

The Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "A Mediterranean Voyage." Fringed and Fringed.

TEXT: "And so it came to pass that they escaped all safe to land." Acts xviii, 44. Having visited your historical city...

Great consternation comes on crew and passengers. The sea monsters sport in the foam, and the billows buffeting and gleed of destruction...

I think that I had seen storms on the sea before, but all of them together might have come under one wing of that cyclone...

There were about five hundred and fifty passengers in the steership, and as the water rushed in and touched the furnaces...

At his mother's knee, and against that iniquitous brow once pressed a pure mother's lips...

And yet, notwithstanding all the danger, my text says that Paul escaped safe to land. And it will always be with God's children...

Some times there comes a storm of commercial disaster. The cables break. The masts fall. The cargoes are scattered over the sea...

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If God will permit, I will sink it here and now. By a thousand shipwrecks, I swear the doom of this vessel!

Meanwhile the ocean became phosphorescent. The whole scene looked like fire. The water dripping from the rigging...

The night was long. At last we saw the dawn upon a hillow, though it may be the olden time, in the fourth watch of the night...

It grew lighter. The clouds were hung in purple clusters along the sky, and as if those purple clusters were pressed into red wine...

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Owing to the spread of foot and mouth disease among the cattle in Germany, the chief milk establishments in Berlin...

Her Work.

How much one person can accomplish when in real earnest is beautifully shown in an article from 'The Youth's Companion'...

About thirty years ago a young girl in a Western city was given charge of a Sunday school class of rough boys...

The lowest American secretly believes himself to be a gentleman, and in a moment every hat was off...

Some of the members of her first class were her efficient helpers for twenty years in all 'river work'...

Singularly, these efforts are more common in cities than in the smaller towns and villages, where everybody knows everybody...

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 1920. The Temple Dedicated.

LESSON TEXT. (Kings 8 : 54-63. Memory verses, 54, 63.)

LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Prosperity and Adversity.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.—2 Chron. 25 : 6.

LESSON TOPIC: The Joys of a Full Consecration.

LESSON OUTLINE: 1. Praise, vs. 54-56. 2. Prayer, vs. 57-60. 3. Offerings, vs. 61-63.

GOLDEN TEXT: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.—Heb. 2 : 20.

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.—1 Kings 8 : 54-63. Joys of a full consecration.

T.—2 Sam. 7 : 1-17. Solomon to build the temple.

W.—1 Chron. 29 : 1-19. David's preparation for the temple.

T.—1 Kings 5 : 1-18. Hiram's help on the temple.

F.—1 Kings 6 : 1-22. Building the temple.

S.—1 Kings 6 : 23-38. Building the temple.

S.—1 Kings 8 : 1-21. Dedicating the temple.

LESSON ANALYSIS. I. PRAISE.

1. The Dedication Completed: He arose from before the altar of the Lord (84).

Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent (Exod. 40 : 33, 34).

David... brought up the ark... with shouting (2 Sam. 6 : 15).

Upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees (2 Chron. 6 : 13).

And the glory of the Lord filled the house (2 Chron. 7 : 1).

II. The People Blessed: He stood, and blessed all the congregation (55).

Moses... blessed the children of Israel (Deut. 33 : 1).

David... blessed the people in the name of the Lord (2 Sam. 6 : 18).

III. The Lord Praised: Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest (56).

Praising and thanking the Lord (2 Chron. 5 : 13).

They... worshipped, and gave thanks unto the Lord (2 Chron. 7 : 3).

Whoso offereth... thanksgiving glorifieth me (Psa. 50 : 23).

It is good to sing praises... praise is comely (Psa. 147 : 1).

"Solomon had made an end of praying... (1) The great occasion; (2) The royal petitioner; (3) The heartfelt prayer.

"He stood, and blessed all the congregation." (1) Solomon's attitude; (2) Solomon's auditors; (3) Solomon's utterance.

"There hath not failed one word of all his good promises." (1) God's promises; (2) God's fidelity.—(1) No failure; (2) Complete fulfillment.

IV. PRAYER. I. For God's Presence: Let him not leave us, nor forsake us (57).

He will not leave thee, until I have done that (Gen. 28 : 15).

He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee (Deut. 31 : 6).

Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken (Psa. 37 : 25).

Himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee (Heb. 13 : 5).

II. For God's Help: That he maintain the cause of his servant (59).

Heard thou in heavens... and maintain their cause (1 Kings 8 : 45).

Maintain their cause; and forgive thy people (2 Chron. 6 : 39).

Thou hast maintained my right and my cause (Psa. 9 : 4).

The Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted (Psa. 140 : 12).

III. For God's Glory: That all the peoples... may know that the Lord, he is God (60).

That all... may know the hand of the Lord (Josh. 4 : 24).

That all... may know that there is a God in Israel (1 Sam. 17 : 46).

That all... may know thy name, to fear thee (1 Kings 8 : 43).

That he might make his mighty power to be known (Psa. 106 : 8).

He shall offer it without blemish (Lev. 3 : 1). Whether will I offer burnt offerings...

With precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish (1 Pet. 1 : 19).

1. "Let your hearts therefore be perfect with the Lord our God." Heart culture: (1) Its necessity; (2) Its standard; (3) Its help.

2. "As at this day." (1) Present devotion recognized; (2) Continuous devotion sought.

3. "So the King... dedicated the house of the Lord." (1) The givers; (2) The giving; (3) The gift.—Dedicated (1) To whom? (2) By whom? (3) How? (4) Why?

LESSON BIBLE READING. SOLOMON'S TEMPLE. Location (1 Chron. 21 : 28-30 ; 22 : 1 ; 2 Chron. 3 : 1).

Proposed by David (2 Sam. 7 : 2 ; 1 Chron. 22 : 7).

Prepared for by David (1 Chron. 22 : 3-5 ; 29 : 3-5).

Built by Solomon (2 Sam. 7 : 12, 13 ; 1 Chron. 22 : 6, 7, 11).

Work in progress (1 Kings 5 : 13-18 ; 2 Chron. 3 : 2, 3).

A noiseless work (1 Kings 6 : 7).

Uses (2 Chron. 5 : 1 ; 7 : 12 ; 1Sa. 56:7).

Honored (1 Kings 6 : 12, 13 ; 8 : 10 ; 2 Chron. 7 : 3).

Symbolism (John 2 : 19-21 ; 1 Cor. 3 : 16 ; 6 : 19 ; Eph. 2 : 20-22).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS. INTERVENING EVENTS.—The "judgment of Solomon" (1 Kings 3 : 16-25) seems to have immediately followed the last lesson...

The building of Solomon's temple, as an evidence that God had given him wisdom. Chapter 4 gives details respecting the kingdom, its greatness and resources...

Chapter 5, followed in chapter 6 by a description of the actual construction of the edifice. By anticipation the building of Solomon's own house is next described (1 Kings 7 : 1-12)...

The entire eighth chapter is devoted to the incidents in connection with the dedication of the temple. The lesson in an account of the closings ceremonies. The leading men assembled: the ark is brought to its final resting-place; the glory of the Lord fills the house (vs. 1-11)...

Solomon speaks to the people, formally blessing them (vs. 12-21); he then offers a remarkable prayer, full of adoration, supplication, and humble devotion, recorded in verses 23-53.

"PLACE.—Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, 'before the altar of the Lord,' at the east front of the sanctuary. The king stood on a scaffold elevated above the court where the assembly of the people were (2 Chron. 6 : 13).

TIME.—In the twelfth year of Solomon's reign (B. C. 1004, or 1006 according to others), the seventh month.

PERSONS.—Solomon and the great congregation. INCIDENTS.—The king rises from prayer; he blesses the people; they offer numerous sacrifices, thus dedicating the house of the Lord.

PARALLEL PASSAGE.—2 Chronicles 7 : 1, 4-6.

OUR SCRAP BASKET.

The latest Parisian novelty in gloves, has a small purse inserted in the palm wherein women can carry their railway tickets and small coins.

An Eiffel tower in diamonds which has been on exhibition in Paris, may be expected in America soon. It has been purchased for exhibition in this country.

Ex-Empress Eugenie, will spend the winter at Naples. Isabella the Ex-Queen of Spain, has entered her 60th year, in good health and spirits.

A home is never perfectly furnished for enjoyment unless there is a child in it rising three years old, and a kitten rising six weeks.—Southey.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.—The recent discovery that a "nickel and slot" machine was in use in the ancient Egyptian temples confirms the saying that "there is nothing new under the sun." It appears that in those days the holy water was not free to all, but was kept in a closed vessel. When the sum of five drachme was dropped into the top, a valve opened and allowed a small quantity of the sacred liquid to flow out, after which it automatically closed to wait the arrival of the next customer. This device was first referred to in the "Spirituals" of Hiero, published in the Seventeenth century.

Never dispute with a man over seventy years of age, nor a woman nor an enthusiast.

The first assisted Italian immigrant to this country was a person named Christopher Columbus.—Pack.

By the aid of the artist's brush sash curtains of scrim are made very effective. Nasturtiums are showy, and concholi lovely upon these inexpensive hangings.

WORDS DIFFERENTLY USED.—Englishmen and Americans use many words differently, but "dirt" and "schedule" are the two words that commonly bear the same meaning in both countries.

In this country, the former a meaning, the latter a pronunciation, "different" is an invariable English usage. An Englishman says "shedule." So did the late Stephen A. Douglas, by the way but did any other American ever pronounce it thus? And no Englishman says "dirt" when he means earth. "A vile phrasit" it is, too. "Fill it up with dirt," "take the dirt road," etc., etc. "Dirt wanted," can or could be read in big letters on a sign erected over some vacant lots in Philadelphia.

NO MAN OR WOMAN OF THE humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without the world being the better for it.

The expression "the long and short of it" is never better understood than when a man longs for money when he is short of it.