: 8 to chapter 39: 42, there is the record of acts performed in the line of what had been enjoined in the pattern shown upon the mount (comp. chaps. 25-30). The exact order of the earlier chapters is not maintained, and some details are more specific than others.

In chapter 38: 25-31, there is found an account of the use made of the money raised by the half-shekel tax, which was levied upon each male Israelite "from twenty years old and upward." The value of the contributions of both kinds was enormous; and to this was added the skilled labor faithfully performed by those whom Moses blessed at the conclusion of their work (chap. 39: 43).

According to careful estimates, it would appear that the amount of gold was about a ton and a fifth; of silver, about four and a fifth tons; of bronze or copper, the biblical brass, nearly three tons. At the present time, fine gold is worth something over six hundred thousand dollars a ton, and fine silver nearly twenty-seven thousand dollars a ton. This would make an aggregate of the precious metals of about eight hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars. But as these figures are based upon the value of pure metal, and as it is unlikely that the metals in question were pure, a fair estimate of the value of the precious metals employed would be about three quarters of a million of dollars.

The place of the lesson narrative is in or near the camp at Sinai.

The time was shortly before the actual erection of the tabernacle, which took place "in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month" (v. 17). The length of time required to make the tabernacle and its appointments was, therefore, about six months.

A Blackhead Cure.

Blackhead is generally supposed to be a kind of skin worm, but this is a false idea. The truth is simply this: The skin, either from the lack of cleanliness or activity, or both, has failed to remove the waste materials from the pores, and the blackhead is formed from dirt adhering to the oily substance of the gland. I was recently explaining to a friend what blackheads were, he having some on his face, and he immediately exclaimed, "My face is not dirty." "No," I said "of course not, but do you use soap when you wash your face?" No, he did not. "And do you rub your face hard and dry after washing?" No, he did not; he thought rubbing would make the face red, and it was red enough now.

That is exactly why his face was red and sore with pimples. It had not been rubbed, for that process stimulates the circulation of the blood in these parts, which cause a healthy action of the skin and removes the waste matter from the glands.

What I have been trying to convey is just so sure as you use plenty of good soap and water and then rub your face hard until it is perfectly dry and smooth, once a day—but the oftener the sooner will the good results show—just so sure will you make great improvement in your complexion. Only rub a little carefully until you have toughened the skin and you will soon rubbing it will bear. Hard rubbing will make the skin as fine as silk, and to the touch it will feel like satin.

Frugal Even in Pleasure.

The story of the Cape Cod youth who spent a week in finding 10 cents on the street in Boston has brought the Listener another story of a Cape Cod boy who must have been a relative of that one. He happened to be visiting in Boston a good while ago on the Fourth of July, and went out on the Common to see the sights. He returned in an hour or two looking rather rueful.

"What's the matter, Silas?" he was asked.

"Gosh all hemlocks!" he exclaimed; "this is the most extravagant place I ever see."

"What has happened?"

"Wal, you know that quarter of a dollar you give me this morning?"

"Yes, Well?"

"Spent it, by hokey, all but 23 cents, slasdash for molasses cakes!"