

Message From the Pyramids

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The International Sunday School Lesson For June 1 is "Faith—What It Is and What It Does," Hebrews 11:1-10; 12:1-2

Out here in Egypt, by the pyramids and the palms, long views are natural. Five thousand years of recorded history peer rather cynically over a man's shoulders as he writes. The sardonic curl of the sensual lower lip of the Sphinx seems thrust out at him in derision. The mummies of the pharaohs out in the museum, suggestive of huge dried fish, bear witness to certain truths in Egypt the insistent past everywhere presses upon the reshaping present. Everything illustrates the current lesson that "Faith is the victory."

A living palm has more power than a dead pyramid. These mighty and mysterious structures, up and into and around which the traveler may climb, are a permanent reminder of the futurity of mere might and earthly glory. Scholars are not entirely certain who built the Great Pyramid—though it was erected to insure its builder's immortality. The pyramids are in more ways than one reminders of the dead. As sepulchres they have been failures, for long centuries ago, so far back as the Roman era, the Arabs robbed them of their mummies and their treasures. Proud pharaohs who wasted the labor and lives of myriads of slaves upon these marvelous though futile structures, thought that their power and magnificence were so great that they could defy even time and death.

A Baby and the Pyramids Down near old Memphis, which is now a ruin, as Jeremiah predicted, there was born a poor man's son who grew to manhood within sight of these pyramids. He himself was saved from arbitrary death in infancy only by a stratagem of mother love. Child of a slave of a despised race, Moses nevertheless became greater than the builders of the pyramids; and while archaeologists are still busily delving

and digging to discover who was who in Egypt's illustrious line of pharaohs, this man of faith is to-day coming to increasing power all over the earth. An imaginative and informed preacher could build a great sermon upon the contrasted power and permanence of spiritual ideals as opposed against material might and temporal magnificence—Moses versus the pyramids, Abraham versus Babylon, Jesus versus the Roman empire, and so forth, although it is the most arrogant thing in the world, mere physical force is likewise the most futile. Armies and guns have never prevailed permanently against an idea.

Guns Baffled by a Funeral It was only yesterday that I saw this dramatically demonstrated. This land of Egypt is aflame with insurrection. Unmeasured destruction has been done to property by the natives. Great Britain has spread an army over the land, and a thousand, more or less, of its soldiers have been killed. As I write this sentence I hear a mounted platoon of armed men passing; and machine guns in motor cars whirl to and fro day and night. Gunpowder makes so much noise that it is not always possible to hear at the same time the beat of the human heart or the quiet movement of thought. Yesterday the Egyptian held a public funeral of one of the young students who fell before the guns of the military, in some clash or other. It was a procession of possibly five thousand men, from the highest to the lowest. Guns hovered around the line of march, but there was no outbreak to be quelled. With dignity and quietness, and remarkable organization, the marchers streamed on, in orderly lines and in perfect silence. There were no flags, except the one Egyptian flag that enveloped the coffin; no music, except the slow, plaintive, haunting oriental dirge that preceded the bier. On, on, on, in a seemingly endless stream, like a river of blood, flowed the hundreds and thousands of tarbooshes, each set above a grave and unsmiling face.

These marchers were bearing witness to what they hold to be a truth: their faith was testing. The throngs that lined the sidewalks were hushed into reverent decorum. Even the British soldiers looked on with real respect. This was something mightier than the guns, more effective than bayonets and bullets. This steadfast, fearless, outspoken faith in an ideal conquered the guns and baffled the authorities, who were prepared to do with any amount of turbulence. It was all a modern version of the old, old teaching that the things which are spiritual are irresistible.

Our Own Day's Problem Proclaimed by the pyramids, echoing from the Paris Conference, sounding above all the tumult and clash of unrent the world around, is this timely truth of the presence of the spiritual. All thinking persons to-day are deeply stirred by tidings of trouble from every point of the compass. This old earth is in such a ferment, as never was known before, that order and unquietness dominate the day's news. Everybody is aware of the baffling condition and everybody is wondering wherein the remedy is to be found. Upon the surface of things it is written that force and wealth and worldly power do not hold the key to the condition.

What is the answer? "Have faith in God." A great grip upon the realities of religion alone will hold us steady in this time of turbulence. What is the essential? The belief that, beyond all our power to see or understand, a Benign Being is working out His purposes of good? God has not let go of anything upon this world. He is doing wondrous things; they are not "happenings"; he is either doing them or overruling them. The very vastness of his operations—their radical departure from any human design or desire—indicates that he has some wonderful projects in view. The heart of humanity would not be so deeply pierced by the plowshare of Providence if there were not an unexampled harvest in prospect.

This is the essence of a living faith to-day. It believes that God is, and that God rules. In our own day, which is not so dark as were to them the days of the heroes of faith whose roll is called in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, God is regnant at work. His will is being done. For obviously, God cannot be a God for the closest of the saint unless he is also God over the kingdoms of earth. The creed which considers faith as a special virtue of a chosen few who behold with complacency the whole scheme of things going to smash, is not the creed taught by the Bible and by Providence. We have got to believe in a God great enough to rule the universe, or else we have no God at all worthy of consideration.

Facing Grave Issues Cynics are turned into sweeteners of life by a simple confidence that God is still reigning. Many thrones have toppled within the past five years, but the throne of God continues to stand in supreme sovereignty. In an hour like the present, confronting grave political and social issues, the men and women who have faith in God, and proved him, are to be a yeast influence, leavening the entire lump of life. Faith's function here and now is to steady the trust of mankind in the living God. This is no hour to discuss special doctrines or creeds or organizations—a simple, elemental, unshakable belief in the goodness of God is the first essential. Things seem to be all wrong; but faith is a conviction of things not seen.

New our troubled times certainly are. Still they are of a piece with the old, old human experience of baffling misfortune and trials. What ails the world to-day is not greatly different from what ailed Abraham and Job and David and Paul. They came through by faith in God. Our lesson has two supreme exhortations: first, that we should run our race, as did the heroes of old, with patience, or steadfastness. This is no day for getting furious and excited and discouraged. It is when we go into the deep chambers of the Great Pyramid that we are given a candle; and the light of faith is for just such dark times as these. We have no need for a light when the sun is shining; fair-weather faith is not faith, but sight. A person really possess only so much trust in God as he can exercise in perplexities like the present.

Second of the summonses of the inspired writer is that faith comes by keeping one's eyes upon Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith. Here is the necessary dynamic. Power to persist and to prevail proceeds from a Personality. We get a working faith in God according to the degree in which we know Jesus Christ, who alone holds the key to our time of testing.

England's Bill For Transporting Yanks Overseas \$82,000,000

Washington, May 30.—England's bill for transporting a million American soldiers across the Atlantic in British ships is approximately \$82,000,000. This, and the fact that President Wilson advanced \$5,000,000 of his special fund—and probably more—to the Czech-Slovaks, were the two chief developments of yesterday's hearing of Secretary Baker, General March and other War Department officials before the House military committee. The army appropriation bill which failed at the last Congress was under discussion.

AIRPLANE HONEYMOONS ARE STYLISH IN LONDON London Aerial honeymooners are coming into style in England. Major E. L. Williams, R. A. F., and Miss Biddy Gibson, of Cowles, have the distinction of having started the fad. Immediately after the wedding the couple set out on their honeymoon in an airplane from a spot near the church. Hundreds of their fellow townsmen cheered. Two other airplanes, with streamers fluttering from every strut, accompanied them as far as Southampton, the first lap of their journey.

Predicts Withdrawal of Foreign Troops From Russia Soon

London, May 30.—Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, foreshadowed the possibility of the withdrawal of foreign troops from Russia by the end of summer, owing to the favorable situation. As soon as peace was signed, he said, the Rhine army could be reduced from ten to six divisions, and still more when it was seen that peace was being effectively carried out. The British policy, said the Secretary, was that Russia must be saved by the Russians and that new Russia must be a democratic state. The five great powers had decided to make it a condition of their further support and formal recognition of the anti-Bolshevik governments in Russia, that those governments must give a clear undertaking that their victory would be immediately followed by the summoning of a constitutional assembly on a democratic franchise.

GETTING IT STRAIGHT "This is an article about trapshooters, a worthy and enthusiastic class. Here is a saying, once a trapshooter always a trapshooter. And tell the compositor something."

"What?" "There's a good cigar in it for him if he doesn't get it crap shooter."

Don't Spoil Your Hair By Washing It

When you wash your hair, be careful what you use. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle. The best thing to use is Mulisified coconut oil shampoo, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap and beats anything else at all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh-looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.

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"Quite some time ago, my nerves seemed to be going back on me. I got so it was impossible for me to get a night's rest. Then, about six months ago, I started to have spells of getting short of breath and it developed into regular attacks like asthma. "I got so bad that sometimes I could hardly talk. I tried a number of remedies and even sent \$5 to a specialist for a prescription. But I never got any relief.

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