Sunday School Lesson

LESSON XI.
A NATION NEEDS RELIGIOUS HOMES

(Deuteronomy 6: 1—9; 11: 18—25.)
Printed Text—Deuteronomy 6:4, 5; 11: 18—25.
Golden Text—Train up a child in the way he should go, And even when he is old he will not depart from it. Prov. 22: 6.

The Lesson In Its Setting

Place—All the early chapters of Deuteronomy record discourses given by Moses on the east side of the Jordan River where the Israelites were encamped in what are known as the plains of Moab (see Deut. 1: 1).

Time—B.C. 1459.

"Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah. And thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."—There is hardly a greater passage in all the Old Testament than this, recognized by the Jews as "the great commandment in the law," "the first of all commandments," and called by the Lord Jesus himself "the great and first commandment" (Matt. 22: 36, 37; Mark. 12: 29; Luke 10: 27).

"Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul."—Solomon well said:— "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4: 23). Our Lord said that "out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." "The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things, and the evil man out of his evil treasure, bringeth forth evil things" (Matt. 12: 35). If we lay up the words of God in our heart and soul, then the fountain of our life will be holy, for the word of God is holy; our heart will be right, for the word of God is right (119: 75, Authorized Version). As David himself said: "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119: 11). "Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, who walk in the law of Jehovah. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, that seek him with the whole heart" (Ps. 119: 1,2).

Arm and Forehead

"And ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes."—The Jews took these verses quite literally. The passages (Ex. 13: 1—16; Deut. 6: 4—9; 11: 13—21) were written on parchment rolls and placed in cases, so that they could be bound on the arm and forehead during morning prayer. These were called phylacteries. The phylactery was a leather box, cube-shaped, closed by an attached flap and bound to the person by a leather band. It was bound to the inner side of the left arm and near the elbow, so that with the bending of the arm, it would rest over the heart, the end of the string or band firmly wound around the middle finger of the hand as a "sign upon thy hand." They were to be worn by every male over 13 years of age at the time of morning prayer, except on Sabbaths and festal days, such days being in themselves sufficient reminders of the laws of God (see Matt. 23: 5). The phylactery for the forehead was bound on after the one bound upon the arm. The typical significance of all of this was that the hand should do nothing contrary to the law of God, and the mind should never contemplate anything except what was in accord with the law of God.

"And ye shall teach them your children, talking of them, when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."—As the family is the most intimate bond of fellowship among men, it is of the utmost importance that it should be hallowed by religion. All the relations of parents, children, and domestics are purified and are strengthened when the whole household is statedly assembled, morning, and evening, for the worship of God. The character of the church and of the state depends on the character of the family. If religion dies out in the family, it cannot elsewhere be maintained. A man's responsibility to his children, as well as to God, binds him to make his house a Bethel. If not a Bethel, it will be a dwelling place of evil spirits.

Significance of Home

We hear a great deal these days about the loss, in modern life, of a real appreciation of the value and significance of home. The toil of every day, and attendance at school, keep the members of our modern home apart through the day; attendance at the movies, or driving out in our automobiles in the evening, more and more is depriving our children of the privileges of fellowship with their parents at home. What we need today, for the strengthening of the church, for keeping our children from ultimate disaster, as far as we are able, for building up a mighty wall against the waves of atheism that are coming to us with increasing force, for saving our nation from an utter dissolution of moral integrity and uprightness, is a return to the sacred precepts here laid down by God himself regarding the teaching concerning God and the word of God at the hearthside of our own homes. Nothing can ever take the place of this.

"And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house, and upon thy gates."—The word here translated "door-posts" is, in the Hebrew, the word "mezuzah," and this very word is the name of the little case or glass tube which is nailed to the door-posts of the house, and in which a piece of parchment is folded, on which is inscribed on one side the verses found in Deut. 6: 4—9 and 11: 13—21, and, on the other the name for God, Shaddai. On leaving or entering the house, a pious Jew touches the mezuzah with his finger, and puts the finger to his lips, repeating the words of Ps. 121: 8.

"That your days may be multiplied and the days of your children, in the land which Jehovah sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. For if ye shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, to do it, to love Jehovah your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; Then will Jehovah drive out all these nations from before you and ye shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves."—To fulfill this promise to Israel, God promises that he himself will drive out the nations possessing the country which he intends Israel to have.

Israel's Tragedy

"Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the hinder sea shall be your border. There shall no man be able to stand before you: Jehovah your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath spoken unto you."—If the Israelites would be faithful to God, God would faithfully fulfill his promise to them, and no power on earth would ever be able to keep the Israelites from the blessings which were in the heart of God to bestow upon them. The great tragedy was that Israel did not keep these commandments, and consequently she never fully subdued the pagan and idolatrous people whom she found inhabiting Palestine upon her entrance into that land under Joshua.

Judge Pays Fine Himself

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb.— D. M. Dierks, acting county judge, tempered justice with mercy in the case of Sol Lesser, charged with fishing without a license. "I understand the extenuating circumstances in this case," said the judge. "I know you have been doing your level best to get along without going on relief. But you must buy a license." Judge Dierks fined Sol $8.30 and then paid the fine himself.

Municipal law in Portland, Maine, forbids anyone to tickle a girl under her chin with a feather duster. Another law in that state prohibits anyone from setting fire to a mule.

Sues For A Million

Charging that an article appearing in Review of Reviews under the title "Latest Langerism's" was defamatory and false, William Langer (above), Governor of North Dakota, is suing that publication for one million dollars libel.

Belgian Royal Children Visiting Sweden

Crown Prince Baudoin of Belgium helps his sister, Princess Josephine Charlotte, peel an apple during visit to home of their maternal grandparents, Prince Carl and Princess Ingeborg of Sweden.

Taken Before He Was Shot

British Ambassador Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen who was wounded by a Japanese airman is shown here with his wife, in a radioed photo.

Around The Dial

RADIO HEADLINERS OF THE WEEK

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The annual Canadian Golf Championship matches at St. Andrew's, on September 9th, 10th, and 11th, will have two or three broadcasts daily from the course which will keep fans who are unable to attend, posted with the latest happenings. On the final day there will be a broadcast of the final scores and the presentation of the Seagram Gold Cup, and the prize money of $1,000 to the winner.

To Start New CBS Show

Starting Friday, September 10th, a smart 45-minute musical variety show will be aired from 10 to 10.45 p.m. The show, "Coca-Cola Presents the Songship," will have the charming Kitty Carlisle, lyric soprano of stage and screen, as its star. Frank Crumit will act as Master of Ceremonies. Reed Kennedy, baritone, and Alice Cornett, rhythm singer, will also be heard. The widely known Songsmiths Quartette were re-christened "The Songshop Quartet" for this series and a 22-voice glee club under the direction of Kenneth Christie, accompanied by a 47-piece orchestra with Gustav Haenschen wielding the baton will be something to listen to. In our opinion, this series should be one of the radio highlights each week. 93 Columbia Stations will carry this series.

Jolson Back With Larger Show

Al Jolson returned to the Columbia network Tuesday September 7th, with an enlarged musical variety program. The time is the same as in the past — 8.30 to 9.00 p.m. In addition to Martha Raye, Parkyakarkus, and Victor Young's big orchestra, the programs in this series boast the appearance every other week of a prominent guest star from the entertainment world. When no guest stars will be on the program, Jolson will present a series of fast-moving dramatic skits, in which the "Mammy Singer" will take the leading role.

Cantor To Start New Schedule

Eddie Cantor, the banjo-eyed comedian and his company consisting of Deanna Durbin, Pinky Tomlin, "Saymore Saymore" who is called Helen Troy by her friends, Jacques Renard and his orchestra with announcer Jimmy Wallington, will return to the airwaves of the CBS on Wednesdays, instead of Sundays, starting September 29th, from 8.30 to 9.00 p.m.

Local Programmes

We certainly think that the weekly amateur show heard on C F R B and other Ontario stations is getting really 'corny." It sounds like bad production. ..... The travelogue broadcast heard on C F R B Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2.00 p.m. is nicely done. The organ music in the background adds a touch of finesse to the program ..... That two-piano team of Snider and Ross presented over the CBC network are doing some fine work.

Lieutenant-Governor Joins Safe-Driving League

With His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, the first motorist to enroll, a drive to enlist Ontario automobile owners in an informal league devoted to sensible driving is being launched in connection with the safety exposition at this year's Canadian National Exhibition Motor Show in Toronto. The emblem used is a white cross, to be carried above the motor car's rear license plate as a continuous reminder that care at the wheel will cut highway tolls. Photo shows Hon. Dr. H. A. Bruce with G. Harrison Smith, prominent industrial executive, examining the white cross emblem.

Cheery 'N Charitable

Is this trio of screen beauties lunching at recent Charity League function in Hollywood. They're (left to right) Marjorie Gateson Anita Louise and Paula Stone.

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