

GETTING THE MAIN IDEA

The International Sunday School Lesson For April 6 Is "God Our Heavenly Father"—Matthew 6:23-34

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Queen folk are called "eccentric," because they are out of center. They are not properly geared up. Their cog do not mesh. Mental machinery out of order with respect to what is most important, they are, in consequence, imperfectly related to the incidental things of life. They do not put first things first, and so, for them, the entire multiplication table is out of kilter. This is exactly what ails most of the unhappy persons in the world. They are the victims of their own maladjustment. Carried too far this business of being out of center, or eccentric, leads to the lunatic asylum; where the first characteristic of all the inmates is that they view things out of proportion and relationship.

What then is central to a symmetrical life? The answer has been made by all the centuries, and by the universe itself. The main idea is—God. Toward the truth of a Supreme Being all the ages have groped. And the most revealing fact about any race or era is the idea of God.

Lovely White Skin!

Strain lemon juice well before mixing and massage face, neck, arms, hands.

By all means, girls, prepare a lemon lotion to keep your skin flexible and young looking. You will soon realize that true loveliness does not mean the powdery look of waxen colorlessness of some hot-house flower, but is typified by the velvety softness of your skin, your peach-like complexion and rosy-white hands.

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quart of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoothener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up the quart of this sweetly fragrant lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It should naturally help to whiten, soften, freshen and bring out the roses and ruddiness of beauty of any skin. It is simply marvelous to smoothen rough, red hands.



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abstraction of Allness which he calls Nirvana. In its totality, the human race has voted for a being, outside of itself, to whom it owes a responsibility.

Since the war, as not before for generations, all of civilization subscribes to the creed, "I believe in God." We hear the reverent words of General Haig, General Pershing, General Hain, Admiral Beatty, and the other fighting men, and we agree that this God has mightily displayed his personal providence during the world war. We see that he is a God who fights for justice and righteousness and liberty and brotherhood. His character is revealed by his works.

What we believe about God is the most important factor in shaping our own conduct and character. Shallow-pated persons occasionally say, "It does not matter what a man believes as long as he acts right." But history is one long testimony to the truth that men act only according to their beliefs. The beliefs of Luther's Germany had to be changed, by the civil war, before the historic philosophy before their could be produced the monstrosity of a "culture" and frightfulness. "As a man thinketh, so he is." Given a holy God to whom people are loyal and you will have a holy people. Let our boys and girls grow up untaught concerning God, or in circles where the men of God is not reckoned with, and there will inevitably follow a generation of selfish and loose-living men and women.

As a free-thinker, once met a plain farmer, and asked him where he was going. "To church, sir." "What are you going to do there?" "Worship God, not great God or a little God." "Both." "How can that be?" "He is so great, sir, that the heaven of heavens cannot contain him, and so He is that he can dwell in my heart." Collins said that this answer from the farmer had more effect upon his mind than all the learned books written against him.

As a mirror. Once, in the city of Alexandria, in Egypt, I interviewed Abbas Effendi, the head of the Beha' cult; and his talk was all of "manifestations" or of men who mirrored God. He kept returning to this idea of the prophets as mirrors. It is a good one. In the greatest modern telescopes one does not look directly at the heavenly bodies, but into a wonderful and perfect mirror. So to see God most clearly, we must behold him mirrored in the face of Jesus Christ. We cannot comprehend God in his infinity; but we can behold him in the person and qualities of his sent Revealer, his only Son.

"Every man is responsible for his face at fifty," said a distinguished lawyer. Our personalities do come to reflect what we really represent. Some men make us think of base things, selfishness, sensuality, ordidness or smallness of soul are stamped on their faces. Other men and women—it is oftener women—start us to thinking thought of God. Their faces mirror spirituality. And whenever we look upon Jesus, we see all of God that it is possible for us to comprehend. "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father." Christ is God's looking glass. The qualities of God, which Jesus portrayed were Father qualities. That idea was something new in religion. A God of battles, of vengeance, a God of terror—all these figures were familiar to the race. But in the mirror of the master man we saw God as a Father, pitiful, patient, protecting, providing and pardoning. It is an overwhelming thought that all the infinite and omnipotent qualities of God are at the service of his father's heart.

That is a word for to-day. All over the earth men and women need to learn, above everything else, that God has a father nature; and that he sent his son to say so. I know a woman of strong character, a trained nurse, who is now employed by a few great physicians, giving her time exclusively to this work, to visit their nervous and distraught patients and read to them the New Testament, and talk to them about God as Christ made him plain. For these scientifically trained doctors have learned that it is oftenest the hearts of men and women that are sick; and that they need, more than medicines and surgery, to hear the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest." My wise nurse-friend has become a minister to souls.

A Path to Peace Our commonest ailment in the western world is nervous prostration. We are fretting ourselves into impotence and pain and joylessness, because we are losing our faith in God. It is God that we need most of all. A clear comprehension of the truth that Jesus so beautifully expounded on the gently sloping hill by the Lake of Galilee, just outside of Tiberias, is the sovereign remedy for our day's ills. He showed how the very Father nature of God entailed exemption from anxiety:

"25. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; neither yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" "26. Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" "27. Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?"

"28. And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: "29. And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. "30. Wherefore if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

"31. Therefore take no thought saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where-with shall we be clothed? "32. (For all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. "33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. "34. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

"I know not where his islands lift Their fringed palms in air; I only know I cannot drift, Beyond his love and care."

Timelier than the cabalisms in this paper is the word of Jesus that the God who is a father also has a kingdom; and that all who would be his sons and know his peace should devote themselves with supreme passion to that kingdom. We are all bent on bettering the blood-bought world and upon keeping faith with our dead, and we proud of their sash by their sacrifice in France. What they died to win can only be secured as the

kingdom of God comes among men; the kingdom that is love and justice and good will; the kingdom that is the one sure league of nations. As our soldiers offered up their all for a kingdom cause, can we ignore the call of Christ to pursue, with passionate and self-immolating devotion, the kingdom that glorifies the King and best serves the world? Here is the challenge for the new day. Our God whose father-heart yearns for tokens of our love wants us to live and die for his kingdom, his cause, his flag; in that service there is complete satisfaction and perfect freedom.

SOME USES FOR WORN HOSE. What do you do with the legs of your worn out hose? They may be spun into yarn and made into conservation slippers.

Cut off the hem or rib top and cut them round and round into one long strip about three-fourths of an inch wide, down to the heel. Roll the ends and sew together neatly. Spin into yarn by drawing it firmly over the sharp edge of a wood block. It will curl up round and smooth like yarn.

Then crochet it into slippers, rugs, etc. Silk hose make very pretty slippers by finishing the top with some of the brighter colors. Cotton hose make nice rugs that are durable and heavy and lie flat. Cotton or wool hose make good holders.

Cut off foot, fold square and work edge with a buttonhole stitch with some bright colored yarn or tan silk and fasten a ring to one corner. They are pliable in the hand, easily washed and do not heat through like cloth.

They also make excellent dust rags. Cut off feet and whip the top together, laying them one top to the other bottom. They gather the dust much better than a cloth and are more easily washed.—Minneapolis Tribune.

WOODRUFF BILL TO GET HEARING

Janitors and Attendance Officers Want to Share Increase

The House Education committee, plans a hearing Tuesday, on the Woodruff bill to hear the claims of the Philadelphia Janitors, attendance officers and other school employees, other than teachers, to share in the salary increase. Representative Philip Sterling of Philadelphia, has had the bill amended to include this class of employees all over the State, but the committee is disposed to strike out the amendment. It is understood that the administration takes a similar view of the matter. Many janitors and other employees are now paid much higher wages than the teachers and there is a feeling that they have no right to take advantage of the sentiment which is State-wide for the teacher. Since the Woodruff bill was sent back to committee Monday night, it has been amended to reduce the minimum salary for the holders of professional certificates from \$75 to \$70 a school month. Following the hearing Tuesday it will be re-reported to the House or Senate appropriation committee, where it will be moulded into the shape desired by the administration.

The announced intention of the House Education committee is to report all bills in its possession not disposed of when it meets Tuesday. The Woodruff bill was sent to the Sterling measure to rip out the school boards of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, as it has been indefinitely postponed by the committee.

His Job Is Raising Ships by Salvaging Big Wrecks

[From the Continental Edition of the London Mail.]

Commodore F. W. Young, the famous salvage expert, under whose supervision the admiralty's great task of clearing war's wreckage from the seas is being done, is a big genial man of strong, outstanding personality. A sailor by profession, he joined the Liverpool Salvage Association thirty-eight years ago. Wreck raising has been his occupation ever since. He has followed it in all parts of the world, achieving so many notable successes that he has long been regarded as the most skilled practitioner engaged in this very difficult business.

The admiralty first sought his help after the battleship Montague went on the rocks at Lundy, nearly twenty years ago. And he received their lordship's thanks for cleverly recovering the vessel's big guns. Twelve years ago he gained world-wide celebrity for the manner in which he raised and took into harbor the cruiser Gladiolus, after she had been sunk in the Solent by collision with the American liner, St. Paul. In this operation air cylinders were used for the first time to lift a sunken vessel, though they have been regularly employed for that purpose ever since.

In addition to his work with the Liverpool Salvage Association, Commodore Young was appointed lecturer on salvage and war repairs at the Naval War College. Various other organizations also turned to him when they wanted enlightenment upon like subjects. Dry ones enough, one might think, but the commodore knew how to make them interesting. Upon one occasion he surprised a learned society by giving it a description of how sea salvage had been conducted from Greek and Roman times to our own. On the day that the war broke out Commodore Young was at South-

ampton, with the liner Gothland, which he had just brought in from the Scillies under her own steam, although she had torn nearly all her keel away upon the rocks. From the first the admiralty saw that they must consider the salvaging of ships as well as the sinking of them. Also, that barriers against U-boats must be laid. So Lord Fisher sent for Commodore Young, appointed him salvage adviser to the admiralty and entrusted him with this work. "Blocking out" operations were the first taken in hand.—Continental Edition of the London Mail.

BOMBARD LEMBERG Warsaw, April 4.—The Ukrainians continue to bombard Lemberg with guns of large calibre, causing casualties and damage to property. Elsewhere on the front in Eastern Galicia the situation is unchanged.

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