

"Till He

Come"

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# LESSON FOR JULY 8 AHAZ, THE FAITHLESS KING.

LESSON TEXT-H Chron. 28:1-5, 20:27, GOLDEN TEXT-Without faith it is two directions: backward to the impossible to please him.-Heb. 11:6. LESSON TEXT-II Chron. 30:1-13. Cross of Christ.

and forward to Ahaz reigned sixteen years from his coming again, about 739 to 723 B. C., over the king-This solemn servdom of Judah, its capital being in Jeruice should ever salem. The kingdom was nearing its remind us of the end, and was destroyed within a few blessed fact that years after the death of Ahaz. His is coming character presents many interesting questions for discussion; the character As we partake of his reign, the wealth and prosperity of the Lord's Supof his father and grandfather, the deper, we are by velopment of his character from the faith to look back to Calvary where home wherein he originated, why a na-Christ's blood was tion can be successful and not be rightshed for the reeous or virtuous, that is, outwardly successful, and the application of these mission of sin and his body broken for us; we are also questions to our present-day political

by faith to look forward to his blessed and commercial lives. appearing. It is the latter fact that I. Ahaz, the Ruler, (vv. 1-5). The is brought to our minds by the phrase character of Ahaz is not to be admired. "till he come." By it, we are led to He played a prominent and evil part understand that as our Lord once in the history of the Kingdom of Judah. came and was here upon this earth,

We find his name recorded among the Syrian inscriptions of the year 732 B. His own Word gives us the promise C., the Hebrew historian having of his return. Speaking to his disdropped the prefix "Jeho" from his ciples about his coming departure he name. The full name indicates that said: "And if I go and prepare a place he had "grasped Jehovah," yet he was for you, I will come again, and receive untrue to his name. The historian says you 'unto myself; that where I am, "he did not that which was right in the there ye may be also." (Jno. 14:3.) By sight of the Lord." This puts it mildly. this he meant his own personal return but indeed few of the kings of Judah and not the coming of the Holy Spirit. did otherwise, and he patterned his Whenever our Lord spoke about the conduct not after the good model of his coming of the Holy Spirit, he always father, but the thoroughly bad conduct referred to it in such a way that there of the kings of the northern nation, could be no confusing of that event Israel. He was but twenty years of with his own coming. And we know age when he took the throne, but had that long after the advent of the Holy already entered upon a course of action Spirit, John the evangelist on the isopposed to that of his father and land of Patmos heard again from our grandfather in that he imitated the Lord the promise of his return. The ways of the kings of Israel and caused word of the Lord to him was "Surely. to be circulated throughout the land I come quickly," and the heart of the the image of Baal. He was rich and apostle responded "Amen. Even so prosperous, outwardly, and his kingdom was well organized. He had a

navy, and we are told that the condition of the kingdom was of a prosper-In the Church at Thessalonica we ity not known since the days of Soloread of Christians who "turned to God mon. His name was spread abroad, from idols to serve the living and true but what a significant verse is II God; and to wait for his son from Chron. 26:15. heaven." (I Thess. 1:9-10.) Evidently

II. Ahaz Ruined. The choice lay from this, as well as from other Scripbefore him of following in the steps of tures, it was not the Holy Spirit for his grandfather Uzziah and his father whom they waited, for he had come; Jotham (II Chron, 1:10). He chose to or for anyone else. It was for the defy God, openly disobeyed him and Lord Jesus Christ himself, and they was disloyal to his God and his counwaited for him to come from heaven. try, walking in the ways of the kings With this agrees the promise of the of Israel, (v. 2), burnt his children in two men in white spoken to the disthe fire, after the abominations of the ciples of our Lord at the time of his heathen, (v. 3), made molten images ascension: "Ye men of Galilee, why of Baal, (v. 2), and spread that worstand ye gazing up into heaven? This ship into the high places on the hills same Jesus, which is taken up from and under every green tree (v. 4), you into heaven, shall so come in like made-sacrilegious use of the temple's manner as ye have seen him go into



(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

THE BANKER'S STANDPOINT. The effect of prohibition is well put

by Hon., Nicholas Iserguine, inspector of state savings banks of the Rüsslan empire, who, while visiting in Chicago gave an interview to the Daily News:

THE FULTON COUNTY NEWS, MCCONNELLSBURG, PA. -

"Our country is 'bone dry' to the extent that not even beer or mild wines can be obtained. We are fighting in the world war, with every available man at the front, yet since the outbreak of the war the deposits in our state savings banks have increased from 1,800,000,000 rubles to 3,600,000,-000 rubles.

"Thus in deposits we have about doubled in less than three years the amount accumulated in 73 years previous to the outbreak of the war, for our state banks are about 75 years old. This vast increase means nothing else than the enrichment of the poorer classes. They have become the capitalists through the mass of their savings

"There have been many other gratifying results," he continued. "Insanity has decreased to a minimum. There are almost no mental disorders among the soldiers at the front, whereas in sald : the Japanese-Russian war these formed a serious problem. Most of the Russian homes are of wood and in olden days the fire menace was constant and dreaded. Configrations have been reduced 90 per cent in towns and cities. "The Russian peasant was not a regular drinker in the old days, but he expended his earnings about once a month on an orgy which ended in deep intoxication. Now he is sober all the time, not only because he has to be, but because in the light of fresh ex-

# PORTO RICO FOR PROHIBITION.

perience he desires to be."

The Sixty-fourth congress provided in the Porto Rican citizenship measure for prohibition in the island subject to a referendum of the people within five years. Hoping to cut off the educational campaign of the drys, the liquor interests forced an early decision, and the question will be voted upon at the general election in July. The natives do not want any more rum, it is said, and credit for this dry sentiment is given to the missionaries who have been in the island for 19 years, and to the National W. C. T. U., who last year sent an organizer there. Mrs. Nelle Burger, president of Missouri W. C. T. U., experienced as an organizer in Mexico and as an allround prohibition campaigner, has been appointed to lead the W. C. T. U. forces in the Porto Rican fight for a dry island.

The Decatur (III.) Herald says that in a recent raid of bootleggers in that city all were sent to the county jail because no "professional bondsmen" appeared to bail them out. Which shows that the professional bondsman is a product of the saloon.

of the chartered banks in Canada, one is struck by the wonderful showing that they have made during the past two or three years. They are careful in their statements, and while they attribute the success that they have met with, together with that which has followed other lines of business, they are careful to emphasize the fact that the condition of big business may not continue. On the other hand, they point out that the material and fundanental source of wealth is the farm. While other lines of business may have their setbacks, and while care and scrupulous care, will have to be exercised to keep an even balance, there is but little risk to the farmer who on economic and studied lines will carry on his branch of industry and endeavor to produce what the world wants not only today, but for a long distance into the future, with a greater demand than

ever in the past. Speaking recently before a Canadian bank board at its annual meeting, the vice president, once a farmer himself,

"The farm is the chief source of wealth. We have now three transcontinental railways with branches running through thousands of miles of the very best undeveloped agricultural land in the world. In the natural course of things, these must attract immigration. The products of the farm are now commanding the highest prices ever known, and in my opinion even after the end of the war, high prices for foodstuffs must continue to prevail. With the mechanical appliances now available for farm work, the farmer needs no considerable supply of extra capital, but should be helped to the extent needed upon good security. The food supply of the world is short, the demand is likely to increase rather than decrease. Development of mines, extension of factories and the reconstruction of devastated Europe must all call for supplies for the workers. On the whole, the farmer has been helped rather than hurt by the war, and will continue to be, at least for a long time to come."

Many men of authority and intelligence support what the vice president has said, and their statements are Attorneys, Bankers, Insurance Agencies borne out by the facts that readily present themselves. The different grainveloped their agriculture, the farms have been devastated and laid waste. Full and complete reliance will have to be placed on the United States and Canada, and from what we see today, it will take the combined forces of these two countries to come anywhere near meeting the cry that will go out for food. The warnings and appeals sent out by the heads of these two countries are none too soon nor too urgent. Therefore, it becomes nec- three every night? essary for those who can produce to exert themselves. Secure land, rent it, it. So far he has always managed to buy it. Get it somewhere, some way, the tiller's efforts, and none of it should be idle. Canada, too, offers wonderful advantages, with its free lands and its low-priced lands, to those desirous of helping the nation, and improving their own condition at the same time. . Many are taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity-Advertisement.

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here's a Reason" for ape-Nuts heaven." (Acts 1:11.) It is then from heaven, into which our Lord ascended that he is to come, and it is he himself for whom we are to look, and not for another.

Neither did our Lord mean the death of the believer, when he spoke of his coming again. At death, the believer departs to be with the Lord: It was Paul, who having had word concerning his decease, said: "The time of my departure is at hand." At the

coming of Christ, the Lord himself returns to the earth and the believers shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Then, after an interval of time they shall come with the Lord when he comes in all the glory of the father and his holy angels. There are thus two parts to the second coming of Christ: his coming for the believers, and his coming with the believers. First Thessalonians refers to the first

# part, while the Second Thessalonians tells of the second part of his coming.

# What the Coming of Jesus Means.

One has only to read the word of our Lord to Peter after his resurrection to know that by the coming of Christ is not meant the death of the believer. In response to Peter's question concerning John, "What shall this man do?" the risen Lord said, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?" "Then," adds the evangelist, "went this saying abroad among the brethren that that disciple should not die: Yet Jesus said not unto him, 'He shall not die;' but, 'if I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?" " (Jno. 11:21-23.) Here you see is a clear distinction made between

death and the coming of Christ. In that once famous, but now almost forgotten book "The Life of Jesus," the author, David Friedrich Strauss, refers to the frequency with which our Lord speaks of his second coming. He uses this as an argument against the credibility of the Gospel narrative because he says a dead man cannot come back to earth. This argument a little child who knows anything of the truth can easily controvert, for it is not whether a dead man can come back to earth, but whether the Son of God, who rose from the dead, can fulfill his oft-repeated promise: "I am

coming." What Strauss says about the frequency of Christ's reference to his second coming is of real service. It shows how a German skeptic with no system of doctrine to conserve, destructive even to denial, reads and inanyone without preconceived notions will read and interpret these passages as meaning just what they say. This is abundantly proved in heathen converts who when they begin to read the Master's teachings catch the blessed hope and exclaim "Why he's coming back again !"

Yes, he is coming back again and the Lord's Supper is a token of this fact. Already there are foregleams of that day. The evening red is upon the western horizon. "For yet a little while and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." (Heb. 10: 37.) Are you ready?

treasury, and was dishonest as well as profane. He trusted Baalim more than he trusted God.

III. Ahaz Rebuked. God did not allow him to pursue his course of action without protest. When the children of good men go wrong, there is no measuring the extent of depravity to which they will sink. Nevertheless, God was opposed and tried to save the young man and the nation. God used the king of Syria as one agency for rebuking this mad young man. He carried away great multitudes captive, one hundred and twenty thousand in one day (v. 6), and "two hundred thousand women, sons and daughters" (v. 8) at another date. Ahaz himself was filled with terror at the great calamity that overtook him. (Isa, 7:2.) While he received temporary help (II Kings 16: 9, 10), he received ultimately ruin from the king of Assyria, for he

became a vassal and was summoned to Damascus to pay homage to that king, as appears from the account II

Kings 16:7-9, and also from the Assyrian inscription, above referred to. Other enemies also attacked him-Edomites from the southeast carried away captives, and the Philistines from the southwest invaded the cities of the low plains, south of Judah, and took possession of them (vv. 17-19) and the army of the Assyrian, which Ahaz led to rob and profane the temple and its treasures in order to buy them, off (v. 22-24), completed the ruin of his nation. Ahaz was forced to pay a heavy tribute to the Assyrian king (v. 21), and got no help for his outlay. He put his trust in an arm of flesh instead of in the mighty arm of

God, which brought upon him the curse that always comes to those who trust in man (Jer. 17:5, 6). There is a blessing which always awalts those who trust in Jehovah (Jer. 17:7, 8). The wise man turns to God not in the time of his distress but at all times. Instead of sacrificing to the God who saved his father and who would save him, Ahaz sacrificed to the god "which smote him." His defiance knew no bounds (v. 24). He seemed to have dabbled in every known form of false worship, thereby "provoking to anger the Lord God of his fathers" (II Kings 23:11, 12). God is long-suffering to those who wander from him, but there comes an end to his patience (II Peter

3:9, 10). IV. The Reverse Picture. There are several problems to be solved as we view this picture, for it is a story of real life, not only of the early times terprets the statements of Christ. And but is being repeated even today and in this country. (1) Men will reap that which they sow. One cannot sow wild oats and reap the fruits of righteousness. (2) Jehovah places rightcousness above security or prosperity. (3) God's purposes are for the uplift and the making of the nation and the individual better. God never does evil that good may come out of it. A lov-

ing father must exercise discipline, and let us not be mistaken.

# Blind and Destructive.

Envy is blind, and has no other quality but that of detracting from virtue. -Livy.

MORE CLEAN PROFIT.

The talk of the wets about confiscation and compensation falls rather | and have it operated. The Canadian flat when the facts are known. Former | Government, sending out its appeal, is breweries for example, are many of not selfish in this matter. Thousands them employing more men and making of acres in the United States await more money than when they were manufacturing beer. These examples may be mentioned as typical:

The Rainler Brewery of Portland, Ore., as a brewery employed 156 men. It now gives employment to 1,600 men as a tannery.

The Portland Brewery employed a hundred men in making beer. It now gives work to 500 men in making furniture.

The Pacific Coast Brewery gave work to 125 men when beer was manufactured. Now as a shoe factory it has on its pay roll 2,500 men.

# VON LIEBIG SAYS.

It is now possible to demonstrate with mathematical certainty that, so far as enriching the blood is concerned, the flour that will lie on the point of a knife affords more nourishment than four measures of the best Bavarian beer. Anybody who drinks a measure of beer daily would thus imbibe in one year, about as much nourishment as is contained in a pound of bread. This is the positive statement made by Baron von Liebig, after scientific investigation, in "Chemische Briefe."

### TO BE EXPECTED.

"More whisky consumed under prohibition than when the city had saloons." This is what the mayor of Davenport, Ia., said. Wonder if he's telling the truth! Anyway, as The Commoner pertinently puts it, "the mayor of a city ought to be enforcing the law instead of bragging about lawlessness-but this is what may be expected when the liquor element is allowed to pick the officials."

#### LABOR'S MORTAL ENEMY.

I say that the saloon is the labor union's mortal enemy and that union-Ism will never rise to its proper place, will never stand erect in pride and power if it allows the liquor traffic to hang around its neck and strap upon its back this cursed thing which men call the saloon .- Rev. Father James E. Cassidy.

## LABOR'S TRIBUTE.

The vast fortunes of the brewers and distillers are built up by the hardearned dollars of the workingman.

## SHOES FOR CHILDREN.

A big shoe dealer of Denver states that within 60 days after the state went dry there were so many orders for bables' and children's shoes that rush orders had to be sent to the factories. One dealer said he was certain that thousands of children were then getting shoes for the first time in their lives.

#### AVOIDS THE SALOON.

Opportunity knocks once at every man's door, but she does not call around at the saloon for him.

get home first .--- Judge.

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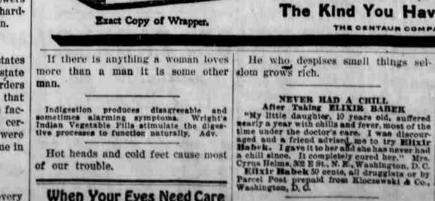


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