

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MAY 30

BRINGS ARK TO JERUSALEM.

LESSON TEXT—II Samuel 6:12-19 and 1 Kings 8:1-10. (Study all of chapter 6.)
OLDEN TEXT—I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go up into the house of the Lord.—Psalm 122:1.

This event probably occurred B. C. 1042, in the twenty-second year of David's reign. It would be a good idea to assign to various pupils such subjects as: (a) What the ark was and how it came to be lost; (b) Where it had been since the days of Joshua; (c) What occurred to it while in possession of the Philistines; (d) Who was Obed-edom? (e) Uzziah? (f) Michal? (g) How Jerusalem came to be the seat of government.

I. The Ark Recovered, vv. 1-5. David realized that while God was the God of all the tribes, still there was no visible religious center; there was the consequent danger of confounding the local place of worship with that of some local Baal (god) and the possible breaking up of the national reliance upon Jehovah. Where Kirjath-jearim was is not definitely known, but perhaps it was eight or ten miles west of Jerusalem. The ark had lodged here for perhaps seventy years. David and they that were with him followed the example of the Philistines (I Sam. 6:1-18) in their mode of transferring the ark rather than to have it carried upon the shoulders of the priests (Josh. 3:3). Preceded by "David and the house of Israel," i. e., leaders of the people and all others present, they began the return journey from the house of Abinadab.

II. The Ark Retarded, vv. 6-11. They had reached one of the open places used as a threshing floor when the oxen slipped and the cart was shaken. Uzziah, one of the two into whose charge it had been placed, laid hold of the ark to keep it from falling. Why was he slain therefore? We have already suggested the reason. How to carry the ark was plainly written (Num. 4:5-12; 7:9). Neglect of God's word gets many well-meaning people into trouble, along with their friends, also. The ark was the symbol of God's presence, and men had to be taught to revere his holy name and his glorious presence (see last clause v. 2). Uzziah's sin was the sin of irreverence. He seems not to have sensed the invisible God in his visible abode. The result struck terror into the heart of David and the people, and the ark was left in the house of Obed-edom for a period of three months. David's "improved plan" was a proved failure.

III. The Ark Restored, vv. 9-19. David, by thus abandoning the ark, seems to have rendered the judgment of God, yet he must have realized that God had sufficient cause for his acts. The ark is a type of Christ, who is Immanuel, God with us. The ark contained the law of God, as Christ enshrined the will of his Father. Over the law was the blood-sprinkled mercy seat where God met his people (Ex. 25:18-22). In Christ we find our mercy seat where we meet God. Though this ark brought judgment to Uzziah it brought blessing to Obed-edom (v. 12). Even so Christ brings judgment or joy according to our treatment of him. Obed-edom so piously cared for the ark that both he and his household were richly blessed. If Christ is really in our hearts we will be blessed, and Christ abideth forever.

IV. The Psalm of Praise, Ps. 24. In the Jewish synagogue this psalm is recited at the carrying back of the book of the law to its shrine, and in the Greek church at the consecration of the church. The twenty-second psalm presents the suffering Savior; the twenty-third presents the risen Savior as the shepherd caring for and leading his sheep, and the twenty-fourth tells of the reigning, glorified Lord. The whole earth is Jehovah's (v. 1) and no incident better teaches the converse, viz., that he is God of the earth and not a mere tribal deity. He "founded" and "established" it, and all "the fullness," and "they that dwell therein" are his by creative and redemptive right. Since we belong to him we owe him worship and service—and a servant is one who "stands" (v. 3). The conditions of fellowship with Jehovah are "clean hands and a pure heart" (v. 4), those who deal with honesty and reverence. "Vanity" and "idolatry" are frequently synonymous terms.

The first and the fourth condition relate to others, the second and the third to one's inner life (see I John 1:6, 7).

The reward of acceptable worship and service is "blessing from the Lord" (v. 5). In verse eight we find Israel's great name for God first used in the Psalms.

He is gloriously strong, this Lord of the hosts of heaven. In I Cor. 2:8, Jesus who was crucified is called the "Lord of Glory." Even so our coming King is "strong and Mighty" and will prove himself "mighty in battle" (see Rev. 19:11-21). When he, the King of Glory, leads captivity captive, all of his followers will have a part in that triumphal entry.

GOVERNOR'S MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

In a proclamation issued Friday, Governor Brumbaugh calls upon all citizens of Pennsylvania, on Memorial Day, May 30, to stand with uncovered heads for five minutes at noon, while bells are tolled and flags are at half mast. The Governor's proclamation is an earnest plea for peace on earth. It is as follows:

"In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Executive Department, Proclamation:

"In the early sixties a mighty army of heroic Pennsylvanians, under the call of Lincoln and Curtin, marched to the defense of their country and to undying fame. Others since have followed their patriotic example. A nation that does not honor its heroic dead is not worthy the respect and loyalty of the living. A nation that is not great in reverence and in gratitude cannot endure.

"In every part of this great nation sleep its soldier dead. They deserve all the lofty encomiums and patriotic utterances that have been and will be pronounced over them. Their graves everywhere should be kept green and their memory fragrant in our hearts. At least once a year our people should devote a day to them and to those they loved and left as wards of our love and concern. Moreover, in all our schools and churches and in our press and on our platforms our children should be taught the meaning of loyalty, the value of patriotism, the price of peace.

"In this year, when across the sea people we love are in a most deplorable war, it is most appropriate that we should, in our memorial services, not only pay fitting tribute to the heroic dead, but earnestly and devoutly supplicate Almighty God to stay this tragedy and give to all our people and to all people guidance to early and enduring peace. Let us forget all past differences, and, remembering only that He hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, earnestly and commandingly devote our energies to secure peace, lasting peace, holy peace for all His people.

"Therefore, I Martin G. Brumbaugh Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby issue this proclamation and earnestly request all our people to observe May 30, 1915 as Memorial Day.

"As a part of the fitting observance thereof, I request that bells be tolled from 12 noon until 12:05, that flags be placed at half mast, and that all citizens stand with heads uncovered and in solemn silence for that period.

"Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at the City of Harrisburg this twenty-first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and thirty-ninth."

By the Governor:
MARTIN G. BRUMBAUGH,
Cyrus E. Woods,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

Benson Borough has brought suit against the White Oak Milling Company, Holsopple, to recover \$623.78, the cost of constructing a bridge over the defendant company's mill race.

The Rev. Dr. Henry L. Chapman, a native of Somerset county, and a widely known minister in the Methodist church, died suddenly at the home of his brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Risk, in Pittsburg, on May 16. He was born in a log house at Stoyestown, March 24, 1832 being the son of A. R. Chapman a Yankee school teacher. His father came to Pennsylvania about 90 years ago.

Street cars on the Windber line will shortly have sharp competition on travel to Johnstown. In a couple of weeks at the most a company will put into use two large jitney busses specially built to their order, which will be as long as the ordinary street car and are built much like them, with seats along the sides. The trucks for the new vehicles have been made by the Bessemer Auto Truck Co. at Grove City, Pa.

A man named Arden of foreign descent and employed as a miner by the Merchants' Coal Company, Boswell, worked on Friday morning and at noon, went to his shanty saying that he was ill. A few hours later his lifeless body was found upright in a chair. It is believed that the man suffered with heart trouble and that he was stricken shortly after he had gone to the shanty for rest. Arden was about 30 years of age and had been employed there for some years.

The 26th Annual Convention of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Union, Allegheny Conference, of the United Brethren Church, will be held at Rockwood on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 22, 23 and 24 next. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Pastors and delegates from practically all United Brethren churches in Western Pennsylvania will attend the Rockwood convention.

THE CARE OF WOUNDS.

The scratch of a poisoned ring was often sufficient to effectually dispose of an enemy during the Middle Ages. Such procedure is no longer fashionable and many people are careless in neglecting slight wounds not thinking them worthy of consideration.

It is easily possible for any cut or abrasion which is sufficient to draw blood to become infected with possible serious results. Not that one should worry over a cut finger or the like, but there are certain precautions which should be given to even the slightest wounds.

This is because through puncture, scratch or cut some of the many micro-organisms may find entrance and result in infection. As these little trouble makers are found everywhere and are apt to be on almost anything we touch it is obvious that some protection should be given any open wound.

First, however, the wound should be cleansed, preferably with water which has been boiled. After this has been done some antiseptic should be applied. A solution, two per cent of carbolic acid or tincture of iodine applied around the edge and directly in the cut will satisfactorily disinfect smaller wounds and can be easily obtained. A piece of sterile gauze or linen should then be applied.

The wound should not be hermetically sealed as many of the most dangerous infecting agents are those which only thrive when the air is shut away. Among these is the germ of the dreaded tetanus or lock-jaw. For this reason court plaster should not be used.

It is wise for travelers, campers and vacationists to provide themselves with sterilized bandages before starting on a trip. These are put up in convenient and compact form and are a material aid in caring for wounds. In case sterile bandages are not at hand linen can be sterilized by pressing on both sides with a very hot iron or by dipping in some antiseptic solution. Deep cuts and wounds of a more serious nature should always be treated by a surgeon.

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Mrs. Thornley and daughter, Mary, of Meyersdale, spent a day last week at the home of C. W. Traylor.

James Harding and W. W. Nicholson attended the Eighth District Sunday school convention in Garret, Friday.

Mrs. C. W. Tressler spent several days at White Oak last week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klingaman and Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, of Berkeley Mills spent last Sunday at the home of Bruce Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. William Engle passed last Sunday at the home of Frank Thomas at Coal Run; also attended the services in the Reformed church in Salisbury.

Mrs. Henry Bangard spent last Sunday in Salisbury.

Miss Edna Tressler is visiting this week in Larimer township.

The six-year-old daughter, Leora, of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Fike while playing with a cornsheller got her right hand cut very badly, though no bones were broken.

W. W. Nicholson passed last Sunday at Salisbury.

Virgil Stanton, of Florida, is visiting at the home of Wilson Ragler.

WITNESS AFTER WITNESS IN MEYERSDALE.

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As we take up the Commercial we are struck by the hearty, unmistakable way in which witness after witness speaks out as Mr. Bowman, does here. If these people were strangers living miles away, we might take little notice of them. But they are not. They are our neighbors, living among us. Their word is too easily proven to admit of any doubt. They speak out in the hope that their experience may be a guide to others.

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NEWSPAPER ENDORSES DR. COLE

The Cedar Rapids Republican, in discussing a recent appearance of Dr. Geo. LaMont Cole, of Los Angeles, said:

"Ancient and Modern Cliff Dwellers" was the interesting subject of the chautauqua lecture given by Dr. Geo. LaMont Cole, distinguished professor of ethnology at Smithsonian.

"Dr. Cole started his audience through the land of the Cliff Dwellers from Los Angeles: Then the three terraces of the dwellers was approached and he gave an interesting history of the great canyons of that country, showing pictures that illustrated how the water had washed in gradually until they had made caves in the sides of these canyons and told of how these primitive people had taken advantage of these caves and beginning in them, some of them climbing very high into the sides and thereby gaining the name of Cliff Dwellers.

"Pictures of the Grand Canyon were shown and gave the audience an idea of the beauty and grandeur of this historic place. His first views of the cities were those of the extinct dwellers, showing ruins of what had once been great cities.

"Then his views changed to those of the modern cities in which this interesting race was excellently illustrated in their manners and customs, giving an idea of some of their weird ceremonies, also pictures of the people at their work of making flour from corn, at weaving and making pottery. He told of the manner in which they were supplied with water and showed how it was carried on the heads of the women who daily made long trips and carried it to the cities. Marriage ceremonies were explained and illustrated and the snake dances were very vividly described by Dr. Cole who had been extremely fortunate in being present at one of these and securing an excellent set of pictures.

Dr. Cole will be in Meyersdale, June 25, the night of the chautauqua.

SAFETY GATES IN WHITE.

Safety gates at highway crossings of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks hereafter will be painted white so that the most distinctive warning may be afforded travelers on state highways and other thoroughfares in minimizing the danger of accidents. Notice concerning the adoption of a standard color for crossing gates has been issued to the force throughout the territory served by this railroad in connection with its campaign conducted systematically for some time of employing watchmen in uniforms to patrol many busy highway crossings and posting warning signs to protect the public.

That nothing should be left undone in this direction, track walkers, laborers and other employees have been drilled in urging upon the public utmost caution in using highway crossings and requesting pedestrians to refrain from using the right of way as a thoroughfare.

The Baltimore & Ohio has signified also its intention to co-operate with automobile clubs, public officials and others interested by so displaying signs that those approaching the tracks will have timely warning. To the extent of the railroad's responsibility it will co-operate with road commissioners and other authorities in placing warning signs on public highways adjacent to the railroad thus taking every precaution in preventing accidents.

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Real Estate, Furniture, Fix. 62,499.50	Circulation... 63,800.00
Cash and due from Banks... 79,855.22	Deposits... 468,506.89
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
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