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**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

Lesson XII, March 23, 1919.  
Israel Warned Against Compromise.  
Temperance Lesson—Joshua 23, 1-24; 28. Print 23: 1-13.  
Commentary.—I. God's benefits to Israel (23: 1-5). 1. A long time—It is thought that the farewell assembly took place about seven years after the allotment of Canaan to the several tribes of Israel. Had given rest, from all their enemies—The enemies of Israel had either been subjugated or were not warring against them. Joshua waxed old and stricken in age—Joshua was old and well stricken in years.—R. V. He must have been nearly or quite one hundred and ten years old at this time, as that was the age at which he died. 2. Call for all Israel—Joshua sent forth a call for Israel to come to him, probably at his home, Timnath-erah or at Shechem, for we are not told where. And for their elders, etc.—The word "and" is not in the Hebrew, hence what follows it explains who were called. The assembly was made up of the leaders of the several tribes, the heads of families, the interpreters of the law and the officials of the nation. 3. All that the Lord your God hath done—In the beginning of his address he called Israel's attention to what Jehovah had done for them in giving them possession of Canaan, which was previously occupied by their enemies and the enemies of Jehovah. For the Lord, fought for you—Joshua was the leader of Israel in the occupation of the land, but he ascribes the success of the undertaking to Jehovah, who had given them the victory over their enemies. 4. I have divided unto you by lot—The entire territory of the land of Canaan had been apportioned to the tribes of Israel, although parts of it had not yet been conquered. The armies of the Canaanites had been broken into pieces, yet the Israelites had not fully followed up their advantages. The Lord had given full directions regarding the division of the land. From Jordan... unto the great sea—The eastern and western limits of Israel's possessions are given. The "great sea" is the Mediterranean. 5. The Lord your God, He shall expel them—Joshua retained the faith in Jehovah that he had when he returned to Kadesh-barnea after spying out the land of Canaan more than sixty years before this and made his report in connection with Caleb. He assured the Israelites that God would be their sufficient



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help in fully ridding the land of his enemies and theirs.

II. Exhortation to Faithfulness (23: 6-16). 6. Be ye therefore very courageous—In view of what Jehovah had already done for Israel and had promised to do, Joshua urged them to be strong of heart and faithful in doing his will, all that is written in the book of the law of Moses—This book contained the moral law and the ceremonials, in addition to many directions governing the ordinary affairs of life, and these were all to be carefully observed. 7. come not among you—The Israelites would become familiar with them and the gods of the heathen would become less odious to them. nor bow yourselves unto them—The sin to which the children of Israel were most liable was idolatry, hence Joshua warned them plainly against anything to do with the gods of the heathen. 8. cleave unto the Lord—Cling to the Lord and be not driven out... great nations—Joshua urges this as a reason why Israel should "cleave unto the Lord" and not turn aside the idols. The gods of these "great nations" were helpless before Jehovah and his people. 10. one man of you shall chase a thousand—This is a strong expression showing how greatly superior Israel, with the help of God, would be to other peoples.

II. take good heed... that ye love the Lord—if the Israelites should fully obey this exhortation, they would be entirely safe; for if they loved Jehovah in truth, they would not give any countenance to idolatry. 12. if ye... cleave unto the remnant of these nations—Joshua saw the tendency of Israel to idolatry and the temptations that would beset them. There would be danger of entering into marriage relations with the heathen nations, and that would result in a departure from Jehovah. 13. know for a certainty—Joshua would make a deep impression upon the minds and hearts of his people. will no more drive out... these nations—By becoming closely associated with the heathen peoples they would forfeit the protection of Jehovah, and he would not give them deliverance from their enemies.

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snare—Devices for catching birds, traps—Devices for catching beasts or men by the feet, scourges... thorns—These figures indicate that if the Israelites should tolerate heathen nations and join with them, they would suffer most keenly for their folly and sin. perish from off this good land—God's promise of the land of Canaan to Israel was upon the condition of their obeying and trusting him, and if they should disobey, they would be driven out of their country. 14-16 Joshua would soon be gone and he would leave as his parting words to Israel, that God had been faithful in fulfilling his promises, and they should be faithful to him.

III. Israel's promise to be faithful (24: 1-28). Joshua called an assembly of all the tribes of Israel, gathering the chief men of the nation for a second farewell meeting with them. He rehearsed at some length the great things God had done for them from the call of Abraham to the settlement of the nation of Israel in Canaan, and exhorted the people to choose the Lord and serve him faithfully. They promised him not simply once, but four times over, that they would serve the Lord, and then Joshua wrote the covenant and set up a stone as a witness that Israel had made this promise.

Questions.—Under what circumstances did Joshua summon the people to him? What had Joshua urge the Israelites to do? Under what circumstances could one chase a thousand? What should be Israel's attitude toward the heathen nations? What danger did Joshua see? What covenant did Israel make? What did Joshua do that this covenant might be remembered?

PRACTICAL SURVEY.  
Topic.—Compromising with evil-doers.  
I. Joshua's farewell.  
II. Warning and promise.  
III. The evils of compromise.

1. Joshua's farewell. This pious solicitude of Joshua is worthy of imitation by all in authority. He set himself diligently to complete and perpetuate the work of his life in the farewell appeal to the great people for whom he had so unselfishly labored. The desires of the godly do not decline with physical strength. The purposes of human lives like those of Job are often "broken off." The greatest lives are but arcs longer or shorter, in the circle of divine purposes. Only the life of Jesus was complete. The great apostle declared, "I have finished my course." Looking into the face of the Father, Jesus said, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." In the farewell address of the great leader there is no idea of self-concern nor effort to perpetuate his own fame.

II. Warning and promise. Both are inseparably associated in Joshua's address and in God's messages to all mankind. Men can not choose promises and reject precepts. God's faithfulness in fulfilling his promises is a guarantee concerning his threatenings. Divine holiness is equally con-



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cerned in both. The departing leader would assure the future by pledging the nation anew to loyalty, and demand a personal and universal testimony to God's faithfulness. "Ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed." Obedience had made them invulnerable. The assembled people were reminded that their tenure of possession was still contingent thereon. "Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do." Their separation must be maintained.

III. The evils of compromise. The term implies conflicting claims or interests, and means a settlement by mutual concessions. In the nature of things righteousness must be intolerant. It cannot make concessions nor accept compromises without self-destruction. To surrender its claims in the smallest particular destroys its character. It can not consent to illusory terms, for there are none; and even to consider it, is both dangerous and degrading. To preserve a nation that should perpetuate a pure religious faith and worship, provide a medium and custody for the oracles of God, and bring to the world its divinely-human Redeemer, God enviroined His people with absolute prohibitions, which were disregarded at their peril. Civil or social contracts would tend to spiritual affinities, and hence were forbidden. So deadly were the lurking germs of moral contamination, that the utter extirpation of the degraded and idolatrous inhabitants was commanded. The underlying principle is perennial and of peculiar force at the present. In various and subtle forms the appeal is made. Spacious reasonings founded on false premises mislead many. The first effect of compromise is a bewilderment of moral judgment. A "single eye" is essential to clear vision. A second evil is the weakening of moral resistance together with a strengthening of the power of appeal. From the "counsel of the ungodly" to "the way of sinners" and "the seat of the scornful" is a direct path. The man who compromises, mortgages his temporal and eternal estate, and foreclosure is sure.—W. H. C.

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Be noble! and the nobleness that lies in other men, sleeping but never dead—  
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Then wilt thou see it gleam in many eyes,  
Then wilt thou see light around thy path be shed,  
And thou wilt nevermore be sad or lone.  
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THAT YE MAY BE PERFECT.  
Now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.—We glory in tribulations... knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience, experience, and experience, hope.  
It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.—Ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the pro-

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mise.—Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts.

A DENIZEN OF THE DEEP.  
(By the late Rev. H. T. Miller.)  
Call me a denizen of the deep, a flower of the sea, My enduring charms attract the little fishes, who kiss me with their pure lips. Drum fish serenade me in their nightly rambles.  
I belong to the mineral kingdom, and to the vegetable kingdom. I stretch, I grow, I sing, I laugh, I feed, I rest. I am only a mite, but I have limbs with their joints, veins in these limbs, blood in these veins, humors in this blood, drops in these humors, vapors in these drops. Long time I lay in  
"The hidden deeps,  
Where tide, the moon, slave, sleeps;  
Where the wind breathes not, and the wave  
Walks softly, as above a grave;  
Where the islands strike their roots,  
Far from the old mainland;  
And spring like desert fruits  
Up from their bed of sand."  
They praise me for my stability, for I am firm as a rock; they praise me for my beauty, for I belong to the garden of God. Angels saw me before

men. Sometimes men are cruel, but I am avenged, for I break their ships to splinters. You ask my origin? "In the beginning, God!" You should see the color of my cheeks; my blood is red. It is required of me to be faithful. Like the skylark,  
"I soar, but never roam,  
True to the kindred points of heaven and home."  
Men of science call me Zophite, but I am more. I can mother; fishes come and build their nests in my branches, and the hermit crab pursues his meditations at my feet. I grow, I rise, and when I breathe the air I die. Birds drop seeds on me, ocean drifts bring their contributions. I dance in a circle. I am a shelter, and then I am a shade, and then a plaything; see the laughing baby sucking one of my silver-mounted fingers. Am I not happy. As last comes man, who digs into my crown and wonders, I work in salt water; I give forth fresh for men to drink, who will not wonder I build islands; I make nations. I am from God! I work with him. I know no other work. Let men serve the devil, I'll none of him. It shall be said of me at the last: "Thou hast been faithful." O that higher organizations and more extensive powers might hear the same commendation.

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Transbay ferries on San Francisco Bay carried more than 46,000,000 passengers during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918.  
In eastern Alabama alone it is estimated that the available water-power still unharnessed represents the annual equivalent of 3,000,000 tons of coal—worth to-day nearly \$10,000,000.  
When their attentions are not occupied by war the Englishmen make use of 105,000 acres of land for the purpose of golf playing. There are 2,000 organizations, with nearly 300,000 members, and about 7,200,000 balls are made up annually.  
The Pittsburgh laboratory of the Bureau of Mines is frequently in receipt of samples of coal from the bore holes of blown-out shots, with requests that analysis be made to determine whether black powder of a permissible explosive was fired. Such information was desired as an aid in investigating the causes of mine explosions. In order to be able to deal satisfactorily with such inquiries, the laboratory has investigated a series of samples of coal residues from blown-out shots obtained under known conditions, and finds that it is comparatively easy to determine (1) whether black powder, a high explosive or no explosive at all was fired in a bore-hole; (2) whether a high explosive detonated completely or simply burned; and (3) if a high explosive simply burned, the character of the explosive.

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**TORONTO MARKETS.**  
FARMERS' MARKET.  
Dairy Produce—  
Butter, choice dairy ... 0 50  
Do, creamery ... 0 37  
Margarine, lb. ... 0 35  
Eggs, new laid, doz. ... 0 50  
Cheese, lb. ... 0 33  
Dressed Poultry—  
Turkeys, lb. ... 0 50  
Fowl, lb. ... 0 50  
Vegetables—  
Beets, peck ... 0 25  
Do, bag ... 1 00  
Carrots, peck ... 0 20  
Do, bag ... 0 10  
Cabbage, each ... 0 05  
Cauliflower each ... 0 25  
Celery, head ... 0 15  
Lettuce, 3 bchs for ... 0 10  
Do, head ... 0 15  
Onions, 75-lb. sacks ... 2 50  
Do, bkt. ... 0 40  
Do, peck ... 0 40  
Leeks, bunch ... 0 30  
Parsley, bunch ... 0 06  
Furnish, bunch ... 1 00  
Do, peck ... 0 25  
Potatoes, bag ... 1 25  
Ithubarb, 2 bunches for ... 0 25  
Sage, bunch ... 0 05  
Savory, bunch ... 0 05  
Turnips, bag ... 0 75  
Do, peck ... 0 20

**TORONTO CATTLE MARKETS.**  
Receipts: 871 cattle, 150 calves, 1,053 hogs and 95 sheep.  
Export cattle, choice ... 15 00  
Export cattle, medium ... 13 25  
Export Bulls ... 10 25  
Butcher cattle, choice ... 10 25  
Butcher cattle, medium ... 9 25  
Butcher cows, choice ... 7 75  
Butcher cows, medium ... 11 25  
Butcher cows, canners ... 9 00  
Butcher bulls ... 9 00  
Feeding steers ... 9 00  
Stockers, choice ... 8 00  
Stockers, light ... 7 00  
Stickers, choice ... 90 00  
Springers, choice ... 95 00  
Sheep, ewes ... 11 00  
Bucks and culls ... 6 00  
Lamb's ... 18 00  
Hogs, fed and watered ... 18 75  
Hogs, f.o.b. ... 18 00  
Calves ... 17 75

**OTHER MARKETS.**  
WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE.  
Fluctuations in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange yesterday were as follows:—  
Open. High. Low. Close.  
Oats—  
May ... 0 71 1/4 0 72 1/4 0 70 1/4 0 72 1/4  
July ... 0 71 1/4 0 72 1/4 0 70 1/4 0 72 1/4  
Flax—  
May ... 3 38 3 38 3 34 1/2 3 36 1/2  
July ... 3 35 1/2 3 34 1/2 3 29 1/2 3 34 1/2  
Barley—  
May ... 0 83 1/4 0 83 1/4 0 81 1/4 0 83 1/4  
July ... 0 82  
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