

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON:

Tough Things in the Bible.

"In which are some things hard to be understood." 11 Peter 3:16.

The Bible is the most common-sense book in all the world.

Hard thing the first. The Bible says the world was created in six days, while

geology says it was hundreds of thousands of years in process of building.

You are not compelled to believe that the world was made in our six days.

The Bible represents that light was created on Monday, and the sun was not created until Thursday.

THE STORY OF THE DELUGE

and Noah's ark. They say that from the account there it must have rained eight hundred feet of water each day in order that it might be fifteen cubits above the hills.

THE KEY TO THE FACTS.

This is the story of an eye-witness, Noah, his story incorporated afterward by Moses in the account.

Why did the deluge come? It came for the purpose of destroying the outrageous inhabitants of the then thinly-populated earth, nearly all the population, probably, very near the ark before it was launched.

It says "the windows of heaven were opened," it says, "all the fountains of the great deep were broken up."

THE SIZE OF THE ARK.

Instead of being a mud-scow, as some of these sceptics would have us understand, it was a magnificent ship, nearly as large as the Great Eastern, three times the size of an ordinary man-of-war.

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AN EYE-WITNESS.

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INSTINCT TO SEEK FOR SHELTER.

from the storm? However, nothing more than ordinary animal instinct was necessary.

IGNORANT INFIDELS.

do not know a window-pane from twenty windows. So if there is any criticism of the ark, there seems to be too much window for such a long storm.

JONAH AND THE WHALE.

Then there is the Bible statement that a whale swallowed Jonah and ejected him upon the dry ground in three days.

PERSIANS TELL ABOUT THE FLOOD

at the time of Ahirman, who so polluted the earth that it had to be washed by a great storm.

and his friends in a large vessel, and all outside of them were destroyed, and after a while the birds went forth, and they came back, and their claws were tinged with mud.

JOSHUA'S MIRACLE.

Another hard thing to be understood: The story that the sun and moon stood still to allow Joshua to complete his victory.

Infidel scientists declare that an impossibility. But if a man have brain and strength enough to make a clock, can he not start it and stop it, and start it again and stop it again?

THE VERACIOUS OF THEIR DAY. Just as you and I say the sun went down. The sun never goes down.

THE STEAMSHIP "EDAM."

She had lost her propeller. She had two hundred passengers on board. The merciful captain of the Persian Monarch endeavored to bring her in, but the tow-line broke.

THAT IS A CHRISTIAN.

that is a man who does all he can on the way crossing the sea to help others, coming, perhaps, through a very rough voyage into the harbor, there safe and safe forever.

THE DARK DAY.

Some of these aged men perhaps may remember it. It is known in history as the "Dark Day."

THE REJECTED SON.

He had yet one, a beloved son (6). He sent unto them his son (Matt. 21:37).

THE MURDEROUS PLOT.

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THE DOOM INCURRED.

They feared the multitude, and they left him (12). When your fear cometh as a storm (Prov. 1:27).

DEFEAT.

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Besides that, my friends, there is one word which explains the whole thing. It says, "The Lord prepared a great fish."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

SUNDAY APRIL 14, 1930. The Rejected Son.

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LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Jesus Finishing His Work.

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W.—Luke 20: 9-19. Luke's parable narrative.

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LESSON ANALYSIS.

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II. THE MESSANGERS.

He sent... that he might receive... of the fruits (2).

III. THE REJECTION.

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It fell; and great was the fall thereof (Matt. 7: 27). He will miserably destroy those miserable men (Matt. 21: 41).

LESSON BIBLE READING.

JESUS REJECTED. Rejection foretold (Psa. 2: 2, 3; Isa. 53: 3).

Rejection recorded (John 1: 10, 11; John 5: 43).

Illustrated in his personal ministry (Mark 10: 21, 22; Luke 9: 53; 19: 14; John 6: 66; 8: 39, 40; 19: 15; Acts 2: 22, 23).

Illustrated in his servants' ministry (Matt. 10: 14, 15; Acts 13: 45, 46; 17: 32, 33; 19: 9; 1 Cor. 1: 22, 23).

Penalty of rejection (Matt. 21: 41; Luke 19: 27; John 3: 18, 36).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The account of Mark (Mark 11: 11) plainly indicates that our Lord returned to Bethany on the evening of the triumphal entry to Jerusalem.

During that day he cleansed the temple (Mark 11: 15-18), the children shouting hosannas (Matt. 21: 15-17).

On the morning of the next day, after another night spent in Bethany, the fig-tree was noticed as withered away.

The incident explained (Mark 11: 19-20). Matthew combining the events of the two mornings (Matt. 21: 18-22).

With the entrance into the temple on this (third) day, there began a series of controversies, of which the lesson forms a part.

The rulers began the attack by asking our Lord his authority, doubtless referring to the cleansing of the temple.

This assault was defeated by a counter-question in regard to the baptism of John.

The inability to reply proved that the cavaliers had no moral right to challenge his authority (Mark 11: 27-33).

Matthew adds at this point the parable of the two sons, which was applicable to the reception given to the Baptist (Matt. 21: 28-32).

Then comes the parable of the lesson. The place was the temple, probably in the court of the Israelites.