

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

OCTOBER 30.

NADAB AND ABIHU.—Leviticus 10: 1-11.

1.—These sons of Aaron sinned against God by offering "strange" fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. It was the violation of a distinct law. "Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon," etc. (Ex. 30: 9). The servants of an earthly monarch never think of approaching their royal master carelessly. And to violate an express command would, indeed, be considered the height of folly and rebellion. And yet in drawing near to God—the King of kings—how careless men often are. It is no light thing for poor, sinful creatures to take the name of God into their lips. Still greater is the crime exercised—of entering into the service and worship of the holy G. d.

Their punishment was swift and sudden. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked." Sometimes it is delayed, but in every case the divine word is true. "Be sure you sin will find you out." "And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord." The point for us to note, and to carefully impress upon the young people is this, that the punishment came from God upon them as the direct consequence of their transgression. It would be profitable in trying to understand the sin of Nadab and Abihu, to glance at a few of the other cases given in the Bible of a similar kind. There is that of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, with the two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, who were consumed because of their sin; and the king who intruded into the sacred place and undertook work to which he was not called, and was smitten with leprosy; and Uzzah, who unlawfully put forth his hand to touch the ark, and died by its ark. Compare also Isaiah 1: verse 11-13 with the words of Christ, concerning those whose service was only that of the lip. The one truth to be inculcated from this part of the lesson is that religious acts performed contrary to God's will, will bring a curse and not a blessing.

2.—The death of these young men must not stop the service of G. d., must not cast a deep gloom over God's people. It must warn, instruct, but not impede. The father and brothers may not turn aside from their sacred duties to mourn over their fate. Other hands must "carry them from before the sanctuary out of the camp," and other eyes must weep over and for them (v. 4, 5). And why? "For the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you." Aaron and his sons are not only the people's intercessors, but they are God's representatives. Very instructive are the words of Moses (verse 3):—"This is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh Me, and before all the people I will be glorified."

Very touching and beautiful, and not less instructive, is the silence of Aaron: "And Aaron held his peace." His sons lay smitten of God before his eyes; yet he dare not, will not, cannot murmur. Compare this with the case of Eli and his sons. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? "I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it." Look also at the case of Ezekiel 24: 16, 17. God's ways may at times be past finding out, but we know they are spring from wisdom and love, and we are sure that what we know not now we shall hereafter, and, therefore, we may always "Trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon our G. d." The important lessons to be gathered from this part of the subject are—

(1) That man's folly and sin cannot stop God's work, or dim the brightness of his glory. "He that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul" (Prov. 8: 36). (2) That our own personal sorrows must not sever us from God's work, or weaken our hands, or even lead us for a moment to lay aside the work. "Ye shall not go out from the doors of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die."

3. The command to abstain from all wine and strong drink during the whole time of their service in the tabernacle, coming, as it does, from the Lord in connection with this incident, would seem to confirm the supposition that "Nadab and Abihu committed this act of sacrilege in drunken recklessness." Whether this be true or not, the command given by the Lord to Aaron (verse 9) is very clear, and was given not as a temporary arrangement, but as "a statute for ever throughout your generations." While its solemn obligation was established by the terrible consequence following its violation, "Lest ye die." It would be an interesting and profitable home study for the class to trace this law through the Old and New Testaments. Two reasons are given by God (verse 10, 11) for this law:

(1) That they should be capable of distinguishing between the holy and the unholy, between the clean and the clean. The mind clear, and so able to carry out all God's requirements. (2) That they "may be able to teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken."

To do God's work acceptably men must have clean hands, pure hearts and clear heads. Valuable helps may be gathered from this Lesson to aid our Sunday School Bands of Hope.—Abridged from S. R. Mag

Goethe says: It is better to do the most trifling thing in the world than to think half an hour on a trifling thing.

ROOT CELLARS.

The leading features of a good root-cellar are, proof against frost, neatness, dryness, ventilation, and cheapness. If a hill-side is conveniently near, it helps much to secure these desired ends. An excavation should be first made, in size depending upon the required capacity of the cellar, and in this erect a stout frame of timbers—posts with plank, or a log pen, and on which place a stout roof. The earth that has been excavated is thrown over the structure, until the whole is covered to the depth of two feet. A door should be made in the exposed end of the cellar, through which the roots may be put in and taken out. The smaller the door, and still be convenient, the better, as it allows of less exposure to the frost. A quantity of straw pressed in the door-way, will aid greatly in keeping out the frost. Every farmer, with many roots to be stored, should have a root cellar, either by itself, or in the lower part of the barn. It is not well to store a large quantity of roots in the cellar of the house, as the gases rising from them during winter may cause sickness to the inmates.—American Agriculturist.

A CURE FOR SMOKERS.

The Philadelphia Record gives the following cure for smokers from Judge Tyler: "A few years ago I was a most inveterate smoker," said the first Assistant Postmaster General, as he strolled along the beach at Atlantic City. "At that time I thought it nothing to get through ten cigars a day, and I often exceeded that number. The practice played the mischief with my health, but do what I could, the habit stuck to me, and I decided that it was no good trying to be virtuous where tobacco was concerned."

"Well, I cured myself by a more accident. One day, while crossing the ocean, I had a severe spell of sea sickness. I went up on deck in the hope that the fresh air would act as a revive. Mechanically, as was my habit, took out a cigar and lit it. Before it was half consumed the sickness came on again. Ugh! it makes me pale to think of it even now. Anyhow, overboard went the cigar, and from that day to this a couple of whiffs are enough to turn me upside down. If you happen to know anybody who wants to let up on the habit, just advise him to take a weed and a dose of sea sickness together, and I'll warrant you he will be an anti-tobacco man ever afterward."

USEFUL HINTS.

In cooking a fowl, to ascertain whether it is done, put the skewer into the breast, and if the breast is tender the fowl is done.

Good flour is not tested by its color. White flour may not be the best. The test of good flour is the amount of water it absorbs.

Fowls seldom tire of milk. They may eat too much grain or meat for health, but milk in any form is more palatable and healthy.

The French preserve eggs by greasing the surface with a mixture composed of four ounces of bees-wax and eight ounces of warm olive oil.

Many housekeepers complain of their fruit working in the cans. I let mine stand (after sealing as tight as I can while boiling hot) until the next day, when the fruit has settled all it will; then open the jars and fill up with boiling water, and resal immediately; if mold gathers it will be on the water and is easily removed without tainting the fruit.

A veteran undertaker says: "Most contagious diseases are caught through fear, but a great deal depends upon the way a man lives. No undertaker can touch liquor if he wants to keep free from disease. He has to be strictly temperate. He has to be very careful what he eats, too. It is my experience that if a man is careful of what he eats and drinks and keeps his stomach in order, he need not be afraid of any contagious disease."

When harness has been on a horse's back for several hours in hot or rainy weather, it becomes wet, and if not properly cleaned, when taken off, irreparable damage will be done to it. To preserve harness properly it should be washed and oiled whenever it has been moistened by sweat or soiled by mud. If harness is thoroughly cleaned twice a year and when unduly exposed treated as above, the leather will retain its softness and strength for many years.

Get some soot from a chimney or stove where wood is used for fuel, put it in an old pitcher, and pour hot water upon it. When cool, use it to water your rose plants every few days. When it is all used fill up the pitcher again with hot water. The effect upon roses that have almost hopelessly deteriorated is wonderful in producing a rapid growth of thrifty shoots, with large, thick leaves, and a great number of richly-tinted roses. Never despair of a decayed rose-bush until this has been tried.

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