

The Sunday School

BIBLE LESSON.

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OCTOBER TO DECEMBER.

THE CALL OF MOSES.

Lesson IX. December 1. Ex. 3:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Certainly I will be with thee.—Ex. 3:12.

EXPLANATORY.

THE DIVINE CALL TO A HARD DUTY.—Ex. 3:1-10. 1. NOW MOSES KEPT (was keeping) THE FLOCK OF JETHRO. This was when Moses was about 80 years old, after forty years in the wilderness. THE BACKSIDE OF THE DESERT. Or uninhabited land, the other side from Jethro's home, away from the shore of the sea. THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD. So called by the writer because here God afterwards proclaimed his law to the Israelites. HOREB. Another name for Sinai.

2. AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD. The visible manifestation of God. A FLAME OF FIRE OUT OF THE MIDST OF A BUSH. A thorn bush, the acacia common in the desert. THE BUSH BURNED... WAS NOT CONSUMED. There is no better visible symbol of God than fire. Fire shining in light, is mysterious in nature, ineffably bright and glorious, everywhere present, swift-winged, undefiled and undiminished. Light is the source of life, of beauty, of manifested reality, of warmth, comfort, and joy, of health, and of power. It destroys all darkness. Without it the world would be but a mass of coldness and death. Fire purifies, fire subdues with resistless energy. The fact that the bush was not consumed illustrates the benign nature of the divine light. Its work is to bless, not to destroy. It destroys only evil to make the good more perfect.

3. I WILL NOW TURN ASIDE. The unwonted sight awakened his interest. 5. PUT OFF THY SHOES (sandals) FROM OFF THY FEET. Just as an Oriental does in entering a temple, as a mark of respect and reverence. One would bring no dirt of the streets into the house of God. Not to take off the shoes is, in the East, as disrespectful as for one to come into our churches or parlors and keep on his hat. THE PLACE... IS HOLY GROUND. The manifested presence of God made it holy. It is by some places specially holy that all nature becomes to us holy ground, as a holy Sabbath sanctifies all the other days. And he who feels no reverence for special places and times will not treat any place or time as holy.

6. MOREOVER HE SAID, I AM THE GOD OF THY FATHER. Of thy ancestors. THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, etc. i. e. the God who revealed himself to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and entered into covenant with them (Gen. 15:1-21; 26:2-5; 35:1-12.) The same God who had promised was now about to fulfil. AND MOSES HID HIS FACE, in reverence. And yet there are people in church, and even in Sunday school, who do not even bow their heads in prayer. He was AFRAID TO LOOK UPON GOD. A consciously sinful creature may well fear and tremble when God comes to visit him, even though on a purpose of mercy. It is ignorance of God, not intimate communion with him, that begets an 'unhallowed familiarity.' The angels, who know him best and adore him most profoundly, and most sensible of the infinite distance between him and them, and are, therefore, represented as 'covering their faces with their wings' when standing in his awful presence.

7. I HAVE... HEARD. God was not ignorant of the situation, nor had he forgotten his people. He was not indifferent to their sufferings. 8. I AM COME DOWN. I manifest myself. I take hold of the work. UNTO A

STRONG FOOD.

Having the Longest Staying Powers.

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GOOD LAND AND A LARGE. Much larger than the land of Goshen, and affording room for a great population; in fact, too large for Israel to occupy all of it at once (Dent. 7:22.) FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY. A proverbial expression; in use also among the Greeks. It was literally true, however, in reference to Palestine. As a pasture-land, it flowed with milk. The abundance of its honey, the stores of wild bees, is still remarked by travellers. Ovid, in describing the Golden Age, says, "Here rivers of milk, there rivers of nectar, were flowing, and from the green of the oaks the yellow honey was dropping." This was to awaken hope and interest in the people to enable them to throw off the yoke. CANAANITES. Sons of Canaan. HITTITES. A powerful nation descended from Heth. AMORITES. Mountaineers. PERIZZITES. Dwellers in villages. HEBREWS. One of the smaller tribes of Canaan. JERUSALEM. Belonging to Jerusalem. These were all tribes that were dwelling in the promised land.

10. I WILL SEND THEE. God now tells Moses the purpose of this appearance to him in the burning bush, and calls him to his life-work. UNTO PHARAOH. This was the general name or title of the kings of Egypt, as Caesar of the Roman emperors. As to which Pharaoh is referred to, there are chiefly two opinions, one making him to be Thothmes II., the other, Menephtah, the son of Ramesses II.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. 1. When God has a work to be done on earth he does it through human instrumentality.

2. God calls every one to some good work. None can say, "God overlooked me in his plans for making the world better."

3. God prepares the man for the work. Often the greater the work, the longer the preparation, as Moses was eighty years preparing to do the work of his last forty years.

4. The call comes often, as to Moses, under very commonplace circumstances, amid ordinary duties.

5. God's call is always a call upward.

6. God's call is often with a series of gradual tests, from small things to greater, from one talent to two or five or ten, according to the use made of each.

7. God gives whatever is needful to carry out the work to which he calls us. THREE GREAT OBSTACLES REMOVED.—Vs. 11, 12 ff. to 4:31. 11. WHO AM I, THAT I SHOULD GO UNTO PHARAOH? An exile under the ban of death, a shepherd going into a splendid court, for an impossible work to make the Egyptians free two million slaves, to teach and organize these slaves into a free nation.

First answer. 12. CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE. My, power, my wisdom, my protection, shall be in and around you, those that resist you must overcome God himself.

Second answer. The visible assurance of God's presence as an aid to faith. THIS (the burning bush) SHALL BE A TOKEN, tangible proof.

Another token was the mountain itself. It bore witness to the promise, it should bear witness to the fulfilment, for YE SHALL SERVE GOD UPON THIS MOUNTAIN.

Third answer. The appointment of Aaron to be his spokesman, for like many a great thinker and worker he was not a natural speaker (4:10-16.)

A STRANGE FACT.

A man better acquainted with the difficulties, so-called, of Christianity than with its spirit, once said to a minister, "That is a very strange verse in the ninth chapter of the Epistles to the Romans, 'Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.' " "Yes; very strange, but what about it is most strange?" "Oh, that part, of course, which says, 'Esau have I hated,' is certainly very strange," was the reply. The minister only exclaimed, "How wonderfully we are made and how differently we are constituted! The strangest part to me is that he could ever have loved Jacob."

This minister expressed what people often feel, not only in regard to the cases of Esau, the generous, impulsive man, and of Jacob, the sly, shrewd, foreseeing man, the real Jew, but also about themselves. Paul wondered why God loved him, the chief of sinners, the persecutor, the blasphemer and the injurious person, and explained the mystery by saying that he was an ensample, an illustration of what grace could do. It was proposed that he should illustrate the power of the Gospel to save sinners. And, no doubt, the Christian, conscious of his sinfulness, seek

some such explanation of God's love toward him. This is a natural way for the penitent, humble soul to approach the subject of personal, electing love. The problem of divine love is the problem of God himself; and until he by searching can be found out, until he can be known, his love cannot be fathomed, cannot be explained. It just stands before us a vast, baffling, blessed mystery. No theology sheds a ray of light upon it; the Bible simply declares it as a fact; and it comes into human experience as a fact, as a dynamic, awakening force.—Baptist Courier.

Years of Suffering.

HOW RELIEF CAME TO THOMAS FINDLAY, OF PETROLIA.

He Had Suffered for Forty Years from Dyspepsia—Food Became Detestable and Stomach Cramps Made Life a Burden.

From the Topic, Petrolia, Ont.

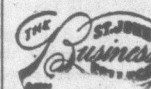
Few men in Petrolia are better known than Mr. Thomas Findlay, who has resided here nearly forty years. In 1862 Mr. Findlay came here, and before the railroad connected with Petrolia he drove a stage coach bringing the early oil men. When the railroad came here Mr. Findlay engaged in the oil business, but later he suffered from a gun accident that disabled his hands permanently. After recovering from this Mr. Findlay was appointed constable and night watchman for the town, which office he has held during thirty years past. This accident was by no means Mr. Findlay's worst misfortune. From early youth he had been a martyr to dyspepsia, which finally became so bad that he looked forward to death as a merciful release. Happening to hear that Mr. Findlay had found complete relief from his lifelong foe, a Topic reporter waited on him to find if this was true. Mr. Findlay was only too glad to tell his story, hoping its publication might help some other sufferer. "I am a pretty old man now," said Mr. Findlay, "but I cannot remember the time when I was not in pain from pernicious dyspepsia and stomach trouble until lately. As a young man on the farm I suffered all sorts of pains with it; food would grow sour on my stomach and violent vomiting spells would follow. As I grew older my sufferings increased. I could not eat anything but the simplest kind of food, and little of that. My system became badly run down and I grew so weak that I really looked forward to death as a release from my misery. One after another I tried doctors and medicines, but could get no relief; then in despair I concluded to quit all and await the end. Meantime my condition became worse. Violent cramps attacked my legs, prostrating me for a time. They became worse and more frequent until they one day attacked my stomach and I thought my end had come. Unable to move and in agony I was driven home, as I thought to die, but after an injection of morphine I gradually recovered. From that time on the cramps increased in frequency and violence. Nothing gave me relief except the temporary immunity from pain afforded by morphine. I became so weak from pure starvation that death stared me in the face. Finally a friend said: 'Why don't you try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills?' 'What's the use?' I said, 'I've tried everything and just got worse all the time.' 'Well,' she said, 'you try a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, they cured me, and I believe they will do you good.' Well, I purchased a box and started taking them. After a little I thought they helped me, so I kept on taking them for a couple of months when I felt I was really cured after so many years of suffering. My strength came back, my stomach recovered its power, and I was able to eat anything I fancied, and once more could enjoy life. This is nearly two years ago, but I was cured to stay cured. I have never had a sick day since or known the slightest stomach trouble. I am confident I would be a dead man now if it were not for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—nothing else ever helped me."

The old adage, "experience is the best teacher," might well be applied in cases of dyspepsia, and if sufferers would only be guided by the experience of those who have suffered but are now well and happy through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, there would be less distress throughout the land. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can be had at all dealers in medicine or by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 (by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.



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