

TEMPERANCE LESSON

(World's Temperance Sunday)

Jeremiah 35:1-8, 12-14a, 18, 19



Though it seems as if our lesson to-day were far away from our story about Peter and John, we are having an old story that they had heard many times, although it happened a long time before they lived.

Jeremiah was a prophet, one through whom God sent messages for the people. Jeremiah was a great and wise man—greater even than the king, in

many ways. One day God told him that he was to call together all the people of the tribe called the Rechabites. Two hundred years before, when this great tribe had not been a great tribe at all but only a family, the father, Jonadab, had made his sons promise that they would never drink any wine—they nor their children. So year after year, as the children grew up and had children of their own, they were told about the promise.

You can imagine how astonished the Rechabites were when one day the prophet Jeremiah sent for them to come to one of the great rooms of the beautiful Temple, and set before them bowls of wine, and commanded them to drink. This was the