

SHAME'S SYMBOL, VICTORY'S EMBLEM

The International Sunday School Lesson For December 11 Is "At the Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus"—John 18:13-27; 19:25-27

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America's most famous business man is also a life-long Sunday school teacher. He is the older brother of the stronger is the hold of his Bible class and brotherhood upon him. Recently, I went through three morning services with him—an "inner circle" Bible class, a large men's brotherhood and a church service. He himself spends all of Sunday in the big downtown church of which he is an officer, or else visiting the sick in the neighborhood. What most interested me was the hold that the crucifixion of Jesus has taken upon this man's thinking. Again and again he adverted to it as the center of Christian faith and hope. It was he who started the crowd of men singing, "At the Cross, at the Cross," when a returned prodigal, an ex-convict, testified to the change made in his life by the Crucified Christ, this great merchant not only approved it publicly, but later spoke to me privately of the significance of the testimony. In the famous old church with which his name is associated he has seen the miracle wrought times beyond number, of men and women whose lives were made clean by the blood of Christ.

Musing upon the theme, memory harks swiftly back to France and to Macedonia and to Palestine, where rows upon rows, acres upon acres, of little crosses mark the resting place of the soldier dead. This has been the war of the cross. By some impulse deeper than reason, the nations have chosen the cross symbol for the fallen—Protestant England, once-athiest France, Catholic Italy, Orthodox Serbia, Rumania and Greece. All accept the cross as the significant memorial of the men who have laid down their lives for the Cause. Instinctively, we have placed them in fellowship with the Saviour who has given the cross its meaning of victory and of vicariousness.

Crucifix at Mount Sinai
Is not becoming clear that only the Cross will save our troubled time? We have tried legislation and arbitration and war and a council of nations; yet still the unrest of humanity grows apace. All that wisdom and law could do has been done; but in vain. There is knowledge enough in the world to save civilization; and law enough; and material force enough; but we have organized society in a desperate case to-day.

I am reminded of a spectacle which I observed at Mt. Sinai last summer. Surmounting the Mountain of the Law, and all the surrounding peaks, are iron crosses, erected centuries ago by devout Greek monks from St. Katherine's Monastery. At pains and personal risk, they placed the symbol of our faith upon those rocky peaks; sensing the great truth that the Mountain of the Law, without the sign of Love and Sacrifice, is incomplete. Moses is inadequate, except as he leads to Christ. Mount Sinai is bare and

barren; Mount Calvary blossoms with flowers.

Panicky persons are crying for more law, more force, more jails, more machine guns, with which to meet the menace of red radicalism. Their plan is futile. Only a new spirit in society and in all classes of society, can save us from this hate-begotten program of violence. That is the spirit of the Cross. Of course we should deal vigorously with lawbreakers, all lawbreakers, regardless of class; but even when so doing the motive needs to be the motive of Calvary, which is to save. Love to the point of self-sacrifice alone can deliver the world from the menace of bitterness and selfishness and vindictiveness and class-spirit.

The Unchastened Nations
Real radicalism is, in a dictionary sense, the getting down to the root of things. The supercilious thing of the Bolshevik is not genuine radicalism; it is the most obvious and shallow sort of unrestrained self-interest. If the thinking people of to-day would really turn radical they would quickly perceive that at the root of a successful social order, even as it was put at the foundation of our constitutional democracy, there must be the spirit of self-sacrifice to men, and of the subordination of the desires of the individual for the sake of the community. True radicalism dies deep until it comes to the cross foundation.

Apply that test to the times. The common cry is that the world needs to be reformed. Assuredly. Apathy to the world's ills. And to be reformed, doubtless, and to be re-organized. Admittedly. And to be re-educated. Without question. But beyond all these needs, and underlying them every one, is the all-pervading need that the world be saved—saved from itself and its old self-centered nature, which the preachers call sin; saved from foolish leaders and fatuous reformers; saved from theorists and demagogues; saved from heedless followers of everything that is new, and saved from the blind obscurantism which clings only to what used to be.

War has not chastened humanity; sorrow has not chastened it, nor yet hunger or cold or vast social upheavals. Is it not time that we turn aside from our cheap and futile devices for bettering life and kneel at the foot of the Cross, where peace has ever been found by the penitent? We have failed to save ourselves; why not let the Christ save us? His yearning for the world's betterment is more real than that of the most solicitous publicist. If we could but hear, He still is crying from His Cross, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The Master Word
The master word for our troubled to-day is the Master's word. In front of a time that is engrossed in the pursuit of more money, more leisure, new pleasures, fresh sensa-

tions, trivial and prideful gratifications, He holds up the Cross upon which He was uphelden. "If I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me." The new level of life we seek is the Cross-level. It is salvation from sin that is a more pressing need of the land to-day than the need for lower prices or for greater production or for social and industrial peace. Once let the world come to the foot of the Cross, and everything, yes, literally everything, that ails our sickly time will be healed straightway.

To save the world it is necessary to save the people in the world. And when they are saved from sin they will be saved from everything that is the matter with our day. The broken heart of the Saviour will break the proud and stubborn and willful hearts of all of us who are hurting our generation. His vast love will draw our miserable selfishness. What saith the Scripture? "He died for all that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto Him who for their sakes died and rose again."

All the problems of poverty and peif meet in the Christ on the Cross, and are there solved. Says Harry Lee:

"My Master was so very poor They nailed Him to a cross; So very rich my Master was He gave His all And knew no loss."

The Greatest Story of All Time
Unable to do more than cast a clouded glance at the unfathomable meanings of the crucifixion of Jesus for this era, we turn to the inspired story itself, quoting the Weymouth Version:

"Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers, twisting twigs of thorn into a wreath, put it on His head, and they round Him a crimson cloak. Then they began to march up to Him, saying in a mocking voice,

"Hail, King of the Jews!" "And they struck Him with the palms of their hands.

"Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews,

"See, I am bringing him out to you to let you clearly understand that I find no crime in him."

"So Jesus came out, wearing the wreath of thorns and the crimson cloak. And Pilate said to them,

"See, there is the man." "As soon then as the High Priests and the officers saw Him, they shouted,

"To the cross! To the cross!" "Take him yourselves and crucify him," said Pilate; "for I, at any rate, find no crime in Him."

"We," replied the Jews, "have a Law, and in accordance with that Law he ought to die, for having claimed to be the Son of God."

"It was the day of Preparation for the Passover, about 6 o'clock in the morning. Then he said to the Jews, "There is your king!" "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

"Am I to crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king, except Caesar," answered the High Priests.

"Then Pilate gave Him up to them to be crucified. They took Jesus; and He went out carrying His own cross, and in Hebrew, Golgotha—where they nailed Him to a cross, and two others at the same time, one on each

side and Jesus in the middle. And Pilate wrote a notice and had it fastened to the top of the cross. It ran thus:

Pays High Tribute to Late Col. Roosevelt on Receiving Medallions

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 5.—General Candido Rondon, famous Brazilian explorer and companion of Theodore Roosevelt when he explored the "River of Doubt," paid high tribute to Colonel Roosevelt the other night, when before a distinguished audience in the Municipal Theater the General was presented with medallions from the New York Geological Society, the Explorers' Club of New York and the Rio de Janeiro Geographical Society.

"At this moment when I am so glad and grateful to receive your homage," General Rondon said, "the image of my virile and dear friend Roosevelt is with me. I see before me the massive structure of his body, his radiant joviality, his keen and intelligent eye."

The General recalled the times he had spent with Colonel Roosevelt on various expeditions, especially in the exploration of the River of Doubt. The Colonel, he said, was always first on the march. He referred to Colonel Roosevelt's travels and explorations in South America in company with his son Kermit.

Food Speculators Rounded Up in Coblenz

Coblenz, Dec. 5.—American intelligence officers in the occupied area recently started a campaign against German food speculators who were held responsible for the high prices of food in Coblenz and vicinity. The first day of the "round up" twenty profiteers were deported to unoccupied Germany, with instructions not to return. As an example of the nature of the dealings carried on by the speculators, or "Schiebers," they are called in German, an incident is cited by the Americans of a carload of starch shipped into Coblenz. It cost the original purchaser 40,000 marks. The car remained untouched in the railroad yards while it was sold from one man to another, each time at an increase in price, until the carload was finally disposed of for 80,000 marks, just double what the first purchaser paid.

MORAL SUPERIORITY.
"If you will make three wishes," said the old-fashioned fairy, "I will see that they all come true." "You're a little slow," responded the rustic. "Any feller that runs for office this way will promise to make wishes come true faster'n you can think 'em up."—Washington Star.

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