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Sabbath School. BIBLE LESSONS. THIRD QUARTER. (Condensed from Peloubet's Notes.)

Lesson I. July 5. John 1: 1-18. THE WORLD MADE FLESH.

EXPLANATORY. Christ as the Maker of the world is the Word that reveals to us all that we can learn of the nature and attributes of God from the works of God in creation.

1. "The Word was with God." The proposition translated with has a remarkable meaning. It implies that the Word is in a sense out of, apart from, God, yet it expresses proximity, drawing near.

2. "And the Word was God." This statement annihilates two errors that might arise: (1) That the word, being with God, might be inferior. No; He was God, none greater than He. (2) That if equal to God, there might be two Gods. No; He is not one of two Gods. He is God Himself, the One Eternal God.

3. "All things were made by Him." Came into being through Him, by His agency. He exists, but all other things were made. "And without Him." Apart from Him. "Was not anything." No; not one (not even one): stronger than nothing.

4. "In Him was life." He was the source of all life, natural and spiritual (Col. 1: 16, 17). The word life occurs some 60 times in the brief books of John. It is a far greater work to renew a soul than to create a world.

THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT. Dead things do not enjoy. Dead eyes do not see. Dead hearts do not feel or rejoice. The very first thing that makes light a reality is life.

5. "Shineth in darkness." Better, as in Revised Version, in the darkness, which enshrouds man. The darkness of sin and ignorance, with no presence of God, no vision of heaven, the way there, no hope, no peace, but only wretchedness, sin, and despair.

Note the translation in the margin of Revised Version, the darkness overcame it not. In the conflict between the darkness and the light, the darkness failed to overcome (or eclipse) the light.

6. "There was." Literally, there came, or arose, in contrast with the was (extended) of ver. 1, when speaking of the Word. "A man." A second contrast; human, not divine. "Sent from God." A third contrast with the Word, who was God. "Whose name was John." John the Baptist, a cousin of Jesus.

7. "The same came." To bear witness of the Light. "As the morning sky reflects the rays of the sun while yet itself unseen below the horizon, and bears witness that the sun is there, and is about to rise and flood the world with its blessed light, and bears witness also to the nature of that light, so John came before Jesus Christ to witness that He was coming, to show something of the effects of His coming, and to awaken people to look for Him.

8. "He was not that Light." Better, as Revised Version, not the light. The Baptist was not the Light, but the lamp that is lighted and shineth. He was *lumen illuminatum*, not *lumen illuminans*.

9. "That was the true Light." True, not as opposed to a false light (for that sense another word is used in the Greek, as in 3: 3; 5: 3), but the true, the perfect, desired light. He was the genuine perfect light, the original source of light, no misleading will-o'-the-wisp, no scattered imperfect rays, but the sun itself. "Which lighteth every man." Not all men. The light illumines each one singly, not all collectively. God deals with men separately as individuals, not in masses. But though every man is illumined, not every man is the better for it; that depends upon himself. Jesus is the light for every race, for every age, every nation. He is the light of the world. And the fact that He is thus universal, adapted to all, as is proved by what He is doing all over the globe where the gospel is preached, is one of the strongest proofs that Christianity is the true religion.

10. "He (the Light) was in the world." In all the past ages, in every manifestation of God, in the history of the chosen nation, but especially when He appeared as the man Christ Jesus, the Saviour of the world. This is the first time that He has returned to the world to have received Him. He was present, inviting, teaching, doing blessed and wonderful works. "And the world was made by Him." This is the second reason why men ought to have received Him. He was their Creator, and they were His creatures, made in His image, made to be like Him in character and destiny, and under the deepest obligations to Him. "And the world (as a whole) knew Him not." Did not recognize Him as their Saviour and King, did not understand who He was, and what great blessings He was bringing to them.

11. "He came unto His own." (Own is neuter in the Greek.) His own crea-

tion, own inheritance. Referring to all people, but with a special emphasis on the Jews, who were to be fully His own by every tie which can confer ownership. He created, He redeemed, He preserved, He blessed, He loved. This is the third reason why they should receive Him. "And His own" (Here masculine in the Greek.) Bound by such ties, under such deep obligations, prepared by such long years of care and training, "Received (accepted) Him not." The nation as a whole did not receive Him as the Son of God, their promised Messiah, their King—their Redeemer. They might to-day be walking as kings and princes, the central power and glory of the world, had they only received Him.

12. "But as many as received Him." Accepted and believed on Him, and King; acknowledged His claims, and yielded obedience to His teachings. "To them gave He power" (Rev. Ver. the right). The original word combines the two ideas. He confers the power to bear the sons of God, and confers the right to claim the privilege. The Commission Version gives one of these meanings, the Revised Version gives the other. Let us, with Wescott, accept both. "To become the sons of God." Better, with Revised Version, *children of God* for children points to the actual communication of the life of God, while sons rather intimates the notion of sonship by adoption. "Even to them that believe on (Rev. Ver. in) His name."

This shows how we receive Christ. To believe on Him, literally, *into*, denotes not merely an acceptance of words or professions, but such an acceptance of the Person trusted, such an approach of the heart towards Him as leads to union with Him.

13. "Not of blood." Not by parentage, nor natural generation. The best of parents cannot bestow it upon their children. The Jews were not children of God merely because they were descendants of Abraham. "Nor of the will of the flesh." Not by their own efforts or exertions. "Nor of the will of man." Not by the will of man, but the wisest powers of man; not by or in consequence of the advice, wisdom or highest power of man, or anything that man by wisdom and intellect can do. "But of God." He alone can impart the new life, for it is a spiritual divine life like His own.

14. "And the Word." Described above (vers. 1-3). "Was made (became) flesh." Assumed human nature in its entirety, consisting of body and soul. By this union the Word and the flesh became one person, but the two natures were not confounded, nor was the Word changed into flesh. As the human soul is united to the body, but is not changed into the body, so the eternal Word took on flesh, and was united to it, and made Himself manifest in it. "Pointing to the noblest and wisest powers of man; not by or in consequence of the advice, wisdom or highest power of man, or anything that man by wisdom and intellect can do. "But of God." He alone can impart the new life, for it is a spiritual divine life like His own.

15. "The statistics of the Wesleyans, of England, just published, give the total membership in Great Britain of 424,303, which shows a net increase of 688 in the year with 28,095 on trial for church membership, and 62,416 young persons meeting in junior society classes. Last year the increase was 2,653, and in 1880, 5,161. The Methodist Recorder gives a diagram which shows that the increase in Methodism for the past forty years is 142,020, or just over fifty per cent, and that during the past thirty-five years, in which there has been no accession, the increase has been 163,445, or a little over fifty per cent.

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