

THE THREE DENIALS.

Sunday Discourse by Dr. Chapman, the Noted Pastor-Evangelist.

An Analysis of a Child-Hearted, Wayward, Generous Biblical Character—Lord Awaits to Forgive and Forget.

NEW YORK CITY.—The following readable and helpful sermon is by the Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, the best known evangelist in the country and one of the most popular pulpits in the city.

It was an awful thing for this man with open heart to strike him in the face. To strike him, before whom the angels veiled their faces; to strike him before whom the archangel sang, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth."

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THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

International Lesson Comments for September 21.

Subject: The Death of Moses, Deut. xxiv. 1-2. Golden Text, Ex. xxxiii. 11—Memory Verses, 5, 7—Commentary on Lesson.

1. "Plains of Moab." The level plain east of the Jordan, where Israel was encamped. "Nabo-Pisgah" Pisgah was a range of the mountain system east of the Dead Sea and Jordan; Nebo was one of the summits of the range.

2. "All night." Moses also viewed the land on the west of the Jordan. Naphthali was to have a possession on the northern border of Canaan, the possessions of Ephraim and Manasse were in the center, while Judah was to occupy the southern part of the land.

3. "The south." Probably referring to the desert south of Canaan proper, toward the region of "Valley of Jericho." His view was from the southern slopes of Lebanon southward, until his eye rested upon the service of the tabernacle in the center.

4. "Unto Abraham," etc. Gen. 12: 7; 25: 3, 4; 28: 13-15. "To Isaac." There was no miraculous power of vision imparted to Moses. That he should see all that is described is what any man could do if he attained sufficient elevation.

5. "Servant of the Lord." This is a title of great dignity; Moses had been eminent for his piety. It was more his honor to be the servant of the Lord than the king of Jeshurun. No one can be called the servant of the Lord who does not conquer the world, who is not able to overcome all things.

6. "He buried him." That is, God buried him. This is an honor no human being ever received besides him. From June 9 it appears that Michael, who was employed on this occasion, and that Satan disputed the matter with him.

7. "An hundred and twenty." The life of Moses was divided into three periods of forty years each. 1. He was in Egypt forty years, during which time he was trained in his own home, and afterward in the household of Pharaoh.

8. "Harkened." They submitted themselves respectfully to Joshua, because God had appointed him as their leader by the hand of Moses.

9. "Spirit of wisdom." He possessed great gifts and graces, but the wisdom mentioned above is being most necessary for the government to which he was now called.

10. "Not like unto Moses." Joshua was filled with the spirit of practical wisdom, for the opposite of kindness is unkindness, and there can be no kindness in a kingdom and create a nation.

11. "Kindness of heart." Kindness of heart and pride of manner never go together.—Presbyterian Journal.

12. "As to Users of Tobacco." "Nine years ago we commenced to keep a record on this subject," says Dr. Fish, an eminent eastern educator.

13. "Run-a-Mile." In run-a-mile the boys count out and "it" hides his eyes. He is then touched by one boy, who immediately conceals himself with the others.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

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SCRIPTURE VERSES.—John xiv. 1-7; Eph. iii. 14-21; Col. i. 9-12; Rom. xv. 4, 6; 2 Cor. xii. 9; Gal. ii. 20; Col. i. 27-29.

Lesson Thoughts. Love is the means by or through which God will communicate of his fulness to us. It is the root through which the tree draws its sustenance.

Selections. Make me, pure One, as thou art. Pure in soul and mind and heart; Never satisfied with less Than thy perfect holiness.

Suggested Hymns. Holy Ghost, with light divine. Take thou to be holy. Search me, O Lord, and try this heart of mine.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS. September 21.—The Fullness of God, How Secured.—Eph. iii. 14-21.

It is impossible for us to comprehend the entire fullness of God. Of course the finite cannot surround the infinite. But we may apprehend God and know certainly something of him.

True humility does good and is silent. God's sympathy is not exhausted in sight. "Father" is the keyword to all true prayer.

When God closes one door, He opens another. Prayer is the anchor that holds us fast to God.

Steadfastness. We need stability as regards the truth, as well as loyalty to service. It is my conviction that much of the looseness of living and the barrenness of Christian work is due to lack of conviction.

Ritual. A man is greater than any form of ritual. The temple itself was not the link between God and man, but only the symbol of the link.

At Home With God. Loosed from other things the thoughts go home to rest. In God the blessed man finds the love that welcomes; there is the sunny place, there are the loved and loving.

Essential Elements. The essential elements of spiritual mindedness are to consecrate to yourself all the powers and purposes of God and then to actualize them by demonstrating God in your life.

The Commandments. Christ lived up to the commandments, hence His power and mercy have lived up to them. He had lived powerful lives.—The Rev. Dr. Van Dyke.

The Greater Gift. Be sure of this, the more a man gives himself to hatred in this world, the more will he find to hate.

True Laws. The true laws of Christian growth is to look right forward doing the duties of today in the light of conscience and plan better things for the future.

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THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.

READING FOR THE QUIET HOUR WHEN THE SOUL INVITES ITSELF.

Shut in with God alone I spend the quiet hour; His mercy and His love I own, And seek His saving power.

Walking in the Light. "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." John 1: 9. Godliness is worse off than a sunless world; better to miss the light of day than the light of life.

Where darkness is He cannot be. If you are hiding yourself under the shadow of some great sorrow you are but dwarfing your life, chilling your heart and secreting yourself from the only power that can make the light shine in the darkness of despair.

Divine grace, even in the heart of the soul surcharged with the fire of God, so that those who come nigh to these shall feel some mysterious influence proceeding out from them.

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COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions. Bradstreet's says:—All available data confirm reports of past good trade and foreshadow as good or better yet to come.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 3,275,299 bushels, against 3,435,330 last week, 4,405,604 in this week last year and 3,373,100 in 1900.

Business failures for the week ending September 4 number 133, as against 140 last week, 169 in this week last year. In Canada for the week there were 14, as against 20 last week.

LATEST QUOTATIONS. Flour—Spring clear, \$9.10a3.50; best Patent, \$4.50; choice Family, \$3.75.

Green Fruits and Vegetables—Apples per bushel, fancy 75c@81.00; fair to good per bushel, 50c@65c.

Butter, Separator, 21a22c; Gathered cream, 20a21c; Dairy 1-lb 25a26c; Rolls, 2-lb, 25a26c; Prints 1-lb, Pa., Va., 23a24c.

Chicago, Cattle, Mostly 10a15c lower; good to prime steers \$5.0a8.50; medium \$4.7a7.50; stockers and feeders \$2.75a5.25; cows, 1.50a2.25; heifers \$3.50a6.00; Texas-fed steers \$1.00a5.50.

East Liberty, Cattle steady, choice \$7.40a7.50; prime \$6.50a7.00. Hogs, 4.00a4.50; porkers \$7.00a7.25; sheep steady.

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THE GREAT DESTROYER.

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTemperance.

Poem: How the Boy Went Down.—The Saloon is a Bad Institution, Fostering a Public Benefactor in Order to Disguise Its Features.

It was not on the field of battle, It was not with a sword or spear; But late far worse than either, That stole him away from me.

It was only the same old story That mother, when often told, With accents of infinite sadness Like the tones of a funeral bell.

The Saloon's Real Character. The persistency with which the idea is being advocated that the first step of the reform against the saloon is to be the establishment of a substitute for the saloon indicates that the propagandists of that idea have entirely overlooked one of the most potent of all facts bearing upon the question.

These features of the saloon system which we are told "minister to fundamental needs of society," "facilitate social expression," etc., exaggerated in the presentation that is given to the public.

But even where the saloon may furnish certain comforts and advantages, those things are only incidental to the saloon business. The saloon exists for the purpose of selling drink, and is resorted to primarily for the purpose of drinking.

During the discussion of Bishop Potter's outbreak the early part of the year 1899, the New York Telegraph, which is in no way to be regarded as an exception, made an illuminating remark as follows:

"I never had any use for whisky except to get drunk with it. It was a wise man who said this. He had many specimens of drinking in his life, and eventually seeing the futility of his pursuit, had ceased, and was subsequently giving his opinion upon the value of whisky as an aid to civilization."

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