

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JULY 4

ABSALOM'S FAILURE

LESSON TEXT—II Samuel 18:1-15
GOLDEN TEXT—Children obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right—Ephesians 6:1

His connivance with Joab, in the death of Uriah, was a costly bargain for David, and the development of sin in his family with its long train of fearful consequences teaches us that sin respects not person nor position. The dark story of chapter 13 involves Absalom's flight and Joab's strategy in getting him back to Jerusalem (ch. 14). All is not as well, however, as it outwardly appears, for Absalom the beautiful (14:25) soon stole the heart of the ten tribes, Israel (ch. 15), from his indulgent and indifferent parent. Then follows the story of that father's flight and of the son's entry into the capital city.

This entire story is one of the most wonderful dramas recorded in secular or sacred history. It may be divided roughly as follows: Act I. Absalom slays his brother. Act II. David fails to become fully reconciled. Act III. Absalom's rebellion. Act IV. David's grief. The lesson for today has to do with Acts III. and IV.

Act III. Scene 1. David's Flight and Finesse, chapters 15, 16 and 17. "A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him" (Prov. 17:25). On the other hand an indulgent and an indifferent father brings grief to his son.

Scene 2. The Battle of Mount Ephraim (chapter 19). David at the Gate, v. 1-6. The place where David "numbered" (v. 1) his followers was Mahanaim (17:27), where Jacob saw the two "hosts" of angels (Gen. 32:1, 2). What David saw was quite different. As he waited he had time to contemplate that other time that he remained behind when he ought to have gone forth to battle and which resulted in the sin for which he was even now suffering (ch. 11:1-7). Absalom was shrewd as men count shrewdness, but he made one fatal omission in planning his campaign, he left God out of his reckoning (ch. 17:14 R. V.). David's use of Hushai was fully justified by the situation into which this reckless son was precipitated, still it is probable that David listened to the advice of his followers (v. 3) more willingly because of his reluctance to fight against his own son.

Scene 3. Absalom's Defeat, vv. 6-10. The battle was so planned that the advantage of the forest was on David's side and more of the enemies of David were smitten by the hand of God (v. 8) than were slain by the servants of David. These men brought judgment upon themselves through their disloyalty to God's chosen king (Judges 5:20, 21) and in this we see a type of that final victory which shall end our David's engagement with his foes (Rev. 19:11-21; II Thess. 2:8). Men who today are disloyal or disobedient to God's chosen King can only expect "a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries" (Heb. 10:27). At the end of the battle proud Absalom is not found in his chariot, but helplessly entangled in the crown of his pride.

Scene 4. Absalom's Death, vv. 11-15. "Absalom chanced to meet" (v. 9 R. V.); there is no chance in the providence of God. His desire to meet David's servants is granted, yet that meeting brought Absalom dismay, defeat and ruin.

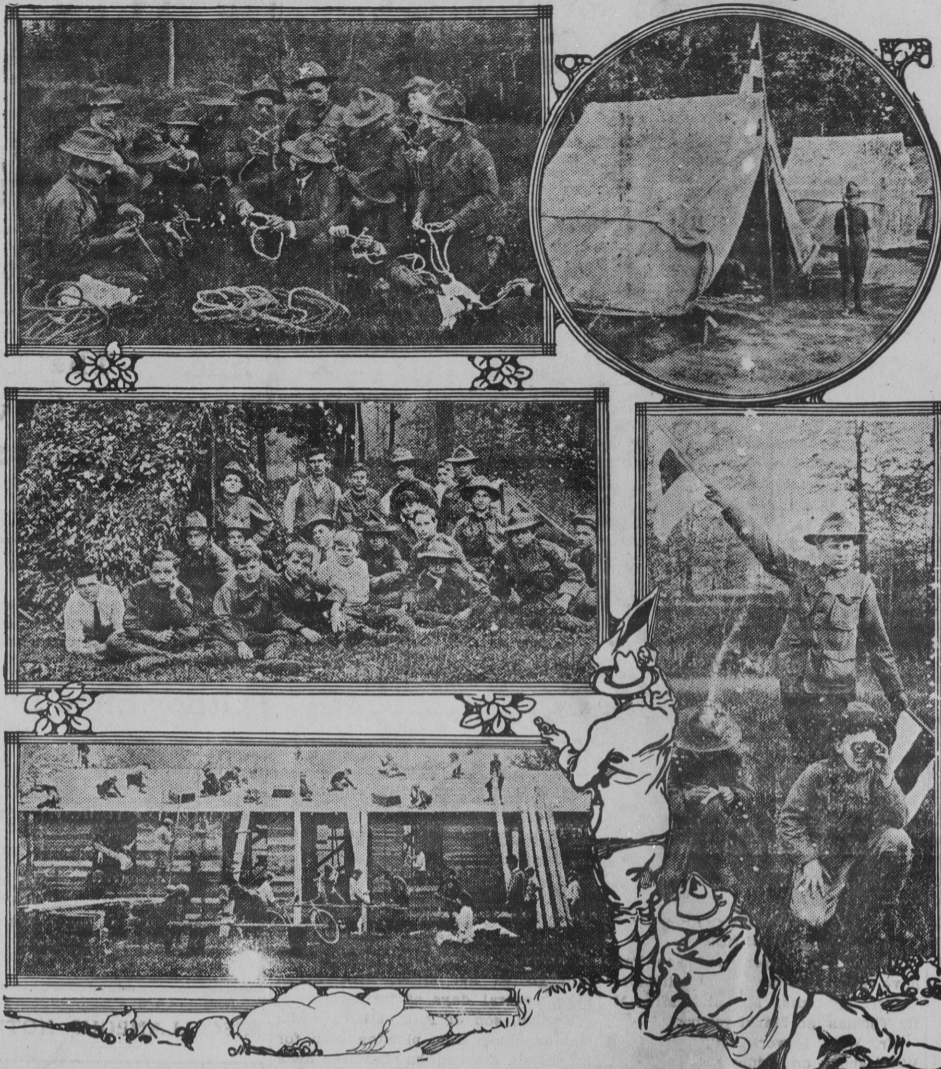
Joab now takes matters into his own hands. He held David in his power and had a debt to pay Absalom (ch. 14:29). Most dearly did Absalom pay the penalty to this vengeful, time-abiding soldier. Joab was not content to slay this proud youth, but, to show his contempt, he cast the dead body into a pit and raised over it a "great heap" of stones (v. 17). So Absalom's proud monument (v. 18) failed of its intended purpose. David's victory was complete; even so will be the ultimate victory of our "greater David" (Phil. 2:10, 11).

Act IV. David's Grief, v. 19-33. Scene 1. The Messengers. Again our attention is centered upon the grief-stricken father. His anxiety is sincere and heart-breaking, but it is tardy. The first messenger, Ahimaaz, is a good man, but brings not good news. Is our message one of life or of death? The second messenger gives a diplomatic but a blunt answer to David's anxious inquiry. What cared David for his enemies, his army, nay for himself, if only the "young man" were safe.

Application. "Is the young man safe?" Industrially, socially, physically, morally, spiritually, his safety depends upon the guidance of the home, the father and the church. Only as parents hear and obey the Master's words, "Bring thy son hither" (Luke 9:41) is the young man safe. David's sin was not, however, sufficient cause for Absalom's downfall; he courted his own ruin (John 5:40).

The great outstanding lesson of this entire drama, extending from the eleventh to the nineteenth chapters, is: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The Boy Scouts—A Feature of Chautauqua Week



HON. WOODROW WILSON, president of the United States, is honorary president of the Boy Scout organization of America. This will be of interest here in view of the fact that Boy Scout drills and scout craft are to be a feature of our forthcoming Chautauqua.

To those unacquainted with the Boy Scout movement a few facts will be of interest. The Boy Scout order originated with Lieutenant General Baden-Powell of England and today has more than 500,000 members in England, 750,000 in America and 25,000 in Australia. There are more than 5,000 members of the order in Chicago alone, representing Jewish, Catholic and Protestant churches, social settlements, playgrounds and Y. M. C. A.'s. The object of the movement is character building for boys between the ages of twelve and eighteen. It is an effort to train them in self-reliance, manhood, good citizenship and scout craft. Scout craft includes instruction in first aid to the injured, life saving, signaling, nature study, camp craft, woodcraft, chivalry and patriotism.

Each boy must take the scout oath, the form of which is "I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep me physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

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John N. Willys, president of the Overland Company, evidently has his own good reasons for maintaining this "watching waiting" policy. When interviewed on the subject he would make no further statement other than the new car would match up in every respect with the high standards that have long been associated with Overland products. The general feeling among the most closely allied with the Overland interests seems to be that this new car will overshadow all previous surprises sprung by Mr. Willys since his entry into the automobile industry seven years ago.

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Cash and due from Banks... 79,855.22	Deposits... 468,506.89
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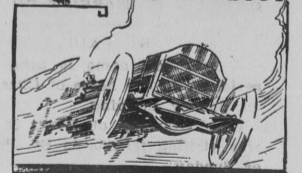
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That thousands of visitors from all over Western Pennsylvania will be there goes without saying. Hotel accommodations, plentiful in normal times will be in great demand. In view of this fact, the committee is arranging matters so that the thousands of visitors who are late in securing rooms at the hotels will find other homelike places where they may put up for a night or even the entire week. Sharpsburg is but 30 minutes trolley ride from Pittsburgh.

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