SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON X
GOD REQUIRES SOCIAL JUSTICE
Leviticus 19: 1-18, 32-37.
Printed Text: Leviticus 19: 9-18, 32-37.
Golden Text—As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise—Luke 6: 31.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—B.C. 1497.

Place — Undoubtedly these words were uttered by the Lord to Moses from the tabernacle of the congregation located not far away from Mount Sinai, where the Israelites were encamped (see Lev. 1: 1).

"And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleaning of thy harvest." "And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather the fallen fruit of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am Jehovah your God." There is no book in all the world which so tenderly, and justly, and helpfully considers the condition of the poor as do both the Old and New Testaments (see also Deut. 15: 4-11; 24: 12-15; Ps. 41: 1; 72: 13; 82: 3, 4; Prov. 28: 3, 8, 11, 15; Isa. 11: 4; Matt. 11: 5; Luke 14: 13; 18: 22).

"Ye shall not steal." (See Ex. 20: 15; 21: 16; 22: 1; Deut. 5. 19; 24: 7; Prov. 30: 9; Rom. 2: 21; 13: 9; Eph. 4: 28.)

"Neither shall ye deal falsely, nor lie one to another." (See Ex. 20: 16; Lev. 6: 2; Eph. 4: 25; Col. 3: 9.) Stealing is often followed by lying, because a person who will steal will attempt to cover up the theft by untruthful words.

"And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, and profane the name of thy God: I am Jehovah." This admonition corresponds with the Third Comamndment.

"Thou shalt not oppress thy neighbor, nor rob him." There are so many ways of oppressing one's neighbor—by making it inconvenient for him to have packages delivered to his door because access to his home is across a piece of property that another owns; by making it so disagreeable for one's neighbor that he will be compelled to move from the community. "The wages of a hired servant shall not abide with thee all night until the morning." While the letter of this command cannot be carried out in most cases today, i.e., the payment of laborers each night, yet the spirit of it can be carried out by paying laborers at the time when an employer enters into an agreement with his employees to pay them.

"Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind; but thou shalt fear thy God: I am Jehovah."

"Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor." In this verse God turns our attention away from personal wrongs to official wrongs, giving a commandment intended to guard men against injustice as they stand in courts of law.

"Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people." "The original word from which 'tale-bearer' is translated, literally signifies a traitor, a peddler, and is here applied to one who travels up and down dealing in slanders and detractions, as a merchant does in wares, possessing himself of the secrets of individuals and of families, and then blazing them abroad, usually with a distortion of motives and facts."

"Neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am Jehovah." This command is simply to further protect the life of our neighbors by forbidding the children of Israel to stand aside while the life of any neighbor was in danger, i.e., in drowning, in attack by robbers or wild beasts. Probably also it means that, if we have knowledge of another's crime in the shedding of the blood of some person, we are not to keep silence when possessing such knowledge.

Thou Shalt Not Hate

"Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart." Of course it is in the heart where hatred lives. Hatred can quickly grow so powerful in one's life that it can lead to almost every sin imaginable, including murder. "Thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbor." We can properly obey this command only if we rebuke others in the light of God's word, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in love. "And not bear sin because of him." "If I do not warn my brother when the opportunity offers, I am to be blamed for want of truth and love."

"Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people; but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; I am Jehovah." This is the first time in the Bible that the command to love one another appears. "We are told to love incompatible members of the families and kindreds with which we are associated, and perhaps they are occasions of irritation to us, thorns stabbing our most densely massed and delicate nerve-processes.

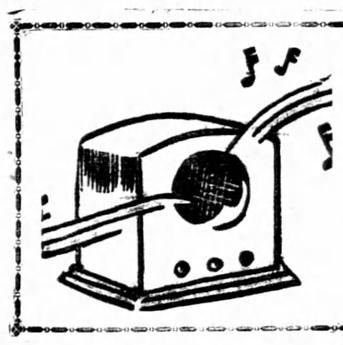
"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and thou shalt fear thy God: I am Jehovah." 'When you meet them in public places, or they come to where you are, show them reverence. Infirmity, wisdom, nay, age in itself, have each a claim on us.

"And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not do him wrong."

"The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the homeborn among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were sojourners in the land of Egypt: I am Jehovah your God." The law commanding the Israelites to be kind to strangers is frequently repeated in the Pentateuch.

"Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures of length, of weight, or of quality." "Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have." "It is of no account to keep the Sabbath — in a way—and reverence outwardly — the sanctuary, and then on the week day water milk, adulterate medicines and foods, slip the yardstick in measuring, tip the balance in weighing, and buy with one weight or measure and sell with another, and 'water' stocks, as the manner of many is. God hates, and even honest atheists despise religion of this kind. A religion which is only used on Sundays has no holiness in it."

"I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt." "And ye shall observe all my statutes, and all mine ordinances, and do them: I am Jehovah." There are three fundamental reasons here given to persuade, and encourage, and even compel man to obey these and other laws which God has given: the fact that the one who gives these laws is none other than Jehovah, the omnipotent sovereign, th only true and living God; that this Supreme One beside whom there is no other, though exalted in heaven and invisible to the naked eye, is yet "our God"—ours in love, ours to guide us, ours to pray to, the God before whom, some day, we shall stand and the God who knows all that we do. Finally, to Israel, Jehovah was the God who had redeemed them from the bondage of Egypt, and, to us, the Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who sent his Son that we should be redeemed from sin and the power of Satan, and that we should be brought into the very presence of God by his love and grace.



Around The Dial

RADIO HEADLINERS OF THE WEEK

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Radio Year at Ex.

Well folks the "Ex" is on us again and this year is going to be a banner year as far as radio is concerned. They may call it something else but to me it is going to be "Radio Year." Every possible arrangement has been made to broadcast all the important events that take place, the swim, the bands, dance orchestras, athletic events, even the good old hog is coming in for its own in the form of a broadcast from the judging pens. There will be all the new radio sets on display and this will afford all the prospective buyers a chance to judge both from looks and sound the set they wish to buy.

This girl Deanna Durbin is really going places. Born in Winnipeg 14 years ago she took part in all the amateur shows and finally was "discovered" by Eddie Cantor. She has a remarkable voice and is just as pretty as her voice is sweet. She starts her program with Cantor this coming fall, September 12th to be exact, and we will harbor a guess that she will be the hit of the program.

The Big Fight

Well, all the arrangements have been made for the big fight on the 26th. Clem McCarthy is to be the official announcer at the ringside and his mile-a-minute description will surely give all the radio fans their money's worth. He is recognized as the leading sports commentator on events such as this. The fight will be broadcast via short wave to Britain, Mexico, Argentine, and all Spanish speaking countries with Alonso Noriega and Julian Muriel both handling microphones for the foreign countries.

Just about the only musical instrument in the world on which one could wash one's shirt is the washboard used by Paul Trietsch on those Station EZRA broadcasts over the networks. The gadget is 17 years old this month. It was away back in 1920 that Trietsch designed and built the freak apparatus which since has reduced his laundry bill and helped him earn his living. The musician's washboard is equipped with six auto horns pitched to different tones, one wood block, two cow bells, one studio auto horn, two pie-pan cymbals and six "stop and go" signs which light up when he plays . . When Kate Smith returns to the air on September 30th, she will have Jack Miller back again with his orchestra to supply the musical background. Like Kate, Miller was discovered by Ted Collins. Again like the famous songbird, he has never taken a music lesson. He learned music by ear and discovered his singing ability by accident.

Eddie Cantor's efforts to get himself elected President a short time ago has seemed to work. He is now President, not of the U.S.A. however but of the American Federation of Radio Artists. He was elected to this post a short time ago when at a meeting of the newly formed society he was chosen head of that outfit. Other officers are Lawrence Tibbett, Helen Hayes, Jascha Heifetz, Norman Field and Jimmy Wallington, vice-presidents; Lucille Wall, recording secretary, and George Heller, treasurer.

Sign Language

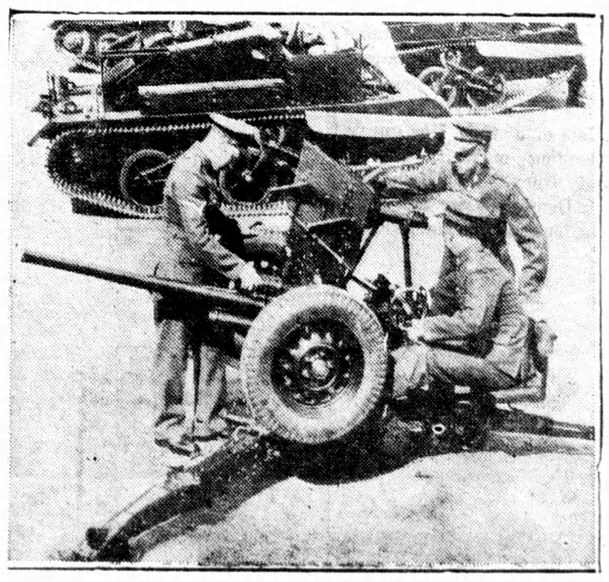
The radio orchestra leaders, according to observers, have a sign system all their own for use in broadcasting studios where, owing to the sensitiveness of microphones, it is impossible even to whisper instructions to members of the orchestra. The Maestro for example, stands like the Statue of Liberty, his right arm raised high with one finger pointing to the sky. That, believe it or not, tells the orchestra to start right at the beginning of the score—at the introduction. If the leader should assume a droopy posture and point a digit to the floor it means the musicians start playing right at the chorus . . . You just watch Geoffrey Waddington, Percy Faith or Jack Arthur some time. And if you should see them close a fist and shake it vigorously before the orchestra members, do not think they are planning to start a fight, they merely are telling the orchestra to "Stop where you are." This of course is only when time necessitates cutting the music immediately. If speeding up is all that's required the leader draws his finger across his throat as if to slit it or indicate that mebbe he'd slit somebody else's, not mentioning any names.

Exports from Canada to Switzerland in 1936 were 70 per cent greater than in 1935. The 1936 exports consisted of various items, wheat, cereals, and animal products predominating.

Back From Abroad

Most Rev. Malcolm Harding, Archbishop of Rupert's Land, who returned from England on the Duchess of Bedford.

New British Tank Destroyer



British infantrymen learning to use the new anti-tank gun developed in England's armaments program. It is part of the mechanized equipment being mobilized at Aldershot preparatory to a tour to acquaint the public with modern fighting devices.

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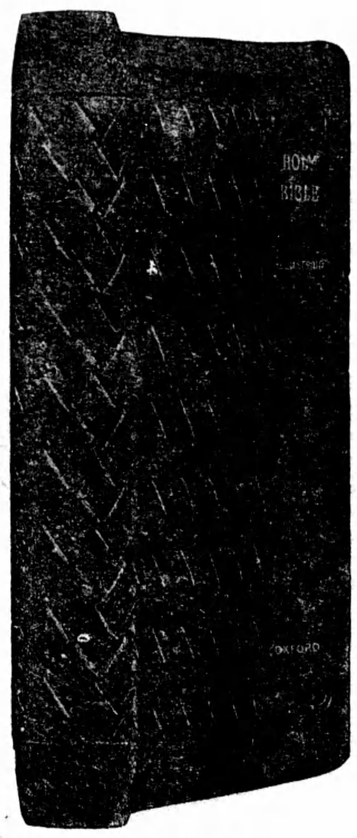

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