

# DEATH OF MOSES CAST A SHADOW OVER ISRAELITES

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GRACE AND TRUTH COME THROUGH JESUS

Magnificent Victory Beyond the Jordan to be Gained Through Death and Resurrection.

The Sunday School Lesson

By Evangeline.

Nov. 23. Joshua 1: 1-9.

The news of Moses' death cast a gloom over the nation. Never had there been such a blank in the history of the children of Israel. As far back as their memory could reach Moses had been their leader, their prime minister, their general in chief, their mediator, their pastor, their friend. The news of his death was a blow to the nation which flashed from tent to tent—"Moses is dead," spread dismay and consternation everywhere.

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His death at this time and the raising up of a new leader whose very name anticipated Jesus (for Joshua was originally "Jehoshua," meaning "salvation." To this was added "Je" for Jehovah and the name became "Jehoshua"—meaning Jehovah is Salvation, from which came its Greek form, "Jesus"—or Jesus) were designed to teach us the separate spheres of law and grace. "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

The law of Moses had set before Israel a straight path, but there are some things the law cannot do. It cannot save a lost soul. It cannot justify one guilty of breaking it. Right up to the summit of the mountain we may see a straight path, but if we have tripped and seriously injured ourselves what is the use of a straight path to us. The law told Israel what to do but did not enable them to do it. It revealed to them their sins but did not remove their sins. A mirror may reflect blemishes in us, but who ever heard of

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have come out of Egypt who have not learned the Levitical lesson—to worship God in spirit and in truth. Others have never gone as far as Numbers, they cannot "desecrate" their pedigree. The language of their hearts is ever—

"Oft it causes anxious thought, Am I saved or am I not?"

While others stop short of Deuteronomy in not having the law fulfilled in them spiritually, there is infinite happiness in the land of promise for those who will arise and so over. There is magnificent victory, but it's all on the other side of Jordan. It can be secured only through death and resurrection.

"Know ye not," says Paul, "that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death. Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that as Christ was raised from the dead— even so we also should walk in newness of life. Likewise reckon unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The command included not only "thou" but "all this people."

"Others, Lord, yet others, have not been baptized into His death— even so we also should walk in newness of life. Likewise reckon unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Let this motto be: Help me to lead some others.

That I may live like these.

"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon that have I given you." Just so much as we appropriate shall ours.

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Tragic Death of Minister.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has suffered the loss of one of the ablest preachers and educationists in the tragic death of Rev. James Ross, D.D., of St. Andrew's Church, London, Ont. Dr. Ross had with others gone to New York to select and purchase books for the public library at his home city. Stepping from a street car he unwittingly crossed over in the way of a passing automobile. He was thrown to the ground and his skull fractured. Death ensued in one hour. Dr. Ross held the chair of Practical Theology in Montreal College for several years, resigning in 1904 to accept the call from London. He was one of the nominees for the Moderator's chair at the last meeting of the General Assembly.

Meeting of Foreign Mission Board.

A well attended meeting of the Foreign Mission Board (Eastern Division) was held last Tuesday, Nov. 18, in Halifax. New Brunswick was represented by Rev. D. McDermott of Moncton. Dr. Ross, Moderator of St. John's, was present and read the report of the board. Dr. Ross, Moderator of St. John's, was present and read the report of the board. Dr. Ross, Moderator of St. John's, was present and read the report of the board.

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# COOPERATION OF PARENTS WITH TEACHERS NECESSARY

If Sunday School Work is To Bring Desired Results.

INDIFFERENCE OF FAMILY A HINDRANCE

Should be Bond of Sympathy between them—Work of School Continued in the Home.

Hempstead, L. I., Nov. 17.—The Rev. W. H. Burgin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church here, is much interested in Sunday School work. At a special Sunday school recognition service, in which the superintendent, Walter H. De Nye, took part, Mr. Burgin preached on "Christ Culture in Home and Sunday School." He took his text from Psalms xxviii:1 to 4. Mr. Burgin said:

In the Old Testament days among the Jews the religious instruction of the children was accepted as the duty of the home. In our day the larger part of the religious instruction received by the children comes to them in the all too brief Sunday school session once a week. Thus it is that we today satisfy ourselves that we are not neglecting God's law. His words, and His wonderful works from our children, are the only religious instruction which we give them. We are not neglecting God's law. His words, and His wonderful works from our children, are the only religious instruction which we give them.

I speak today not as an advocate of either place of instruction, but as an earnest advocate of both home and Sunday school religious instruction. We must recognize that the religious instruction of our children may be wisely religiously. Doubtless, in this way, it is the duty of the church, or parent, to give religious instruction to the coming generation the praises of the Lord.

The "Relation of Sunday School and Home"—Today there is very little religious instruction given in most Christian homes. This is greatly to be deplored. There is a reason for it. Business and social pressure is exerted upon the parent to neglect the religious instruction of his children. While in many trades hours of labor have been shortened, leisure in the home has not been increased. There was a time when men and women lived near their work. Now, in many instances, the unemployed time of the parent is spent in traveling to and from business. Our necessary and artificial engagements so fill our days and nights that we have been led to shift the responsibility of religious instruction to the Sunday school. Why not? It is the business of the Sunday school to instruct in matters religious. It is the business of the home to give religious instruction to its children. The home is the place where the child is first taught to love God and His law. The home is the place where the child is first taught to love God and His law.

A Sunday school expert, who has made investigations in field work, reports that in twenty different States of the Union, informs us that very few parents do not neglect the religious instruction of their children. In fact, in many cases, the parents are so busy that they are unable to give their children religious instruction. The Sunday school is the only place where the child can receive religious instruction. The Sunday school is the only place where the child can receive religious instruction.

Parents can greatly improve our Sunday school work by their encouragement of their children to make a careful home preparation of the Sunday school lesson. Let this "home work" have as honorable a place in the preparation of the home as does the "home work" of the public school. Such study will not only be effective in giving the scholar right preparation for the lesson study period with emphasis the importance of Bible study. When other studies are given the preference, it is not natural for our young people to conclude that Bible knowledge and religious instruction are unimportant. If it is not a fact that the Sunday school is an unimportant thing, why, at the most, of secondary consideration? I fear so. And, if so, that is a fatal fault. The home can correct that fault by insisting upon a period for Sunday school home work, as above suggested. Of course, the teacher should encourage the pupil to make a careful home preparation. Such preparation is a means of

securing attention, a most vital necessity when teaching of any sort is planned. As Bishop Vincent has said, "The home is the best place for religious instruction. It is the place where the child is first taught to love God and His law. The home is the place where the child is first taught to love God and His law."

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