SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON II.
The Sin of Adam and Eve
Genesis 3: 1—4: 26
Printed Text—Genesis 3: 1—15
Golden Text—The soul that sinneth, it shall die.—Ezekiel 18: 4.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—We do not know when the temptation of our first parents took place. The date commonly given is about 4000 B.C. All we know is that there were no human people before Adam and Eve and all mankind on earth today descends from them.

Place.—The Garden of Eden, the exact location of which is not known.

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made." —That [illegible] than the serpent was present [illegible] by the speech and the [illegible]rs displayed, but it [illegible]ertain by a comparison [illegible] and 20: 2, where the [illegible]dentified with Satan. That [illegible] was the real tempter is additionally assured by John 8: 44; 2 Cor. 11: 3; 1 Tim. 2: 14; 1 John 3: 8.

"And he said unto the woman." —The tempter addresses the woman as the more susceptible and unguarded of the two creatures he would betray. Undoubtedly, the woman was alone, and, while the point need not be stressed, it is when we are alone that temptation most powerfully assails us.

"Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden?"—Satan begins his temptation, and this should be most carefully noticed by attacking the word of God.

"And the woman said unto the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."—To begin with, the woman made a great mistake in arguing with Satan. She should have deliberately demanded that he leave her presence—Be subject, therefore, unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4: 7). As soon as we begin to argue with Satan about the word of God, we shall be compromising with the sin into which he would lead us.

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die."—This is the first lie told in human history; others were soon to follow. This denial sounds as strong as possible: the brevity and completeness of the expression make the contradiction absolute.

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil." —Satan here appeals to the woman's pride, and, at the same time, leads her to almost hate God, for having as he would insist, cheated her of life's highest privileges. Satan promised her two things if she would eat of this tree: that her eyes should be opened, and that she would be as God, in that she would know good and evil. Satan himself had fallen from his high place in heaven because he attempted to be as God. (Isa. 14: 12—14; 2 Thess. 2: 4).

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise."—St. John speaks of "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life" (1 John 2: 16). The first is here to be found in the phrase, "good for food"; the second in the phrase, "a delight to the eyes"; and the last in the phrase "to be desired to make one wise." Christ's three-fold temptation in the wilderness involved these three elements.

"She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat."— She did this deed. Satan did not do it for her, the tree did not do it, the garden did not do it, her environment and circumstances did not do it, and God did not do it. It was surely not her heredity that led her to do this deed. This deed was her own personal, willful, responsible act, and the blame of it must rest on her forever.

"And she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." —Eve was given to Adam as a helpmeet: instead she here exercises her power over Adam, and takes advantage of his love and high regard for her in leading him into the same sin in which she had just indulged. There was every reason in the world why Eve should not have yielded to this temptation. She was not bound by any previous habits of indulgence. God had distinctly given her a command not to do what she did do. God had given her a command for life. The temptation came through an animal beneath her, not through an angel above her, and, finally, there was not the slightest threat on the part of Satan to force her into this sin.

"And the eyes of them both were opened.." — Thus far the promise of Satan was kept, but never did Eve dream that the consequences of her sin would be what she now discovered them to be.

"And they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made for themselves aprons."—A sense of shame, a consciousnes of guilt now possessed our first parents, who, up to this day, knew nothing but innocence. They had a knowledge of sin, of personal guilt, of broken law which was never to leave the human heart, and never will until the redeemed ones of God are in glory.

"And they heard the voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God among the trees of the garden." — The voice of the Lord which they heard in the garden was either "the noise of his foosteps (cf. Lev. 26: 12; Deut. 23: 14; 2 Sam. 5: 24); or the thunder that accompanied his approach (cf. Ex. 9: 23; Job 37: 4, 5; Psalm 29: 3, 9.); for the sound of his voice, as Calvin and others think; or, probably, all four." And Eve hid themselves between the trees of the garden, because they knew they were guilty of sin and had disobeyed God, who was now approaching them.

"And Jehovah God called unto the man, and said unto him, Where art thou?"—This is one of the saddest and yet most precious verses in the Bible. It is the first question ever asked by God in the Holy Scriptures, and it was asked, not that God did not know where his sinning creatures were, but that he might get them to confess where they were.

"And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid."—This is the first occurrence of the word "fear" in the Bible. It will be found again and again as human history is recorded. But the voice from heaven, often through angels, and, ultimately, through the Lord Jesus Christ, is 'fear not', providing man accepts God's gracious redemption.

"Because I was naked; and I hid myself."—Sad it is to note that man's first word to God, as far as the divine record goes, was a lie. Man did not hide hmiself because he was naked, for he was created naked, and often before this he had fellowship with God and never had thought of hiding. Furthermore, in this case, he was not naked, for he had devised for himself a covering to hide his nakedness. The truth was that he hid himself because he had sinned, and was afraid of God, but he would not acknowledge it.

"And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" Thus God at once points to Adam to the true cause of his nakedness and intimates God's cognizance of his transgression.

"And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." It is cowardly of Adam to attempt to blame Eve for his fall, as if Eve's giving him of the fruit of the tree was any reason why Adam should have partaken of it.

"And Jehovah God said unto the woman, What is this thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." Let particular attention be paid to what the woman said regarding her sin: The serpent beguiled me. Literally this word means deceived, and clearly indicates that Eve knew she had been tricked by the devil, and that she had not obtained by her sin the things which Satan had promised her. Every man can testify that sin is the great deceiver.

"And Jehovah God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, cursed art thou above all cattle and above every beast of the field, upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shall thou eat all the days of thy life." The serpent is allowed no trial. This is not Satan's initial sin. This sentence has a literal application to the serpent. The curse of the serpent lies in a more grovelling nature thna that of the other land animals. This appears in its going on its belly and its eating the dust.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.' This is the first promise and prophecy of Christ in the Scriptures and, as Dr. A. T. Pierson well said: As the oak is germinating in the acorn, and the eagle in the egg, all subsequent Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament are here in germ. There is sacredly added, in the whole afterglow of such prophecy, one idea that is absolutely new, other predictions growing out of and expanding this germinal prediction.

Headed For Altar?

Smiles of happiness beam on faces of Janice Jarrett, beautiful Texas model and actress, and Melvin Purvis, former ace G-Man, as she greets him on his arrival from east at Los Angeles airport.

Hands Cheat Death

[illegible]eorge Chegaris, 16, who e[illegible]ated his movie hero, Tarzan, by grabbing clothesline to break fall when tossed out of fourth-floor window as he was protecting mother from assault by a former border, is comforted by her in a Newark, N.J., hospital.

Movie-radio gossip

By DOROTHY

Edgar Bergen, the ventriloquist who has become such a favorite on the Rudy Vallee radio hour, has joined the wonderful array of comics, opera singers and dancers that Sam Goldwyn has lined up for his Goldwyn Follies. Bergen's skill as a ventriloquist was developed when he was just a youngster. He liked to play jokes on his mother, making strange voices call to her from various parts of the room. Later he worked his way through Northwestern University giving shows at college parties.

Apparently Sam Goldwyn won't be happy until he signs up simply everyone of note in the entertainment world for his Follies company. Over in London he has put Vera Zorina, sensationally successful young ballerina, under contract. You may have seen her in person, for last year and the year before she toured the United States, playing in one hundred and ten cities with the Monte Carlo ballet company. She won't just dance in Goldwyn pictures, but will be groomed as a dramatic player.

Jane Withers just dares any kidnapper to come around her house threatening her now. In addition to her usual bodyguard, a Texas Ranger who looks as if he could rout an army single-handed, her father is usually around and he has been sworn in as a deputy sheriff, complete with guns. Furthermore, there is an electric signal beside her bed which rings a bell in all the police stations near Beverly Hills. Everybody is betting that the mischievous Jane will never be able to resist pushing the button just once, just to see the police come dashing to her rescue.

Jane Withers

ODDS AND ENDS: Janet Gaynor slipped out of Hollywood and went to New York for a vacation, and now she says she won't came back until she can play in a comedy . . . Skippy, the famous wire-haired terrier whom you know as Asta in "The Thin Man" pictures, has a big part in the R-K-O picture, "China Passage" . . . Joan Crawford has launched a new style, wearing old-fashioned bead bracelets that match the color and design of her print dresses . . . Sonja Henie cancelled the rest of her personal appearance tour and hurried back to Hollywood to make pictures. Maybe the rumor that Tyrone Power was rushing other girls had something to do with her impatience to return . . . Bobby Breen is going to star in a new radio serial called "The Singing Kid" for National Broadcasting . . . Another program to watch for is Paramount's Sunday morning hour that will be staged at the studio.

For Forty Cents

From a letter in the London Times:—May I give an account of a specimen meal eaten at Rovaniemi, North Finland, but which can be equaled in Sweden, both in price and quality? First I would excuse myself by saying that as I ate only twice a day, and often, in between meals, cycled nearly 100 miles, I developed an appetite of gigantic proportions! I am ignorant of the French and Finnish equivalents, but here is the list taken from my diary:—

1. Salted, uncooked herring. 2. Salted, uncooked salmon. 3. Some cold fried fish, a little paler in color than salmon. 4. Some pickled fish about the size of a pilchard. 5. Cold boiled salmon. 6. A kind of hot wiener schnitzel with peas. 7. Cold roast reindeer meat. 8. Slices of meat, rather like haiselette. 9. Slices of a large sausage. With the meat dishes were eaten slices of hard-boiled eggs, fresh tomatoes and a kind of rich mayonnaise, in which were chopped carrots and other vegetables. 10. Two helpings of cold pancakes with stewed fruit like bilberries. 11. Biscuits and cheese. This was accompanied by six glasses of milk, which men drink everywhere in Scandinavia, and finished off with coffee.

I would mention that in addition there were the following dishes available, but which on this occasion I did not require: Four other kinds of fish and cold ham, brawn, pickled pork, liver sausage and a mixture of chopped meat, beetroot and other vegetables, all to be eaten, if desired, with potatoes in their skins. The modest charge for this meal was 1s 6½d.

Legal motor speeds are up, automobile insurance rates are up, but pedestrians, no doubt, will be down, as usual, if not more so. — Toronto Star.

The "singing tower" in the Bok Bird Sanctuary, near Lake Wales, Fla., contains bells ranging in weight from 12 pounds to 12 tons.

FARM NOTES

Conducted by PROFESSOR HENRY G. BELL
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QUESTION:—"What is considered the best way to handle manure so as to get the most out of it? Someone advised us to leave the manure in the barnyard until you could draw it out and plow it under. We have a spreader, and this year we drive up on the pile with the horse and stone-boat every day and as there is not much straw in it the pile is frozen too much to use a spreader like I see some farmers doing this winter. Would it be better not to drive on it so it could heat, and be able to draw it out frequently?"— A. S. G., Oxford County.

ANSWER:—Regarding the handling of manure: If you can keep it fairly well compacted in the barnyard, so that the liquid manure is not lost, you will retain the largest amount of plantfood in it. I believe it is all right for you to drive on the manure pile to keep it fairly well compacted. If you have the labor to take it out in the Spring, as soon as the weather will permit, you should get good results by handling it this way.

QUESTION:—1. What would you recommend for top dressing of Fall wheat this Spring (Fall application of 150-200 lbs. of 2-12-10). What is the most economical and effective —Ammo-Phos. Cyanamid, Sulphate of Ammonia, and Nitrate of Soda?

2. Is it possible that a sandy clay loam with lime stones in it can be lacking the very lime necessary for plant growth?

3. Could I expect, under fair growing conditions, a good yield of barley by using about 4-25-20 in available plantfood in fertilizer on light sandy clay loam, high, western slope along the river, the soil not very productive, plowed last summer. To add some more nitrogen and kill the mustard, I intend to top dress with 50 lbs. of Cyanamid. Would like to know if this would be very harmful to the barley?

4. Has Cyanamid any advantage over Sulphate of Ammonia? Can it be mixed with Superphosphate and Muriate of Soda. Nitrate of Soda is immediately soluble and there is danger that you may lose some of it if heavy rains come immediately after it is applied. Sulphate of Ammonia is likewise soluble, but to a large extent has to wait until the soil warms up sufficiently for bacterial action to change the Sulphate form of Ammonia to Nitrate in which form it is taken up by the crop. Sulphate of Ammonia is a little slower than Nitrate of Soda, and the results are prolonged.

Ammo-Phos would add Phosphoric acid, as well as Nitrogen, which you have already added in the 12 per cent in your 2-12-10. Cyanamid gives best results if it is worked into the damp soil, therefore I would recommend it as a top dressing for wheat.

2. I have known soils with limestones in them to be lacking in available lime for crops, but this is not usually the case. Would it not be well to send us a sample of the soil (about ½ pint) so that we may test it and tell you whether it needs lime or does not. Mail the sample in a little cotton bag, addressing it to the Department of Chemistry, O.A.C., Guelph, Ont. Please write me at the same time as you send the sample. There is no charge for the testing.

3. 4-25-20 would be a well balanced fertilizer for barley. It is a little higher than double 2-12-10, and 2-12-10 has been found in our tests and by many others to be best adapted for production of malting barley on a medium to sandy loam soil.

A top-dressing with 50 lbs. Cyanamid to kill mustard would be in the right direction. It will not be permanently harmful to the growing barley. It may turn a few of the leaves yellow, but the added nitrogen will help the barley recover from this temporary setback very rapidly.

4. Cyanamid carries 22 lbs. of nitrogen and 10 lbs. of lime to the 100 lbs. It is therefore distinctly alkaline in its action on the soil, while Sulphate of Ammonia is decidedly acid in its action on the soil. Cyanamid cannot be mixed in large quantities with Superphosphate. If it is so mixed, the lime of the Cyanamid will revert or turn back the soluble phosphate in the Superphosphate to the insoluble form. Cyanamid can be mixed with Muriate of Potash without any ill effects.

Brief Comment

Mussolini's social affairs got on the front pages but he hasn't abdicated yet.—Brandon Sun.

Some of our statesmen who "speak straight from the shoulder" should begin a little higher up, don't you think?—Windsor Star.

It looks as if this part of the country is going to be exceptionally popular with starlings this year.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Trouble is a sieve through which we sift our acquaintances; those who are too big to pass through are our friends.—Kitchener Record.

Seventeen racketeers in New York cursed and wept when a jury found them guilty. It was their way of squeaking.—Detroit Free Press.

A scientist says that for 60,000,000 years the world was free of insects. Fishing in the back lakes must have been a real pleasure in those days. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

The London fire department answers approximately 4,200 calls annually, and nearly one-half of these are false alarms or malicious calls.

Cleaning the interior stonework of York Cathedral will occupy twenty years. These are portions of the building that haven't been cleaned for 600 years.

Signatures are never written twice exactly the same, however careful the writer may be.

Attacks Court Plan as Peril to Democracy

Dr. Harold W. Dodds, president of Princeton University, telling the Senate Judiciary Committee that he feared the proposed Supreme Court change was a first step toward authoritarian government.