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Rev. Dr. Linscott's Suggestive Question on the Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 14th, 1909.

Prizes for Answers.

The Gazette has secured the right to publish the International Sunday School Lesson questions by the Rev. Dr. Linscott, which have aroused so much interest elsewhere, and they will appear weekly. One of these questions each week is to be answered in writing, and upon these answers prizes will be awarded. This paper is also authorized to form a Local Newspaper Bible Study Club for its readers, and guarantees to all who join and fulfill the conditions, that everything herein promised shall be faithfully carried out.

Persons may join the club at any time during the year, but must, of course, answer the 52 questions hereinafter explained, to qualify for the prizes. It is, however, desirable that the questions be answered as the lessons are studied.

The International Newspaper Bible Study Club, which had its origin last year at Brantford, Ont., is for the purpose of promoting, in an unfettered way among the masses, a wider study of the Bible, the baser truths of Christianity, and the problems which enter into every man's life. It is composed of all those who join a local club and take up the simple course outlined herein, barring only ordained clergymen. We have the sympathetic co-operation of the latter, but it is not considered fair to have them compete for the prizes. Sunday School teachers, Bible class scholars, and churchgoers generally may belong to this newspaper club, also non-churchgoers of all shades of opinion. All such are warmly invited to join and compete for the prizes.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

1. Each contestant, or his or her family, must be a paid-up subscriber to this paper during the continuance of the contest in order to qualify for membership in the International Newspaper Bible Study Club and this Local Club.

2. Each contestant in this Local Club must answer each of the written questions for 52 consecutive weeks, commencing for Sunday, July 26th, and the answers must all be in the possession of this paper within two weeks after the close of the contest.

3. Each question must be answered separately, and the paper written on one side only. No answer must exceed 200 words, and may be less. If possible, write on letter paper, size about 8 1/2 by 11 inches.

4. Each answer must have the name and address of the writer at the bottom of the answer, so it can be identified, given a number, registered, and then the name cut off so the examiner may know it by number only.

5. Students should be careful to understand the question before answering. To do this the lesson text must be read, and especially the verse or verses upon which the question is based.

6. The answers for this local club must be delivered at this office, and they will be collated at the close of the contest and forwarded to headquarters for independent examination by competent examiners. The prizes will then be awarded according to the highest number of marks won by members of the International Newspaper Bible Study Club, and prizes which may be awarded to members of this Local Club will be given out from this office.

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All who can write, and have ideas, are urged to take up these studies regardless of the degree of their education, as the papers are not valued from an educational or literary standpoint, but from the point of view of the cogency of their reasoned ideas.

The Apostles Imprisoned.—Acts 5, 17-41.

Golden Text.—Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for of such are the kingdom of heaven. Matt. v: 10.

Verses 17-18.—If a child of God finds himself in prison, which is the best thing to do—fret and worry about it, or be glad and rejoice?

If a good man is in prison, is that the best place for him for the time?

CAN AN ENEMY, OR CIRCUMSTANCES, OR HIS IGNORANCE, OR ANY OTHER POWER, OTHER THAN PERSONAL SIN, PUT A CHRISTIAN IN A POSITION WHERE HIS HIGHEST INTERESTS ARE NOT BEING SERVED TO THE UTMOST POSSIBLE?

(This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verse 19.—By what method did God release the Apostles from prison?

Does God in these days ever adopt similar methods to release his servants from prison, and did he always adopt that miraculous method in those days? (See case of Jesus and John the Baptist.)

May a Christian in prison, to-day, be absolutely sure of his release, if that is necessary for the accomplishment of his work?

Verses 20-21.—Does God now give us direct and specific instructions as to our duty, when that is necessary?

Should a Christian always testify in God's Temple when he has the opportunity, or should he wait for special instructions from God?

Verses 22-25.—Is it at all possible that any power can prevail against God, or those in the care of God?

Does God sometimes require us to run the risk of our lives, as these apostles were doing?

Verses 26-28.—From the time of Jesus until now, which class of men have most opposed the advance of supernatural Christianity, the people or the priests?

What were the priests afraid would result from the teaching of the Apostles?

Will a true man of God, preacher, or layman, ever be angry at the teaching of any sincere religious teacher, no matter what doctrine taught?

What is the proper attitude to take to all religious teachers?

Verse 29.—Is the voice of the church the voice of God, or has it ever been so?

What or who, in the last analysis, is the final authority to a human soul?

Verses 30-32.—Is there any power, or authority or threat, which can prevent a man who is indwelt of God, from boldly witnessing for God?

What is the witness to Christians today, of the reality of Christ's death, resurrection and ascension, of the forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting?

Verse 33.—When the holy (?) heretic persecutors get evidence that their victims are right, that they are wrong, are they glad or mad?



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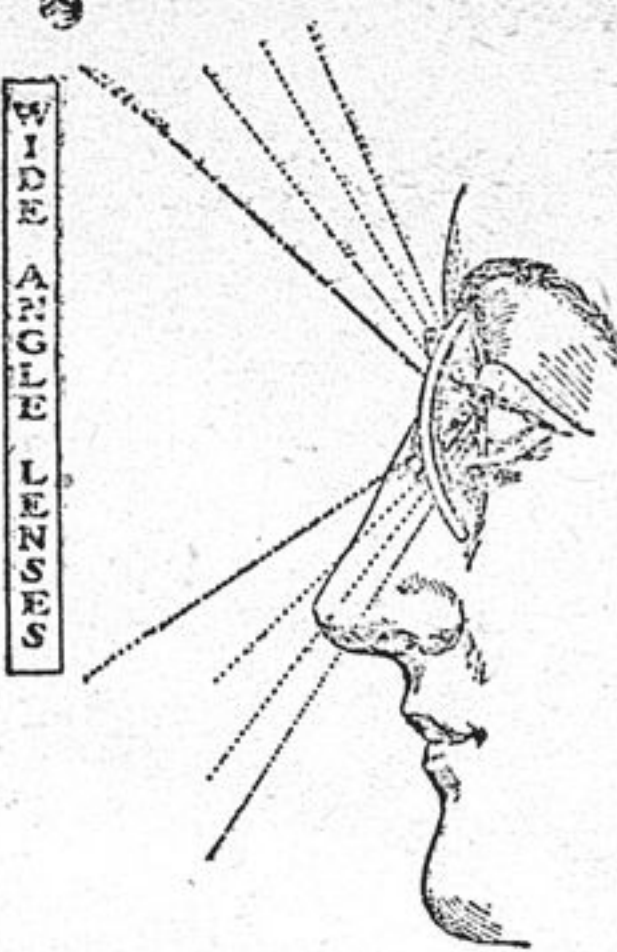
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What was it, that "cut" these priests "to the heart" when it should make their hearts jump for joy?

Verses 34-40—What is the better way to treat heresy, to let it alone, or oppose it?

Is it not true that the heretics of one generation have been the saints of the next?

Who and what was this man Gamaliel?

How would you characterize Gamaliel's great defence of the Apostles?

Verses 41-42—Is it as wise for us as it was for the Apostles, to rejoice when we suffer for Jesus' sake?

What is the daily duty and privilege of a Christian?

Lesson for Sunday, Feb. 21st, 1909.—Stephen the First Christian Martyr. Acts vi; 1 to 8: 3.

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