

Sunday School.

LESSON V.—APRIL 30, 1911.

God's Pity for the Heathen.—Foreign Missionary Lesson.—Jonah 3: 14-11.

Commentary.—I. The Prophet's Mission (3:1-4). God in mercy gave Jonah a second call to carry the message to Nineveh. At the first call, instead of going the six hundred miles northeast to Nineveh he started westward to Tarshish, in Spain, a distance of two thousand miles. His disastrous experience on that trip made him willing to obey the second call, although the very conditions that turned him aside the first time still prevailed. He was sent to Nineveh, the great city of Assyria, the nation that was, exceedingly hostile to Israel, and which a few decades later carried his own nation into captivity. He was called, single-handed, to carry a strong message of warning to 600,000 people. He was commissioned to enter the stronghold of heathenism, but he went declaring, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown."

II. The Message Effective (3:5-10). A strange sight that met the eyes of the Ninevites, and a strange message that greeted their ears, as the foreign prophet in his peculiar prophetic garb and with his denunciatory words passed throughout their city, yet with the work of the Holy Spirit the message took effect, and the people believed God. He proclaimed a fast—a sign of humiliation and repentance, put on sackcloth—they covered themselves with a coarse cloth made of goat's hair, which was a symbol of sorrow and mourning. The repentance came from the heart, and was general. 6. The king of Nineveh placed himself upon a level with his lowest subject, and all humbled themselves because of their sins, sat in ashes to left his costly throne and took the lowest place. 7. Neither man nor beast—the case was one of momentous interest and demanded the deepest humiliation of the thought, that just as the animals which live with man are drawn into fellowship with his sin, so their sufferings might also help to appease the wrath of God. Men and women, old and young, high and low, and even the cattle themselves, all kept such a fast as the total abstinence from food implies.—Clarke. 8. cry mightily unto God.—This shows the intensity of feeling which prevailed. There was a marvelous change from their sinful practices and idolatrous worship to the true God. turn.—from his evil way. He saw as man can not see. Man sees the outward signs of repentance, but they brought forth fruits meet for repentance, turning from their evil ways. God repented.—He changed his purpose in keeping with their changed attitude toward him. This missionary journey of the prophet of Jonah was eminently successful.

III. The displeased prophet instructed (4:1-11). I. Displeased Jonah. It seems strange that Jonah should be displeased with the success of his ministry. He had more regard for the reputation as a prophet than for the salvation of nearly a million people. 2. Therefore I fled before thee. He named as the reason for his shrinking from duty that he knew the great mercy of God. He had experienced that mercy upon his own repentance, and was glad, but he was angry because the Lord had mercy upon a repenting city. 3. Better for me to die than to live. It may be that Jonah thought that with Nineveh's overthrow there would be better hope of Israel's prosperity, since Assyria was her strong enemy. Missionaries are tempted to discouragement because of failure to see the results of their labors, but Jonah was disheartened because he had seen, although not the kind he desired, what would be the result of the city. He made a temporary shelter that he might wait until the forty days were ended to see if his promised destruction would come. 6. The Lord God prepared a gourd. The gourd was the cucumber-like plant, which had large leaves and grew quickly, making excellent shade from the hot sun. God had mercy upon Jonah in providing for him a much needed lesson. Teaching the prophet desired to die, he was glad of the gourd, 7. Smote the gourd. His pleasure in the gourd was short-lived. He had nothing to do with producing the gourd, nor with its withering and dying.

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yet he was grieved over its loss. 8. A vehement east wind. "A sultry east wind."—R. V. Such hot winds are of frequent occurrence in that country. We note in connection with Jonah's experience that God "prepared a great fish" (Jonah 1:17), "God prepared a gourd." (God prepared a worm," and "God prepared a vehement east wind," all for the disciplining of the prophet.

9. Doest thou well to be angry. This was a reproof administered with tenderness. Jonah, even with the gift of prophecy bestowed on him, had very pronounced weaknesses. 10. Had pity on the gourd. If Jonah so pitied a plant which cost him no toil to rear, and which is so short-lived and valueless, much more must Jehovah pity those hundreds of thousands of immortal men and women in great Nineveh whom he had made with such a display of creative power, especially when many of them repent.—J. F. & B. 11. Should not I spare Nineveh. His mercy would not permit him, upon the repentance of the men and women, to destroy the children of tender ages, and the cattle, for he has a regard for the brute creation.

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Topic.—God's purpose for all men. I. Must be proclaimed by men. II. Finds fulfillment with the penitent. III. Seeks all nations for His people. I. Must be proclaimed by men. "Preach that I bid thee." The book of Jonah is a great book with a great message and clear teaching on the nature, character and purpose of God. He is revealed as the God of all nations, and in makes a direct and powerful protest against mere priestism and ceremonialism, and instructs all men to open their hearts to their brethren of all nations. The exclusive spirit among the Jews which regarded all nations as made to subserv the welfare of Israel was always hateful to God. This narrative strikingly illustrates God's love and we may say his eagerness to forgive sinners. He makes man his instrument in blessing man. This plan serves to deepen and stimulate man's interest in all the human family. God's thoughts (3. 2) spoken by men are a converting force. The preacher's true function is to declare what God commands him to declare, and noblest success of preaching is in its constructive and saving effects, not in its destructive results. Jonah was a "sign" (Matt. 12. 38-41) to the people of Nineveh of Jehovah's power, justice and mercy.

II. Finds fulfillment with the penitent. So skillful is the Lord that with the weakest instrument he can produce the mightiest wormanship. He gave unusual power to the message of His servant so that the inhabitants of that great city were aroused to deep concern and bowed themselves in penitence and in prayer. It is God's immutable purpose to pardon penitent sinners. His purposes are of grace even when they seem to be nothing but mere exclusions of wrath to the uttermost. He did not change His purpose, only His method of working out His purpose by bringing the sinner to repentance. The promises are recorded that they may be fulfilled, while the threatenings are written to prevent their fulfillment. It is as much a principle of God's gracious government to suspend the execution of a threatened punishment on man's sincere repentance, as it is to execute it in the case of obstinacy and continued sin.

III. Seeks all nations for His people. This lesson portrays to us God's great mercy and man's object selfishness. We see what material God has to transform into skillful workmen who will rightly divide "the word of truth." Whosoever exalteth himself, though it be in the service of a divine commission, shall be humbled. Jonah wanted to be a minister of wrath to sinners. National antipathy and religious exclusiveness will account for Jonah's conduct toward the Gentile world.—T. R. A.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS. "The preaching that I bid thee" (3. 2). The all-wise Father sees the world with all its needs. He sees our little selves with our hopes, aspirations, capabilities and limitations. He sees our home town, our county, state and nation, but he sees other states and nations also. He sees the regions across the seas and years for the salvation of its peoples. He sends his voice into the voice of one of his followers, and that voice echoes the word, "Go." In foreign missionary work the Master sets the needy field, calls upon his servant to go to it, and gives the message to deliver. John the Baptist had a message (Matt. 3: 2); Jesus had a message (Matt. 4: 17); and Paul had a message (2 Cor. 4: 3). The message that God bade Jonah preach was brief and pointed, and reached the ears and hearts of the people. It is the message that God gives now that reaches to execute it in the hearts of men, to fix up a message of our own, leaving God out of the question. Such effort bears the impress of man and not of the Holy Spirit.

HIRAM CARPENTER'S WONDERFUL CURE OF SKIN DISEASE

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"I have been afflicted for twenty years with an obstinate skin disease, called by some M. D.'s, psoriasis, and others leprosy, which was on my scalp; and in spite of all I could do, with the help of the most skillful doctors, it showed no signs of being cured. I tried everything, almost, that could be thought of, but to no avail. On the 12th of June I started West, in the month of the Hot Springs. I reached Detroit and was in low spirits. I had a sister living in Michigan, where I had a sister living. One day I read in the paper of a cure for skin disease. I bought a bottle of the medicine, and used it according to the directions. I had not used it long before I noticed a change in my skin. I continued to use it, and in a few days I was completely cured. I have not had a recurrence of the disease since. I am now well and happy. I feel that I owe my recovery to the medicine. I would like to see it used by others who are suffering from the same disease. I am, Hiram E. Carpenter, 1234 Broadway, New York City."

As a matter of fact, barnyard manure commences to ferment and undergo putrefaction as soon as it is exposed to the air. The average farmer does not get a value to his manure until it has been converted into fertilizer. The manure, when he should get it, is often sold for less than it is worth. The manure, when he should get it, is often sold for less than it is worth. The manure, when he should get it, is often sold for less than it is worth.

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and exposure. On the other hand, if stored under a shed or protected, it will steam and heat, thus losing another most important factor, nitrogen. The average gardener is in the habit of storing his manure in the open air, but a better plan is to pile it under a roof of some sort and trample it down tight in order that no air may penetrate through it to drive out the valuable nitrogen. The reason soil should be well treated this year with fresh manure, which has been a sufficient quantity of rich food and nitrogen, is that the soil is so exhausted. It is essential to plant them in plant food and soil in time loses its fertility. Many farmers keep flocks of sheep because of their ability to renovate the soil and keep down weeds and sprouts, and both of which roles they are a demonstrated success. But the man who will make most profit from their sheep are the best farmers, who will provide them with comfortable and sanitary quarters and feed them the best that the farm affords.

Vineyard planters and all other vintners should have pole or similar mechanical supports. Some plant corn or sunflower for a cover crop. This is a good plan for gardeners' plant. Two thrifty plants cannot occupy the same soil space at the same time and thrive. Time and sunflowers by themselves and beans by themselves will give the beans good support if you wish to secure the best beans.

A correspondent says that the proper way to preserve goose grease is to first render it, and putting it into the bottles, add a certain amount of water. If it is into a can of hot water and set on the stove, and when it is melted, it is better to rub all sore joints or painful and never gets bad. In fact, the older the better.

It is quite certain that potatoes will not milt in the hill any more than chickens will milt in the nest. This is because it prevents a change in potatoes in the ground, and in chickens, but to the tendency of all living things to "milt." There will be occasional ears of red corn in the field and some of them will be red. These red kernels, so there will be variations in potatoes, and new varieties may be propagated by planting these ears in the soil. These red kernels, so there will be variations in potatoes, and new varieties may be propagated by planting these ears in the soil.

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MARKET REPORTS TORONTO MARKETS. RECEIPTS OF GRAIN TO DATE WERE 600 bushels, of which 300 bushels were barley and 200 oats. The former brought 70c and the latter 29c per bushel. Hay is unchanged, with sales of fifteen loads at \$16 and \$18 a ton for timothy and at \$12 to \$14 for mixed and clover. One load of loose straw sold at \$8 a ton.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Close. Open. High. Low. Close. Prev. May .. 92 1/2 92 3/4 93 3/4 93 1/2 93 1/2 July .. 93 3/4 94 1/2 95 1/2 94 3/4 94 3/4 Oats— May .. 34 3/4 34 3/4 34 3/4 34 3/4 July .. 35 3/4 35 3/4 35 3/4 35 3/4 35 3/4

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Chicago despatch: Cattle—Receipts 5,500 (estimated); market slow at decline; beefs, \$5.15 to \$6.00; Texas steers, \$4.60 to \$5.00; western steers, \$4.80 to \$5.75; stockers and feeders, \$4 to \$5.70; cows and heifers, \$2.65 to \$5.75; calves, \$4.75 to \$6.50. Hogs—Receipts 24,000 (estimated); market slow, generally 1 lb. lower; light, \$6.05 to \$6.40; mixed, \$5.75 to \$6.35; heavy, \$5.60 to \$6.20; roughs, \$5.75 to \$5.95; good to choice, heavy, \$5.95 to \$6.20; pigs, \$6.05 to \$6.35; bulk of sales, \$4.10 to \$5.25. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 15,000; market weak; native, \$3 to \$4.70; western, \$3.15 to \$4.70; yearlings, \$4.30 to \$5.25; lambs, native, \$4.50 to \$6.15; western, \$4.75 to \$6.15.

WOOL MARKET. Quotations—Washed fleece, 13 to 14; rejects, 15c. Unwashed fleece, 13 to 14; rejects, 15c. SUGAR MARKET. Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, Extra granulated, Redpath's .. \$4.70 do, St. Lawrence .. 4.70 do, Acacia .. 4.65 Imperial granulated .. 4.55 Beaver granulated .. 4.55 No. 1 yellow, Redpath's .. 4.30 do, St. Lawrence .. 4.30 do, Acacia .. 4.30 do, Acacia, unbranded .. 4.20

LIVE STOCK. Toronto despatch.—Trade was active and prices about the higher on butcher cattle. Receipts yesterday and to-day included 116 cars, with 1,500 head of cattle, 510 sheep and lambs, 2,500 hogs and 316 calves. There is a better demand for choice mixed cows at from \$65 to \$75 each. Sheep and lamb trade is dull and drab. Extra choice steers, selected, \$5.90 to \$6.25; medium choice butcher steers and heifers \$5.65 to \$5.75; common to good mixed butcher \$4.50 to \$5; choice butcher cows \$4.75 to \$5.25. Good cows \$4.25 to \$4.50; \$4; yearling lambs dull at \$5 to \$6; spring lambs dull at \$3 to \$6 each. Calves—steady at \$3 to \$5.75. Hogs—Unchanged at \$6.10 to \$6.20 l.o.b. and \$6.50 fed and watered.

OTHER MARKETS. CHEESE MARKETS. Kingston.—The Frontenac Cheese Board held its first meeting of the season this afternoon and elected Frederick Ferguson, of Inverary, as President. The highest bid was 11-18c.

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