

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

16. May 20th. 1920. Jonathan and His Armor-Bearer.

Commentary.—1. Jonathan's courageous suggestion (vs. 1-3). 1. Jonathan—This son of Saul may have been eighteen years or twenty years of age, the young man that bare his armor—He was Jonathan's trusted attendant, who proved himself both brave and strong on this occasion. let us go over to the Philistines' garrison—The Philistines had come to the very centre of Israel's country with a great army and were encamped on the opposite side of the valley from where Saul's small force was staying. Jonathan's suggestion to his attendant was a courageous one, told not his father—it was not in keeping with military tactics for such a movement as this to be undertaken. Saul would not be likely to approve of the project. 2. Uttermost part of Gibeath—Saul, with his six hundred men and Samuel and Ahiah, the priest, was entrenched on one of the many hills of the extreme northern part of Gibeath. Miron—The name means precipice. Six hundred men—His army that he had had was reduced to this small company. 3. Ahiah—A great grandson of Eli. He was the high priest, wearing an ephod—The ephod consisted of two parts, of which one covered the back, and the other the front, that is, the great and upper part of the body. It was worn by the high priest of Israel.

II. Two brave men divinely directed (vs. 4-12). 4. Between the passages—From the description of the place it is evident there was a valley leading down to the main valley where Saul was encamped, and one leading up on the other side to where the Philistines were. Between these, in the valley, were the steep rocks or hills mentioned, called Bozrah shining, and Seneh, thorn. 5. Over against Micmash—One crag was to the north in front of Gibeath. Micmash and Gibeath were on opposite sides of a valley that extended nearly east and west about seven miles north of Jerusalem. The fact stated in verses 2-5 are thrown in as parenthetical to give details as to the conditions under which the assault about to be described was made. 6. These uncircumcised—Circumcision was a rite by which the Israelites were set apart as God's peculiar people. The Philistines were designated as uncircumcised, since they were not the Lord's people. By this term the Israelites expressed their abhorrence of the Philistines. It may be that the Lord will work for us—This expression did not imply a doubt; it signified simply that the object he aimed at was not in his own strength nor his own merit.—J. F. & B. to save by many or by few—The expression just before this indicates that Jonathan believed in God's ability to give success and that his power might be exercised on this occasion. He expressed his faith clearly. He had a conviction that God would give the victory that moved him to go forward trusting in him. 7. I am with thee—Jonathan's armor-bearer had confidence in his master and also in God. He did not hesitate to go with him, nor would he turn him from his purpose.

8. We will discover ourselves unto them—They would go to the garrison of the Philistines and would make themselves known to them. 9. If they say thus unto us—Jonathan had no doubt prayed beforehand for guidance, and now he proposed a test by which it would be clearly indicated what course he should pursue in the matter. 10. The Lord hath delivered them into our hand—This statement shows how implicitly Jonathan depended upon the Lord's direction and aid. a sign unto us—Our action will depend upon the words received from the Philistines. They will be the unconscious bearers of a message from God. 11. The Hebrews come forth—The Philistines understood the weakness of Israel at that time, and believed they were hiding in the numerous caverns of the locality. They could not have known for what purpose Jonathan and his armor-bearer had come forth. 12. answered—The two had not addressed the Philistines, but their presence called for words from them. come up to us—With this

invitation came the knowledge of what Jonathan and his armor-bearer should do and what the Lord would do for them. We will show you a thing—These words may have been spoken in contempt or derision. III. Victory for Israel (vs. 13-23). 13. climbed up—Immediately to the east of the village of Micmash exists a natural fortress, still called the fort of the pessentry. It is a ridge rising in the three rounded knobs above a perpendicular crag, ending in a narrow tongue to the east with cliffs below.—Conder. An advance guard of the Philistines may have held this position, and this crag may have been the one Jonathan and his armor-bearer ascended. They fell before Jonathan—Twenty men fell before Jonathan and his armor-bearer in a space equal to one side of a square containing an acre. 14, 15. Great fear fell upon the Philistines because of this successful attack and the terror was increased by the quaking of the earth. 16-23. Saul was within sight of the camp of the Philistines and saw what was being done there. He caused his camp to be searched to determine who of his men were missing. His little army joined in the battle, and those who were hiding in Ephraim came out also to help their brethren.

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unwisely demand (vs. 25-26). Saul was much moved by the victory which was being gained over the Philistines, and rashly decreed that no man should taste food that day. He did not consider that his men would be better fitted to pursue the enemy if they should be strengthened by taking food. There was woodland then in that country and many wild bees. Honey was produced in large quantities. Jonathan was ignorant of his father's decree and ate some honey. It was learned later that Jonathan had done and Saul was determined to have him slain in accordance with his decree, but the people interceded and saved Jonathan.

Questions.—What was the condition of the Israelites in their relation to the Philistines at this time? Where were the two armies? What did Jonathan propose to his armor-bearer that they should do? What test did Jonathan make to learn what he should do? Describe the victory gained by Israel over the Philistines. What mistake did Saul make?

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Topic.—The value of initiative in Christian work. I. Connecting events. II. Jonathan's victory. III. Saul's rashness.

I. Connecting Events. In the selection and connection of Saul, God was giving the people their desires, and the succeeding history was the working out of the experiment. A standing army was a new thing in Israel, and a humiliation for the nation whose glory it had been, that their king needed no arm of flesh to protect himself or to defend them. In his provision Saul was only following the custom of human monarchs and the dictum of human wisdom. Obedience had been their safety and their God their defence. God's first demand was an unconditional obedience, equally binding on sovereign and subject. Of this Saul's individual experience should have made him deeply sensible but somehow at the very beginning he gets wrong. He had been commanded to remain at Gibeath until Samuel's arrival to offer the sacrifices preceding action against the Philistines. Though the test of decimating followers was severe, his own confession acknowledged distrust to disobedience, and very sure to be taken. "Wait patiently for him." The punishment may appear extreme, but the gravity of the situation can not be overestimated. It was an open defiance of the authority of Jehovah, aggravated rather than excused, by the high position of the offender.

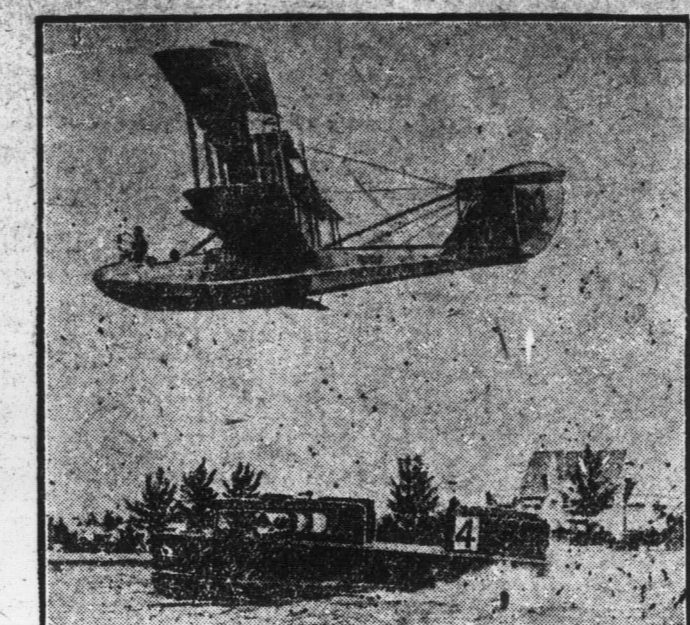
II. Jonathan's Victory. Jonathan now appears for the first time in the history. He appears to be a man of physical courage and humble piety. "Let us go over to the Philistines." "It may be that the Lord will work for us." So far as can be gathered from the record, Saul had remained inactive after the interview with Samuel. An unhopd-for deliverance was effected by God's blessing upon Jonathan's courageous, if somewhat irregular, attack upon the garrison of the Philistines. Encouraged by the favorable omen which they had established as governing their action, they were assured "that the Lord had delivered the enemy into the hand of Israel" (vs. 20). The victory, viewed with amazement by the watchman of Saul's camp, was a rallying signal for the disheartened hosts of Israel to join in the pursuit. It was the first war of Saul's camp, was a rallying signal for the disheartened hosts of Israel to join in the pursuit. It was the first war of Saul's completed kingship and was prosecuted against all his enemies on every side. The spiritual application of the history suggests that every Christian should be a soldier acting under direct or secondary divine direction; and that is the imperative duty of the great army to be constantly aggressive against the whole camp of evil.

III. Saul's rashness. Saul's whole conduct in connection with the lesson shows a man acting from impulse and passion rather than principle. Such a course must end in mischief proportioned to the responsibility and influence of the individual. Had the opportunity been rightly used, the power of the Philistines might have been entirely subdued. The victory which was the fruit of Jonathan's faith and courage could not be followed up because of Saul's rashly enforced vow. The opportunity, lost, was not regained during his lifetime. There was "war against the Philistines" all his days. W. H. C.

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SPEED KINGS OF SEA AND AIR AT MIAMI, FLORIDA.

A remarkable photo of a motor boat triplane race taking place over the same course at Miami, Fla. The boat is the Gar Jun., owned by Gar Wood, of New York, shown winning the twenty-mile race for express cruisers and setting a new world record for its type. The triplane is the Aero Limited, No. 4, winning its race for E. B. Thomas triplane. Both plane and motor boat are equipped with 400 h. p. Liberty motors.

Care of Small Plots of Cereals

(Experimental Farm's Note).

A great deal has been said about the purity of seed and the use of good seed. How may this be produced and kept pure? The Experimental Farms distribute small samples of good seed but the grain grower is the man who must maintain its purity. The examples that the Experimental Farms distribute are sufficient to seed 1-20 of an acre. It is the care of this plot and the subsequent plots that I wish to emphasize.

The seed should be sown in a plot about 33 feet by 66 feet in dimension on the most productive piece of land (suitable for grain) on the farm. The seed bed should be as nearly perfect as the most approved methods of cultivation in the district will permit. Seeding of this plot should be done as early in the spring as it is possible within reason. The seed drill must be thoroughly clean and free from grains of other varieties. In seeding it is as well to leave a small path about 12 to 14 inches between each strip of the drill. This may be done by allowing the wheel of the seeder to return in the track made by the wheel on the land already seeded.

During the growing period all noxious weeds that will be detrimental to the crop should be removed. The path referred to above is useful in that it allows ready access to the plot with a minimum amount of damage. Weeding should be done from time to time all through the season. When the plot heads out "roguing" should start. Roguing is the process of eradicating the grain plants that are off type or those of other varieties; anything in fact that is foreign to the plot should be removed. The plot should be carefully rogued three or four times before harvest, and more especially should the plot be carefully rogued the day that it is to be cut, as at this time differences that have not shown before may be more readily noticed.

Further operations should all be done by hand, where possible, unless great care is taken to see that all machinery is faultlessly clean. The binder may be used for cutting if all adorning straw and heads have been removed, but preferably cut by hand. The stooks should be covered to prevent the ravages of birds and also to keep the grain from getting weathered. It is absolutely essential that threshing be done by hand. The easiest method is to use a flail; the stook that you stand on is perfectly clean. If the stooks are carried to the barn in large sheets of tarpaulin purity can be more readily maintained and the threshing made more easy. When dealing with large plots, or in exceptional cases, the threshing machine may be used, but only when one is perfectly certain that stray grain has been removed, and then it is advisable to thresh only when the grain from the plot is of a different class from that from which has been threshed in the mill previously; follow wheat by oats or barley, oats by wheat or barley; never thresh wheat after rye or oats after oats.

When cleaning the seed be absolutely sure that all foreign grains are removed from the fanning mill. Take out all the sieves and clean out thoroughly all the cracks and crevices that are likely to retain grain of other samples. Be certain that the machinery and grain containers are perfectly clean. The grain should be stored in clean bags in a place free from the ravages of mice, etc.

All grain growers are advised to maintain a seed plot. The method outlined above may be used on a larger scale for a regular seed plot. This plot should be large enough so that a considerable quantity of grain, of known purity, may be produced for subsequent crops. The secrets of success in the care of the plot are thoroughness and care. Good pure seed is essential to roots farming.—P. Russell Cowan, Cerealist.

Received in Silence. If Cinquevalli, by his feats of jugglery, could make men weep, E. V. Lucas records, he could also make them pray. And there hangs a tale as strange as any told of the stage. Cinquevalli had ended his career as an acrobat in Russia by a terrible fall, and after a life of a death struggle he recovered and decided to make a new name as a juggler. His entry on the stage had hitherto been always marked by a roar of applause but on the night of his debut as a juggler he was received in dead silence.—London Chronicle.

How Forest Fires Start.

The rise in the price of lumber has awakened all Canadians to the fact that the forests comprise one of Canada's greatest resources. The land on which our forests stand is in majority of cases not fit for farming, consequently, the time when no forests are growing thereon represents a dead loss. Forests cut down grow again with comparative rapidity, but areas burned over by fire are slow to reproduce, and when trees come on again they are likely to be of inferior kinds. Thus there is every inducement to save our forests for the axe and to save them from fire. Yet in Canada eight or ten times as much timber has been burned as has been cut. Our governments and lumber companies are now fighting forest fires, but they still take a terrible toll. Fires start from many causes, but camp-fires left alight by tourists and hunters, and cigarette stubs and burning matches thrown carelessly into the underbrush are among the most prolific. It is to the advantage of every citizen, young and old, to aid in keeping down the forest fire evil.



MEASURING ENERGY.

English scientist, A. D. Waller, claims to have discovered a means of measuring energy, and the picture shows him breathing into a bag after climbing a flight of steps. The amount of carbon dioxide breathed before and after the climb determines the amount of energy expended in the performance of the task. The woman is "holding the clock" on the experiment.

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ANAEMIA ROBSITS VICTIMS BY STEALTH

Conditions of Thin Blood That Could be Corrected Easily Are Stealing the Health and Energy of Many Men and Women, and Boys and Girls.

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Stay in Bed to Grow.

How many people are aware that we are shorter when standing than when lying, and taller in the morning than in the evening? asks Tibbits.

An Englishman was the first to discover this, but afterwards Dr. Marand, of the Royal Academy of France, and others experimented to prove the theory. He found after a year's trial that usually in the night he gained almost three-eighths of an inch, and lost almost as much during the day. The cause of this is to be found in the different state or condition of the cartilages which go to make up the spine.

The joints of this part of our bodies are separated and yet joined by particular bony substances, every one of which has a springy resilience. These are capable of yielding on all sides without bending the backbone or spine itself. Of course, the difference is scarcely perceptible in one joint alone, but the combined effect is appreciable. Naturally when the spine is supporting the weight of the head it is liable to be contracted, and we are taller after lying down for some time than after we have been walking about all day with our bodies in an upright position with the spine supporting the weight of the head.

At night, when we lie down in a more or less horizontal position, these top parts do not weigh so heavily, and the springy muscles being expanded, our spines consequently become longer.

Another proof of this is to be found in the increase of height sometimes experienced by invalids who have spent a long time in bed, and also in the fact that the most re- young child has the taller he will grow.

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MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKET.

Table listing various farm products and their prices, including Butter, Eggs, Cheese, and various types of poultry.

MEATS-WHOLESALE

Table listing wholesale meat prices for items like Beef, Pork, and Mutton.

SUGAR MARKET.

Table listing sugar market prices for various grades of sugar.

OTHER MARKETS.

Table listing other market prices, including Winnipeg Exchange and Minneapolis.

CALL IT A CAR.

"Ho, Bill! That'll hold her! Slam her shut! Call it a car!" "Hey there, you Checker! Jam your blinkin' seal on that door!" Couple on and yank her out! Us guys is quick workers. We got two more to load to-night! Call it a car!"

Such is the simple and good-natured formula—or approximately the formula by which something like \$18,000,000 may be said to have been added unnecessarily to the past 12 months' cost of operating the Canadian railways.

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It is the little episode—repeated thousands of times a day at thousands of loading points—whips to the Canadian transportation programme in the last year—each trip averaging 243 miles under load and 89 miles empty, and occupying 14 car days.

Thus the constant service of 10,000 freight cars was devoted to unnecessary work instead of remaining in reserve to meet emergencies. Thus 4,000 unnecessary trains were moved.

Thus 8,000 unnecessary engines were employed instead of being free to preserve the elasticity of terminal and passing track capacity, thus reducing the margin between an easy car movement—and possibly congestion with embargoes.