

GODS JUDGMENTS ARE RAZORS

Be Careful How You Handle Them---Misfortune Not Always Evidence of Divine Disapprobation.

Washington report: Dr. Talmage, in his journey westward through Europe, has recently visited scenes of thrilling historic events. He sends this sermon, in which he shows that nations are judged in this world and that God rewards them for their virtues and punishes them for their crimes.

The Bible is the noblest book ever written. There are no similitudes in Ossian or the Iliad or the Odyssey so daring. Its imagery is sometimes in the verge of recklessness, but only seems so. The fact is that God would startle and arouse and propel men and nations. A tame and limping similitude would fall to accomplish the object.

In this striking text this weapon of the toilet appears under the following circumstances: Judaea needed to have some of its prosperity cut off, and these devastations were called a hired razor because God took the kings of Assyria, with whom he had no sympathy, to do the work and paid them in palaces and spoils and annexations.

Well, if God's judgments are razors, we had better be careful how we use them on other people. In careful health these domestic weapons are put away where no one by accident may touch them and where the hands of children may not reach them.

When little Tad, the son of President Lincoln, died, all America sympathized with the sorrow in the White House.

Some of the most wicked business men succeed, and they live and die in prosperity, and some of the most honest and conscientious are driven into bankruptcy. Perhaps the unsuccessful man's business was unfortunate, and he was not really as proud as he looked to be.

Further my text tells us that God sometimes shaves nations. "In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired." With one sharp sweep he went across Judaea, and down went its pride and its power.

Let us be careful how we shoot at others lest we take the wrong one, remembering the servant of King William Rufus, who shot at a deer, but the arrow glanced against a tree and killed the king.

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Jesus Dining with a Pharisee--Luke 14:1-11. Commentary--Recapitulation. The following are the principal events in the life of Christ during the last quarter, continued from Lesson I of the third quarter: 46. Discourse on the bread of life.

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48. Healing a deaf stammerer. 49. Feeding the four thousand. 50. Feeding the five thousand. 51. Healing the blind man of Bethsaida.

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60. Discourse on the forgiving spirit. 61. Rejected by the Samaritans. 62. At the feast of Tabernacles. 63. The blind man healed at the pool of Siloam.

64. Discourse on the good shepherd. 65. Goes into Perea. 66. The Seventy sent forth. 67. Parable of the good Samaritan. 68. Parable on the rich fool and discourse on the duty of watchfulness.

69. Healing a woman on the Sabbath. 70. The feast of Dedication. 1. Chief Pharisees--It has been suggested that this man may have been a member of the Sanhedrin with a country house in Bethsaida.

2. A certain man before him--The man had probably been brought there and placed in the company by the Pharisees in order to test Christ. 3. And Jesus answering spake--He knew they were deceptive, and he was ready for them.

4. They held their peace--The Pharisees taxed the conscience of the people with puerile questions, such as whether it was lawful to eat an egg on the Sabbath. 5. He said unto them--He said unto them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

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MARKET REPORTS

The Week, Leading Wheat Markets. Following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres:

Table with columns for location (Chicago, New York, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Toledo, Detroit, Duluth) and price. Prices range from 80 1/2 to 81 1/2.

Toronto Live Stock Market. Export cattle, choice, per cwt. \$4.60 to \$4.80. Butcher's cattle, choice, 4.35 to 4.60.

Toronto Fruit Market. The market holds remarkably steady. Receipts to-day were lighter than for some time, about 7,000 packages.

Toronto Seed Market. There is very little change in the seed market as yet. Alaska is selling freely, but other lots not begun to move in any quantity.

Bradstreet's on Trade. Colder weather with a seasonable autumn tinge has increased the business in fall and winter goods at Montreal this week.

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