

FLOWERS IN THE TRENCHES

International Sunday School Lesson For June 23 Is "Jesus Triumphant Over Death" — Mark 16:1-20

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Over in France there is a battered trench that has a permanent place in my memory. It is possibly a mile long; it seems much longer, because of the rough fragments of slippery limestone that cover its bottom, and because it winds over a hill. Possibly, also, the fact that it was under bombardment every time I traversed it may have heightened the impression of its length. Not primarily, though, because of its heaps of shell debris, or of its battered edges, or of the roar of bombardment, will I remember this particular trench. I remember it because it led to the scene of a brilliant victory by our troops, and partly because of the flowers which bloomed luxuriantly on its edges, this trench stands out from all others that I have known.

I named it in my mind the Trench of the Promise of Peace. It is a symbol of life after death, of victory amid battle. Clustering thickly upon the adges of this battle-torn high-way grew the sumptuous, fragrant violets of France, in gorgeous patches. Besides them blossomed the delicate hepaticas and clump of anemones. Never have wild flowers

seemed more beautiful or significant. They reckoned not of the reign of death and destruction that fell all about them. Huge shells might blast the sides of the trench, but the flowers heeded them not at all. From the woodland there also crept softly down over the scarred sides of this stony trench the lovely green leaves of the ground ivy.

Nature was setting her seal of assurance and of permanent reality upon the scene of conflict. After war's woe had ended, the scars will be covered by the kindly processes of springtime. The upspringing life of the earth will win the victory over all the signs of man's strife. Enduring beyond the worst that the heavy artillery can do is the beauty of the wild flower. God's pledge of peace and resurrection. After death comes life. The flower is more potent than the big gun shell. The trench is not the end, but only an episode.

Flowers From the Battlefield

As that one particular spot in the extended battlefield is typical of a great and beneficent principle, so the war itself has come to represent, in the minds of most of us, a constructive, rather than a destructive force. We see that the conflict is not an end. It is a process, a way out. Terrible as are many of its aspects, it nevertheless attracts a great deliverance from an old and intolerable order. Only because we regard it as the purging fire of a just and beneficent and far-reaching God, to whom the right is more precious than peace, can we be reconciled to this overwhelming tragedy. Beyond the portals of this death lies a spiritual and national resurrection for the peoples of the earth. Humanity is now undergoing a great and terrible becoming. This is the faith that sustains the world—and puts an adequate motive into all our enduring and sacrificing and suffering. It is the flower of the resurrection truth blooming amid the war-blasted trenches.

An observer returns from the battlefields, filled with the glory of the new life that is coming to our men over there, and he finds something of the same experience befalling here also. Life is being lifted up to a new level. Cowardice and craven selfishness and petty indulgence are out of fashion. Helpfulness and cheerfulness and sympathy and brave self-denial have become the vogue. Large considerations of patriotism and of world interest have caught up countless lives that once seemed small and ennobled them into newness. Both at home and among the troops, hearts have become tenderer and more comradely. Fellowship and brotherhood have been won to a degree surpassing the dreams of the sociologist of a decade ago. We have seen the sanctifying power of a great experience, a great purpose and a great hope. Human hearts have become plastic, and so, consequently, has the world's existing order of things. Is not all

this a foregleam of the power of the resurrection principle in life?

Making Death Glorious

In Britain and France I was overwhelmed to find that practically everybody had suffered a personal bereavement in the war. Countless family lines have been cut off. Entire shop windows would hold only mourning weeds. One great motive operating against a premature or craven peace is unwillingness to let the brave dead have died in vain. These myriads of the fallen are a new fact in all of our thinking. They are with us as a force to inspire and to restrain. The flower of our life is blooming somewhere beyond the grave.

Without controversy or discussion or theological debate, this war has brought an immeasurable reinforcement to the truth of the resurrection. In the presence of unparalleled sorrow, we have simply waived aside speculations and negations, and assurance concerning the future life. It seems as if the world has quietly assented to the conviction which resides as a great hope in every normal breast, and which is so clear a teaching of Scripture that it must be accepted unless all revealed religion be rejected that our dead shall live again. The risen Christ shines above the horizon of our minds in new majesty. Soldiers on the battlefield are confident that death does not end all. Is it too much to assert that this war has revealed a new glory in death, as well as a new shame in mere self-preservation? That our noblest achievement of existence may be a heroic death is almost an axiom today. Our former dread of death has passed away. Soldiers are not afraid to die; that is one of war's most interesting phenomena. I found the feeling general among men in action, up where the missiles of death made incessant music, that they gave no thought to death. Once I walked heavily bombarded trench with a lad who talked of other things entirely than the shells falling about us. We are becoming interested in more important things than the mere prolongation of life—such as honor and righteousness and human service. All our old conception of the aim and end of existence are being revised. Our goals are now more godlike; and we think beyond the grave.

Breaking An Old Enemy's Power

Among the soldiers it seems as if, almost unconsciously, a sense of the supremacy of righteousness and liberty and justice has effaced all petty considerations of personal safety. They look upon the war as God's task for them; and as part of His own big business in the universe. He has gone forth to make straight forever some things that were crooked in this earth. In the breaking of the power of arrogance and might and selfishness and injustice, he necessarily pays a price. In the lives of those who serve Him. But He recompenses them, now and eternally. The battlefield creed may be called that of the "larger hope." The soldier may march stumblingly, but he knows he is going the way of the cross; and he is sure of the resurrection morning. His faith is pinned to the very nature of God, as he has learned it in the character of Jesus.

Rules For Sending War Prisoners Mail

Washington. — The rules governing letters sent to prisoners of war in the central empires should be closely followed, according to a bulletin just issued by the American Red Cross. This bulletin and the arrangements made by the Red Cross to deliver letters to Americans who may be in the central empires, brings home to the people that some of their soldier boys are being sent to German and Austrian prison camps. The letter should be addressed with the name of the man, his number and rank if any, his regiment and company and the prison camp in which he is held.

On the upper right-hand corner should appear "American Prisoner of War Mail, Post Free." On the lower left-hand corner must appear the words "Via New York." These letters should be mailed in the usual way. They should be written on one side only, of not more than two sheets of paper. The same rules apply to letters to allied prisoners in Germany, except that the words "Allied Prisoner" instead of "American Prisoner" must appear. If there is money to be sent, it must go through the Bureau of American Prisoners' Relief American Red Cross, Washington, D. C. The same applies to checks, drafts, or postal orders. They are to be drawn to the order of the American Red Cross and sent in the same way.

Because of the overcrowding of the mails and also because there is no way of safely checking the identity of individual prisoners, the sending of parcels to allied prisoners from this country is not deemed advisable. If, however, persons would like to do so, money may be sent to the Bureau of Prisoners' Relief, and it will arrange with some recognized society in England or France to purchase the parcels and forward them.

seances or diluted and scented Hinduism. While she has lost much of her Christianity, Great Britain holds the truth of a living and risen Christ—and of an eternal life with Him. There is sorrow everywhere, and bravely born—oh so bravely!—but there is also the conviction that the dear dead have offered up their lives after the very fashion of the Redeemer of mankind; and that they live anew and forever. The departed are present as a sanctifying influence that is helping to make the world over into a condition worthier of them.

The War in Old Jerusalem

These inseparable the new religious thinking of our time is bound up with the facts of the life of Jesus is shown by the remarkable public interest in the capture of Jerusalem by the British. There was enacted the tragedy of all time, Christendom looks with reverence upon the city of the Holy Sepulchre. The popular imagination has looked upon General Allenby's victory as a new crusade rescuing the holy places of our faith from infidel control. While the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord are facts, having a significance dissociated from time and place, yet the actual scene of the events is sacred soil to all the world.

Resurrection is synonymous with victory. It stands for the triumph of truth and of God. That is why the resurrection note sounds in so much of our war literature—as instance this poem of our war said to have been found on the body of a fallen Austrian soldier:

Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes,
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife,
And know that out of death and night shall rise
The dawn of ampler life,
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend the heart,
That God has given you a priceless dower,
To live in these great times and have your part
In Freedom's crowning hour,
That ye may tell your sons who see the light
High in the Heavens—their heritage to take,
"I saw the powers of darkness put to flight,
I saw the morning break."

Dedicatory Services to Close at Messiah Lutheran

A preparatory service to-night and Holy Communion on Monday will close the week of dedicatory services of Messiah Lutheran Church. Special services will be held Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock, following the evening communion, which knights of Malta will be present in uniform to hear the pastor, the Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, speak on "Following Our Captain."

Musical numbers and addresses by prominent city clergymen were features of the community service held last night in the church. Ministers and rectors from various denominations extended the warm hand of welcome to the members and friends of the church. The Rev. J. H. H. H. of Reformed Salem Church, delivered the first address, telling of the close relations between Lutheran and Reformed churches. The Rev. G. E. Hawes, of Market Square Presbyterian Church, talked along the same lines, praising the work of Messiah congregation. The Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; the Rev. M. O. Peirce, of Tabernacle Baptist Church; the Rev. E. A. Pyles, of the Fifth Street Methodist Church, and the Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, delivered addresses.

Crush the Pacifists, Is Call of Women

New York. — Women are called from their knitting needles and the kitchens by Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, Jr., formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, to take a public stand in the discussions of the war in their neighborhoods. In a statement which she sent out to the presidents of all federations of women through the National Security League, she said: "In the crisis that is still ahead of us there is still great danger that the pacifists and pro-Germans may stampede the public opinion in favor of an unrighteous peace. Nothing can avert this terrible peril but a thorough grounding in the truth. Let us unite to spread the knowledge of the truth." "Many will say that material service such as knitting and farm work is more important, but it must never be forgotten that the opinion of the country is stamped with every newspaper article and similar work. Its effect should be made felt in the community."

RED MEN TO PARADE

It was decided at a meeting of Warrior Eagle Tribe, No. 540, Improved Order of Red Men, that members will march in the Fourth of July parade. Plans for the meeting of the Great Council, to be held here here here, and for a picnic to be held at Paxtang Park, July 18, were discussed. A service flag was presented by Charles Frick, keeper of the wampum.

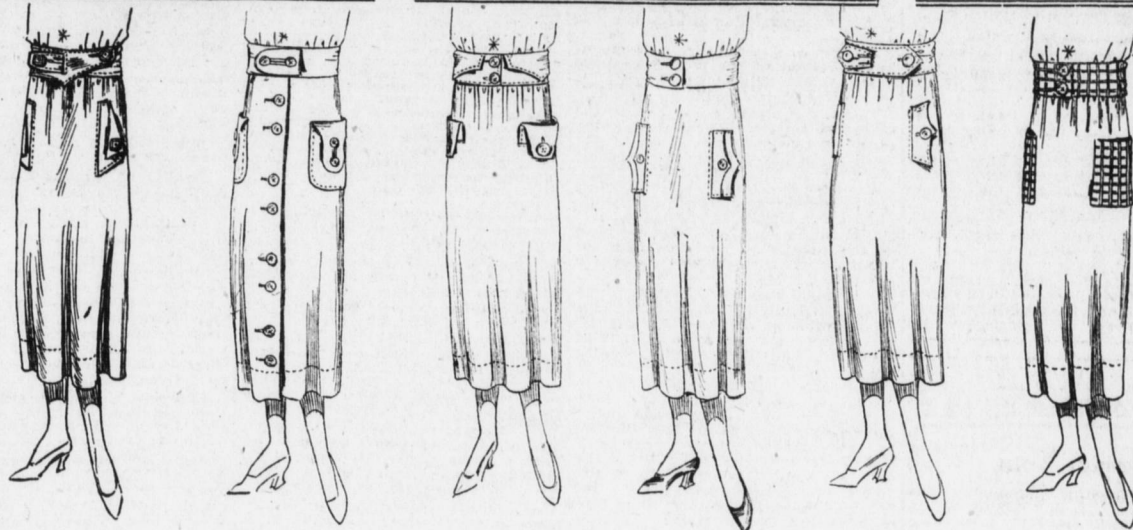
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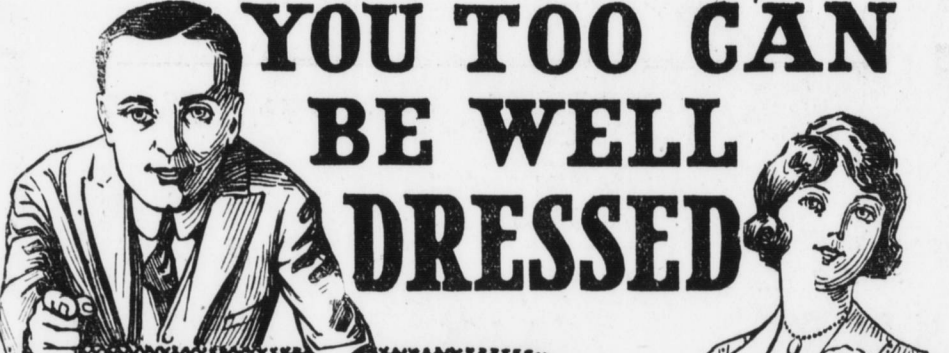
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