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INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JUNE 11.

Subject: The Message of the Risen Christ, Rev. L. 19-30—Golden Text, Rev. L. 18—Memory Verses, 17, 18—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. John receives a message (vs. 10, 11). "In the Spirit" (vs. 12). Under the influence of the Spirit, and filled and quickened by the Spirit. "The Lord's day." The day made sacred to all Christians for all time by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

II. "Alpha and Omega." Omitted in R. V. These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This is a figurative expression used to show that Christ was the "source and the consummation" of all things.

III. "In the midst." Showing Christ's presence among His people. "The Son of Man." Compare Daniel 7:13. This term is used here because His glory might hide from view His oneness of sympathy with His people.

IV. "In His right hand." The "right hand" is an emblem of power. "Seven stars." These stars are the faithful preachers of the gospel. "A sharp two-edged sword." His word which is both wound and life.

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JUNE ELEVENTH.

Not Ashamed of the Gospel.—Rom. 1:13-17.

Paul was in debt to Christ, in debt for his life; but he was proud of the debt. "I can be ashamed of myself, but I cannot be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

When men are proud of their achievements they make a world's exhibition to place them on show. The Christian will be glad to exhibit Christ in his life.

There is no more beautiful joy on earth than the pride which a younger brother takes in his noble older brother. Now Christ is our Elder Brother.

No army wins victories unless it is proud of its general. The Christian is like a mirror reflecting a lovely face. How absurd it would be if the mirror gave vain of the face, as if it were his own!

Am I always eager for a chance to sing Christ's praises? Am I giving Christ good reason to be ashamed of me? Is my life, on the whole, a satisfaction to Christ?

Epworth League Lessons. SUNDAY, JUNE ELEVENTH. Not Ashamed of the Gospel.—Rom. 1:13-17.

Paul had purposed to go to Rome, but was hindered. He went at last, but only as a prisoner. He had an ambition to save the Roman as well as the Jew.

It takes courage to champion an unpopular cause. When that cause is maligned and misrepresented, when it means social ostracism and peril to life and liberty, it takes a hero to preach it.

There are reasons why Christ might be ashamed of us. How slow of faith were we, how reluctant to leave all and follow Him. How negligent of duty, and prone to grieve Him, have we been!

Temperance Notes. The Pittsburg jail is now being doubled in size. This is the way the taxpayer is providing for the product of the saloon.

RAM'S HORN BLASTS. HE senses of superciliousness do not make the salt. Patience is a pearl off produced by petty irritation. Self-conceit never yet assisted self-control.

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

A Remarkable Editorial From the New York American Entitled "The Prisoner of the Bottle"—The Drunkard May Be Cured by Sympathy and Forgiveness.

Let temperance reformers remember always that the man who leathes whiskey most intensely is whiskey's victim. There never was a clear, cold-headed teetotaler that hated whiskey, despised it or knew its dangers one-half as thoroughly as the unhappy, hopeless drunkard.

Whiskey, you must remember—horrid as it is—brings oblivion for the moment. He that must give up the surgeon's knife will have chloroform. To the drunkard, whiskey is the chloroform that saves him from the knife of conscience.

Only the man whose nerves have actually lived upon whiskey has any idea of what it means to give up whiskey. It is easy for you to preach to him—but suppose he should ask you to give up yours?

But go about your work intelligently, and above all sympathetically, with kindness, not with reproaches or any "holier-than-thou" feeling.

Remember that to stop drink requires an effort of the will—a very great effort. The sober man cannot consent.

God is good, a great deal of it, comes from the fact that human beings are greedy. The bad cooking of insufficient food brings more misery into poor homes than any cause save worry, poverty's other curse.

To help a man stop drinking, first help him to stop worrying. Many a man has been cured of drunkenness by a protracted life in the open air, with plenty of exercise, simple food and long sleep.

Another thing most important in the building up of will power is the stimulation of the senses. Help him to do it. Human beings do that which pleases them best.

If you can actually give a man anything that he likes better than whiskey, he will take that instead of whiskey. Above all, if you could cure a human being of his drinking, you would give to that human being constant sympathy, endless kindness. Remember that you are asking that which is almost impossible, and which only a miracle of the will or the affections can possibly accomplish.

Christianity Wants Sunny People. Christianity wants nothing so much in the world as sunny people; and the old are hungrier for love than for bread, and the oil of joy is very cheap.

Clear Shining After Rain. One of the numberless touches of exquisite poetry in the Old Testament is the which describes the "fender grass" springing out of the earth by clearing shining after rain.

GIVE US MEN.

Men from every rank, Fresh and free and frank; Men of thought and reading, Men of light and learning, Men of loyal breeding, Men of faith, and not of faction.

Give us men! Give us men! Give us men! Give us men! Give us men!

A Remarkable Letter. The Sermon on the Mount—illustrated as it is by Christ's life—contains a series of ideals. Here are some:

The ideal of humility. The ideal of "turning the other cheek" (the absence of revenge). The ideal of self-sacrifice. The ideal of loving an enemy.

The ideal of honest purity. In thought, as well as in action. And here are some of the axioms of the world's creed:

The ideal of ostentation, smartness, notoriety. The ideal of self-assertion and blowing one's own trumpet as well as rising at their expense.

The ideal of compromise (the politician's ideal). The ideal of saving one's "face," "outrage," and "a rake makes the best husband, etc."

"Christians Are the Happy People." Said one young man to another recently in Japan, writes Miss M. B. Griffin, a missionary: "I tell you, we Japanese are too indifferent on the subject of religion. The Christians, they are the happy people."

Sing of Love. The common mercies we enjoy all sing of love, just as the sea shell, when we put it to our ears, whispers of the deep sea whence it came; but if we desire to hear the ocean itself, we must not look at everyday blessings, but at the transactions of the crucifixion.

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Pigs in Church. Animals attend a church service in Cuzco, Peru. Pigs, goats, cattle and poultry are brought by their owners to be blessed on All Saints Day.

MUCH IN LITTLE. The pay of the London police force amounts to over \$7,000,000 a year. The railways now existing or under construction in China aggregate 2,355 miles.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade Says:

Improvement is reported in retail trade, although weather conditions are still far from ideal, and excessive rain retards agricultural progress sufficiently to cause conservatism among dealers, yet confidence in the future is prevailing.

Building operations make favorable comparisons with recent years, and there is little controversy regarding wages or hours of labor. In the iron and steel industry there is great activity on old orders and general confidence in a vigorous demand during the second-half of the year.

Baltimore.—FLOUR—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 8,023 barrels. WHEAT—Firm; spot contract, 1.07 1/4 @ 1.07 3/4; spot No. 2 red Western, 1.08 @ 1.08 1/2; May, 1.07 1/4 @ 1.07 3/4; July, 88 1/2 @ 89; August, 86 1/2 @ 87; September, 84 1/2 @ 85; steamer No. 2 red, 1.00 @ 1.00 1/2; No. 3, 98 1/2 @ 99 1/2; No. 4, 96 1/2 @ 97 1/2; No. 5, 94 1/2 @ 95 1/2; No. 6, 92 1/2 @ 93 1/2; No. 7, 90 1/2 @ 91 1/2; No. 8, 88 1/2 @ 89 1/2; No. 9, 86 1/2 @ 87 1/2; No. 10, 84 1/2 @ 85 1/2.

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CORN—Steady; spot, 56 @ 56 1/4; July, 55 @ 55 1/4; steamer mixed, 51 @ 51 1/4; receipts, 20,502 bushels; exports, 750 bushels; Southern white corn, 52 @ 52 1/2; Southern yellow corn, 52 @ 52 1/2.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 36 @ 36 1/2; No. 2 mixed, 34 1/2 @ 34 3/4; receipts, 9,578 bushels; exports, 80 bushels. RYE—Dull (downturn); No. 2 Western, 81. HAY—Easy; No. 1 timothy, 14.00 @ 14.00; No. 1 clover mixed, 11.00 @ 11.50.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged; fancy imitation, 19 @ 20; ordinary creamery, 22 @ 23; fancy ladie, 17 @ 18; steam packed, 16 @ 17. EGGS—Steady and unchanged; 16 1/2.

CHEESE—Easy and unchanged; large, 17 1/2 @ 18; small, 12. SUGAR—Steady and unchanged; coarse granulated, 5.90 @ 5.90; fine, 5.90. New York.—BUTTER—Easy; receipts, 5,536. Street price, extra creamery, 22 @ 24 1/4; official price, creamery, common to extra, 20 @ 22; State dairy, common to extra, 18 @ 21 1/4.

CHEESE—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 3,595. EGGS—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 15,022. POULTRY—Alive, firm; Western spring chickens, 30 @ 33; fowls, 15; old turkeys, 12; dressed, firm; Western broilers, 30 @ 35; fowls, 10 @ 14; turkeys, 13 @ 17.

WHEAT—Receipts, 38,000 bushels; sales, 5,100,000 bushels. Spot firm; No. 1 red, 1.10 1/2 nominal; elevator, No. 2 red, 1.10 1/2 nominal. F. O. B. abroad; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.15 1/2 @ 1.16; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 1.02 @ 1.03; No. 2, 1.00 @ 1.01. A strong advance in the market, impelled by heavy rains in Kansas, good outside support, and low Northwest temperature, was replaced later by sharp reactions.

CORN—Receipts, 33,225 bushels; sales, 10,000 bushels. Spot firm; No. 2, 59 1/2 nominal elevator and 58 nominal f. o. b. abroad; No. 2 yellow, 59; No. 2 white, 59. Option market was quiet in New York and firm early, followed by reactions, closing 1/4 @ 1/2 net higher.

OATS—Receipts, 54,000 bushels. Spot steady. Mixed oats, 25 to 32 pounds, 35 @ 35 1/2; natural white, 30 to 32 pounds, 35 @ 37 1/2; clipped white, 35 to 40 pounds, 37 @ 40. POTATOES—Steady; Southern Rose, 2.00 @ 2.75; State and Western, 2.50 @ 3.00; fancy sweet, 2.50 @ 3.00. PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4; other domestic, 3 3/4 @ 5 1/4. CABBAGES—Easy; Charleston, per barrel car, 50 @ 53.00.

LIVE STOCK.—New York.—CALVES—Receipts, 243; feeling steady. Veals, 4.00 @ 6.25; tops, 5.50; buttermilks, 3.75; grassers, 3.00; mixed calves, 5.25; dressed calves, 70c per pound; country dressed, 60c. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,476; market steady. Sheep, 3.50 @ 5.10; choice wethers, \$3.25 @ 5.40; yearlings, 6.25 @ 5.50; no sales of lambs. HOGS—Receipts, 1,208; nominally weak. Chicago.—CATTLE—Receipts, 7,000; market steady. Good to prime steers, 5.00 @ 5.50; poor to medium, 4.00 @ 5.50; stockers and feeders, 2.75 @ 3.15; cows, 2.60 @ 4.75; heifers, 2.60 @ 3.20; canners, 1.50 @ 2.40; bulls, 2.30 @ 2.75; calves, 3.00 @ 5.00. HOGS—Receipts, 30,000; market 5c. over. Mixed and butchers, 5.20 @ 5.50; good to choice heavy, 5.40 @ 5.50; rough heavy, 5.15 @ 5.35; light, 5.25 @ 5.50; bulk of sales, 5.35 @ 5.50.