

The Sunday School

BIBLE LESSON.

Abridged from Peloubet's Notes.

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Lesson VIII. FEBRUARY 22. I Cor. 13:1-13.

CHRISTIAN LOVE.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. — I Cor. 13:13

EXPLANATORY.

LOVE THE MOST ESSENTIAL THING IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE — Vs. 1-3 This chapter has been called the Psalm of Love. Love is the supreme good.

I. With Eloquence and the Gift of Tongues. 1. THOUGH I SPEAK WITH THE TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGELS Although I have the gift of tongues bestowed by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, can express in every language, with the utmost eloquence, with rapt emotion, every highest experience and ecstasy of the human heart, that "harp of a thousand strings," yea, though I have eloquence and the perfect language of the angels. AND HAVE NOT CHARITY. "Love." The Greek word here translated "charity" occurs about one hundred and sixteen times in the New Testament, and is translated "love" in all places except twenty-three; and in those the departure from the common usage is altogether arbitrary. I AM BECOMING AS SOUNDING BRASS. "Not a musical instrument made of brass, which has some dignity about it, but to a piece of clattering brass, which makes a senseless noise." The same brass of which were made the tinkling (better "clanging," as R. V.) cymbals, "large, broad plates of brass," crashed together by the hands. It is mere noise, and nothing more. There is no music, no expression, no meaning. It only calls attention to itself, and should be ashamed of that self.

2. With the gift of prophecy (vs. 2.) i. e., of speaking God's will. Even this instrument of love is weak, if not impossible, without the love behind it.

3. With knowledge. 2. AND UNDERSTAND ALL MYSTERIES. The hard questions that had perplexed rabbis and people, the dark things of God's providence, and his Word, and his world; the enigmas of the age which all philosophers had failed to answer. AND ALL KNOWLEDGE. The truths revealed and known, the whole range of Christian doctrine.

4. With Faith. AND THOUGH I HAVE ALL FAITH, SO THAT I COULD REMOVE MOUNTAINS, as promised in Matt. 17:20; 21:21, the mightiest and most enduring

faith. AND HAVE NOT CHARITY. He does not assert that one can have these things without charity, but says if he could. I AM NOTHING. "A moral cipher," without any moral worth or significance whatever; weighed in the balances and found wanting.

5. Charity. 3. AND THOUGH I BESTOW ALL MY GOODS TO FEED THE POOR. As the Pharisees gave alms, and Ananias sold his property, from unworthy motives, without love; while Barnabas and many others sold theirs from love, and Jesus bade the rich young man do the same, as an expression of love and faith, and made good deeds a condition of eternal life (Matt. 25:31-46).

6. Martyrdom. GIVE MY BODY TO BE BURNED. As a martyr, but from pride, or self-glory, instead of love for Christ. There are martyrdoms of whose victims for Christ's sake it is said in Revelation, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Yet even of these things, when done without love it must be said IT PROFITETH ME NOTHING. There is no virtue in it to be rewarded. It does not improve the character nor aid the cause.

II. WHAT IS THIS LOVE. HOW IT CAN BE RECOGNIZED — Vs. 4, 7. Love cannot be defined, but it can be described and recognized by its qualities and its works. It is like life. The greatest scientists cannot tell what it is in its essence, but only describe it by its qualities and results. All the qualities together do not make life or love. The elements which compose a man's body are all placed in bottles, in their due proportions, in the South Kensington Museum, but they do not form a man's body. "Men do not eat phosphorus, albumen, silica, and the various chemical ingredients of flesh and bone; they eat bread."

1. Patience (passive). 4. CHARITY SUFFERETH LONG. Is patient with the faults and provocations of others, patient with the slow development of those we seek to make better, with a patience that works on never "weary of well doing." Love is no meteor emotion, but a fixed star; not a flash of lightning, but the sun shining regularly year in and year out, "on the evil and on the good." True love, as long as it lives, must be patient. When it ceases to be patient it ceases to be love.

2. Kindness (active) AND IS KIND. Kindness is love working, love in action, doing "as many kind things to as many people as possible." "The greatest thing," says some one, "a man can do for his heavenly Father is to be kind to some of his other children."

3. Generosity (positive). The opposite of envy and jealousy. CHARITY ENVIETH NOT. The root of envy is selfishness. Love is willing that others should be greater, more honored, more gifted, than we, with no desire even to pull them down.

4. Humility. CHARITY VAUNTETH NOT ITSELF (the outward display). It is not boastful, does not claim superiority, or seek admiration and applause, does not blow its own trumpet, as the Pharisees did when they gave alms. IS NOT PUFFED UP (the inward disposition.) With self-conceit, as a soap bubble, large in size, but mostly wind. "Love saves a man from making a fool of himself by consequential conduct, and by thrusting himself into positions which betray his incompetence." Boasting is the natural fruit of selfishness. The boaster and the self-conceited proclaim upon the housetops that they are not living the life of love.

5. Courtesy (outward expression). 5. DOETH NOT BEHAVE ITSELF UNSEEMLY. With impropriety, discourtesy, out of good taste. Most of our unseemly behavior grows from the root pride, and love is the foundation principle of all true politeness. Politeness has been defined as love in trifles. Courtesy is said to be love in little things.

6. Unselfishness (inner spirit). 6. SEEKETH NOT HER OWN. Is not selfish, is not looking out for self first of all. It seeks to give more than to receive. It puts away all those sins which grow out of selfishness, as dishonesty, oppression, incontinence, ambition.

7. Good temper. IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED. "Easily" is not in the original and is omitted in the R. V.

8. Guilelessness. THINKETH NO EVIL. R. V. "taketh not account of evil," does not put it down on its books of account, is not suspicious, is not always looking for faults in others, nor attributing evil motives to them.

9. Sincerity. 6. REJOICETH NOT IN INIQUITY. "Iniquity," unrighteousness, moral evil of all kinds. REJOICETH IN THE TRUTH. Better as R. V. "rejoiceth with the truth," is in sympathy with all that is true.

7. BARNETH ALL THINGS. The primary meaning is "to cover"; hence, "to protect by covering," as a roof keeps out the

rain, or the sides of a ship keep out the water, or the walls of a fort keep out the enemy; hence, to bear up against, to endure. BELIEVETH ALL THINGS. Has a trustful disposition, expects well of others, believes there is good in them, more than can be seen. HOPETH ALL THINGS. Goes on working for men, for the worst of men, in the hope that they will repent. ENDURETH ALL THINGS. Goes on bearing, believing, and hoping to the end. No obstacle can stop its work, no discouragements make it give up in despair.

III. LOVE THE MOST ENDURING THING IN THE WORLD. — Vs. 8-12. 8. CHARITY NEVER FAILETH. It is eternal in its very nature, as long as God and goodness endure. PROPHECIES the gifts of prophecy. THEY SHALL FAIL. R. V. "be done away." There will be no end of them when they are fulfilled. TONGUES THEY SHALL CEASE. They shall not be needed as a sign, nor as a gift, to enable us to express every varied emotion. KNOWLEDGE, IT SHALL VANISH AWAY, in the fuller knowledge of the eternal world, as the stars are not seen or needed in the light of the sun.

This vanishing away is necessary for (vs. 9) WE KNOW IN PART, and a very small part. How small, science is revealing more fully every day. PROPHECY, speak forth God's truth, IN PART. We can know but a small part of God's universe of truth.

10. WHEN THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS COME etc. All the parts are absorbed in the whole. The separate parts seen in a different relation, become other than they were.

11. WHEN I WAS A CHILD etc. Paul now gives an illustration of the previous verse.

12. For now, in this earthly life, WE SEE THROUGH (in, by means of) A GLASS, or rather, "in a mirror." THEN, in the life to come. FACE TO FACE. Without the intervention of any distorting media or imperfect comparisons. THEN SHALL I KNOW EVEN AS ALSO I AM KNOWN, i. e., perfectly. The mysteries that now trouble us will all be revealed.

IV. LOVE THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD — Vs. 13. AND NOW, IN CONCLUSION, ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY. "These three graces—faith, hope, love—remain imperishable and immortal. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY. Every person of every degree, may have this love. More than all other things together, it makes those who have it "free and equal."

Dr. W. F. Reitz, former secretary of the Transvaal, General Samuel Pearson, who took an active part in the fight against British mule shipments to South Africa via New Orleans, and several other prominent persons, were in New Orleans January 23rd. The Southern Pacific has placed a special train at the disposal of Dr. Reitz and the Boer party, and tomorrow will begin a journey which will take them through the rice and cattle country of Louisiana and Texas and the ranges of the west as far as California. It is reliably reported that a great Boer colony will be established in Louisiana or Texas.

THAT OLD PAIN AGAIN.

Gnawing, Piercing Pains That Almost Make You Scream.

It is your old enemy, rheumatism, come again with the winter to torture you. These pains, remember, are caused by bad blood, you may ease them by rubbing with liniments and outward lotions, but cannot get rid of them in that way. Rheumatism is caused by bad blood and the only certain way to drive it out of the system, is to enrich your blood by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. There is no case of rheumatism Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will not cure if given a fair trial. By making new, rich red blood and strengthening the nerves they strike at the very root of such diseases as rheumatism, sciatica and lumbago. We give one case out of thousands to prove the truth of this statement. Mr. A. G. Lacombe, Sorel, Que., says: "For five years I was a victim to the tortures of rheumatism. At times the pains in my knees, shoulders and hips were almost past endurance. Often I could not dress myself without assistance. I tried many remedies but I never got more than temporary relief until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I used altogether eight boxes, and since taking them I have not had a twinge of the trouble, and I feel better in every way than I did for years before. I would strongly advise every rheumatic sufferer to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial." Remember that only the genuine pills will cure—imitations can't cure, therefore see that the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" is found on the wrapper around every box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent post paid at 50c per box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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Equity Sale.

THERE will be sold at Public Auction, at Chubb's Corner (so-called), in the City of Saint John, in the City and County of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick, on Saturday the Seventh day of March, next, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, pursuant to the directions of a decretal order of the Supreme Court in Equity, made on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of October, A. D. 1902, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Rita L. Alton on behalf of herself and all other unsatisfied creditors of Montague McDonald, deceased, the said Clara L. McDonald in her own right, William H. McDonald, Charles H. McDonald, Kenneth E. McDonald, Annie L. McDonald, Nellie H. McDonald and Jean McDonald are Defendants, the following lands and premises described in the said decretal order as—"All the right, title and interest of the said Montague McDonald in and to that certain tract of land or Island known as Manawagonish Island, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Saint John, aforesaid, on the northerly shore of the Bay of Fundy, and about three miles southwesterly from Partridge Island at the entrance of the Harbour of Saint John, together with a small Island and Islands connected therewith or joined thereto by a beach or shore dry at low water, being the same Island or property as is described and mentioned in the grant thereof dated the twenty-third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, one to William Fagan, John Cole and others; together with the buildings and improvements thereon standing and being, and all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereto appertaining and belonging." For terms of Sale apply to the undersigned solicitor.

Dated this twenty-third day of December, A. D. 1902.
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In the matter of L'onora, Gertrude Francis of Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, one of the United States of America—An Insane person—and according to the provisions of the Fourth Chapter of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick made and passed in the fifty-third year of the reign of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act respecting Practice and Proceedings in the Supreme Court in Equity" the interest of the said Lunatic in—"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the City aforesaid, fronting on Leinster Street, and known and distinguished on the Map or Plan of the said City as No. 486, and heretofore conveyed to George W. Masters by Henry Calhoun and Lydia Jane his wife."

For terms of sale and other particulars apply to the Solicitor or Referee.

Dated at St. John, N. B., the 1st day of December, A. D. 1902.
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How a Big Chicago Firm Solved It.

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The woman that made the experiment tells the tale as follows: "About a year ago I became alarmed at the state of my daughter's health. She was employed by a big firm here and for some reason steadily lost flesh, grew very nervous, had no appetite and could not sleep.

"Questioning her I found she ate but little lunch for at that busy hour she was seldom served promptly and the time being short she just 'bolted' the food and rushed back. She ate very light breakfasts and I could see she suffered from lack of nourishment. I felt responsible for this and finally got her some Grape-Nuts for breakfast.

"I also got a neat leather case holding two pint flasks. One I filled with milk, the other with cold Postum Coffee which had been properly made. She also carried a package of Grape-Nuts. The Postum she drank iced with a dash of lemon. She followed the Grape-Nuts with some fruit and this made up her lunch.

"In spite of the warm weather she improved greatly in two weeks' time. She gained in flesh, her nerves were steady and she slept sweetly at night. She never felt the old weakness from hunger.

"In a short time a few other girls in the office tried it and the effect was so marked upon all that still others were persuaded. Finally a room was cleared out and the one hundred and odd girls were served daily with Grape-Nuts and hot Postum. It was a revolution but the manager saw the good result and adopted the plan, greatly to the benefit of the health of the employees and at a saving in expense." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.