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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director Sunday School Course, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 27

REVIEW.

READING LESSON—John 3:14-21.
GOLDEN TEXT—I come quickly; hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown. Rev. 3:11.

The lessons of the first quarter of this year's cycle chiefly present Jesus as the great teacher. Those of the second quarter principally concern the aspect of his saviorhood, whereas during this present quarter we see him mainly as the great judge. These lessons have dealt with matters which occurred during the last months of his life. During that "year of opposition" he is met with the most determined hostility and persecution. Nevertheless he proceeds against it all with calm assurance, in strict justice and without a shadow of faltering.

This reading lesson contains the most celebrated and familiar verse in the bible. In it we see:

A mighty God—"For God"
A mighty motive—"So loved"
A mighty scope—"The world"
A mighty sacrifice—"So gave His only begotten Son"
A mighty escape—"Not perish"
A mighty gift—"Eternal life."

We here see Jesus set forth in grace and while it does not declare that he came to judge, yet, in the passage are set forth those principles upon which he is constantly the judge, and where by he will eventually act in the last and final judgment.

God's Right.

In the first lesson, that of the laborers, Jesus taught his disciples the sovereignty of God. God has a right to do as seemeth best to himself. In this parable we see the true motive in service, viz., fidelity and not for hope of reward. Jesus thus prepared the way for his denunciation and judgment, of the rulers.

Lesson two, which deals with the self-seeking disciples and the self-sacrificing Savior, is intended to teach that there is but one path to true and lasting greatness, and that is the path of sacrifice and service.

The story of Bartimaeus, lesson three, is a beautiful and touching exhibition of his activity of mercy even in the midst of the approaching judgment.

In the fourth lesson is presented the parable of the pounds and the talents. Both are spoken to the disciples and both deal with their responsibilities to himself in the coming days. Our eternal reward depends upon our acts and attitudes in the life that now is.

Lesson five presents Jesus as the Messiah prophesied of in the Old Testament. It deals with the story of his coming into Jerusalem. Entering thus in such a manner demands our attention for it foreshadows the time of his judicial activity with reference to the people and the nation.

The next five lessons may be said to deal with this ministry of judgment. In lesson six we see some of the preparatory signs and teaching. The blasting of the fig tree and his cleansing of the house of God are both symbolical.

Lesson seven teaches us that if we fall to be faithful in the kingdom which has been entrusted to us it will certainly be taken from us.

Lesson eight presents the parable of the marriage feast in which Jesus unfolds the plan of God's invitation and its human rejection in three stages. God's Kinship.

The ninth lesson is a political inquiry which our Lord answered by setting forth all of the important state relationships according to the fundamental fact of the kingship of God. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that be God's." No other answer of his better reveals the infinite wisdom, skill and tact of our Lord.

In lesson eleven, the parable of the virgins, we are taught that the Lord Jesus is coming again and we must watch and be ready against that imminent event. This lesson also suggests the responsibilities of his people during his absence.

The twelfth lesson is a prediction of the judgment of the nations and reveals the way by which he is to begin the administration which will ensue when that kingdom is established. There is a kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world for the righteous and a punishment prepared for the devil and those who willfully choose to do his will. Those who cast their lot with his must go with him to spend eternity. They themselves sit in judgment upon themselves, judge themselves not worthy.

The chief value of these lessons during this quarter is in the revelation which they give us of the fact that when our Lord made that last journey to Jerusalem it was not to the death of a victim, one who was mastered by circumstances, who could not escape; but as a king. As he marched along that pathway "setting his face steadfastly," he perfectly understood, and resolutely faced a passion by means of which he was accomplishing the purposes of God and beyond the darkness of which he saw the brightness of ultimate victory and glory for mankind.

MACHINES OF THE BRITISH FLYING CORPS



Sir John French has stated that the British flying corps has been rendering invaluable aid to the allies. Some of their machines are here shown. The photograph was taken on the continent, but the censor forbade mention of the locality.

AIRSHIP PROTECTING PARIS



French military dirigible hovering above Paris on the lookout for the German airships which several times sailed over the city and dropped bombs. A crowd of Parisians is seen watching the sky cruiser.

The people of Paris became so accustomed to the visits of the German aeroplanes that they treated them as an amusement.

Resting.
Patience—Did you see Peggy down at the beach?
Patrice—Oh, yes.
"What was she doing? Flirting, as usual?"
"No, she said she went down there for a rest."

Some people are too dull to cut even an undesirable acquaintance.

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LOUVAIN'S CATHEDRAL IN RUINS



The magnificent cathedral of Louvain, the interior of which was utterly wrecked by the German troops, although the outer walls remain standing. At the right is the beautiful old hotel de ville, or town hall, which almost alone of the city's buildings was spared.

PARADISE FOR THE ARTIST

Devotees of the Brush Are Accorded Accommodations Without Price at Inn at Capri.

Capri, beautiful in itself as a winter resort, offers an irresistible invitation to artists, since it has an inn where anyone, by painting a picture on the wall can get free board.

To the lovely island of Capri, with its perennial summer, its blue grotto, and its lemon groves, came, some fifty years ago, a ruined artist. He opened an inn, and died rich. In his will, leaving the inn to his heirs, he made these conditions:

"The charge per day, two bottles of red Capri wine included, is never to be more than six francs.
"If any artist is too poor to pay he shall paint a picture upon some wall-space, receiving all the accommodation accorded to those paying the highest price.
"If any German artist shall come to the inn he shall be accommodated, and shall receive the amount of his fare to Germany upon his promising never to return to Italy."

The inn is conducted today on these conditions. Its walls are covered with paintings. Now and then a German gets his fare home.

The Bridal Trousseau.

The old idea of providing brides with a score or more of gowns, wraps and hats has quite gone by. Even the fashionable trousseau of today contains no more than a dozen gowns, if as many. Styles change so fast that by fall the gowns for the June wedding, necessarily made some weeks before the ceremony, begin to look odd. Some authority has declared that the best dressed woman in Paris buys no more than three new toilets each year, but the opinion may be ventured that she is altering her last year's supply most of the time. The vast assortments of lingerie have also dwindled. Nobody provides such a multitudinous wedding outfit nowadays as used to be required.—Leslie's.

It Ought To.
"What are you going to call the new baby?"
"Reginald Claude," replied Mr. Blig-gins.

"Isn't Reginald Claude a rather affected name?"
"Yes, I want him to grow up to be a fighter, and I fancy that Reginald Claude will start something every time he goes to a new school."—London Opinion.

Both Affected.
"Singing in the grand opera expands the chest."
"Yes, The chest and the head."

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