SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON VII
Jesus the Good Shepherd
John 10: 1-42
Printed Text John 10:1-16.

Golden Text—I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. John 10:11.

Time—The discourse on Christ as the Good Shepherd was uttered in October A.D. 29. The events recorded in the last of the chapter took place in December of that year and in January, A.D. 30.

Place—The events recorded in this chapter took place in Jerusalem, except the one found in verses 40-42, which is to be located in Bethany beyond Jordan.

1. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the fold of the sheep. The sheepfold was a walled enclosure, with a strongly barred door, through which alone access could be had to the sheep. Through this door the sheep were led at night, after which the gate was barred. A porter slept near the gate on the inside of the enclosure. In the morning the shepherd knocks on the gate, it is opened to him, and he calls his own sheep out. But climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. A man who had no right to go through the door, who would not be allowed to enter the door, and who would resort to climbing over the wall to seize a sheep is truly "a thief and a robber."

2. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3. To him the porter openeth. The sheepfold speak of the true church, the body of Christ; the sheep, of course, are those who are the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the children of God; the shepherd is the Lord Jesus, though he has not yet announced himself as such. Professor Plummer says we might take the porter to be the Holy Spirit. And the sheep head his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. Frequently three or four shepherds will lead their sheep into one sheepfold at night. It is one of the most amazing sights in the Orient to see a shepherd approach, say, seven hundred sheep, belonging to four or five different shepherds, and, by a peculiar guttural sound, call his own sheep out from amongst the others.

4. When he hath put forth all his own, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. The shepherd goes before the sheep because he knows the way. In doing so, he is the first one to meet prowling beasts and to see places of danger which must be avoided. Our Lord has gone before us in conflict with Satan, and has defeated him, so that we follow in that victory.

5. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. Strangers, as far as Christians are concerned, are those false teachers and false prophets who would lead stray the very children of God.

6. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. They did not understand Christ's teachings because they were not sincere; they were not really seeking for the truth.

7. Jesus therefore said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell, the famous Labrador physician, had an experience which remarkably illustrates the meaning of this verse: "One of our party, as we climbed, noticed a shepherd driving his sheep into a large kind of cave with an open mouth. In reply to her question, he said: 'I am puting them away for the night to be safe from the jackals and dogs.' But she objected: 'There is no door to the cave.' He replied simply: 'I am the door.' It is the Eastern shepherd's custom to lie down across the doorway of such caves, and with his own life to protect the sheep."

8. All that came before me are thieves and robbers. By this Jesus does not mean that all the prophets of the Old Testament and the true priests of God in Israel's history were thieves and robbers, but that all who in themselves pretended to satisfy the needs of men, to provide in themselves salvation from sin, had illegally and falsely assumed such prerogatives and, therefore, had robbed their followers of the peace, joy, life, and hope which they falsely had promised to bestow. But the sheep did not hear them. It does not say that no one heard them, for great multitudes did, but the sheep, those who truly belong to God, whom God had called, would not follow these false teachers and shepherds.

9. I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture. (Cf. Matt. 7:14). A man who approaches God by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ is a man who will find entrance into the new life here and in the glory to come, and is one who certainly will be saved, for no man can come to Christ sincerely but that Christ will receive him.

10. The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy. Satan is the great thief. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. To follow Christ is to know a richer physical life, a clearer, stronger mental life, a sweeter domestic life, a more honorable social life, and, pre-eminently, a true, eternal, spiritual life, the very life of God.

11. I am the good shepherd. At last Christ identifies himself actually as the Shepherd of the sheep—the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. It is very significant that almost every passage in the New Testament that speaks of the love of God for man and the love of Christ for man also speaks of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ for man (for instance, John 3:16; Gal. 2:20; 1 John 3:16; 4:10).

12. He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not. The hireling was simply a hired shepherd, who himself was not interested in the flock, but was caring for it simply for the money he received. Beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf snatcheth them, and scattereth them. The wolf represents any enemy of Christ who, at the same time, of course, would be an enemy of the welfare of Christ's own.

13. He fleeth because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. The hireling flees because he is interested only in himself and his own welfare. Christ was concerned first with men. He came to minister to and to lay down his life a ransom for us.

14. I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me. "The whole experience of Christ as our shepherd gives him an increasing knowledge of us.

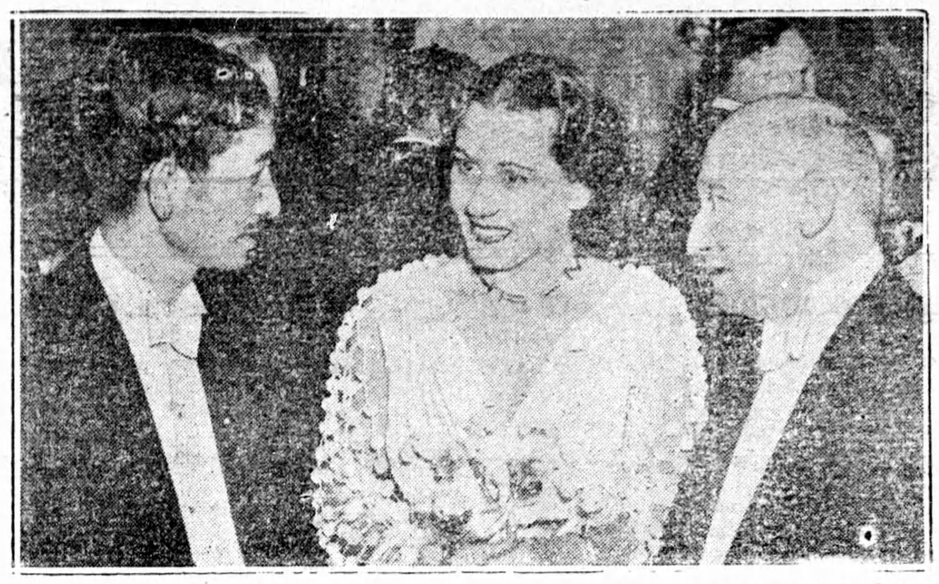
15. Even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. "As the shepherd is always with the sheep and so deeply interested in them, the shepherd comes to know his sheep very intimately.

16. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold. Christ is here referring to the Gentiles, as a great company distinct from the children of Israel, and yet, with them, equally the sheep of his fold. Them also I must bring. Literally, the verb should read "lead." And they shall hear my voice. Millions and millions have heard the voice of Christ, through the written word, and his witnesses down through the ages. And they shall become one flock, one shepherd. The church of Christ is one indivisible body, because it is the body of Christ; each believer has the same privileges as another; we are bound together by a common faith, a common hope, and one Lord (Eph. 4:5).

Married in France

Photographed above are Mr. and Mrs. James P. Manion, who have just sailed for France after spending their honeymoon in Canada. The bride was formerly Miss Claire du Souliers, daughter of Viscounte and Vicomtesse du Souliers of Tours, France. The bridegroom is a son of the Hon. R. J. Manion and Mrs. Manion of Ottawa. He is a Canadian Legation Attache to France. Their marriage took place last month at Tours..

Lends Tone to Party



Gladys Swarthout, charming opera and screen star, makes a harmonious third as she and Hirosi Saito (left), Japanese Ambassador to the United States and Adolph Zukor, movie magnate, meet at dinner in honor of Mr. Zukor in Wash-ington, D.C.

Soars Through Clouds

Like a giant bird with its wings spread, Art Johnson is shown as he flew for 200 feet through the snow filled clouds at Big Pines, Cal. Johnson's spectacular leap won him third place in the invitation ski tournament.

British manufacturers are turning out 500,000 motor-cars a year, almost equivalent to one car a minute.

Farm Problems

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Question — "I have your bulletin No. 364 "Manures and Fertilizers," of 1931 and observe the mixture designed to produce a 2-12-6 fertilizer. From another source, I have the following suggestion for the 2-12-6 formula: 500 lbs. Ammo-Phos 10-48, and 200 lbs. Muriate of Potash, to give 700 lbs. It is claimed that the 700 lbs. can be sown without any filler at the rate of 70 lbs. per acre, which should give the same results as 2-12-6 sown at the rate of 200 lbs. per acre. I would be pleased to know from you if the latter method and ingredients are more modern than those mentioned in your bulletin, and also if it would be quite satisfactory. Would sawdust, reasonably dry, make a satisfactory filler to keep mixture from becoming lumpy if it lay some time before being used? Also is it at all successful to mix fertilizer with the grain in the drill box when a fertilizer drill is not available or does the fertilizer run out first instead of coming evenly with the grain?" H. T., Renfrew County.

Answer -- In answer to your first question, home mixing is not a new practice. I saw it used with varying success 25 years ago in New Brunswick and Maine. The ingredient Ammonium Phospate, 10.48, is a comparatively new product. It is highly concentrated and contains available nitrogen and phosphorus as guaranteed. It has been mixed in the quantity that you quote, which closely approximates with the potash, the analysis 2-12-6. As to it being quite satisfactory, I am not prepared to say. Some claim to have gotten good results from it. If the mixture has been made carefully and applied evenly, I see no reason why it should not give results. I certainly advise adding at least 300 lbs. of filler to make the mixture up to the ½ ton quantity, since I doubt if you can get a drill that will sow evenly and thoroughly in quantities of even 100 lbs. per acre.

In answer to your question about sawdust, I would not recommend it as a filler since it takes up moisture rather readily and is very light and bulky. The best type of filler is something that is about the same specific gravity as the fertilizer material. Engineering tests have shown that the material that is heaviest, flows from the drill more quickly than lighter specific gravity material.

In mixing fertilizer with grain in the drill box, this same point is encountered since grain is not the same specific gravity nor the same size kernel as is the fertilizer. I doubt if you can get even application of fertilizer through the grain drill box, if fertilizer and grain are mixed together. Especially is this the case if there is much moisture in the air or if the grain is at all damp. There is also danger of seriously injuring your grain drill. If you do sow the mixture through the grain drill box, be sure to clean it out thoroughly, immediately after drilling has been completed.

Prophet Foretells Canada-U.S. Union

ALBANY, N.Y.— The Very Rev. Edward R. Welles, Dean of All Saints Cathedral, turned prophet temporarily during a talk before a meeting of parish women.

Explaining that his imagination and newspaper gleanings on the trend of world events provided the basis for his predictions, Dean Welles "saw" among other things:

Canada electing to become part of the United States in 1952 or 1953. Spain going Fascist in 1937, Germany and Japan winning a war against Russia and China in 1940, Hitler dying the following year, "cause unknown." Another depression in 142. A second "world war" between 1946 and 1949, Germany, under Emperor Hermann Goering, conquering the Italian Empire in 1952.

The best kind of golf ball for use of the duffer is one of very light weight, apparently of standard dimensions, and covered with a crocheted jacket. This retards its speed and renders it less dangerous as a missile when it flies wide of its mark.

Prepares for Battle

John Barrymore, apparently unworried by the alimony demands by his bride, Elaine Barrie, smilingly confers with his attorney, Henry Huntington, who will represent him when the final break in their Ariel-Caliban romance is aired in court.

movie-radio gossip

By DOROTHY

One of the trade magazines of the motion picture industry startled the workers in the business recently by publishing a report on the popularity of the screen stars. For months and months, people had been told that Robert Taylor had climbed to the very top: that he got more fan mail than Clark Gable did, that his name above a theatre was magic, because it drew so many paying customers that, in short, Mr. Taylor was tops.

But—according to this report, Clark Gable is the screen's most popular actor!

Last year Shirley Temple held that position. This year she is second. Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers as a team come third, Robert Taylor fourth, and William Powell fifth.

In case you're interested, the other leading stars are listed in this order: Myrna Loy, Claudette Colbert, Norma Shearer, Gary Cooper, Frederic March Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy as a team, Lionel Barrymore.

It is nice to report that James Cagney's new picture, "Great Guy," is one of his best.

James Cagney

It had to be. He made it for Grand National you know, a new organization, and if it had not turned out well we might have had no more Cagney on the screen for a while, at least. After all his troubles with studios it is pleasant to know that he is once more on the big time and that his comeback is really a triumph.

Have you listened to that new radio program, "Do you Want to Be an Actor?" If you haven't, do! It's very entertaining. People who are in the audience are given roles in scenes that are done before the microphone, and after each performance the best woman performer and the best man are given movie tests by Warner Brothers. It's quite possible that some of our future stars will be developed in this way.

If the radio programs given by "Myrt and Marge" for so long were among your favorites, you'll be glad to know that a new series done by that popular couple has started. It's a family affair, for "Myrt's" son is now on the program, and "Marge" is her daughter. The son, George Damerel, used to go to the University of Southern California, but he left college to tour with his mother on the stage. Looks as if "Myrt" had built up a pretty good business for the family by writing those sketches, doesn't it?

Grace Moore has had to abandon her career on the concert stage and on the air, temporarily, in order to take a much needed rest. She has been working hard in pictures—in fact, she has turned into a real trouper, and the temperament that used to cause so much trouble is well under control.

In "Stowaway" you'll see Shirley Temple doing imitations of Eddie Canton and Al Johnson and doing them well. The funny thing about it is that the child star never has seen either of them; just worked the imitations up from what she was told about the two gentlemen's work.

Hollywood is still shocked over the grieve over the death by suicide of his first wife, Aleta Freile, a little more than a year before. It was said that she killed herself because, coming to Hollywood from the New York stage, she could not seem to get ahead in pictures Young Alexander was doing very well with his career, and his suicide of Ross Alexander, although some of his friends knew that he had never ceased to second wife, Anne Nagel, is one of the screen's prettiest young actresses.

Ross Alexander

ODDS and ENDS—Remember "The Shiek," with Valentino? Nino Martini will appear in a picture based on a similar story . . . Jean Harlow and Robert Taylor will appear together in "The Man in Possession" . . . It isn't supposed to be known that Joan Fontaine is Olivia de Haviland's sister, but everybody knows it—and the fact was announced here in "Star Dust" months ago, when she signed with Jesse Lasky....Once again "Madame X" is to be screened, this time with Gladys George in the stellar role.

Doctors who wish to practise in London should, under the old Act of Henry VIII's time, be examined and passed by the Bishop of London or the Dean of St. Paul's.

"Mistress of Housekeeping" is a new "degree" which German women can earn. Candidates must be 24 years of age and have had five years' experience in housekeeping before they can take the two-year course qualifying them for this title.