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Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. IV.
JULY 23, 1905.

The Gracious Invitation—Isaiah 55: 1-12.

Commentary—I. An invitation to the blessings of the gospel (vs. 1-5). 1. Ho

A word calling immediate and earnest attention to what is to follow, every one—Every one who has a keen sense of need and an intense desire for these things (see Matt. v. 6). In this verse note, 1. The need. 2. The provisions made. 3. The price. 4. The source—(1) not from the world; (2) from Christ. It is Christ that satisfies. "In countries like Palestine where water is scarce, where there are many months without rain, this figure would be well understood." These waters typify the blessings of the gospel. The Holy Spirit is given in abundance, see John iv. 14.

The water of life which Jesus gives—(1) Pure. 2. Satisfying. 3. A never failing supply. 4. Free. 5. For all who thirst. Water in various forms is frequently used in the Scriptures to represent the grace of God (see John vii. 39; Isa. lxxviii. 6; Ezek. xxxvi. 26-27; Jer. li. 11).

Buy...without money—A paradoxical expression. We are to buy salvation by parting from everything that which comes between us and Christ, (Matt. 13. 44, 46; Luke xii. 33; Rev. iii. 18). Wine and milk contains all the elements necessary for the growth of the animal framework. Without price—The freeness of the offer is again repeated that there may be no mistake and the poorest and most needy may feel sure of a welcome. The best things in this world are those which money cannot buy and which are absolutely free to all. Pleasure, sunlight, pure water, character, contentment, love, forgiveness, joy, peace—these cannot be purchased, but all may have them who will. The poor can have these choicest treasures of the rich whatever else they lack—Trumbull. "Since salvation is spiritual and belongs to the Creator it cannot from its very nature be bought. Forgiveness, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the blessings of abundant love, and heaven, must be received as free gifts from God, or they cannot be received at all. To undertake to purchase them would destroy their value. What is purchased love, or sympathy or forgiveness which we have paid for?"

2. Wherefore—There is a renunciation here against earthliness; against making much of that which is of the least importance.—Bannister. Not bread—Contrast the "bread of deceit" (Prov. xx. 17) with the "bread of life" (John vi. 33). Satisfying—not—Men often give labor and money to obtain the honors and pleasures of this world and yet these do not satisfy the soul or give peace to the conscience. The religious life is a receiving without spending. The worldly life is a continual spending without lasting profit or satisfaction. "Nothing but God can meet the boundless desires of the soul. God has not created a single human soul so small and poor that all the material universe can fill it." In fitness—This expression pictures to us the choicest blessings that God has in His promises are ample and satisfying (1. Cor. ii. 9, 10; Psalm xxxvi. 8; lxxiii. 5). 3. Incline your ear—Pay attention. Soul shall live—Life is more than mere existence. Real life is spiritual life—a life in Christ given by Christ (John iv. 6). Everlasting covenant—the covenant made first with Abraham and renewed with David; the covenant promised of Christ in His humiliation and ending with a crowned Christ, exulting in royal victory and a redeemed church. "Sure mercies—That is, the mercies promised to David and his house (see 11. Sam. vii. 8-16, 23-25).

3. Given him—"God continues calling attention to the great Messiah. He is the central figure of these three chapters." "David was the type and Christ the antitype; David in supreme royalty, king over all foes and friends; Christ in ascended majesty, but dispensing His blessings, which He has provided in His redemptive work to all who will receive them." A witness—He bore witness even unto death for God, to His law, to His claims and to His plan of redeeming love. Leader, etc.—He was the great lawgiver, abrogating laws and institutions for his people. One of our greatest needs is a wise, powerful, and infallible guide to lead us safely through this world to the final victory and reward. We have such a leader in Jesus Christ. People—"Peoples"—R. V. We must keep in mind that no race distinctions are allowed. All the peoples and nations of the world are included.

5. Call a nation—"The Christian church, a holy nation, a peculiar people, knownest not"—The Gentile world whom he had hitherto not distinguished by covenants and blessings.—Bannister, knew not yet, etc.—The Gentile nation was to become one with the people of God (see Eph. 2. 13-15).

II. Conditions of accepting the invitation (vs. 6, 7). 6. Seek—"The only way to find God is to seek Him; but how? By repenting of and forsaking sin. May be found—This implies that there will be a time when we cannot find Him. There is a limit to the offer of salvation which is made to all. If the sinner could suspend his choice forever there would be no punishment. Even in this life there is a limit. If there is a time when God is near and when he may be found, there must be a time when he is no longer near and no longer to be found.—Hom. Com. 7. Wicked unrighteous—The wicked man sins more openly in "his way." The uprighteous refers to the more subtle workings of sin in the thoughts. All are guilty in the latter respect though many fancy themselves safe because not openly wicked in their ways.—J. F. & B. Forsake returns—He who would find God must first forsake his sin. Yet this is not sufficient, he must actually come to God. Repentance therefore implies both the negative and the positive duty. The word return, suggests that all have departed from God. While these words may seem strictly applicable only to the backslider, yet they are appropriate to all mankind. Will he have mercy—However far away the sinner may have gone yet when he returns with his whole heart God will not reject him. Abundantly—God's pardon is free and full. The margin renders it "multiply to pardon."

III. Reasons for accepting the invitation (vs. 8-13). 8. My thoughts—Jeremiah's thoughts transcend those of man

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NO COMFORT FOR JOE.

Mr. George's Speeches Must Chill the Chamberlainites.

London, July 10.—W. H. Lever, Port Sunlight, Liverpool, writing to the Liverpool Post, says: "I fail to detect in Mr. W. K. George's speech the slightest indication of any intention to give English manufacturers the opportunity of supplying the Canadian market with any article that can by any possibility be made in Canada. Mr. George's speech was exactly the speech that would be made by a majority of representatives of any of our colonies, and appears to me to entirely cut the ground from under Mr. Chamberlain's statement as to our colonies being ready to welcome English manufactured articles. To my mind, it is Mr. Chamberlain and his followers who must view Mr. George's statement with alarm."

LAWYER BECOMES FELON.

He Forged Papers to Rob Helpless Old Client.

New York, July 10.—James S. Alderice, a lawyer, convicted of forgery, was to-day sentenced to eighteen years' imprisonment in Sing Sing by Recorder Goff. The maximum penalty for this offence is twenty years.

The forgeries were committed in efforts to obtain possession of the estate of Mary J. Oliver, a resident of Harlem, who lived the life of a recluse. Alderice was Mrs. Oliver's attorney. After her death, which occurred on Nov. 9, 1903, her lawyer was discovered to be in possession of a large portion of her estate.

A UNION STATION.

Joint Terminals for G. T. P. and Canadian Northern.

Winnipeg, July 10.—The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the Canadian Northern are to have joint terminals and a union depot in Winnipeg. This was the substance of the announcement made by D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, who reached the city this morning from Port Arthur. Mr. Mann said: "Negotiations are proceeding in regard to joint terminals and a union depot. The plans of this scheme are in such shape that a decision and a final announcement will be made very shortly."

TO VISIT UNITED STATES.

Dowager Queen Margherita of Italy to Tour This Continent.

Rome, July 10.—The Dowager Queen Margherita is hastening her preparations for her journey to Japan. This is interpreted as meaning that official news has been received in high quarters that the conclusion of peace is near. The Queen, who is an expert chauffeur, intends to spend several months in Japan, in an automobile tour, and then go to San Francisco, and crossing the American Continent, return to Rome via New York and Genoa.

BALTIMORE FLOODED.

Holiday Street is Already Under Water Near City Hall.

Baltimore, Md., July 10.—The lower lying sections of the business district of this city are under water, the result of a cloudburst in Baltimore county and the backing up of the waters of the harbor by recent southwest winds. There has been much damage, which, however, cannot be estimated at present. Car travel on all lines running through the central part of the city is paralyzed.

Just before midnight a heavy rainfall began in the city. Holiday street, upon which the City Hall fronts, is under water half a block north of that building.

BRANTFORD MILKMEN.

Strict Rules to Prevent Adulteration—No Prosecution at Present.

Brantford, July 10.—The local Board of Health have decided not to prosecute city milkmen who admitted having put "freezing" in the milk supply. The members of the board thought it somewhat unfair that some should suffer while others who are thought to be equally guilty would go unpunished. New permits will be issued and rigid rules laid down guarding against the use of adulterants. If any foreign body is found in the milk the dealer will immediately lose his license.

The milkmen who swore at the investigation that they have used the harmful drug have lost a large part of their trade. This fact of the Health Board ends the formaldehyde scandal for the present.

A GREAT FRUIT CROP.

British Columbia Growers Will Reap a Rich Harvest.

Ottawa, July 10.—Mr. Alexander McNeill, fruit expert of the Department of Agriculture, returned yesterday from a trip to British Columbia, where he was in consultation with the fruit growers. He says that in the Benchlands and in the valleys of the Pacific Province the fruit men are reaping a rich harvest. Ontario will have to look to its laurels if it desires to get a fair share of the fruit business in the western provinces. British Columbia men know how to pack to advantage, and one of their number, Mr. Boies, of Vernon, is coming east towards the end of August to impart the most up-to-date methods of packing to the fruit-growers of Ontario and Quebec.

The fruit crop in British Columbia this year is simply magnificent. From one cherry tree, Mr. McNeill measured 12 inches on one limb and counted 127 fully ripened cherries upon it.

A heavy forest, along the line of the Temagami forest reserve, along the line of the Temiskaming and Northern Railway.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

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