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LAYMAN WAS FIRST MARTYR

"Death of Stephen" Subject of International Sunday School Lesson

The International Sunday School Lesson for March 5 is "The Death of Stephen.—Acts 7:1 to 8:3.

(By William T. Ellis.)

All sorts of honors have come to laymen in the long history of the Christian Church. Their greatest distinction, however, is that the first crown of Christian martyrdom was laid on the brow of a layman. Deacon Stephen led that long procession of martyrs which has extended through the centuries from Jerusalem to Armenia and which has held priests and laymen, women and children.

Although he was only a layman, Stephen was singularly popular in the early Church. Immediately after the experience of the last lesson, Dr. Luke's story proceeds to tell of the ministry of Stephen. One pregnant phrase pictures him, "Stephen full of grace and power. There is your model layman: strength plus charm; power with poise—small wonder the community could not withstand him. We may outargue a man's wisdom, but we cannot reason down the grace of his life. The sweetness and flavor of holiness are not a special perquisite of the ministry but are meant to flower in the lives of the lay, even in the Stephen of old. We can imagine how the hearts of the apostles exulted as they contemplated the growth in grace of the new Deacon.

When Might Gets After Right

Unable to withstand the wisdom and the spirit by which Stephen spoke when his gospel was challenged the Jews resorted to that stupid old trick of the strong throughout all ages—they tried to crush him by power. Adopting the same ruse in the case of the Stephen of today, they bribed witnesses to make charges of blasphemy against Stephen and carried him before the Sanhedrin.

The ordeal was no easy one for this ministering layman. To be taken from his lowly tasks of service to face the very tribunal that had crucified his Lord, we should not be surprised had he been afflicted with consternation and fear. On the contrary, this seems to have been the experience that brought Stephen to his height. In the heart of the storm that raged about him he was in complete peace. "All that sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." Like Moses, Stephen knew not that his face shone, but this "solar look," as Joseph Cook calls the radiance of the face which comes only from nobility of soul, preached for Stephen as effectively as his own lips could do.

Still when the high priests challenged him, "Are these things so?" Stephen was ready with an answer that is one of the longest sermons in the New Testament.

A Layman's Sermon

This is the day of the preaching layman. Ten thousand of him are at work all over the land speaking in conventions and conferences and churches and schools. What a wonderful work these laymen are doing! They do not aspire to fill the preacher's place, but they supplement his ministry. Their exemplar in this was Stephen who, he needed no other school, the school of the rabbis, was able to make answer concerning the faith that was in him.

Most of Stephen's sermon is a rehearsal of the fact that the mission history. He told the story of the dealings of God with man. Perhaps if there were less abstract philosophy and more concrete telling of the great story that we find between the covers of our Bible, there would be more convincing sermons. Nothing is more impressive on the mission field than the fact that the missionaries do not argue or contend; they chiefly tell the story and that story is winning the world.

Like a good preacher, Stephen fought common ground with his hearers, even though he had to go clear back to Mesopotamia. He got to the application in good time, and it certainly was not remote; for hard upon the heels of a straight quotation from Scripture he made the application:

"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? and they killed them that showed before of the coming of the Righteous One; of whom ye have now become betrayers and murderers; yet who received the law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not."

When Aristocrats Became a Mob
Most of us have seen at sometime or other a cultivated man lose his poise and return to the primitive. The sight is not a pretty one. That is what happened with the Sanhedrin. Those learned and revered doctors of the law, clothed in robes of state and dignity, began to gnash

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their teeth like an unrestrained rabble. Imagine the flower of the aristocracy of the Hebrew nation becoming a howling mob, crying with a loud voice, stopping their ears and rushing upon saintly-faced Stephen, and hustling him outside the city walls, where they began to stone him to death.

By the way, there is a gate in the present city of Jerusalem called "St. Stephen's Gate," and there are hosts of great churches over the world bearing St. Stephen's name; the most notable of these being the cathedral at Vienna. But I do not recall any gates or churches or pillars or ruins named after these members of the Sanhedrin, who thought themselves so great. They had power, but it was only for a day. Alas, that the custodian of eternal truth so often falls into the hands of the local potentate with the power to slay. Luke, who was an artist and knew how to bring out his contrasts, pauses in his description of the fury of the Sanhedrin to show again the serene figure of Stephen who, "being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly unto heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

A Glimpse of Glory

I once heard Moody say, in a sermon on this text, that Stephen saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God, because the Lord of glory could not remain seated on His throne while a beloved disciple was going forward to martyrdom in His name.

Our imagination is stirred by the consideration of what Stephen beheld through the opening windows of heaven. Various eschatological questions arise, but we brush them aside to recall chiefly that it was Jesus Himself whom Stephen saw. The ineffable glory of the eternal kingdom seemed not worth speaking about when he could hold in full view his risen Lord, for whose sake he was rejecting to die.

"The bride eyes not her garment, I will not gaze at glory; But on my King of grace; Not at the crown he giveth, But on his pierced hand; The Lamb is all the glory Of Emmanuel's land."

Some of the commentators suggest that Stephen doubtless knew Jesus on earth; that he must have been one of the seventy sent out by the Master, and so he recognized Him in heaven. The point counts for little. There is not a disciple of Christ in all the millions since who has not instantly recognized his Lord when the gates of glory open to him. There will be no need for introductions to the Lover of our souls.

I know it is out of fashion in these days to talk too much about heaven, but the comfort that came to Stephen as the rocks of hate pounded against his flesh and crashed into the shining face was the comfort of a real heaven and a living Christ. This was his encouragement to pray in the Spirit of Christ he saw, and so long as there was a vestige of his features left beneath that storm of stones, there was still the shining of the reflected light of the soul of him who was true unto death.

Victory by Defeat.

Great as was Stephen's sermon, his martyrdom was greater. The picture is one that the world would not lose from its memory; for Christ's man died in Christ's way. At the very last, even as when he had walked in ministry among the poor and lowly, Stephen reminded people of his Master. His last words were like those of his Lord—"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit," and "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"—an echo of Calvary's "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

This parallel in the two death scenes must have set all Jerusalem by the ears. "Behold, how these Christians die" was on many a lip, and even the stern implacability of the Sanhedrin must have been shaken as they saw a faith that martyrdom could not blot out; the light shone the brighter for the wind that blew upon it.

The Man Who Held the Coats
There are strange links in history. Stephen's was not the only apparent defeat that led to a real victory. Most zealous among the mob of the murderers was a young man named Saul, an aristocratic Pharisee of the stricter sect. It is not recorded of him that he lost control of himself as the Sanhedrin must have been shaken as they saw a faith that martyrdom could not blot out; the light shone the brighter for the wind that blew upon it.

conversion to the faith for which he died.

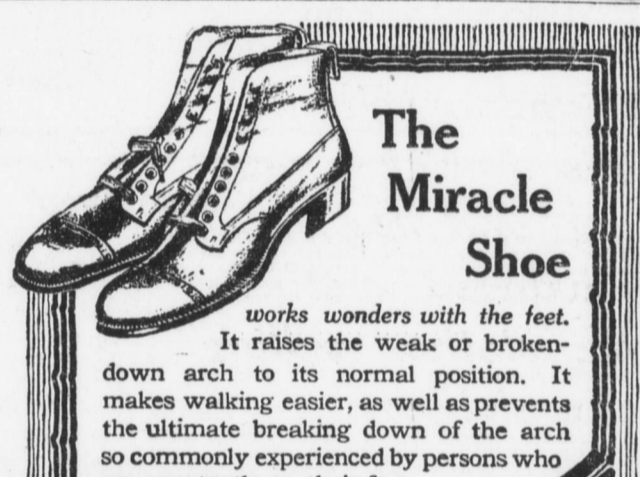
Most of the Christians were driven out of Jerusalem by this persecution, and they went walling over Stephen's path, but even as they waited they testified. They went everywhere preaching the Gospel. In his death Stephen accomplished more than in his life. The fury of persecution tested the infant Church and challenged her faith. Tens of thousands of Christians in this same land have within less than a year been forced to face for the first time the question "Is my Christianity worth dying for?" Hundreds of thousands of corpses of slain Armenians make answer in the affirmative.

WITNESS IN MURDER TRIAL

Among the witnesses who have been called to Pittsburgh to testify in the murder trial of Aaron Fell for the murder of Mrs. Caroline Flaccous Viehmer is H. F. Gamber, a clerk at the Columbus Hotel. Fell's defense is an alibi as he contends he was in this city attending a poultry show on the date of the crime.

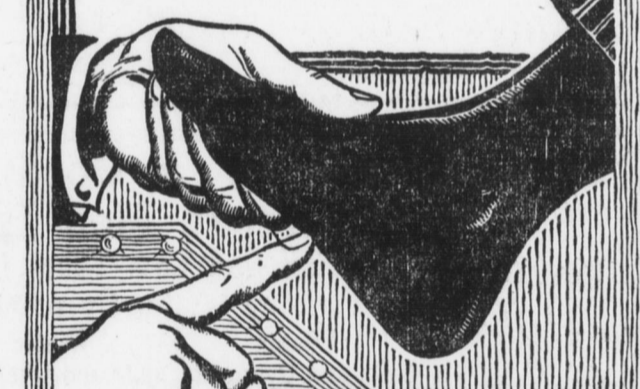
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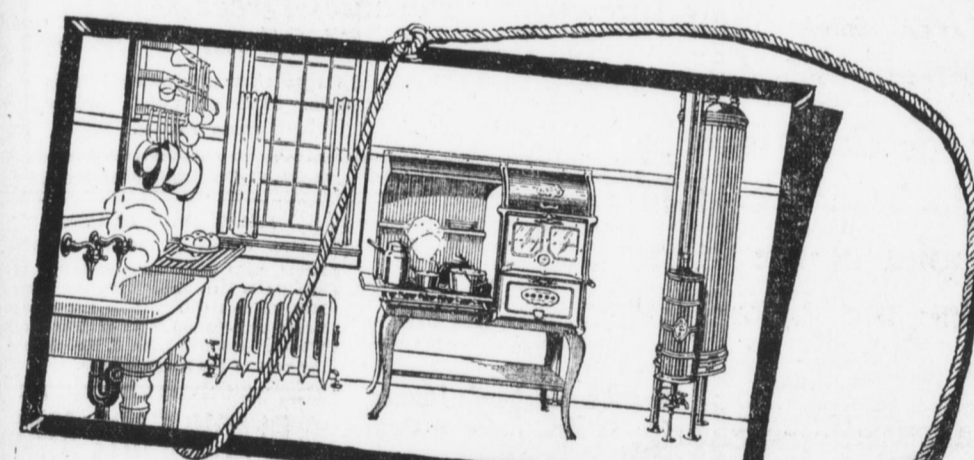
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