

## Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. V  
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(The Temptation of Jesus.—Matt. iv. 1-11.)

Commentary.—I. Jesus in the Wilderness (vs. 1-2). 1. Then—Immediately after baptism; approved of God and handed over to the devil.—Parker. "Our foe is most malignant when our spiritual elevation is at its highest." Led up—Our lives are so ordered that we are carried into high places where the metal of our religion is tested. The devil is under the control of God.—Parker. Open the page of history where the story of any great, noble soul, that has not had its hour of battle with the powers of darkness.—Abbott. Of the spirit—Luke says he was "full of the Holy Ghost." Mary says, "The spirit driveth him." divine influence led him on. Into the wilderness—Tradition has fixed upon a high ridge called Quarantania, near Jericho. Mark adds a graphic touch to the picture by saying that he was "with the wild beasts." To be Tempted—Christ begins his work with a personal encounter with Satan. To tempt is, literally, to stretch out to try the strength of. Temptation is the testing of a person. There are two kinds: 1. God tests men to see what they are fit for, with a desire that they stand the strain. See Gen. xxii. 1. So God often tests our faith. 2. Satan deceptively solicits men to evil. In this sense the word means to entice, solicit, or provoke to sin. In this sense God does not tempt men (James i., 13-17); but he does often change the temptations of Satan and wicked men into trials for our good. "From the account given of our Lord's temptation we conclude: 1. That the purity and spiritual power of the Son of Man were now tested by God. 2. That his human passions and ambitions were solicited to sinful indulgence. 3. That it was as mere man he was thus tested by God and solicited by Satan."—Hurlbert. The three temptations of Christ were typical ones, comprehending all the forms of temptation which human nature can be assailed.

They cover the same ground as "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John ii., 16).—Cam. Bib. The devil has only three temptations to present and they are very old and stale. His programme is shallow and short. The Devil—"Diabolos," always in the singular and with the definite article. Whenever the plural, "devils," is used, it is the translation of another Greek word, meaning demons.

2. Forty days—More than Elihu and the Lord could fast forty days because they were in communion with God and living a heavenly life.—Clarke. Luke says he was tempted during the whole of forty days. "The struggle was powerful, personal and intensely real. Christ for our sakes met and conquered the tempter's utmost strength."—Farrar. Afterward an hungered.—After the forty days were ended the reaction came with terrible force.

II. The first temptation (vs. 3, 4). 3. The tempter came.—Angels—Heavenly messengers; spiritual beings of a higher order than man. Ministered—Supplied him with necessary food to support nature. Jesus "tempted of the devil" (v. 1). "Man is a three-fold being (Gen. ii. 7). In Eden he was prophet, priest and king (Gen. i. 26), and as a three-fold being had a three-fold temptation (Gen. iii. 6, 7, 8). He fell and involved the race in ruin (Rom. v. 12). God provided a second Adam (Rom. v. 14, 15). In Christ, baptized in the Jordan, anointed with the Holy Spirit and acknowledged by God to be His beloved Son (Matt. iii. 17), there recurred in perfection all that was lost in Adam. He who was the sinless "Prophet" (Deut. xviii. 15; John vi. 14; Acts iii. 22, 23, 24) in his life; the sacrificial "High Priest" (Heb. iii. 1; ix. 25-28) in his death; and will be the sovereign "King of kings" (Rev. xvii. 14; xix. 16) at His appearing and Kingdom, was tempted as Adam had been, but stood. He won a three-fold victory over Satan that he might open for us a complete "way of escape" (1 Cor. x. 13) from the effects of the fall. He was "led" (v. 1) into temptation, and overcame the tempter that he might teach His disciples to pray, "Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" (Matt. vi. 13, R. V.). He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin, that we might come boldly to the throne of grace and find help in time of need (Heb. iv. 15, 16). He was made in all things like unto His brethren, that He might Himself having suffered being tempted, be able to succor them that are tempted (Heb. ii. 17, 18).

4. It is written—See Deut. viii. 3. In each case Jesus answered and defeated Satan by a proper use of the word of God. "A man who has his scripture bid in his heart has a sharp sword to fight the devil with."—MacLaren. Not live by bread alone—Human support depends not on bread, but upon "God's unfailing promise and pledge of all needful providential care." How may this temptation be applied to us? Let Dr. Whedon answer: "In this first temptation Satan tempted our Lord, as he did Eve, by the bodily appetite. He appeals to the animal nature first. By this avenue he approaches and conquers the great majority of mankind. Beneath this temptation of bodily appetites all gluttons, drunkards and debauchees have fallen and become the devil's prey."

III. The second temptation (vs. 5-7). The order of the temptations is different in Luke, but this is immaterial as there is no statement that insists on any particular order. 5. Take Him—As God said to Satan of Job so now we conceive, He said of His Son: "Behold He is in thine hand, but save His life." This surrender to Satan was greater, we think, than is ordinarily conceived. So far as the necessities of the trial required, and with no power of violence in his hand, our Lord's person was in his hand. How else did Satan take Him to the temple's summit, or to the mountain-top? Whedon. Into the holy city—Did Jesus actually make a journey from the wilderness to Jerusalem? There are various answers to this question. Whedon believes that His person was transported "with the quickness of thought, so that He is not to be conceived as on His way at any intermediate point." Peloubet thinks he was taken "probably as Ezekiel was borne from the River Chebar, in Babylonian: 'And the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem.'" (Ezek. viii. 3). However, he may have gone, or he may not, it seems little reason to doubt that Jesus actually went with Satan to the pinnacle of the temple. Pinnacle—Probably the royal porch built by Herod, overlooking the Chedron. From the summit to the bottom it was a dizzy height of seven hundred feet, down which when one looked,

according to Josephus, "he would become dizzy, his eyes being unable to reach to so vast a depth."

6. If Thou be, etc.—Satan presses his point. In His first reply to the devil Jesus had shown His unbounded confidence in God. Now Satan takes Him at that very point and assumes that if He did not cast Himself down it would show that He lacked faith in God and His claim to divine Sonship was unfounded. Cast Thyself down—Show faith in God. All the world will wonder at so grand an exploit. Prove at once that you are the Son of God. It is written—In Psalm xci. 11, 12. The devil has a Bible, but he misquotes and misapplies. "The words to keep thee in all thy ways" are omitted. The omission distorts the meaning of the original, which is that God will keep the righteous on their journey, and is no inducement to tempt God by rash venture or needless risk.—Cam. Bib. This was a temptation to presumption. 7. It is written again—In Deut. vi. 16. There is always danger in using isolated texts. One text explains and modifies another. The Bible is often perverted by wicked men. Not tempt—"To tempt God is to put Him to the proof—to demand evidence of His power and of His will to fulfill His promises, instead of waiting patiently and trusting." This is manifestly wrong. "The first temptation appealed to the animal appetites. This one rises to the higher sentiment, the love of show—the gratification of admiration. All those who are carried away by the love of pomp, the gratification of mental taste, the pleasures of imagination, the gaudies of fashion, the enthusiasm for fame, and are induced to pervert for these objects powers given by God for rightful use, fall by this temptation. They tempt God by expending the powers He has given for ostentations, wanton, selfish and destructive purposes. The first temptation was animal, the second aesthetic."—Whedon.

IV. The third temptation (vs. 8-11). 8. Exceeding high mountain—Some high mountain in Judea where a general view could be held of the country. Sheweth... Kingdoms of the world—The root of the third temptation lay in the supposition that the kingdoms of the world were the devil's kingdoms and that he could dispose of them. It is idle to ask what this mountain was, or in what sense Jesus saw the kingdoms of the world. It is enough that the thought and the temptation of earthly dominion and glory were present to the mind of Jesus.—Cam. Bib. 9. All... give thee—By this Satan evidently meant that he would withdraw his opposition to Christ and make him a great earthly ruler. "Christ was to give up his spiritual kingdom for a temporal one." If... Worship me—Here the devil appears in his true character. Christ was tempted to idolatry, which is the root of all evil. 10. Get thee hence—Jesus parleys with him no longer, but with authority commands him to go to his own place. "The third temptation appealed to the ambition. By this temptation the great men of this world have fallen in myriads."

11. Devil leaveth him—Satan had made the strongest effort of which he was capable and had been baffled at every point. He now leaves Christ "for a season" (Luke ix. 13); but the Saviour was tempted again and again during his earthly career. Angels—Heavenly messengers; spiritual beings of a higher order than man. Ministered—Supplied him with necessary food to support nature.

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C. P. R. AND ST. KITTS.

Sir Thos. Shaughnessy Says Route is Not Decided.

A St. Catharines despatch R. W. Dillon, editor of the Star-Journal, writes Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, asking for information about the probable route of the C. P. R. through the Niagara district. Sir Thomas replied that the route has not been decided upon yet.

It is expected that the C. P. R. will touch St. Catharines north of the Grand Trunk station. If this is the case, the city will not be much nearer a main line than it was before. The Grand Trunk is divided from the main portion of the city by the Welland Canal and two long and tedious hills. An agitation has been carried on for years for the construction of a high level bridge to obviate the long climb. There is no street railway service to the Grand Trunk, but if a bridge were built the cars would undoubtedly run to the new station.

NEW R. C. CATHEDRAL.

Quarter of a Million Building for St. Boniface.

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—The contracts for the new Roman Catholic cathedral in St. Boniface were let this afternoon, and will involve an expenditure of \$250,000. It will be a handsome edifice of French Romanesque architecture of the twelfth century, which is considered the most beautiful yet devised. The building will be 304 feet long. In the basement of the chapel a receptacle for the remains of Archbishops Provencher and Tache will be constructed.

## THE TURN OF LIFE

A Time When Women Are Susceptible to Many Dread Diseases—Intelligent Women Prepare for It. Two Relate their Experience.

The "change of life" is the most critical period of a woman's existence, and the anxiety felt by women as it draws near is not without reason. Every woman who neglects the care of her health at this time invites disease and pain. When her system is in a deranged condition, or she is predisposed to apoplexy, or congestion of any organ, the tendency is at this period likely to become active—and with a host of nervous irritations, make life a burden. At this time, also, cancers and tumors are more liable to form and begin their destructive work.

Such warning symptoms as flashes of irritation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, dizziness, palpitation of the heart, irregularities, constipation, variable appetite, weakness and inquietude, and dizziness, are promptly heeded by intelligent women who are approaching the period in life when woman's great change may be expected.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life. It invigorates and strengthens the female organism and builds up the weakened nervous system.

For special advice regarding this important period women are invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and it will be furnished absolutely free.

Read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound did for Mrs. Powless and Mrs. Mann:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— "In my opinion there is no medicine made for women which can compare with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and you have no firmer friend in the Dominion than I am. At the time of change of life I suffered with a nervous, irritable, and nervous state. I was so irritable, irritable and nervous that I was a torment to myself and others. I surely thought that I would lose my reason. I got through, when fortunately an old friend recommended your Vegetable Compound. I took it for five months and then off and on until the critical period had passed, and it restored me to perfect health. My advice to suffering women is to try your Vegetable Compound, and they will not be disappointed."—Mrs. E. Powless, Deseronto, Ont.

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## Market Reports

—OF—  
The Week.

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The offerings of grain to-day show an increase. Wheat, firm, 100 bushels of fall selling at 78c. Barley unchanged, with sales of 200 bushels at 51c. Oats also unchanged, 600 bushels selling at 39½ to 40c. Rye sold at 76c a bushel for 100 bushels.

Hay, in good supply and steady, with sales of 30 loads at \$9 to \$10.50 a ton for timothy, and at \$8 to \$8.80 for mixed. Straw firm, one load selling at \$10.50 a ton.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with light quoted at \$9.25, and heavy at \$8.75. Wheat, white, bush... \$ 0 78 \$0 00 Do., spring, bush... 0 76 0 00 Do., red, bush... 0 78 0 00 Do., goose, bush... 0 70 0 72 Oats, bush... 0 39½ 0 40 Barley, bush... 0 51 0 00 Peas, bush... 0 75 0 00 Rye, bush... 0 76 0 00 Hay, timothy, ton... 9 00 10 50 Do., mixed, ton... 6 00 8 00 Straw, per ton... 10 50 0 00

Seeds— Alsike, No. 1, bush... 6 25 7 00 Do., No. 2... 5 25 5 75 Do., No. 3... 4 50 5 00 Red, choice, No. 1, bush... 6 25 7 00 Timothy, bush... 1 50 2 00 Dressed hogs... 8 75 9 25 Apples, per bbl... 2 00 3 25 Eggs, per dozen... 0 30 0 00 Butter, dairy... 0 24 0 27 Do., creamery... 0 27 0 30 Chickens, per lb... 0 12 0 13 Fowl, per lb... 0 09 0 10 Turkeys, per lb... 0 15 0 17 Geese, per lb... 0 11 0 12 Cabbage, per dozen... 0 40 0 50 Cauliflower, per dozen... 0 75 0 00 Potatoes, per bag... 0 75 0 00 Celery, per dozen... 1 20 1 25 Onions, per bag... 6 50 7 25 Beef, hindquarters... 4 50 5 50 Do., forequarters... 6 00 6 50 Do., choice carcass... 5 25 5 75 Mutton, per cwt... 7 50 8 50 Veal, per cwt... 8 50 10 00 Lamb, per cwt... 9 00 10 50

British Cattle Markets. London.—Cattle are quoted at 10 to 11½ per lb; refrigerator beef, 7½ to 8½c.

Winnipeg Options. The following were the closing quotations yesterday at this market: Jan. 76½c, May 80½c, July 81½c.

Leading Wheat Markets. May. July. New York... 91½ 89½ Detroit... 90½ 88½ Duluth... 85½ 83½ St. Louis... 85½ 83½ Toledo... 90½ 88½ Minneapolis... 85½ 83½

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

Montreal.—In some lines of wholesale trade spring orders are beginning to show a little more life, and although business on the whole is still very quiet, it is evident that the after-holiday dullness is nearing its end. Dry goods houses express relief at the arrival of colder weather, and the furriers also express satisfaction. Reports of the movement of retail dry goods stocks in the country are more satisfactory and a light sorting trade is opening up. The hardware trade continues quiet, and values show great strength. Building materials are expected to advance and heavy metals are in active demand and firm. Groceries are generally quiet. Hides show an easier tone and trade is slightly quiet. Spring orders have given a big impetus to boot and shoe manufacturing and leather is more active.

Toronto.—Wholesale trade in all lines continues to display a quiet tone. No doubt the dry goods trade would be considerably more active were the weather more reasonable. Wholesalers complain that deliveries of cottons are slow. Groceries are quiet. All lines refined sugar are ten cents lower and canned goods hold very firm on light stocks. The movement in hardware is fair and prices show a firm tendency. There is a good Northwest demand for wholesale lines for spring trade, and from all points reports regarding future business are cheerful. Ontario collections show improvement.

Quebec.—Wholesale trade shows no improvement over that of the preceding week, and collections are generally slow. Houses finished stocktaking report favorable results, and with seasonable weather the outlook is encouraging. Local industries are active, but retail trade in the city is quiet.

Winnipeg.—Trade here is a little more active, although mild weather continues to affect the demand for retail lines, but there is some compensation in the greater activity which this has allowed outdoor work, and there is not the interruption to transportation which frequently occurs at this time of the year. There is a good Northwest demand for spring dry goods, and hardware houses are receiving good orders. Values are generally steady to firm.

Victoria and Vancouver.—The feature of trade all along the coast is the activity in the mining and lumbering industries which have shown great expansion during the past year. There is also considerable briskness amongst iron moulders, and all firms are running full time. Wholesale trade is a little quiet, but the outlook for trade generally is very bright. At Vancouver there has been some falling off in real estate values. Collections continue good.

Hamilton.—Wholesale trade here continues quiet, although spring business is beginning to open up and prospects continue exceedingly bright. Country retail trade is a little slow, waiting continued seasonable weather. Collections are fair to good.

London.—While the actual movement of wholesale stocks continues light, travellers are sending forward fair orders for spring goods, and there is a light sorting trade in general lines. Local industries continue active. Receipts of country produce are generally light, grain is especially so. Collections are fair. Ottawa.—Cold and snow have given some impetus to retail trade here, but in no line is there a large volume of business moving. Collections are showing some improvement and general trade shows signs of recovering from the quietness of the holidays.

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## LOST PACKAGE.

WAS PASSING FROM THE MOLSONS TO THE TRADERS' BANK,

But Never Reached the Latter Institution—Was Supposed to Go Through Clearing House—Three Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars Missing.

Toronto despatch: The officials of the Traders' and Molsons Banks are endeavoring to find out the whereabouts of a package containing \$325, which has been missing since Thursday morning. It is customary every morning for each bank in the city to make up the bills of the other banks it holds and to return them through the clearing house over the Bank of British North America to the office of the issuing bank. Notes of this kind are carefully sealed in a package, and are turned over to the messengers or other officials of the other bank. The system at the clearing house is perfect, but one or two packages within the past few years have failed to reach the banks to which they have been sent.

The package missed on Thursday contained \$225, and the officers at the Molsons Bank say they sent the money, while the officers of the Traders' Bank state that it never reached them. Mr. G. W. Yarker, manager of the clearing house, stated yesterday that he had not received any official notification of the loss of the money.

None of the other banks have received the missing package in their parcels. Sergeant Duncan of the detective department stated that the police have no report of the lost package.

## LIVED IN A STUMP.

SCHEME OF A CHINESE LEPER TO RETAIN LIBERTY.

Captured Under His Umbrella Roof in a Suburb of New Westminster, and Will Be Taken to the Lazaretto.

Vancouver, Jan. 22.—Fearing the life in death at D'Arcy Island Lazaretto, Gulf of Georgia, a Chinese leper has been living for some time in the stump of an old cedar tree on the north arm road, just outside New Westminster limits.

The Provincial police discovered him in his forest abode yesterday. He had an umbrella over the top of the tree stump in order to keep out the rain, and except that his home was a little damp, he was quite comfortable. The man's mother and brother are known to have had leprosy, and this led the other Chinese to watch him. When signs of the disease appeared on him he fled from his companions lest they give him up to the police.

After his capture the officers destroyed the stump, the blankets and other effects that the Chinaman had in his woodland residence, and he will be taken to the lazaretto to-morrow.

## FEAR CONSUMPTION.

CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY BAR THEM FROM SCHOOL.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—The first decisive step toward excluding victims of pulmonary tuberculosis from the public schools was taken by the Board of Education last night, when that body instructed all principals and teachers to report the names of "suspects" to Superintendent Cooley. The Board called upon Superintendent Cooley to notify the parents and guardians of children suspected, and also to direct the child study department to examine each such child.

