

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MAY 23

DAVID KING OVER JUDAH AND ISRAEL.

LESSON TEXT—II Samuel 2:1-7, 5:1-5. GOLDEN TEXT—Jehovah is my strength and my shield; my heart hath trusted him, and I am helped.—Ps. 28:7, R.V.

Saul ceased from pursuing David (I Samuel 27:4) when he fled into the land of the Philistines for he feared them greatly (I Sam. 28:5, 6). David fought with Saul's enemies but nevertheless was not wanted (29:6-11). His wives being taken captive, he, with 400 men destroyed Ziklag, sending the spoil to his friends in Judah (I Sam. 30). Following the death of Saul and Jonathan (II Sam. chapter 1) we read David's wonderful lament (ch. 2).

I. David, King of Judah. (1) David's Kingdom, ch. 2:13. It is now seven or eight years since Samuel anointed the young shepherd to be king in Saul's place. David was probably twenty-nine years of age. He had now a fourfold assurance of his throne (a) God's decree (I Sam. 16:11-13); (b) The death of Saul (ch. 1:4); (c) God's command (v. 1), and (d) The choice of the people (v. 4). His every step seems to have been led of God, therefore he had made no false moves (James 1:5-7, see also Ps. 19:13, 14). How God by means of the stones in the priest's breastplate made known his will we are not told and it is idle to speculate. We have a better way, the inspired word and the living spirit through which we may receive guidance. Such guidance is conditioned upon obedience (I Sam. 28:6; Acts 5:32). God directed David, after Saul's death, to "go up" to Hebron, which means "fellowship." It was here that Abraham, the man of faith, had lived. David thus began his conquest of the land in fellowship with God. David implicitly obeyed God's decree (v. 2), took his family with him and also brought his men with their households. This is a suggestion relative to household fellowship with God. They left nothing behind to lure them back as Lot was lured when he left Sodom. These men had been David's partners in his adversity and are now to share in his glory (Luke 22:28, 29; II Tim. 2:12; Rom. 8:17, 18).

(2) David's Diplomacy, 2:8-7. It was good politics for David to honor these men of Jabesh, yet he was honest and sincere for he honored Saul as his rightful and God-anointed sovereign (I Sam. 24:4-8; 26:7-11). These men had shown kindness to Saul and now Jehovah would show kindness to them (v. 6). As we saw we read (Matt 5:7; 6:14, 15; II Tim. 1:16-18). David took pains to inform them that he had been chosen king but assures them that he would strengthen them. As they had been faithful to Saul, let them support the one who had been anointed in his stead. To have adopted any other policy would have alienated their support.

(3) Ish-bosheth's Kingdom, 2:8-11. As contrasted with this God-directed kingdom of David's was the man-directed kingdom of Ish-bosheth. His name means, "name of shame." He was about forty years of age, Saul's oldest son, but not his intended successor. Ish-bosheth was: (a) selected by man (v. 8); (b) ruled by man (v. 9) and (c) made war upon God's elect (x. 17, ch. 3:1). He only reigned two years and his kingdom in the northern part of the land was separated from that of David by that portion in the center controlled by the Philistines. Abner's untimely death at the hand of Joab (ch. 3) deprived Ish-bosheth of a leader. He was slain by his own servants and his kingdom became a part of David's.

II. David, King of Israel, 5:1-5. David passed through seven and one-half years of delay in his progress towards the throne. It was not long after Ish-bosheth's death that a great assembly met at Hebron. It was a truly national gathering. Every tribe sent soldiers—280,000 in all—and the elders of the people were the spokesmen. They proclaimed David "bone of their bone" (v. 1) and that even while Saul was king, David had been their real shepherd (v. 12). But better still, they recognized David as God's chosen successor to Saul and proclaimed to all men that they had loyally accepted his choice.

The story of David's conquest of Jerusalem and the establishment of the seat of his government at that place is interesting and suggestive and should be studied before next Sunday's lesson is considered. After being anointed in Hebron David began at once to subdue the land. Thus we see the loose tribal government molded into a powerful, dominant and respected kingdom. David was (1) Patient, awaiting God's time; (2) Energetic; (3) Courageous; (4) Tactful; (5) Trusting; (6) Loyal, to friends and to God; (7) Patriotic; (8) Obedient, and above all, (9) Religious, for we read, "the Lord is with him" (I Sam. 16:18), and, "David waxed greater and greater; for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him" (II Sam. 5:10).

These principles, faithfully adhered to will bring success in A. D. 1915 as well as P. O. 4050.

GLENCOE.

Mrs. Sam. Smith of Somerset, called on friends here on Friday.

J. H. Miller is spending the week at Pittsburg with his son Irving and Frank.

The spirit manifested by the people of this community regarding "Good Roads Day" is to be highly commended. Twenty-five men and four women were present last Thursday at the Precinct to plan for May 26th.

Mrs. B. F. Bittner and daughter, Hilda, spent a few days of last week in Johnstown—the new Master Bittner, son of Nelson Bittner, is reported to be a splendid chap.

Walter Bittner and Ben Leydig were given a joy ride to Meyersdale, on Ascension Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Portsmann, of Morgantown, W. Va., are visiting at Mrs. Henry Miller's.

The re-opening of the Mt. Lebanon church was a largely attended occasion. The Church is surely a credit to our township.

Miss Susie Brensinger, of Meyersdale, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Leydig.

Ruby Poorbaugh and Jubal Werner enrolled at the Meyersdale Summer Normal School, on Monday.

Charles Love, of Pittsburg, now employed as a city carpenter, was on deck, Sunday.

Alfred Bittner has come back to the old home ranch after a winter as electrician of the Light Plant, of Berlin.

I. D. Leydig and Alfred Broadwater made a last survey of the Martz timber tract near Fairhope, on Friday las.

George Ray and Sylvester Stauffer, of Meyersdale, arrived in our Burg on Saturday by their special "coal digger" to spend the day at "Sunny Glen" Farm where Laurence Stauffer holds forth.

A real lawn fete will be the order of the day for Saturday night, May 22nd. Proceeds to go to the Church and the extensive "feed" to build up your bodies. Tell your friends to be present and bring the gang with you.

CONFLUENCE.

David Cronin of the West Side, has fully recovered from his recent attack of pneumonia.

Walter Hackney has returned from a visit with friends in Homestead.

Mrs. P. S. Rowe, who has been very ill is improving nicely.

A. E. Harbaugh has returned to his home near Stewartstown after having spent several days here on business.

S. J. Miller, of Meyersdale, has returned home after spending several days here with his son, Cashier D. L. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jeffries went to Connellsville recently and brought home their little son, Lloyd, who had been in a hospital there for an operation for appendicitis. He is improving rapidly.

J. L. Corbett, who has been in a hospital in Pittsburg having taken treatment for several months, was here on Friday on his way home in Addison.

Mrs. Roy VanSickle, who has been ill with rheumatism, is improving.

Mrs. George Wegeman, who has been visiting friends at Rockwood and other points for several weeks, has returned to her home in Somerset.

Rev. J. A. Hopkins, for several years pastor of the Christian Church here, has resigned and will leave for some other field of labor.

The I. O. O. F. lodge here has taken on new life eight being initiated lately.

Mrs. W. S. Rubright has returned her home in McKeesport after visiting friends at Listonburg.

Pat. Burnworth has gone to Chicago to see a new make of automobile recently put on the market.

Good Roads Day will be a great occasion here, May 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown were called to Connellsville Friday by the death of Mrs. Brown's brother, Lee Blosser.

Mrs. John Deal, of Humbert, has gone to Dr. C. W. Frantz' sanitarium for treatment.

Memorial Day will be fittingly observed here as usual.

SALISBURY.

Ada, the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John House, of West Salisbury died last Thursday morning from ailments incident to an attack of scarlet fever. Funeral services were held in St. Michael's Catholic Church, West Salisbury at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, Rev. Fr. Quinn officiating.

Miss Harriet Hay returned recently from Elkton, W. Va. to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hay.

Mrs. C. B. Dickey and son, George, returned a few days ago from a visit with friends in Brothersvalley township.

Word reached us of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Lichty at the home of her son, in Kansas. The body will be brought to Meyersdale for burial.

There was quite a good turn out at

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Total Resources... \$650,348.85	Total Liabilities... \$650,348.85

Growth as shown in following statements made to Comptroller of Currency.

ASSETS	
July 15, '08	\$262,014.92
June 23, '09	\$411,680.13
March 7, '11	\$512,574.48
April 4, 1913	\$605,870.62
Mar. 4, '19	\$610,212.34
March 4, '15	\$624,867.35
May 1, 1915	\$659,348.85

the Good Roads Meeting in Hays hall on Friday evening. District Attorney V. R. Saylor was the principal speaker of the evening but addresses were made by other prominent citizens of Salisbury and Elk Lick township.

Mr. Monellem of Jersey Shore, Pa., was a business visitor to this place last week. Mr. Monellem is interested in the lumber mill at West Salisbury.

Rev. Chas Wesley Morgan, pastor of the local M. E. church, preached a temperance sermon in that church on Sunday evening to a large audience.

C. W. Stotler, who has been ill for some time, had been improving but his condition at present is not encouraging. Dr. W. T. Rowe, of Meyersdale, met in consultation with Dr. A. M. Lichty, of this place, at the Stotler home on Thursday.

Miss Helen Knecht, Pearl Dahlgren and Maud Schramm spent from Thursday to Sunday at Hotel Victoria, in Grantsville, the guests of Miss Maud Bevans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lichliter and Walter Johns motored to Jennings, Md., last Thursday.

Dorothy Barchus, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barchus, entertained a number of her little friends at the Barchus home on Wednesday afternoon in celebration of her ninth birthday. Those present were Dorothy and Margaret Young, Mary, Arline and Grace Petry. Hester Shaw and Leora Deitz.

Editor Cleaver, of the Meyersdale Commercial, was a business visitor to Salisbury, recently.

J. Brooks, of Rochester, N. Y., spent last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brogan on Union street.

Clay Newman is doing jury service at the county seat this week.

Miss Margaret Glotfelty on Wednesday completed her second term as teacher in the Berlin schools and on Thursday returned to her home in Salisbury for the summer vacation.

Henry Swanger, of Garrett county, Md., stopped a short time on Saturday enroute to Meyersdale.

The Salisbury Normal School opened last week with an enrollment of 25 pupils. There will be a few more when all are enrolled.

Robert Phillips, of Oil City, and Walter Little, of Altoona, were Salisbury visitors the past week.

James Larue and George McMurdo started on Monday evening for Akron, Ohio, where they expect to find employment.

ROCKWOOD.

Mrs. Jacob Hauger is quite ill, suffering from a complication of diseases.

Thirty-one students have enrolled in the summer normal school at Glade under the direction of Prof. J. L. Moore.

Hiram Wable, of Rockwood, will accompany his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Atchison, on their western trip in the near future. They expect to go to either California or Texas for Mr. Atchison's health. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fishburn of Market street, will occupy the Atchison residence during their absence.

Miss Clara V. Stacer, a trained nurse of Meyersdale, who has been taking care of Mrs. W. H. Landis, of Black township, for the past two weeks, has returned to her home. Mrs. Landis is greatly improved.

Mrs. Ross King of Middlecreek, who had been seriously ill is convalescing. The G. A. R. memorial services will be held in the Rockwood Lutheran church, May 30, at 10:30 A. M. The address will be delivered by Rev. John Erler. The members of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans will meet at the hall at 10:15 and march to the church in a body.

Ray O'Cook, for a number of years an employe of the Baltimore and O.

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hio here, has entered the Indiana Normal College and will take a special course in music.

Elmer Dickey, of Middlecreek Township, recently purchased a touring car.

Millford Township is the first in this section to begin the good roads movement. Supervisor Jacob Barkman has a large force of men at work on the Somerset road east of Gepharts and says that he expects to have the roads of Millford Township in the best condition they have ever been.

W. J. Kimmel, of Kimmel has purchased a new touring car from the local agent, Calvin Rush.

Rockwood's new postmaster now leaves the lobby of the postoffice open until eight o'clock each evening, for the benefit of patrons who have lock boxes.

J. C. McSpadden's home in Rockwood was slightly damaged by lightning a few days ago.

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California State Normal are Peter Putnum, of this place and Miss Marlene Dull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dull, of New Centreville.

After being closed down during the winter, operations have been resumed at the Enterprise Lumber Company's plant near Markleton. Sixty men are employed, sixty of whom will be finished cutting in perhaps five months but with the promised early development of coal and the influx of guests to the sanitarium, Markleton's future is quite promising.

Charging her husband, Calvin Herring, of near Somerset, with cruel and barbarous treatment and adultery Mrs. Barbara Herring, of Somerset, filed a suit for divorce on Friday, being represented by Attorney George Patterson. Mr. and Mrs. Herring were married at Somerset in November 23, 1907.

DEVELOPMENT OF COAL IN BENSCEEK VALLEY

Indication which point to the early development of the coal in the Benscreek valley between Jennertown and Whiskey Springs, are seen in the activity of agents now at work in that section of the county obtaining rights-of-way for a branch of the Baltimore & Ohio. The Benscreek field is known to be one of the richest in Pennsylvania, but development has been delayed owing to absence of railroad facilities. Most, if not all, of the coal rights were taken over by corporate interests from the farmers ten or more years ago and it seems that the time will soon be here when they will be able to realize on their investments. Mine experts and operators look to the Benscreek valley to be one of the largest producing regions in Western Pennsylvania in a very short time.

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