

THE TRUTH BACK OF THE SOLDIERS

International Sunday School Lesson For June 30 Is "Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer and Lord"—A Semiannual Review—John 3-16

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Countless minds are seeking to see clearly the relation between the world war, with its implications and the great principles of righteousness and religion. For a time, especially in England, there was a rather frantic questing after occult beliefs, as if the key might be with them; but that vagary has been largely given up. There is now a return to the great simplicities of the life and teachings of Jesus. We perceive, with growing clearness that He has the master word for this perplexing time. So a study of this opportune Sunday School Lesson takes us straight into the realms of the principles of God which are related to the war.

Jesus caused this war. If nations had not been in line at His feet, even so heedlessly, there would have been none to take up the sword of righteousness when the spirit of the Anti-Christ went forth to smite the nations into submission to its cruel sway. The present conflict is more nearly akin to that of Saint George and the Dragon than any war ever before waged. We do not by any means argue for the impeccability of St. George—meaning thereby ourselves—but we are clear that he is doing God's work in the slaying of the Dragon. Out of this struggle has emerged a new sense of the awfulness of sin, and the standards are now being fixed; that will not easily be relaxed. And those standards are the standards of Christ. Despite all of its callousness and awfulness, this war has become the war of spiritual vision. John Oxenham has shown, in one of his poems, what it means to the soldier to be face to face with reality.

"You've a right to your deep, high look, my lad. You have met God in the ways, And no man looks into His face But he feels it all his days. You've a right to your deep, high look, my lad, And we thank Him for his grace." Introducing Man to God Many a soldier has thus met God for the first time on the battlefield which is the most important thing in heaven or earth. It is so important that it brought Christ to this world. As we look back over six months of the life of Jesus, we perceive how the central facts that the Master was continually trying to introduce men to the Father in heaven. He wanted men to know God. Their ideas were twisted and small and unworthy. They had been conventionalized to the point of ossification. What the Jews believed was more about a theological and ecclesiastical system than about a living, loving God. All varieties are in danger of losing their reality and becoming a form. So Jesus, with a simplicity that does not at all resemble the elaborate structure that we have erected in his name, came to show us what God is really like, and what he would have us do. Anybody who can bring God down out of a misty and mysterious heaven into the realm of living reality, that is the work of Christ. Anything that accomplishes this end is worth while, even though it be a work of suffering. The scepticism and cynical agnosticism and blatant infidelity were early victims of the present conflict. We know that there is a God, whose thoughts are not our thoughts, and whose ways are not our ways, and who acts on a stupendous scale for the fulfillment of vast designs, and that he is bringing man into closer accord with his Heavenly Father. The Jesus program is being fulfilled in strange ways in our time. With the clear blue summer sky, nations are finding themselves in accord, as tools in the hand of the Workman, with these divine purposes. By the red glare of battle we are seeing God anew. The Basis of the New Order Only three men have emerged from this war, on the allied side, as dominating figures and they were already such by virtue of their position—President Wilson, Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau. In the quiet talks which men have about the war, saying the things which are never printed, one sometimes hears this point stressed, that the war has not produced any great leaders from among the unknown, but has, instead, been a great revelation of the capacity and character of the common man and woman. Now this is not so wonderful as it may seem. Since this war means the inauguration of a new world order, we may properly look for analogous principles in the establishment of his kingdom by Jesus. Even a cursory glimpse of his methods shows that he depended upon the obscure and commonplace people for the carrying out of his plans. He built his kingdom upon the average man and woman. Kaiser William made the mistake of thinking the ancient method of world domination, which the heathen world has always practiced, was still workable—the rise of an autocrat and conqueror. Even in those civilized quarters there are those who seek still for the advent of a

"strong man" in the armies, and especially in Russia, to lead us out of our difficulties. They are wrong. The Jesus way is the way of the rise of the common people. There is more hope for humanity in the leveling up of the common average than in the development of a superman. Nothing that I found in France impressed me more deeply than the high plane of the idealism of the common soldiers. A nation, or rather, a group of nations, have proved the workability of the noblest principles, of the average citizen. In the new day which lies on the other side of the war—though its sunrise beams already brighten our eyes—the teachings of Jesus for society are to be put into effect by the consensus of opinion of the great mass of us. We cannot look for a great preacher or ecclesiastic to come forth as a Moses; evidently, as in the days of his flesh, our Lord is placing his reliance upon a group of plain people made effective by their relationship with him, and by their understanding of his mind. Every teacher, every parent, every commonplace preacher or editor, is to have an indispensable part in ushering in the regime which Jesus lived and died to bring to pass. A Strange Idea of Religion Ceremonialism and formalities characterize the temples and cathedrals of earth. The hand of pre-Christian Jewish ritualism has been heavy upon the modern Christian Church. But in the new day there is none of this, except the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and that, too, is being re-examined. Religion among the soldiers is chiefly a matter of ministry. Only those who have been with the troops can appreciate fully the new definition of Christianity that has come to prevail. Chaplains give most of their time to the doing of odd jobs for the men. They are busy almost exclusively in ministry, often of the humblest sort. The Salvation Army lassie in France has laid aside her tambourine and is trying to do more than to devotions. This experience has been to all Christian workers a revelation of the power and beauty and dignity and worshipfulness of sheer service. Some say this is the new conception of religion, that is to prevail after the war. There is nothing new about it. It is simply a return to first principles. Jesus went about doing good, and he revealed his message and his mind by his ministry. He was a helper of people. No office of kindness was too lowly to command all his divine energies. Gladly he made himself of no reputation. His time was at the command of the crowds. Our new-leachable world will learn from Jesus, and from the war, the sanctity of service. We have caught a new vision of the tremendous reality of Christ's teaching about the giving of a cup of cold water to a brother.

A. L. BENSON QUILTS SOCIALIST PARTY; ASSAILS LEADERS

Denounces False Doctrines That Hold All Belligerents Equally Guilty

New York.—Allan L. Benson, of Yonkers, Socialist candidate for President at the last national election and well known as a writer on socialist subjects, both in the newspapers and magazines, resigned from the Socialist party yesterday. His resignation was made by letter, copies of which Mr. Benson sent to the daily newspapers. While expressing regret at the necessity for his action, Mr. Benson declared the attitude of the Socialist party toward the war, and particularly as expressed by the "St. Louis resolution" left him no choice. He declared his chief purpose in resigning to be as a protest against "the foreign-born leadership that blindly believes a non-American policy can be made to appeal to many Americans."

Heve in the attitude taken by the party toward the war in what has come to be known as the "St. Louis resolution." I do not believe in pledging the party to acts of violence. For I do not regard the belligerents as equally guilty. I know, for instance, that Belgium is not guilty at all and that Germany is guilty of all. I know the government of the United States wages war for neither money nor land, while the government of Germany covets both money and land. I know that Germany, any moment she will accept it, can get a just peace, and I feel that until she will accept a just peace she should be compelled to accept war. Believing that nothing worse could happen to the world than to be placed under the heel of German imperialism, I sever my relations with a party that nationally places the belligerents upon a party and in the State of Wisconsin, recently demanded the withdrawal of the American army from Europe. After commenting on non-Americanism of the foreign-born leaders and members of the Socialist party, Mr. Benson's letter continues: "A few men in the party who should have known better have accepted and proclaimed the false doctrine that a workingman can have no country, and therefore that it is immaterial to him whether the country in which he lives, if it be a failure, shall be defeated or not. "For these reasons," Mr. Benson concludes, "I now take leave of the Socialist party a year after I ceased to agree with it. It seemed to me that, having been at the head of the national ticket two years ago, it was particularly my duty to wait and see if the party would not right itself."

It has not righted itself. I therefore resign as a protest against the foreign-born leadership that blindly believes a non-American policy can be made to appeal to many Americans. Mr. Benson was chosen the candidate of the Socialist party by mail vote. He is forty-seven years old, and before devoting his entire time to magazine work was an active newspaper man.

Twins Complicate Family Allotment Of Marine Recruit

Stockton, Cal.—When is a "first child" not a "first child?" This is the question that has been causing Sergeant R. Mergenthal of the United States marine corps recruiting station to spend sleepless nights lately.

George Hadley of Kansas City, applied to Mergenthal for enlistment. When Hadley informed him that he was married and had two children, Mergenthal told him that he would draw \$22.50 for a family allotment.

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namely, \$15 for his wife, \$10 for his first child and \$7.50 for his second child. But Hadley insisted in \$35. How do you figure that?" queried Mergenthal. "Well, my youngsters are twins, so how are you going to figure the first child?" They both come under the \$10 head," answered Hadley. "I give up," declared Mergenthal, after puzzling over it for a few hours. The question has been put up to the authorities at Washington.

TONALL HELPED THIS LADY MORE

Than Any Physician Ever Did. Mrs. Kate A. Long, of Litzitz, Lancaster county, Pa., gives out this interesting statement, in regard to what Tonall accomplished in her case: "Giddy, weak stomach, as well as rheumatism, held me fast for a long time. How I suffered. Stiff and achy were my limbs and joints most of the time. Food would cause me to swell up with gas. Poisons from undigested food filled my whole system. Mr. J. E. Charles, Druggist, at Litzitz, Pa., told me the truth when he said Tonall would help me. He certainly did, as I eat better, sleep better and have no more rheumatism. "Tonall has done more for me than any physician has ever done. This statement was given April 23, 1918. Tonall is sold at Gorgas' Drug Store, Harrisburg, and Hershey Drug Store, Hershey.



Hair Often Ruined By Washing With Soap

Soap should be used very carefully, if you want to keep your hair looking its best. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle and ruins it. The best thing for steady use is just ordinary mulsified coconut oil (which is pure and greaseless), and is better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use. One or two teaspoonfuls will cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, which rinses out easily, removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage. You can get mulsified coconut oil at any pharmacy, it's very cheap, and it will supply every member of the family for months.—Adv.

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