

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

MAY 20, 1883.

HEROD AND PETER.

ACTS 12, 1-17.

1.—This Herod was nephew of Herod Antipas, and is commonly known as Herod Agrippa, the father of that Agrippa before whom St. Paul was subsequently brought. He had at Rome taken an active part in securing the succession of Claudius as emperor, and was rewarded by having restored to him all the territories formerly possessed by his grandfather, Herod the Great. This Judaea once more had a king of Jewish descent; but on the death of this Herod, the Jewish kingdom became forever extinct.

Herod is described by Josephus as very strict in his observance of the Mosaic law. Previously the Christians dreaded the enmity of the chief priests and scribes—the ecclesiastical authorities. The civil rulers, being Romans, were to a great extent indifferent to religious disputes amongst the Jews, as long as order was preserved. But now, with a king in full sympathy with the scribes and Pharisees, the Christians were soon made to feel his power.

His first victim was James, the son of Zebedee, one of the three apostles named with their Master. Herod had a great ambition for popularity, as is evident from this chapter. Finding that the execution of James gave pleasure to the Jewish leaders, he seized Peter for the same fate. As it was the time of the pasover (ver 3), the execution was postponed until after the feast (ver 4). But his cruel design was prevented by Divine intervention, and ere long the career of this vain king ended by a terrible disease, attributed to the direct stroke of God.

2.—Peter was selected as the most prominent leader of the Christians in Jerusalem. Perhaps he was absent from Jerusalem when James was apprehended. The special precautions taken against Herod had been advised of the previous escape of the apostles (chap 12-23). To prevent a similar thing, Peter was delivered to the care of "four quarters of soldiers," i.e., sixteen altogether. They would be appointed to guard in turns; four during each of the four watches into which the night was divided. He was also "bound with two chains" (ver. 6). Our knowledge of Roman customs from other sources leads us to conclude that he was bound by a chain on each arm to the soldiers between whom he slept. In such a position escape seemed impossible.

Meanwhile a power was being exercised which the wicked king knew nothing of—the power of prayer. The members of the Church continued in earnest prayer for Peter's release, day and night. Here and there throughout the great city, little bands of Christians gathered to pray for their leader. But it would seem that their expectations of seeing him again were slight, though they showed their sincerity by continuing in prayer.

3.—Peter was so soundly asleep on the night previous to his intended execution, that though the angel filled the dungeon with supernatural light, he did not awake until summoned on the side; and it was not until the angel had left him, and he found himself alone and at large, that he came to himself and realized his deliverance to be a fact. This deliverance is one of the most remarkable facts on record, as an illustration of the hearing of prayer. Two powers are, as it were, struggling with each other (ver 5), the one, secular power, attempting to hold the apostle fast and slay him; the other, the Church of Christ, desirous of rescuing him, and preserving his life and liberty. The former has all material instruments at its disposal—a prison, chains and fetters, soldiers and weapons; the latter has none of these, but in place of them, prayer—united and fervent prayer. Faith in God, who was in Christ, love to one another for Christ's sake, Christian hope—indeed the whole inner life that proceeds from redemption, infuses itself into such intercessions, and thus prayer lays hold on the omnipotence of God in faith. This united prayer in the name of Jesus Christ accomplishes more than all the power of the world can attempt to do.

4.—When Peter had "considered the thing" he went to the house where he knew his brethren would be assembled together. The servants of the Lord are often placed in circumstances in which they have to stand and consider what is best. The secrecy with which the Christians felt it necessary to meet accounts for this caution. Peter hearing footsteps inside, and knowing they would be alarmed at his knock, spoke; and the girl as she recognised his voice, was so overjoyed that she ran to tell the news, forgetting to open the gate. The friends inside were unwilling to believe the girl's story, but at length opened the door, and were filled with amazement at finding that it was indeed himself.—Abridged from Sunday School Magazine.

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Having explained the scientific principles involved, Mr. Mattieu Williams gives in Knowledge these directions for boiling eggs: Take a saucepan holding a pint of water and raise the latter to the boiling point. Then put an egg in the boiling water, place the saucepan on the hearth and leave it there with the egg in it ten minutes or more. An egg so cooked, he says, will be tender and delicate, evenly so throughout, no part being hard while another part is semi-raw and slimy.

The same principle may be applied to a leg of mutton. First, in order to seal the pores, the meat should be put into boiling water; the water should be kept boiling for five or ten minutes. A coating of firmly coagulated albumen will thus envelop the joint. Now, instead of boiling or "simmering" the water, set the saucepan aside, where the water will retain a temperature of about 180° or 22° below the boiling point. Continue this about half as long again, or double the usual time given in the cookery-books for boiling a leg of mutton, and try the effect. The usual addition of salt to the water is desirable. It has a threefold action: first, it directly acts on the superficial albumen with coagulating effect; second, it slightly raises the boiling point of the water; and third, by increasing the density of the water, the "exosmosis" or oozing out of the juices is less active. These actions are slight, but all co-operate in keeping in the juices. A leg of mutton for boiling should be fresh and not "hung" as for roasting.

MANKIND'S MISTAKES.

It is a mistake to labor when you are not in a fit condition to do so.

To think that the more a person eats the healthier and stronger he will become.

To go to bed at midnight and rise at daybreak and imagine that every hour taken from sleep is an hour gained.

To imagine that if a little work or exercise is good, violent or prolonged exercise is better.

To conclude that the smallest room in the house is large enough to sleep in.

To eat as if you only had a minute to finish the meal in, or to eat without an appetite, or continue after it has been satisfied, merely to satisfy the taste.

To believe that children can do as much work as grown people, and that the more hours they study the more they learn.

To imagine that whatever remedy causes one to feel immediately better (as alcoholic stimulants) is good for the system, without regard to the after effects.

To take off proper clothing out of season, simply because you have become heated.

To sleep exposed to a direct draught in any season.

To think that any nostrum or patent medicine is a specific for all the diseases flesh is heir to.—Index.

USEFUL HINTS.

As every thread of gold is valuable so is every minute of time.—Rev. John Mason.

A room hung with pictures is a room hung with thoughts.—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Put all farm implements in good order during rainy days. Clear up the rubbish that has accumulated. Look well to fences before cattle are turned out.

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CHAPTER I.

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