Young Folks

TO A CHILD.

have no song to give you;
e to skies so dull and gray;
ne lesson I can leave you,

id, and let who will, be clever;
not dream them, all day long;
death, and that vast forever
song.

—*C. Kingsley.*

LD BE TRUSTED.

st my little daughter; I
me everything," said the
ng up the bright, gentle
ing down at it fondly.

nma," was on the little
her eyes dropped sud-
r cheeks were crimsoned
A kiss on the pretty
mother was turning away.
said the little husky
ne whisper in your ear.
trust me—I must tell you
nd her voice was so low
mother heard it. As she
catch the hurried words,
ttle heart fluttering under
e saw the face flush and
w, too, by the quiver of
ruggle of the moment.
have kissed the lips, the
ed the heart; she would
the trying story, but she
ault confessed was a fault
d, and so awaited to the

strange, new thoughtless-
girl recounted, of a sad
rom the narrow way of
knew better. She had
han half unhappy on ac-
r several days, especially
not gather courage to con-
the words of trust brought
nfession. Could she say,
a," knowing that at that
she was covering a little
heart where she had hid-
he wished no eyes to see?
er, sorry for the child's
d of her victory for right,
in thinking of the fault.
en might have done the
other children might have
—but her own fair-faced
ould have wept before her
both in gladness and in
row for the fault; gladness
too true to receive praise
oo strong for the right to
rdness of the confession to
r.
ed and folded her in her
ng, "Kiss me, Kathrina;
ould break my heart, but
e this hour you have con-
have done well—now I
r than I knew before, that
my little daughter."—*M.*

"NO 68."

ars ago a gentleman, his
ly child, a boy then five or
d, visited a prison. They
n through the workshops
by an officer, who pointed
erent objects of interest as
on. The gentleman was
bout a man who had recent-
to prison for life for mur-

bye, this is the room," said
stopping before one of the
or of which stood open.
boy with a child's curiosity
and looked in. His father
ehind and playfully pushed
closed the door. The little
ked to be let out. The door
iately opened, and he ran
to his mother's arms; and
ng back the light curls from
, and kissing him said sooth-
no; they shan't shut my lit-
in prison."
was terribly frightened. He
eyes once more on the
l, and for the first time no-
he door in large yellow fig-
68."
dent made a deep impression
ind. Time passed on; he
hood; his father and mo-
ied and left him alone. He
ailor and a good one, rising
p till he was second in com-
e of the California steam-
alas! in consequence of the
nkenness which has dragged
n from high positions, he
uation, came back to Boston,
and lower, and was finally
r breaking into a store, and
to the State Prison for four
When received at the prison,
en to the bath-room, bathed,
air cut, clothed in the prison
d then conducted to the cell
occupy. Judge of the horror
ternation of this young man
inds himself standing before,
ficer opening the same cell,
" into which he, when a child,
thrust for a moment by his
In relating the story, he said
ould imagine his feelings when
himself an inmate of that cell;
dent and scene from childhood
pon his mind. The exclama-
his mother, "No, no; they
ut up my little son in prison,"
his ears. He threw himself
ool and wept like a child.

Sunday School Lesson.

LESSON IX.—AUGUST 22, 1880.

ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION.—Gen. 18: 16–33.

TIME—B. C. 1897. 15 years after events of last lesson.

PLACE—Hebron, about 20 miles south of Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION.

In Abram's ninety-ninth year (B. C. 1898), Jehovah, appearing to him, renewed the covenant with him in the new character of "father of many nations." In sign thereof he changed his name from AB-RAM (exalted father) to AB-RAHAM (father of a multitude). Abraham from this time is presented to us in a higher character than before. The more open and familiar intercourse which he enjoys with Jehovah marks him as peculiarly "the friend of God."

EXPLANATORY.

And the men rose up. The strangers whom Abraham entertained. He whom the patriarch had instinctively recognized as their chief soon disclosed himself as the Lord himself, JEHOVAH; and the others are in the event seen to be angels. *Abram went with them.* The custom of the East required Abraham to escort his guests a little on their way.

And the Lord said. The name of "Jehovah" (Lord) is used often, as quite the same with "angel of Jehovah" (angel of the Lord). The angel of the Lord is therefore the God-man Mediator, who, even before he became man in the person of Jesus, was in all ages the light of the world. *Should I hide from Abraham, &c.* All the principles of the divine Providence in its relations to the sins of men appear here; his forbearance and patience, his constant notice, the deciding test, and the strictness and rightousness of the judgment; and hence Abraham is told here, that these same principles might operate upon the minds of the people of God in all ages.

Seeing that Abraham, &c. God then disclosed to Abraham what he was about to do Sodom and Gomorrah, because Jehovah had chosen him to be the father of the people of God, in order that, by instructing his descendants in the fear of God, he might lead them in the paths of righteousness, so that they might become partakers of the promised salvation, and not be overtaken by judgment. The destruction of Sodom and the surrounding cities was to be a permanent memorial, to keep the fate of the ungodly constantly before the mind of Israel.

Family religion is God's method for propagating his church. He therefore makes the covenant and its seals of a household nature; and thus the church has always been extended by means of a pious posterity. *That.* Although the promises to Abraham and his seed, and through them to the world, were absolute, yet Abraham's conduct forms an essential part of the plan. We cannot fail to perceive in this language, in what high esteem family religion is held by God, and should be held by us. *That he will command.* No harsh and austere enforcement is here contemplated, but the law of the house is to be religious; not leaving the children to the false principle of making their own choice or of doing as they please in religious things. *His household.* Not only his children, but his servants and dependents. *That which he hath spoken of him.* Faithful parents may hope, even against hope, for the covenant blessing on their children; for our trust is not in them, but in God.

The cry of Sodom. It is applicable to every sin as expressive of "the moral demand which it makes for punishment;" for every sin has a voice of crimination against the sinner, and its *crying* intimates the fixed, necessary and righteous connection (Gen 4: 10) which is established between transgression and punishment.

I will go down now. It implies that he would look into the whole case; that he would be slow before he came to the resolution to inflict vengeance to the uttermost; that he would institute a careful inquiry to see whether what he knew to be bad was incurably bad.

And Abraham drew near. And here commences the most remarkable instance of human intercession to be met with in the whole compass of revelation; one in which the tender and sympathizing benevolence of Abraham on the one hand, and the astonishing clemency and forbearance of Jehovah on the other, are portrayed in colors such as the pencil of inspiration alone could present. *Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?* See Num 16: 19–22. Ps 11: 4–7. Judgments do often come upon a whole community for the sins of a portion, because the separation cannot always be made here, and the final adjustment remains for the *great day of account.*

There be fifty righteous. God often spares a community for the sake of a few good men in it. And here the principle is conceded by the Lord. At first the suppliant patriarch names *fifty* as the number who may save Sodom from destruction. He could hope there might be found so many as this. *Wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place?* Abraham goes on from step to step; Jehovah grants him step by step, without once going before his requests. He thus draws out from Abraham the measure and intensity of his priestly spirit; while Abraham, on his side, ever wins a clearer insight as to the judgment of God upon Sodom, and as to the condition of Sodom itself.

If I find fifty...I will spare all the place. How little do the men of this world know the extent of even their worldly obligations to the righteous! How often has not the Lord spared great cities from plagues; pestilence, famines—from earthquake, fire and sword—for the sake of the little sanctuary he has therein, among those to whom his name is dear! They may be passed unregarded by, in the market and in the street; but they are the salt, they are the leaven, that keeps the mass from corruption. It is for them that a blessing rests upon the place where iniquity abounds; and it is for their sake that the curse and the ruin are averted from it. In the belief that the duty and privilege of intercession is too much neglected among Christians, we do earnestly recommend this case of Abraham's intercession for Sodom to the consideration of the reader. A number in any nation or city, who stand in the gap by their intercessions and exertions, are a stronger defence than armies, navies, or fortifications.

Dust and ashes. In his origin dust, and ashes at the end.

Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous, &c. Should forty-five good men suffer for want of five more?

A third time, he said: a third time an answer is granted. *Let not the Lord be angry.* He would fain wrestle in prayer, but would not oppose the divine will. *He said.* A fourth time the answer is obtained. *Behold, now.* A thing to be greatly wondered at. *And he said.* An answer for the fifth time. *This once.* He would not go beyond this. His human pity had struggled with his sense of right, but it could not go farther. *He said.* A sixth answer. *Ten's sake.* So few "should indeed save that great city."

Went his way. As he had declared (ver 21), to go down to Sodom as one of the *three* who had come to Abraham. (1) God granted Abraham's prayer so far as he ventured to extend it. We know not what would have been the answer, had he gone farther. He may have had some intimation that he should proceed no further (Jer 7: 16; 11: 14), or by the covenant angel going his way. And yet God went even farther than his promise, and saved Lot's family, which contained, doubtless, all the righteous who were there. Thus he granted Abraham's prayer.

ALARMING.

Dr. Cuyler says that "Dr. J. Addison Alexander preached his superb discourse on 'The Faithful Saying' until he wore out the manuscript." This statement, thus set afloat, will drift into all the papers in the land. We can view with nothing less than positive alarm the effect of such a fact on the barrels of old sermons that will be turned up. Many a man will say, "Dr. Alexander preached his sermons until he used up the manuscript, and so will I." Dr. Cuyler does not tell us how many times Dr. Alexander wrote and re-wrote that sermon, how many weeks and months were spent on it, how it was sifted, re-arranged and turned, before the discourse was in a state to preach until the manuscript was worn out. Nor does Dr. Cuyler stop to tell us that what Dr. Alexander could do, many other men could not do. Every graduate from a theological seminary is not a Dr. Alexander. It is not safe for a man to try to wear out his manuscripts until he can make sermons the average of which shall be equal to that on "The Faithful Saying."

A young Methodist brother said to us, some time ago, "Adam Clarke never wrote a sermon, and I never will." Adam Clarke had brains enough for half the Methodist denomination. The young brother had not brains enough for one-half an average Methodist preacher. The difference in the brains makes all the difference in what is to come from them. Dr. Wayland might have done what Dr. Alexander did. But other men might fail if they tried the experiment.

We know of a ministry of two or three years spoiled once by trying to use old sermons, and the preacher has been praying ever since for the Lord to give him two or three extra years of life to make up for the lost ones. One argument used why a pastor should sometimes change from one field to another is, that he may re-preach his old sermons. Ghastly work! Melancholy business! A Satanic device! It would be wise for a young man entering the ministry to resolve religiously not to preach (except when on exchange) a sermon the second time without re-writing it. If a man has been settled in sixteen different places, it ought to be proof that he has written his sermons sixteen different times, or not used them in those places. And yet it is hard to make a young man just beginning to preach to see that there is any difference between himself and Dr. Alexander. Dr. Storrs, at fifty-five, threw away his manuscripts and became a first-class extemporaneous preacher. It would not be safe for other men to imagine that they can do what Dr. Storrs has done.—*Boston Watchman.*

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