

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON

Superfluities a Hindrance.

A man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty on each hand, and six on each foot...

Malformation photographed, and for what reason? Did not this passage slip in by mistake into the sacred Scriptures...

No use for giants now except to enlarge the income of museums. But there were many of them in olden times...

A dead giant. His stature did not save him, and his superfluous appendages of hand and foot did not save him...

A king of Poland abdicated his throne and joined the people, and became a porter to carry burdens...

Those who win the battles for the right, are ordinary people. Count the fingers of their right hand, and they have just five, no more and no less...

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Clear back in the country to-day there are mothers in plain aprons and dresses fashioned on a rough last by the shoemaker at the end of the lane...

They do the world's work, bearing the world's burdens, weeping the world's sympathies, carrying the world's consolation. Among lawyers, we see rise up a Rufus Choate, or a William Wirt...

profession, but what an unlimited sweep would pneumonia and diphtheria and scarlet fever have in the world if it were not for ten thousand common doctors...

Yet what do we see in all departments? People not satisfied with ordinary spheres of work and ordinary duties. Instead of trying to see what they can do with a hand of five fingers, they want six...

Ordinary equipment. be thankful for what they have and rightly employ it. I think you all have, figuratively as well as literally, fingers enough. Do not long for hindering superfluities...

A king of Poland abdicated his throne and joined the people, and became a porter to carry burdens. And some one asked him why he did so, and he replied: "Upon my honor, gentlemen, the load which I quit was by far heavier than the one you see me carry..."

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Shake hands all around. With the timid and for their encouragement, shake hands. With the troubled and in warm-hearted sympathy, shake hands...

Some German investigators have calculated their relative liability of injury to the eye, finding that if all parts of the body be equally exposed to injury...

try to break the will by proving that the old man was senile or crazy, and the expense of the litigation will about leave in the lawyers' hands what was meant for the American Bible Society...

Where do you walk? In what path of righteousness or what path of sin have you set it down? Where have you left the mark of your footsteps? Amid the petrifications in the rocks have been found the marks of the feet of birds and beasts...

Three women in rivalry about the appearance of the hand. And the one tendered her hand with berries, and said the beautiful tinge made hers the most beautiful tinge made her the most beautiful...

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where they were planted, but this arch of the foot is an adjustable arch, a yielding arch, a flying arch, and ready for movements innumerable. The human foot so fashioned as to enable man to stand upright as no other creature, and leave the hand that would otherwise have to help in balancing the body free for anything it chooses...

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1895.

Crossing the Jordan.

LESSON TEXT. (Josh. 3: 5-17. Memory verses, 5-6.)

LESSON PLAN.

TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: God's Promises Fulfilled.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: They failed not aught of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.—Josh. 21: 45.

LESSON TOPIC: Entering the Land. Lesson 1. Marching Orders, vs. 5-7. Outline: 1. Preparation, vs. 9-13. 2. Triumphant Entrance, vs. 14-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.—Isa. 43: 2.

DAILY HOME READINGS:

- M.—Josh. 3: 5-17. Entering the land. T.—Gen. 12: 1-10. Abram's entrance into Canaan. W.—Gen. 13: 1-18. Abram's settlement in Canaan. T.—Gen. 15: 1-21. Israel's settlement assured. F.—Exod. 3: 1-17. The dawn of deliverance. S.—Exod. 12: 29-42. The start for Canaan. S.—Heb. 3: 1-19. Hindered by unbelief.

LESSON ANALYSIS.

I. MARCHING ORDERS.

I. For the People: Sanctify yourselves (5). Sanctify them to-day and to-morrow (Exod. 19: 10). Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy (Lev. 20: 7). Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice (1 Sam. 16: 5). Gather the people, sanctify the congregation (Joel 2: 16).

II. For the Priests:

Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over (9). The sons of Kohath shall come to bear it (Num. 4: 15). The sons of Levi, which have the ark of the covenant (Deut. 31: 9). None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites (1 Chron. 15: 2). The Levites bear the ark of God upon their shoulders (2 Chron. 15: 15).

III. For the Leader:

Thou shalt command the priests... saying (8). Take the ark, and give him a charge in their sight (Num. 27: 18, 19). Call Joshua... that I may give him a charge (Deut. 31: 14). Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan (Josh. 1: 2). Only be strong and very courageous (Josh. 1: 7).

I. Sanctify yourselves: for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you. (1) The dawn of great events; (2) The call for suitable preparation.—(1) Man's duty; (2) God's purpose.

II. They took up the ark... and went before the people. (1) Its description; (2) Its history; (3) Its symbolism; (4) Its bearings; (5) Its position.

III. As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. (1) A reminder of past helplessness; (2) An assurance of help to come.

II. IMMEDIATE PREPARATION.

I. Assembled for Divine Instruction: Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God (9). Moses brought forth the people... to meet God (Exod. 19: 17). Assemble me the people, and I will make them hear my words (Deut. 4: 10). The multitude gazed upon him and heard the word (Luke 5: 14). We are all here present in the sight of God, to hear (Acts 10: 33).

II. Assured of God's Presence:

Ye shall know that the living God is among you (19). Thou art in the midst of this people (Num. 14: 14). The Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp (Deut. 23: 14). God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved (Psa. 46: 5). Fear thou not, for I am with thee (Isa. 41: 10).

III. Assured of Divine Help:

The waters of Jordan shall be cutoff; they shall stand in one heap (13). We will not fail thee, nor forsake thee (Deut. 32: 6). There shall not any man be able to stand before thee (Josh. 1: 5). When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee (Isa. 43: 2). The Lord is my helper; I will not fear (Heb. 13: 6).

III. TRIUMPHANT ENTRANCE.

I. The Overflowing River: Jordan overfloweth all its banks all the time of harvest (15). These... went over Jordan... when it had overflowed all its banks (1 Chron. 12: 15). The rivers shall not overflow thee (Isa. 43: 2). How wilt thou do in the pride of Jordan? (Jer. 12: 5). Like a lion from the pride of Jordan (Jer. 49: 19).

II. The Miraculous Cutting-Off:

The waters... were wholly cut off (16). The waters of Jordan shall be cut off (Josh. 3: 13). Elijah... smote the waters, and they were divided (2 Kings 2: 8). Jordan was driven back (Psa. 114: 3). What alleluia, thou Jordan, that thou turnest back? (Psa. 114: 5).

III. The Safe Crossing:

All Israel passed over on dry ground (17).

Israel came over this Jordan on dry land (Josh. 4: 22).

God dried up the waters... until ye were passed over (Josh. 4: 23). He went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho (Josh. 24: 11).

They too went over on dry ground (2 Kings 2: 8).

1. "And it came to pass." (1) The events foretold; (2) The events experienced.—(1) The marvelous foretelling; (2) The exact fulfilling.

2. "The waters... rose up in one heap." (1) The heaped-up waters; (2) The dried river-bed; (3) The dry-shod passage; (4) The faithful God; (5) The happy people.

3. "All the nation were passed clean over Jordan." (1) Who? (2) Whence? (3) Whither? (4) Why? (5) How?—(1) Fulfilling many promises; (2) Realizing great expectations.

LESSON BIBLE READING.

THE RIVER JORDAN.

I. Facts about the River: A boundary of Canaan (34: 12). Often overflowed (Josh. 3: 15; 1 Chron. 12: 15). Fordable at places (Josh. 2: 7; Judg. 12: 5, 6). Boats used upon it (2 Sam. 19: 18). Despised by foreigners (2 Kings 5: 12).

2. Facts about its Banks: Well wooded (2 Kings 6: 2). Very fertile (Gen. 13: 10). Infested with wild beasts (Jer. 49: 19; 50: 44). Yielded valuable earths (1 Kings 7: 46; 2 Chron. 4: 17). Let loose his horse there (Gen. 13: 11).

3. Events at the River:

Waters divided under Joshua (Josh. 3: 12-16; 5: 5). Waters divided under Elijah (2 Kings 2: 8). Waters divided under Elisha (3 Kings 2: 14). Waters healed Naaman (2 Kings 5: 10, 14). John baptized there in (Matt. 3: 6, 13, 19).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

After his formal commission as leader of the people, Joshua speedily issued an order for an advance across the Jordan "within three days" (Josh. 1: 10, 11). A special command was given to the tribes that were to occupy the region east of the Jordan. "The mighty men of valor" from these tribes were to form the advance guard in the movement of the invading host. To this order a willing response was given (Josh. 1: 13-18).

Spies were sent out to Jericho by Joshua. Probably this was done before the order for advance was issued, since the events of Chapter 2 cover more than three days. The story of Rahab is fully detailed,—not to justify her deception, but to show her faith, and also to indicate the terror produced by the threatened invasion of the Israelites.

The headquarters of the host had been for some time at Shittim,—an oasis east of the Jordan, in the plains of Moab (comp. Num. 25: 1). From this region Joshua led them to the Jordan, where the command to cross the river was issued (Josh. 3: 2-4). The place was at the Jordan, right against Jericho" (v. 16); the time of the lesson (except v. 3) was on the tenth day of the first month in the forty-first year after the exodus (Josh. 4: 19).

Moderns and Dr. Johnson.

After Goldsmith had written the Fears of Wakefield he rose considerable in the estimation of blunt old Dr. Johnson, who extolled the book to the skies. Goldsmith's natural modesty made the enthusiastic praise of his work exceedingly painful to him, and he invariably did his best in self-depreciation when his friend began sounding his praises.

Upon one occasion Johnson, Boswell, and Goldsmith were luncheon together in a Fleet Street chop-house, when an acquaintance of Johnson's entered, and approaching the group, grasped the doctor's hand, and asked him how he did.

"Sir," said the Doctor, with his accustomed courtesy, "I don't." Then turning toward Goldsmith, who was trying to hide behind a bottle of Worcester-shire-sauce, he roared out: "Mr. Robinson, permit me to introduce my friend Goldsmith. Goldsmith is the author of the Fears of Wakefield, you know."

"Indeed!" cried Robinson, with a pleased smile. "Are you the author of that delightful work?"

"No, no, sir, please, sir," replied Goldsmith, overcome with shame.

The effect of this reply upon Dr. Johnson may be better imagined than described.

Recovered Through a Dream.

The New London, Conn., Telegraph relates that a lady resident of that city lost her wedding ring. "She could not remember how it came to be lost, and she puzzled over its disappearance for several days. It was the last thing she thought of one night last week before retiring, and her rest was disturbed by a dream in which she saw the ring at a pawnbroker's. Next day she saw the pawnbroker on the street, and, remembering her dream of the night before, she described the ring to him and asked him to look over his collection to see if it was there. Sure enough, the first ring the pawnbroker laid his hand upon was the missing one, with the initials of the lady engraved inside."

To make a cherry-stain, mix together by stirring 1 quart of spirits of turpentine, 1 pint of japan, 1 pound of Venetian red ground in oil, and 2 ounces of dry burnt umber. Apply with a brush and wipe off with a cloth. Finish with 1 coat of shellac and 2 coats of varnish.

Mr. Edison, intends to utilize the pond of water which now separates his laboratory from his new phonograph factory. He will build a small ferry-boat to be run by electricity, and it will be run back and forth from the laboratory to the factory every half hour.

Mr. Babiana, a French scientist, claims to have discovered organs of sight in the vegetable growth called pandorina.