

ONE GREAT ISSUE OF THE WAR

The International Sunday School Lesson For September 2 Is "The Shepherd of Captive Israel." Ezekiel Chapter 34.

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Curiously, the most modern utterances upon present social phenomena are not to be found within the pages of present-day philosophers, but in an old, old book. One almost jumps to the general reader, as this chapter form a book written five hundred years before the beginning of the Christian era, and now made the subject of study of the Sunday schools of the world. All observers of the trend of the times have been longing for some great and pertinent utterance that will call the leaders of the people to a sense of their responsibility. It has almost seemed as if this war is to develop great soldiers and economists and administrators, but no great prophets.

Now we find that the word has been spoken, and spoken blisteringly, in pictorial and unsparing language. There is enough terrific truth, thrust home to the present minute, in this chapter to send every teacher and writer and preacher into grave executive session with himself; and to call for special conferences for self-examination and confession on the part of all the religious leaders on the continent. Here is the great truth for this very day, spoken by one whose motives will not be mistrusted, and who will not be set aside as a sensationalist and a radical. Ezekiel's position is too well established to be shaken by the man who would escape the application of the message by attempting to discredit the messenger.

The Failure of Shepherds

The present failures of our Christian civilization are due to failures of our moral and religious leaders. Let us not mince words here. Shallowness, materialism, sensuality, pleasure-lost, ruthless selfishness in economic relations, political perfidy, and the plight of the poor, may not be excused as a responsibility of these men who set moral and social standards. Our generation has lacked supremely in faithful shepherds, who are nowadays called preachers and teachers and authors and editors, and publicists. The high, stern, challenging note has been missing from the spoken and written word, generally speaking.

Suppose we press the point further, before quoting an extract from Ezekiel, in conversation among themselves, religious leaders, who freely admit that the ministry has never before been so manifestly treated as a "job" a means of livelihood, as today. So also with the teaching profession. We are busy with schemes of pensions and minimum salaries and with the salaries they can command. Ecclesiastical concerns themselves more with the business end of the church and her employed officers than with the living souls that are the welfare of the spirits and bodies of the people. Of course there are a multitude of noble exceptions; but what honest and informed person will deny that professionalism is the blight of moral and religious leadership today? When a real prophet is found in the ministry he is likely to be made a bishop or a board secretary, where he will indeed have desperate times saving his own soul.

A newspaper would scarcely dare print what follows, lest it seem to be criticizing the preachers, save that the words are taken from the Bible itself. Note the recurrence of the words "ye" and "I" and "thy" and "thine." Hear now what said the faithful prophet of God twenty-five hundred years ago:

"Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the sheep? Ye eat the fat, ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fattlings; but ye feed not the sheep. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought back that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and rigor have ye ruled over them. And they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the beasts of the field, and were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill; yea, my sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and there was none that did search or seek after them."

"Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah: As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, surely forasmuch as my sheep became a prey, and my shepherds did not seek for them, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my sheep; therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah: Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and will require my sheep at their hands, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them."

I am writing these words in the city of Peking, China, which for ten days has been in the throes of an attempt to restore the Manchu monarchy. The period has been one of the saddest of my life, for it is a heart-breaking thing to see an ancient nation, with four hundred millions of people, facing the greatest crisis of its history, the one that may determine its very existence as a national entity, without a single thought on the part of anybody, so far as apparent, for the welfare of the nation and the people. It is all self-interest gone to seed. Force and leadership are totally lacking not a man having lifted his head above the horizon, simply because the shepherd instinct is lacking among public men. Official position is deemed by everybody merely an opportunity for personal gain and aggrandizement. Politics and graft have run their full course, until there seems to be no conviction in high places, no sense of national responsibility, no passion of patriotism. China's shepherds have failed here. On every hand I see pitiable evidences of abject conservatism, of safety and goods, but where there is evidence of anybody's agonizing for this great mass of people. Evidence is not lacking that the western nations are being shaken into a new social solicitude by the world war. If this holocaust results in the universal dominance of concern for the welfare of all men and conditions of men, then it will have been worth all its cost. Human betterment is a goal of God. However faithless human shepherds may be, Jehovah sleeplessly strives to bring to pass good for mankind. There is

neglects to quote it where it puts him in wrong. Peace Talk—pink pabulum for pale "patriots." Sedition—one of the fine arts practiced by the pro-German press of America. Bluff—a German name for American valor; also, a steep headland, such as precipitated certain swine

into the sea and destroyed them. Freedom of the Press—a license to vilify America and get away with it; to abuse a generous confidence. Status Quo Ante—A German quack medicine to relieve the patient of artillery sclerosis; made only in Berlin. Boche—a butcher; disqualified by law for (international) jury duty. Kaiserism—a disease requiring certain powerful powders and pellets to eliminate.

Autocracy—the right to do as you please, and ask a blessing on it. See Me and Gott. D.S. Jordan—a doctor of something; one who pours peace drugs of which he knows little into bodies politic of which he knows less. (Apologies to M. Voltaire.) Submarine—an American invention perfected in Germany, and per-

verted into a tool for the murder of women and children. Hell—a "Made in Germany" trademark. —By Thomas Addison of the Vigilantes. ROOSTER THINKS HE IS HEN Kansas City.—John B. Bales thinks

his rooster is carrying mutual independence of sexes entirely too far. The rooster has been sitting for the last two weeks on two eggs, laid by friend hen before leaving for the first line feed trough. And he has the technique absolutely pat; he sits as if he were born to the job. When the time comes to

feed he leaves the nest, stays the right time and returns to the task of warming his potential offspring. "My wife and I have been keeping chickens ever since we went to housekeeping," said Bales, "but this is the first rooster I ever had that took it into his head he was a hen."

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