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BIBLE LESSONS.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.—GENESIS.

First Quarter.

Lesson XIII. March 27. Review and Missions. Gen. 18: 17-26.

SUBJECT,—THE PROGRESS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

I. THE WORLD GOD'S BY CREATION (Lesson 1). All men have the same Father in heaven, the same ancestor on earth. All are of one spirit and one blood. Therefore (1) and should worship the one Creator. (2) All men are brethren, and we should treat all, even the lowest, as brethren. (3) If they are brethren, we must send them the news of the Saviour, and lift them up into the heavenly life.

II. SIN HAS COME UPON ALL (Lessons 2, 3). All men not only inherit tendencies to sin, but have yielded to temptation, as our first parents did. Temptation and sin and degradation are everywhere. Cain's life and treatment of Abel are examples of what is going on all over the world. Sin is here, a malignant disease. Therefore the world needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Saviour.

III. "AND DEATH BY SIN" (Lessons 4, 9). The destruction of the world by the flood, and of Sodom by fire, because of their terrible and hopeless sin, are examples of the fruit and danger of sin, always and everywhere.

Therefore we should not only escape for our lives, but, like Noah, preach righteousness and prepare an ark, and like the angels, warn and hasten men from the Sodom of sin. And we should haste to show all the world the way of salvation.

IV. OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER (Lessons 3, 6). Wicked men like Cain ask, "Am I my brother's keeper?" But good men like Abraham ever seek to do their brethren good. One of the corner-stones of missions is brotherly love.

V. THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Lessons 1, 2, 4, 5, 7). Lesson 1 gives us a glimpse of the paradise which God would have all men regain. Lesson 2 shows us the first promise of a Redeemer. Lesson 4, an illustration of salvation by faith. Lesson 5 teaches us of God's call, and the beginning of his covenant and the dawn of his glorious kingdom, which are made more clear in Lesson 7. It is this promise of God which he is fulfilling by missions. Through them Paradise is to be regained and the kingdom of God is to come.

VI. PRAYER (Lessons 8, 11, 12). In these Lessons we have an example of pleading for the lost,—of prayer that leads to better living and more complete consecration. Prayer is essential to missions. Praying for others is a part of the means of salvation, and leads to work as well as prayer. When the church wrestles with God for the coming of his kingdom, it will be at hand.

VII. CONSECRATION (Lessons 8, 10, 11, 12). A few devoted persons would have saved Sodom. The Gospel leaven should be working, Lesson 8. Abraham gave up his only son to God. Let us consecrate ourselves, our children, our treasures, to God, Lesson 10. Jacob gave one-tenth of all his income to the Lord. When every Christian does this, there will be marvellous progress in the kingdom of God, and all the world will see the ladder from earth to heaven, Lesson 11. Jacob was changed from a worldly-wise man to one who had power with God and with men. So shall we, wrestling with God for the blessing, have power with God through Pentecostal days, and power with men to draw them to God.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

PARADISE LOST.

This lesson is based upon Lesson 2 of this quarter, and can be made a Review, as well as a Temperance Lesson. Paradise is lost every day through strong drink.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.—Gen. 3: 1-19.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—Paradise lost by yielding to appetite.

I. THE STORY.

II. MAN MADE FOR PARADISE, AND PARADISE FOR MAN. Man made to be happy, good, religious, and to have an abundance of innocent enjoyments.

III. THE LIMIT.—The tree of knowledge of good and evil. All moral beings necessarily exposed to temptation. There are limits as to eating and drinking, both as to the kind and the amount. Whatever injures us, or other people, must be let alone.

IV. THE TEMPTER, Satan, and Satan's servants. "Woe unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips." Dr. Guthrie says, "But where shall I find language strong enough to express in fitting words the sin of those who, over the counter, or in the public-house, supply the drink that sinks man, originally made in the image of his Creator, far beneath the beasts of the earth?"

V. THE TEMPTATION. (1) In the guise of innocence; (2) an appeal to false independence; (3) concealing the danger; (4) many false, deceitful promises of good.

Tim's Temptation.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

BY A LITTLE GIRL.

In a cold, dark room, with just a spark of fire, sat Tim and little Sue, cuddled close together. They were talking very sadly and low, and while they talk we will listen, and take a peep at the room.

In one end was an old bed with a scanty bit of covering; and beside it, on the floor, a poor little pallet on which Tim slept; in the middle, an old table, with a few broken dishes; some old chairs, almost without seats, stood around; and there was hardly anything else, except here and there a nail, on which hung some rags, meant for clothes, no doubt.

A little fretful voice is saying: "Brother, it won't be Christmas without any candy, or any presents."

"Yes, but Santa Claus will come, I guess," answered Tim bravely.

Tim said this only to cheer his little sister, for he knew his mother was far too poor to get "candy and presents."

They went on talking for some time, until a well-known step was heard, when they stopped and began to fix up for mamma. Tim, who was only twelve years old, did the best he could, and Sue, who was six, helped him. The door opened and a sad, tired face appeared.

"Well, my dears, how are you?" as cheerfully as possible, said the mother.

"Oh, we are all right, but we are hungry, and is *it* cold!"

"Where are the sticks you gathered today, Tim? put them on the fire and get those crusts from the closet, and we'll soon go to bed," answered the poor mother.

In a little while all was quiet—mother and Sue in bed; but Tim said he didn't want to go just then. The poor boy sat thinking, thinking. All at once, with a sudden start, a resolute voice exclaimed:

"I know what I'll do—yes, I'll steal something."

Tim knew he was doing wrong, yet, sister Sue must have something for Christmas. He took his old hat, and went out into the cold, dark night. Soon he came to one of the largest and most beautiful stores in the city. He went in. How lovely everything looked, and how busy they were? He asked the price of a little trinket near the door, but the man did not stop to answer the ragged boy; so he just took a small package, that he saw close at hand, put it under his arm and ran home—ran like wild! There he hid it away in a corner and again sat down, weary and sad, to think. But Tim could not rest; something seemed to be saying: "Thief! thief! thief!" so load that it frightened him.

He rose up, took the bundle, and went straight back to the store. When he got there, he did not know what to say—but it soon come to him—and walking up to the clerk, he said:

"He r-e-s, sir,—I took this, but I am sorry for it now."

"Well," said the man, never so harshly, "it is a good thing you brought it back, or the police would have caught you."

Tim would gladly have run away, but he felt a hand on his arm, and a kind, friendly voice was heard saying:

"A brave lad! Stop, boy, let me see you!"

Tim looked up; a gentle old face beamed down upon him. The old gentleman took him aside, and held a little conversation with him, in which Tim told his sad story—of how poor they were—how he wanted little Sue to have something for Christmas—that his mother was a Christian, but his father, a poor drunkard.

"Well," said the kind old man, "Cheer up my boy, I may be able to help you, if you will show me where you live."

Tim looked into the eyes that seemed kinder than ever, and answered gratefully:

"All right, sir—I'll show you now if you can come."

They went out of the store together, and as they passed a bake-shop, Tim gazed in so wistfully, that it went to the good man's heart, and a few moments later, Tim was coming out with his arms full of good things. Presently they came to the corner of the alley, where Tim's home was.

"Here it is, sir," said Tim, and led his friend into the room.

While Tim put away his treasures, the old gentleman gazed around the desolate place, and took a peep at Sue, who, with her mother, was fast asleep.

"Tim," whispered he, "is there anything special, you would like to have?"

Tim reflected for a moment, and then replied:

"Yes, sir, please, a nice bible for mother; for the other day, she said she wished she had one."

"You shall have it, my boy," kindly answered the old man; and he took his hat off to Tim, as he would have done to a gentleman, as he softly said, "good night," adding, "I shall know where you live now."

This time, Tim felt happy, and was soon on his little pallet asleep, and dreaming of a bright happy Christmas. Early next morning Tim was up, giving to mother and Sue, the good things, and watching for the bundle that had been promised him. Soon the glad sight of a wagon at the door, called Tim out to receive a present for each one. There was also a basket with a turkey, a real Christmas dinner and wood to cook it. How happy they were! What a Christmas that was for them all! That night father was not drunk, and they all sat by the warm fire, listening to mother as she read out of the new Bible. The father sat in his usual corner, but when he saw his wife and little ones kneeling and thanking their kind heavenly Father for all those good gifts it touched his hard and wicked heart, and he, too, came and knelt with them. From that day, he drank no more liquor, and began to be a man, and a Christian.

"Mother," said Tim, as he went to bed that night, "this is the happiest day I ever saw; but the best is about dear father."

I need not tell you that Tim's benefactor did not forget the boy, who had so nobly resisted doing wrong: and at last, all was well with them. B. DEL.

A Baby's Plea.

There is a little tow-headed chap of three years who calls me "papa." We are the best of friends in the world, and yet we sometimes have our little differences. And I am sometimes surprised and rebuked by the unconscious eloquence of that dear little lad's pleadings for the rights of children, and for some consideration of their feelings and their juvenile infirmities of character. Somehow we fathers and mothers *do* forget at times that we were children once, and like-minded with these little ones of ours. The remembrance of our own little heart-aches and our childish grievances seems to have gone from us.

I was cross when I went home the other night. A man had puffed the smoke of a cheap cigar into my face all the way home in the car; another fellow had munched an apple in my ear; something had gone wrong at the office, and ten times worse than all, I fell headlong on a slippery place before my own door in full view of all the giggling neighbors and my wife, who made me see visions of divorce courts by giggling too. I was in the raging-and-roaring-lion condition, the best of men are idiotic enough to get into at times; and before I had been three minutes in the house that little boy of mine did something I had told him not to do, and I was going to punish him right then and there. But, ugly as I was, I gave the child a chance to say something in his defence.

"What *made* you do that, when I told you not to?" I roared in a voice that might well have scared the life out of the boy. His pretty lips trembled for a moment, great tears came into his eyes, and, stammering and trembling, he sobbed out:

"Well, papa, I—I—well, papa, what makes you do naughty things ever? You're a big man, and I'm *such* a little boy."

He didn't get the least punishment. It don't seem to me at this writing that I shall ever punish him again as long as he lives. There was such a strong and tender plea for justice and Christian forbearance in his "I'm *such* a little boy." And I cannot to myself satisfactorily answer the question as to why I do the things I ought not to do, unless it is because of the limitations of our human nature that make it impossible for us to lead sinless lives.—*A Father in Babyhood.*

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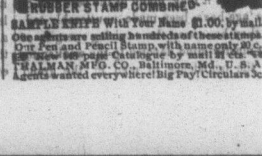

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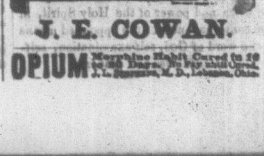

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