

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR APRIL 28

JESUS REBUKES SELFISHNESS.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 9:30-32. GOLDEN TEXT—If any man desire to be first, he must be last of all, and servant of all.—Mark 9:35.

1. The stupidity of selfishness. (vv. 30-32). Jesus with his disciples is on his way to Capernaum for the last time. He is soon to leave for Jerusalem, where he is to die on the cruel cross for the world's sins.

2. "The Son of Man is delivered into the hands of men."

3. "He shall rise the third day."

II. The Wrangling of Selfishness. (vv. 33-37). 1. The searching question (v. 33). The omniscient Christ knew the secrets of their hearts.

2. They were ashamed in his presence, because the selfishness of their hearts was revealed.

3. The stinging rebuke (vv. 35-37). "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all."

III. The Intolerance of Selfishness (vv. 38-41). 1. John's guilty conscience (v. 38).

2. Whom to tolerate (vv. 39-41). (1) Those who are casting out devils (v. 39).

(2) Those who are not doing this work in Christ's name (v. 41).

IV. The Awful Issue of Selfishness. (vv. 42-50). Selfishness results in ruin to others (v. 42), and also to the individual (vv. 43, 45 and 47).

Be Uncommonly Good. Here is a sentence of Coventry Patmore's, one of the many jottings which were found in manuscript after his death.

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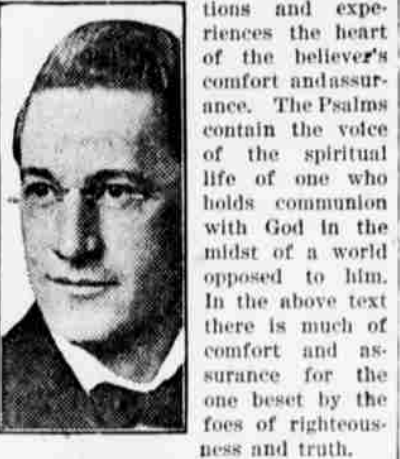
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The Safety of the Christian. By REV. B. B. SUTCLIFFE, Extension Department, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

TEXT—When I cry unto thee then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.—Ps. 56:9.

David, the sweet singer of Israel, has set down for us in the expression of his own emotions and experiences the heart of the believer's comfort and assurance.



The Need of Safety.

This psalm declares in the second verse "they be many that fight against me" and this is echoed by every Christian's heart.

1. "The Son of Man is delivered into the hands of men."

2. "They shall kill him."

3. "He shall rise the third day."

How to Enforce the Law. "They tell me that the prohibitory law is not enforced," says William Jennings Bryan.

How the Saloon Pays Its License Money. Some one may claim that the saloon helps to pay his taxes.

Nationwide Prohibition Logical. War efficiency and the liquor traffic have been treated in all belligerent countries as irreconcilable enemies.

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

THE PROHIBITION SITUATION AT THE BEGINNING OF 1918.

A survey of the wet and dry situation throughout the country, taken by the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist church, shows that on January 1 there were 2,374 dry counties and 615 wet counties.

The year 1917 gave the drys statewide victory in New Hampshire, Utah and Indiana by legislative action and in New Mexico by vote of the people.

The United States Supreme court upheld the Webb-Kenyon anti-shipment law and sustained the rigid Idaho bond-dry law.

Congress voted the District of Columbia dry, passed the Reed bone-dry law, shutting liquors out of all prohibition states; enacted a law prohibiting the sending of advertising of liquors through the mails into states where it is forbidden.

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SAW WAR'S HORROR. English Lady Writes of Experiences in Roumania. Veritable Inferno When Oil Fields Were Destroyed—Russian Soldiers Pillage While Their Commander Is Occupied Elsewhere.

I had not thought that we could possibly enter into a new phase of horror, but it was born on Boxing day, when the first whispers reached us of the destruction of the oil fields.

He had been one of a party who went out alone to the petrol city to destroy. No one would give them help, and he told us wonderful accounts of the scenes which he had witnessed.

Since the day of the caveman, who liked his meat raw, civilization has learned a lot about the scientific treatment of the things we eat.

Naturally none of us would prefer to have our meat raw, our potatoes as they come from the ground, our coffee unroasted.

And naturally follows the great discovery recently made by the American Tobacco Co.—that tobacco tastes better TOASTED!

This wonderful new idea—simple like all great inventions—was first used in producing the famous LUCKY STRIKE Cigarette—made of toasted Burley tobacco.

Burley has a mellow flavor, entirely different from the tobacco usually used for cigarettes. It is a pipe tobacco and LUCKY STRIKE Cigarettes taste like a pipe. Adv.

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Win the War by Preparing the Land. Sowing the Seed and Producing Bigger Crops. Work in Joint Effort the Soil of the United States and Canada. CO-OPERATIVE FARMING IN MAN POWER NECESSARY TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR LIBERTY.

The Food Controllers of the United States and Canada are asking for greater food production. Scarcely 100,000,000 bushels of wheat are available to be sent to the allies overseas before the crop harvest.

Every Available Tillable Acre Must Contribute; Every Available Farmer and Farm Hand Must Assist.

Western Canada has an enormous acreage to be seeded, but man power is short, and an appeal to the United States allies is for more men for seeding operation.

Canada's Wheat Production Last Year was 225,000,000 Bushels; the Demand From Canada Alone for 1918 is 400,000,000 Bushels.

To secure this she must have assistance. She has the land but needs the men. The Government of the United States wants every man who can effectively help, to do farm work this year.

Those who respond to this appeal will get a warm welcome, good wages, good board and find comfortable homes. They will get a rate of one cent a mile from Canadian boundary points to destination and return.

For particulars as to routes and places where employment may be had apply to: U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

Drastic Control of Flax. The British flax control board ordered that no flax, flax line, or flax tow may without permit be spread, carded or otherwise put into manufacture after January 12.

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OUR DEFENSE. In the spring we may be attacked at any moment. Toxic poisons pile up within us after a hard winter, and we feel "run-down," tired out, blue and discouraged.

This is the time to put our house in order—cleanse the system and put fresh blood into our arteries.

You can obtain an alternative extract from Blood root, Golden Seal, Stone and Queen's root, Cherry bark, rolled into a sugar-coated tablet and sold by most druggists, in sixty cent vials, as most druggists, in sixty cent vials, as most druggists, in sixty cent vials, as most druggists, in sixty cent vials.

Chilliness, when other people feel warm enough, is a sign of biliousness, or of malarial poisons—so in a fevered or coated tongue, a loss of appetite, headaches or giddiness, and a dull, drowsy, debilitated feeling.

Them. They'll give you permanent benefit for Indigestion, Constipation, Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, and Dizziness. They are small and pleasant to take, and the most thoroughly natural remedy.

Twenty-five cents at most drug stores.

Frost Proof Cabbage Plants. By express, you paying charges. POST PAID 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 750, 800, 850, 900, 950, 1000.

Speaking of real estate in cities, a front foot is often worth more than a back yard.

Add Stomach, Heartburn and Nausea quickly disappear with the use of Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills. Send for trial box to 372 Pearl St., New York. Adv.

Missing From Illinois Farms. Illinois is said to have lost 100,000 farm workers from its 200,000 farms.—Chicago News.

Itching Burning Skins. For eczemas, rashes, itchings, irritations, pimples, dandruff, sore hands, and baby humors, Cuticura Soap and Ointment are supremely effective.

Nothing to Go By. "She's quite refined, Jack, really! You can never judge a girl by her clothes."

Some Guide. "The submarine blockade," said a government official at a dinner, "is a bluff. It does harm, of course; it does untold harm, but as a blockade it is a bluff."

"The bluffing, bragging submarines remind me of the hen."

"A hen, you know, set out to see the world, and met a crow in a remote forest."

"But, madam," said the crow, "are you not afraid without wings, of losing your way in all this dense tangle?"

"Afraid? Oh, no!" said the hen. "Every little while I lay an egg to guide myself back by."—Anon.

Mason and Dixon's Line. James V. Cabiness, a traveling man of Evansville, told the following story the other day:

"Coming home recently from Oklahoma I heard a bit of dark humor. I was on a train and Oklahoma has a 'Jim Crow' law similar to the one in Kentucky.

However, there had been such a demand for troop coaches that our train had 'only the old-fashioned cars without any compartments. One of a group of negroes who had segregated themselves in one end of the coach gravely took a piece of twine out of his pocket and stretched it across the aisle from opposite window racks.

"What's that line?" asked one of his friends.

"Mason and Dixon's," he grinned. —Indianapolis News.

A Package of Grape-Nuts teaches food conservation. Saves FUEL SUGAR TIME WHEAT AND WASTE. SOLD BY GROCERS.

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