

## The Sunday School

### BIBLE LESSON.

Abridged from Peloubet's Notes.

Second Quarter, 1905.

APRIL TO JUNE.

Lesson 1.—April 2. Jesus the Good Shepherd.—John 10:1-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.—John 10:11.

EXPLANATORY.

1. THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP.—Vs. 7-9 Vs. 1-5 (the parable, "parolmia" of v. 6, from "para and oimos," "by the way" = "sayings by the roadside") = "proverbial philosophy" = "philosophy in proverbs") will be considered in connection with the Good Shepherd of vs. 10-18.

THE SHEPHERD. The Greek is from "ao" "to blow," and hence is an uncovered space open to the air. It was surrounded by a wall with one strong wooden gate. It represents the kingdom of God, where the flocks are guided, guarded, protected, cared for; where they find a home. In a lesser degree is symbolized the organized forms of the kingdom. A church is a true church only as far as it represents the spiritual kingdom of God.

7. THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THEM AGAIN. Interpreting and applying and making plainer the parable he had spoken and which they did not understand. I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP. The door symbolizes the means of entrance, by which the flock can get into the fold, with its safety, shelter, food and care. Compare the narrow way and straight gate of Matt. 7:14. Jesus is the door because he has opened the way of salvation, he has brought the message of love from the heavenly Father, he has made atonement for sin, he brings forgiveness of sins; he imparts the new life which makes one a true member of the heavenly flock, he sends the Holy Spirit, he embodies all the influences and motives which lead men into the kingdom of God, and trains their character for its life.

8. ALL THAT EVER CAME BEFORE ME. Claiming to be the Messiah, the Deliverer, and to give to the sheep an entrance to the fold, and all that a true shepherd gives. ARE THIEVES. Who gain their booty by craft. AND ROBBERS. Who gain their booty by force, suggesting organized bands. These represent the false teachers who mislead the sheep for their own interests, who steal from the people the instruction, the influences, the example which the leaders of the nation were under obligation to give. They came "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." BUT THE SHEEP (the real members of the kingdom) DID NOT HEAR THEM. Obey their teachings, but found the true Shepherd and the Door.

2. The Door symbolizes protection. 9.

### IT'S FOOD

That Restores and Makes Health Possible.

There are stomach specialists as well as eye and ear and other specialists.

One of these told a young lady of New Brunswick, N. J. to quit medicines and eat Grape-Nuts. She says:

"For about 12 months I suffered severely with gastritis. I was unable to retain much of anything on my stomach, and consequently was compelled to give up my occupation. I took quantities of medicine, and had an idea I was dieting, but I continued to suffer, and soon lost 15 pounds in weight. I was depressed in spirits and lost interest in everything generally. My mind was so affected that it was impossible to become interested in even the lightest reading matter.

"After suffering for months I decided to go to a stomach specialist. He put me on Grape-Nuts and my health began to improve immediately. It was the keynote of a new life. I found that I had been eating too much starchy food which I did not digest, and that the cereals which I had tried had been too heavy. I soon proved that it is not the quantity of food that one eats, but the quality.

"In a few weeks I was able to go back to my old business of doing clerical work. I have continued to eat Grape-Nuts for both the morning and evening meal. I wake in the morning with a clear mind and feel rested. I regained my lost weight in a short time. I am well and happy again and owe it to Grape-Nuts." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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BY ME. The true Shepherd and Messiah. IF ANY MAN ENTER IN. By accepting me as his Messiah, Teacher, Saviour, and King. HE SHALL BE SAVED. One use of a door is to shut out thieves and enemies of every kind. Those who enter through believing in Jesus shall be safe from the robbers and wolves that seek to destroy; safe from false teachers; safe from the sins that would ruin; safe from the punishment of his sins; safe from the troubles, dangers, and temptations of life.

3. THE DOOR SYMBOLIZED A MEANS OF GOING OUT AS WELL AS OF COMING IN. It is a sign and a means of Liberty. AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT. Once belonging to the flock and the fold, he can go in and out under the care of the shepherd and everywhere be safe, and have freedom of activity for all his powers.

11. THE GOOD SHEPHERD.—Vs. 10-18. Compare the various references to God and Christ as shepherding the people.

10. I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE. . . . ABUNDANTLY. Jesus does for his disciples what the shepherd cannot do for his sheep. He gives life, eternal life to them. He feeds and inspires this life more and more.

11. GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP. Jesus the Son of God, came from heaven to save men. His whole life was given for the sheep.

12. BUT HE THAT IS AN HIRELING. "The shepherd in the East is usually the owner or the son of the owner of the flock, though sometimes an agent, whose salary is a fixed proportion of the produce, as Jacob under Laban. The hireling is the man who happens to be hired for fixed wages, merely for the day, and has no further interest in the flock." SEEKING THE SOULS COMING. "The wolf is the enemy of souls in any of his manifold disguises, as not only persecution, but heresy, worldly living, or a low standard of faith and morals."

The Good Shepherd knows his Flock (vs. 13, 15, and 3) Connect verses 14, 15, with only a comma between I . . . KNOW MY SHEEP . . . AS THE FATHER KNOWETH ME. Perfectly, completely, through and through. He knows our secret thoughts and hopes, our plans and needs, our temptations and dangers, what is good for us, the effect of each influence upon our character and lives, what discipline is good for us. Thus he can take perfect care of his sheep. In vs. 3 this thought is expressed by HE CALLETH HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME. An oriental shepherd has a name for each of his sheep, as we have for horses and dogs, "even in a flock of hundreds or thousands."

The Good Shepherd is Known by His Sheep (vs. 14, 15, and 4) 14. AND AM KNOWN OF MINE. (4) THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE. This is the fact with the sheep of the Oriental shepherd, though, according to the missionary Hartley, "the shepherd told me that many of his sheep are still wild; that they had not yet learned their names; but that, by teaching, they would all learn them." The Christian knows Jesus by being in sympathy with him, having the same purposes, heart, aims, by sitting at his feet to learn, by working together with him for the same ends, by loving counsel together, by relationship to the same Father.

### COURTING DAYS.

When one of the boys or young men calls to invite either of my daughters (who are still in their teens) to a ride or other function, I usually go in to welcome him, writes a mother in Good Housekeeping. A little conversation follows, in which I try to make him feel at ease, and let him see what an interest I take in him as well as in my girl, and without saying it in so many words, let him realize the honor and trust I put in him. Then I depart, leaving the young folks to talk over their plans unembarrassed. If the young gentleman seems to be satisfactory—and a mother's intuition is seldom at fault in such matters—I usually acquiesce in the plan or invitation; but if the boy or the function appears unsatisfactory, the proposal is turned down with a tact that avoids giving either the boy or the girl the effect of a refusal. Mother's judgment recognizes that the daughter must go out into the world, but to have this done in such a way as to develop character in both the boy and the girl. Above all, avoid having your girls become "common," or too free in their actions. Self-respect and the charm of girlhood make a delightful combination that attracts the best in young men, and paves the way for genuine womanhood. The girl's mother who makes the best boys like her seldom has the trials and tribulations common to mothers of the other kind.—Ex.

### SECRET OF A LONG LIFE.

You sometimes see a woman whose old age is as exquisite as was the perfect bloom of her youth. You wonder how this has come about. You wonder how it is her life has been a long and happy one. Here are some of the reasons:

She knew how to forget disagreeable things.

She did not expect too much from her friends.

She made whatever work came to her congenial.

She retained her illusions and did not believe all the world wicked and unkind.

She relieved the miserable and sympathized with the sorrowful.

She did unto others as she would be done by.—North Carolina Advocate.

### FAITHFULNESS.

Dr. Judson endured the disappointments of years of weary waiting before converts to his Lord were made. These are his words: "If any ask what prospect there is of ultimate success, tell them as much as that there is an almighty and faithful God. If a ship were in the river ready to convey me to any part of the world I should choose, and that with the entire approbation of all my Christian friends, I should prefer dying to embarking." Some years later he wrote: "I know not that I shall ever live to see a single convert; but I feel that I would not leave my present situation to be made a king." This is the perseverance which gives victory; this is the holy enthusiasm which secures the approval of God, and fills the believer's soul with divine peace.

"When ye pray," do not say, I, me, mine, but we, us, our. Not my Father, but our Father. Instead of teaching in abstract phrases the duty of intercession, the Lord so weaves it into the structure of this prayer that no man can use it without becoming a priest and pleading for his brethren.—F. B. Meyer.

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## THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.

Homestead Regulations.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, excepting 8 and 16, which has not been homesteaded or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 21 years of age, to the extent of one quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

### ENTRY.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situated, or if the homesteader desires to apply, an application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10.00 is charged for a homestead entry.

### HOMESTEAD DUTIES.

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If a settler was entitled to and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.

(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land. The term "vicinity" need above in meant within 80 acres substantially fenced.

The privilege of a second entry is restricted by law to those settlers only who completed the duties upon their first homesteads to entitle them to patent on or before the 2nd June, 1885.

Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for to indicate the same township, or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of clauses (2) (3) or (4) must cultivate thirty acres of his homestead, or substitute twenty head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have his entry.

### APPLICATION FOR PATENT

should be made at the end of the three years before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent, or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent, the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

### INFORMATION.

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing land to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba, or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories.

W. W. COY,

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