

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR APRIL 11

DAVID ANOINTED KING.

LESSON TEXT—1 Samuel 16:4-13.
GOLDEN TEXT—Man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart.—1 Samuel 16:7 R. V.

After the events recorded in last Sunday's lesson Samuel retired to Ramah never again to see Saul's face. Samuel "mourned" (15:35) i. e., bewailed and lamented the deposed king. It was noble for Samuel thus to be grieved over Saul's sin, still, God had work for him to do. There is a sorrow that "worketh repentance" which is pleasing in the sight of God, but that idle sorrow which spends itself in unprofitable mourning is detrimental to man and a hindrance to the kingdom of God (ch. 8:7; 15:1) may fail but the kingdom goes forward. We do not interpret verse 2 as suggesting any subterfuge on God's part but rather that God refused to pay any attention to Samuel's fear God answers fear by giving us duties to perform and in their performance we are delivered from our fears.

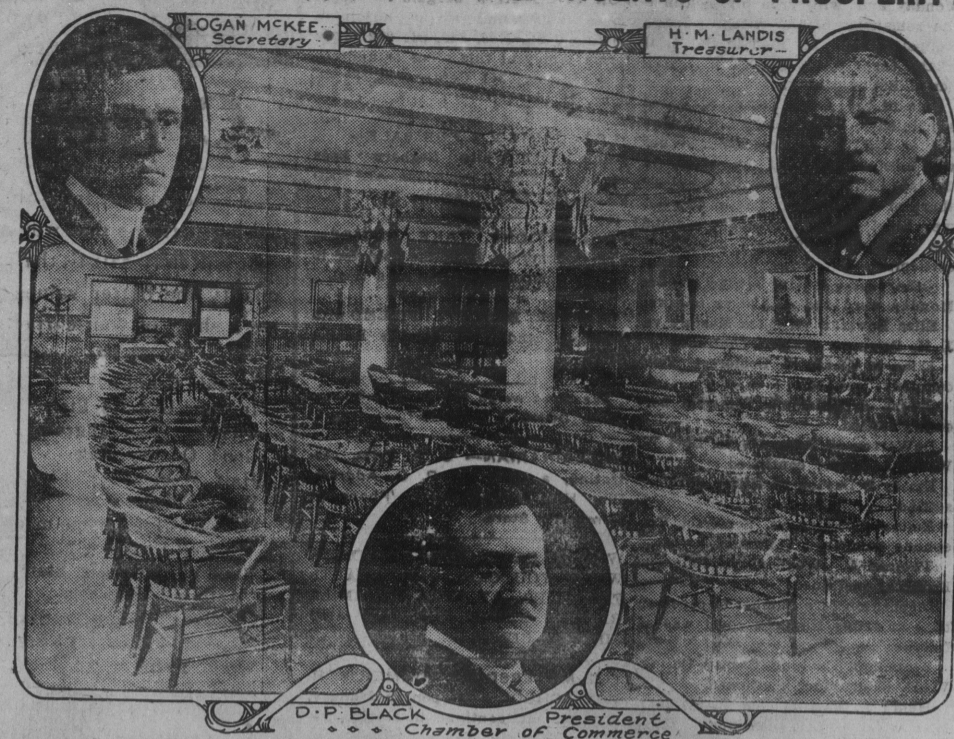
1. David Chosen to Be King, vv. 4-10. Saul, the clamorous choice of the people, was not succeeded by David—"the man after God's own heart"—for several years after this lesson. God's will in this matter was shown to Samuel progressively: (a) in chapter 13:14 Samuel is informed that God hath sought "a man after his own heart"; (b) in 16:1 he is told to go and find the king whom God had provided; (c) in verse 12 Samuel is at last definitely told whom God has selected. This selection is in accordance with the prophecy made centuries before regarding the kingly scepter (Gen. 49:10). Of course, it was high treason, this act Samuel was about to perform, and Saul yet had many friends and supporters (v. 3). God seems to have permitted Samuel to use one avowed purpose to conceal the real one, but "such a course is one to use but sparingly" (MacLaren). God can and does protect those whom he sends (Ps. 34:7) and "man is immortal till his work is done." Just what or how did not concern Samuel for he had God's promise (v. 3). A step at a time was sufficient and in taking each step Samuel was to tell the exact truth.

Thus God guides and tests his servants. Samuel was a judge as well as a prophet (ch. 7:16) and the people of Bethlehem were agitated at his arrival. He was too, that these elders were fearful of incurring the displeasure of Saul. There was no occasion for fear, as Samuel's purpose was to sacrifice and his mission one of peace even as the angelic messengers who quieted the shepherds with their message of "peace" when "great David's greater son" was ushered into the world. Jesse was a grandson of Ruth the Moabitess and also a descendant of Rahab the harlot. On his father's side he belonged to the strong tribe of Judah. He was evidently a man of some wealth, certainly in his children. After the sacrifice and before the feast Samuel is made acquainted with the sons of Jesse. The first, Eliab, was tall and good to look upon and at once Samuel fixed upon him as the certain choice for Jehovah.

II. David Anointed King, vv. 11-13. Seven sons are set aside and yet Samuel did not hear the voice of God's approval. In seeming dismay he asks, "Are here all thy children?" Jesse seems to have made a careless and reluctant reply that the youngest was away from home tending sheep. Thereupon Samuel asserts that "we will not sit down to the sacrificial feast" till he be brought hither. It is from such lowly positions that God is constantly promoting men to positions of responsibility and prominence. Witness Carey, Livingston, Moody and a hundred others past and present. David at this time was about fifteen years old (Becher). His name means "darling," significant of the affection of his mother, whose name is unknown, but to whom David twice makes reference (Ps. 86:16; 116:16). David was short, compared with his brothers, but had bright eyes (v. 12 marg.) and a fair face—a "comely person" (v. 18). David was agile and strong and though seemingly scoffed at by his brothers and neglected by his father it did not pervert his good nature nor turn him from the performance of his duties. Samuel did not grieve. David as he had greeted Saul, he may have been disappointed. This gives emphasis to the words in verse 12, "Arise anoint him: for this is he."

David is anointed, set apart, for the kingship, but is not equipped nor does he enter upon his offices till later. In this he is a type of Jesus who shall yet reign on David's throne. Verses 13 and 14 tell of the developing contrast in the lives of Saul and David. David the young king, potential only at this time, is a great inspiration to the young of all ages in that, (1) He did his lowly work thoroughly; (2) While doing it he sought to cultivate and improve himself (v. 18); and (3) He gave himself wholly to God; hence the record "and the Lord is with him" (v. 18).

PITTSBURGH'S COMMERCIAL GIANTS COMING HERE IN SPECIAL TRAIN AS ADVANCE AGENTS OF PROSPERITY



The Home of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh and Its Officers.

BELIEVING that this country is now on the verge of the greatest prosperity ever known, fully 100 Pittsburgh manufacturers, jobbers and bankers—the advance agents of prosperity and giants in the commercial world—will leave Pittsburgh May 13 on a four day tour of twenty-one towns in Pennsylvania and Maryland. It is not their purpose to solicit business, as this is strictly prohibited. Sample cases will be left at home. The tour is to be of a social business nature.

The trade tourists will travel in a special train of Pullmans and diners and will live aboard the cars—a veritable hotel on wheels. The busy men of Pittsburgh who will give of their time to make this trip want to become better acquainted with the manufacturers, bankers and merchants of the towns they will visit and to talk over matters that will be of a business benefit to them and to the communities visited.

The itinerary calls for the following stops: Leechburg, Vandergrift, Apollo, Blairsville, Johnstown, May 18; Altoona, Tyrone, Philipsburg, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Bedford, May 19; Cumberland, Md., Meyersdale, Somerset, Conneville, Pa., May 20, and Scottsdale, Mount Pleasant, Latrobe, Greensburg, Jeannette, Irwin, May 21.

The captains of industry and banking in the Pittsburgh district feel that they are going among friends on this trip, for Pittsburgh capital has been sent by the millions into the communities to be invaded. The tour will be made under the auspices of the trade extension committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, whose members are all well known business men in the life of the community. They are H. W. Neely, chairman, who has managed every one of the fifteen trips conducted by the big Pittsburgh trade body; George A. Buse, B. K. Elliott, Frank R. Flood, Felix Hall, G. Brown Hill, Earl R. Marvin, T. L. Rose, Marcus Raub, Sam F. Sipe, J. H. Smithey, A. C. Terry and W. T. Todd, all of whom are known throughout the Pittsburgh business community as men of the highest business integrity.

The officers of the Chamber of Commerce will accompany the tourists. The president is David P. Black, president of the Real Estate Trust Company of Pittsburgh and a man who has taken a keen interest in everything that has meant for the progress of Pittsburgh, such as the enlarging of her transportation facilities and the improvement of the waterways. Logan McKee is the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and a man of wide business vision who, it is assured, will be found ready to be of any service he can render in the interest of trade organizations and the promotion of business.

H. M. Landis is the treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce and also of the city of Pittsburgh, many millions of dollars passing through his hands each year. He was a prominent banker before becoming a member of Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong's official family.

GARRETT.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lease which was born Wednesday, March 24, died the following Wednesday afternoon at Berlin.

Norman Kennell and family, who have been residing here for the last six months, shipped their household goods to Fair Hope Wednesday, at which place they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ellis and the former's sister, Miss Ruth, were Pittsburgh visitors Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Vera Brant, of Hood College, Frederick Md., arrived home Thursday to spend the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brant.

Frank Knupp, of Blackfield, was a visitor in town Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. C. Currie spent Friday at her home in Markleton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burnsworth.

Miss Grace Weller, of Meyersdale, was the guest of her friend, Mrs. Johnnie Clark, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss La Rane Devore, of Rockwood, was a Garrett visitor Sunday.

Elmer Walker, of Hollisople, spent Sunday in town with friends.

Mrs. Margaret O. Leary spent Sunday in Meyersdale.

Bryan Merrill, a student at F. & M. College, Lancaster, Pa., spent the Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merrill.

Samuel Lybarger, who died Mar. 28 of pneumonia, was buried Tuesday in the Ridgeview Cemetery.

Mrs. B. S. Rush, who has been seriously ill for some time, with pneumonia, is greatly improved.

P. E. Welmer, B. & O. Relief agent, who has been working agent B. S. Rush's job, in the station for the last week, returned to his home in Rockwood on Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Enos, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for the last two weeks, at her home on Centre street, is very little improved. Her condition is still very critical.

Lee Foy who has been working in the mines in various parts of West Virginia for the last several months, has returned to Garrett.

HOOVERSVILLE.

Mrs. Jerry Blough, of Quemahoning township, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blough, of Quemahoning twp., a daughter.

Valentine Phillips was recently operated upon for removal of a cystic tumor below the right eye.

The Stork left a girl baby at the home of Edward Yoder and also another little girl at the home of Mrs. Mary Paulson's at Stonycreek mines.

There are a good many cases of La Grippe in and about this community.

Mrs. C. Smith, of Laurel, Montana, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Gildner who has been sick nearly all winter at Rockwood.

Merchant Thos. Pucci, of Rockwood, was a recent business visitor here and stayed with his brother, Pietro, over Sunday.

It certainly was a nice Easter Sunday, and the appropriate Church services were very much appreciated by the public in general.

The Hooversville Parent-Teacher Association will hold a meeting on Thursday evening, April 8th, in the public school building. This will be the last meeting of the school year and all parents and friends are invited. The program consists of the following: Piano solo, Ruth Bitner; Recitation, Janet Gallagher; address, "Should a Mother Become Acquainted with the Home Life of the Associates of her Child?" L. E. Berkey; playlet, "The Irish Student," by pupils of the fourth and fifth grades; piano solo, Ida Livingston; address, "School Taxation," Director, J. E. Custer; vocal duet, Mrs. Cotta Wain and Mrs. G. H. Hamer; business session.

VIM.

Wilson Ringler attended a meeting of the K. P. lodge, in Cumberland Monday of last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Seigner a girl, on last Thursday.

Silas Hochstetler, of Greenville twp. was a business caller at Vim last Friday.

On Thursday, Lawrence Gisbert moved out of the W. H. Habel house into the Wm. Shultz house and Bounce Pike moved into the house vacated by Lawrence Gisbert the same day.

Elmer Walker, of Larimer township called to see his father-in-law Henry Meyer on Good Friday.

Last Saturday 29 applicants took the examination of the Eighth grade of Summit township and ten passed.

Mr. Naylor, of Garrett made a business call to Vim on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Engle, of Coal Run spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Engle.

WELLERSBURG.

Miss Grace Shaffer spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. Walter Rizer, of Mt. Savage.

Mrs. Frank Delbrook and children, Lena, Irma and Grace spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Witt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hostlerode, of Glencoe, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hostlerode's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Delbrook.

Mr. B. C. Weller, of Millston, spent a few days last week with relatives here.

Miss Edna Witt spent Sunday in Mt. Savage.

Miss Elthia Wilhelm, of Cumberland, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilhelm.

Mrs. Jos. Lepley is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Delbrook.

G. W. Witt and son, Robert, were in Glencoe, Monday.

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At Close of Business December 31st, 1914.

| RESOURCES | |
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| Loans and Investments | \$715,878.01 |
| U. S. Bonds | 77,000.00 |
| Banking House | 29,300.00 |
| Due from Banks and Reserve Agents | 116,240.56 |
| Cash | 53,671.15 |
| Total | \$992,681.73 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Capital Stock | \$ 65,000.00 |
| Surplus | 100,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits | 23,934.52 |
| Circulation | 63,100.00 |
| Deposites | 740,055.21 |
| Total | \$992,089.73 |

Vote Producers FOR APRIL

These are the Special Wednesday Sales that will be held at the Club store for the next month in the trade extension campaign.

Every Contestant and Club member should make an effort to get every one of their friends to attend these special sales—these are the greatest means for increasing standings, and to neglect them means to lose one of the greatest means for winning the grand prize of the Player Piano.

Now, then, Contestants—let's see what you can do on this month's sales. Every sale is on staple merchandise that every woman needs at some time, and by calling her attention to buying now they will in the majority of cases be only too glad to help you in your campaign.

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