Sunday School Lesson

LESSON X
SAMUEL: SPIRITUAL REVIVAL
I Samuel 7:1-17
Printed Text—1 Samuel 7:3-13

Golden Text.—Direct your hearts unto Jehovah, and serve him only. 1 Samuel 7:3.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—1121-1101 B.C.

Place.—Kiriath-jearim was located about seven and one-half miles from Jerusalem; Mizpah was in the tribe of Benjamin, and may be what is now known as Mount Scopus, immediately north of Jerusalem; Ebenezer was also a few miles north of Jerusalem, between the cities of Mizpah and Shen, though we do not know its exact location.

3. And Samuel. Where had Samuel been all of these years, and what had he been doing? How we should like to know definitely! Already his fame as a prophet had spread throughout the land, and the Israelites, though depressed, were inclined to listen to his words more than to the words of any other leader of their day.

Levite, Nazirite, prophet, he possessed every qualification for attracting respect and acting as teacher. A life of holiness and self-denial, consistent in every particular, well known to all Israel, carried with it an authority that could not be acknowledged by every real Israelite. Spake unto all the house of Israel, saying. If ye do return unto Jehovah with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your hearts unto Jehovah and serve him only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. At Ramah, where his influence was greatest, he raised an altar and performed the worship of Jehovah with such faithful Israelites as he could find to join him. Steadily and warily he won his way into the hearts of his countrymen. With unwearied zeal he went up and down among them from one end of the land to the other reproving, rebuking, exhorting. He recalled to mind their ancient glory, infused into their hearts the long-forgotten ideas so familiar to their forefathers—the special providence that watched over them, the guid once exercised, the prosperity consequent upon obedience, the punishment that followed the infringement of divine commands.

Paganism Put Away

4. Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and the Ashtaroth and served Jehovah only. It is a great day for any family, for any man, for any nation, when strange gods, false deities, idols of every kind, are definitely put away.

5. And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you unto Jehovah. "Mizpah" means watch-tower, and was the meeting-place of the national assembly. It was located in the tribe of Benjamin.

6. And they gathered together to Mizpah. And drew water, and poured it out before Jeohvah, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinner against Jehovah. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah.

The pouring forth of water may have implied that they poured from their full hearts fruits of penitence and tears; that they desired by the heaviness of their grief to wash their land free from the accumulated evil of the past years. Here is probably the first time in twenty years that Israel made a public confession of her sin.

Defeat of the Philistines

7. And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8. And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto Jehovah our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. 9. And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt-offering unto Jehovah: and Samuel cried unto Jehovah for Israel; and Jehovah answered him. How altogether different is the condition of Israel now from what it was twenty years before this when they suffered defeat at the hands of the Philistines! Then they had only the symbol of God's gracious presence, now they had the reality. Then their spiritual guides were the wicked Hophni and Phinehas; now their guide was holy Samuel.

10. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel; but Jehovah thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines and discomfited them; and they were smitten down before Israel. The word here translated "discomfited" expresses the idea of a confusion resulting from sudden panic.

11. And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car.

"Stone of Help"

12. Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath Jehovah helped us. The exact location of Ebenezer, the word meaning "the stone of help," is not known, but it must have been situated a few miles north of Jerusalem between the cities of Mizpah and Shen. Ebenezer was the exact place, where, twenty years before, Israel had suffered defeat at the loss of the ark.

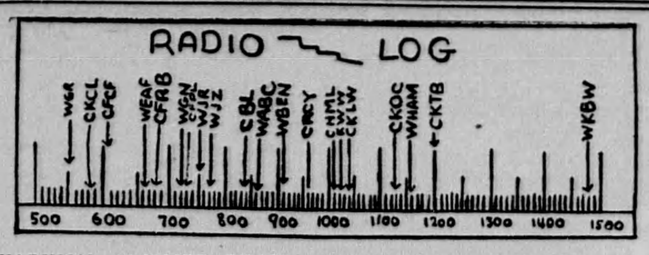
13. So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more within the border of Israel: and the hand of Jehovah was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. From this time Samuel was certainly without any question the supreme leader of Israel, and so he continued to be down to the time of his death. There is a lesson here for every child of God; when we really turn to God in confession, willing to yield to him, and he wins a victory for us in our life, as he absolutely can on every occasion, we not only recover all the territory in our life which had been lost to the enemy, but we gain even more.

A Wonderful Leader

Samuel is worthy to stand at the side of Moses. It is not without reason that he has been regarded as in dignity and importance occupying the position of a second Moses in relation to the people. In his exhortations and warnings the Deuteronomic discourses of Moses are reflected and repeated. He delivers the nation from the hand of the Philistines, as Moses from Pharaoh and the Egyptians, and opens up for them a new national era of progress and order under the rule of the kings whom they have desired.

Are You Listening?

By FREDDIE TEE



WARING'S 20-VOICE CHOIR

On October 8, after an absence of nearly two years, Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians return to the air augmented by an capella choir of twenty men. Waring plans to use youthful college glee clubs or other similar semi-amateur experienced voices. Arias from operas as well as the best in semi-classic and popular field will constitute the basis of this new male choir singing.

TOSCANINI TO CONDUCT

Comprising one of the most complete schedules in the history of Metropolitan Opera, Great Plays and the NBC Symphony Orchestra, Arturo Toscanini will direct 12 of the orchestra series which begins October 15th.

WALTER DAMROSCH BACK

The famous NBC "Music Appreciation Hour" will be presented for the 11th season under the direction of music counsellor Walter Damrosch.

METROPOLITAN OPERA

For the eighth consecutive year, radio will again afford listeners the opportunity of enjoying the greatest music dramas right in their own homes. Each Saturday the NBC Networks will carry a complete performance by the world's outstanding artists, direct from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House.

"BANDWAGON" FOR DANCERS

From the smooth strains of Guy Lombardo to the swing arrangements of Benny Goodman, a lively new NBC Red Network program starts Sunday, September 4th. Other big names for this series includes Lopez, Duchin, Bernie, Dorsey and Kemp, thus giving a complete picture to listeners of today's popular music—Hot, Sweet and in between. This replaces the "Interesting Neighbors" program.

"PIPE FOR BERGEN"

No matter where Bergen and Charlie McCarthy spend their vacation late this month, NBC "Mikemen" will be there with a microphone and "Pipe" him (as they call it) into his usual Sunday night broadcast.

NEW RADIO SETS

The latest contribution to "Magic of Radio" is the spreading out of short-wave bands so that what previously had to be cramped into two bands has now been extended to five channels—thus preventing overlapping of stations—making short-wave reception as easy to tune in an local reception.

This is a feature of the new 1939 DeForest Crosley, Music Master, Symphony Series.

University Head

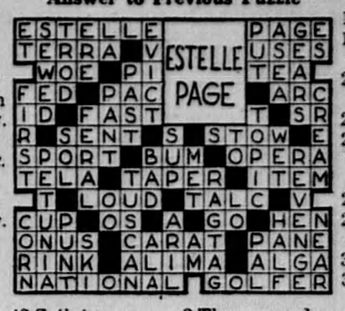
HORIZONTAL

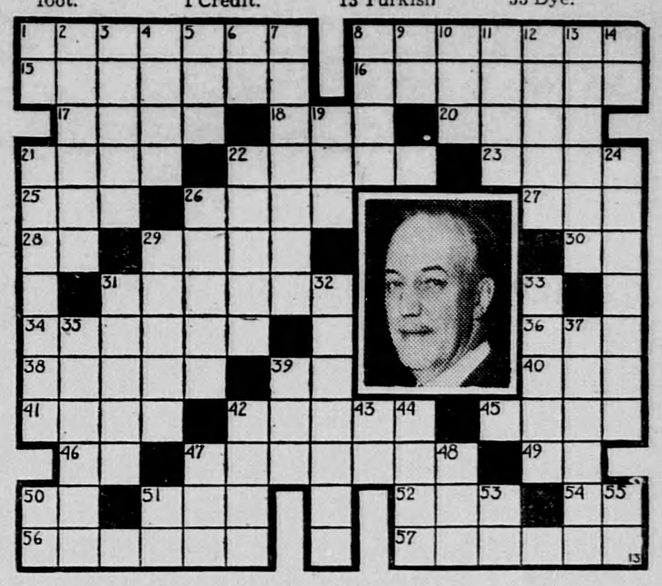
1, 8 The new president of Yale University.
15 To paint again
16 Inexpensively.
17 Tardy.
18 Striped fabric.
20 Local position.
21 Male ancestor.
22 To expend money.
23 Lacking stiffness.
25 Child.
26 Cavity.
27 Auto.
28 You and me.
29 Artifice.
30 In that manner.
31 Church group.
34 Eluded.
36 Card game.
38 Short letters.
39 Postscript.
40 Being.
41 Digits of the foot.
42 Satiates.
45 Float.
46 Doctor.
47 Dethroned.
49 Mamma.
50 Hawaiian bird
51 To woo.
52 Also.
54 Musical note.
56 He has a ——'s degree.
57 He succeeds Dr. ——.

VERTICAL

1 Credit.
2 The sun god.
3 Aside.
4 To value.
5 Falsehood.
6 Half an em.
7 Chief commodities.
8 To scrutinize.
9 Sound of inquiry.
10 Affirmative.
11 Correspondence.
12 Ocular.
13 Turkish colleges.
14 Railway.
19 Honey gatherer.
21 He was a —— at Yale.
22 Compact.
24 He was formerly —— at Yale.
26 Employs.
29 Walks through water.
31 Father.
32 He specialized in ——.
33 To glow.
35 To bewitch.
37 A coming on.
39 Soft food.
42 Prophet.
43 Electric unit.
44 Slender prickle.
47 Duet.
48 To put on.
50 Natural power
51 Street.
53 King of Bashan.
55 Dye.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





Claims Crime Is "Necessary"

Psychologist Says It Keeps The World Away From Savagery —Moral Acts Those in Accord With Public Welfare

A prominent psychologist asserted last week if there were no law breakers and all laws were obeyed the world would revert to savagery.

In the law-breaking class he put the Christian marytrs.

The psychologist — Dr. Knight Dunlap, professor of psychology at the University of California at Los Angeles — championed the "necessity" of crime in an article for the forthcoming (September) issue of the California Monthly, publication of the University of California's alumni.

Some Laws Are Wrong

Dr. Dunlap argued that there was nothing really wrong about violating a "bad" law and that the "crime" involved might even benefit society in the end by contributing to the elimination of the improper statute.

"If we assume that it is one's duty to promote public welfare and to avoid acts against public welfare," he said, "we can hardly avoid the conclusion that under certain circumstances it is one's duty to commit crime. This situation arises because there are laws which really are detrimental to public welfare."

Divorce Procession

A young woman accompanied by two women friends drove through Indianapolis, Minn., trailing tin cans, old shoes, and ribbon streamers from her car. A large notice read: "JUST DIVORCED".

All woollen goods manufactured in Japan for domestic consumption must be part fibrous material.

Chinese investments in 15 of the 28 provinces of the Philippines have just been found to total $27,796,000, while those by Filipinos are only $18,857,000.

Says the King Coming in 1939

To Canada and U. S.—Liverpool Paper Declares Trip 'Almost Certainty'

The Liverpool Post in its London letter last week said the King and Queen will "almost certainly" visit Canada and the United States during 1939, although no plans have yet been discussed and no invitations issued.

It was understood, the column said, that Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, mentioned unofficially the possibility of a visit though an invitation from Canada would come through the prime minister.

Will Make Arrangements

The column added that Lord Stanley, dominions secretary might discuss arrangements with Prime Miniser Mackenzie King.

At Ottawa, Mr. King recently said the King needed no invitation to visit the Dominion. Canada always stood ready to welcome its sovereign.

Negroes Propose African Homeland

Would Ask Gifts of Territory From France and England—Liberia as Nucleus

A demand that the British Government act to improve the social and economic lot of the negroes of the West Indies was contained in a resolution passed at the final session of the convention of the Universal Negro Improvement Association in Toronto last week.

The resolution pointed out that 1938 was the 100th anniversary of the West Indian negroes, and called on British authorities to rescue them from what it termed wretched economic conditions.

Would Improve Race

The 180 men and women delegates, who represent a 4,000,000 membership scattered all over the world, were in session for eleven days, and considered mainly the position of the race and the means at hand to improve it. They re-elected Marcus Garvey of London, Eng., President-General, and Miss Ethel Collins of New York City, Secretary. Thomas Harvey of Philadelphia, was elected Chancellor.

Ultimate objectives of the association is the setting up of a homeland for the negroes of the world in Africa, with the present negro State of Liberia forming the nucleus to which would be added territorial gifts from France and England.

How Daylight Saving Began

Was Adopted Generally in Europe During the Great War —Called "Summer Time"

Daylight saving was adopted in nearly every country in Europe in the second year of the War, the idea being that, by getting people up an hour earlier, there would be a great saving in fuel for lighting and heating. In many countries, however, it was dropped when war ended.

"Summer time" is observed today in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain and Portugal. Summer time bills were also approved in Canada in 1934, and in New Zealand in 1927. The United States seems unable to make up its mind. Some states use it, while others do not.

He Originated It

The idea was advocated long before the war by a Chelsea (England) builder, William Willett. Willett was himself an early riser, and used to ride in Petts Wood, Chislehurst, on summer mornings before coming to town for business. In the evenings he

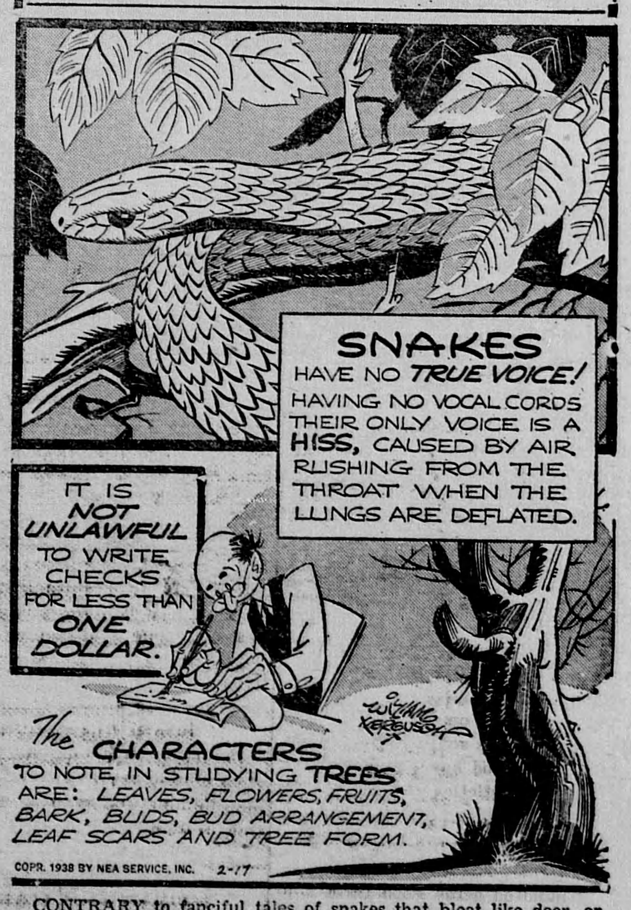
It was while enjoying these recreations in 1907 that he conceived the idea of extending the hours of daylight available for leisure. He devoted himself to a campaign, and in 1908 Mr. (afterwards Sir Sibert) Pearce introduced a Bill in the British House of Commons to put the clock on by law. At first it was laughed at, but the Bill continued to come up year after year with increasing support. Willett never lived to see the Act in force, for he died in March, 1915. A memorial to him now stands in Petts Wood.

Summer time was introduced for the first time on May 21, 1916, but it was not until 1925 that the final and permanent Act was passed.

Nurses of Ireland threaten to organize and demand shorter hours, better pay, greater opportunity for rest and recreation in off-time, and pensions after long service.

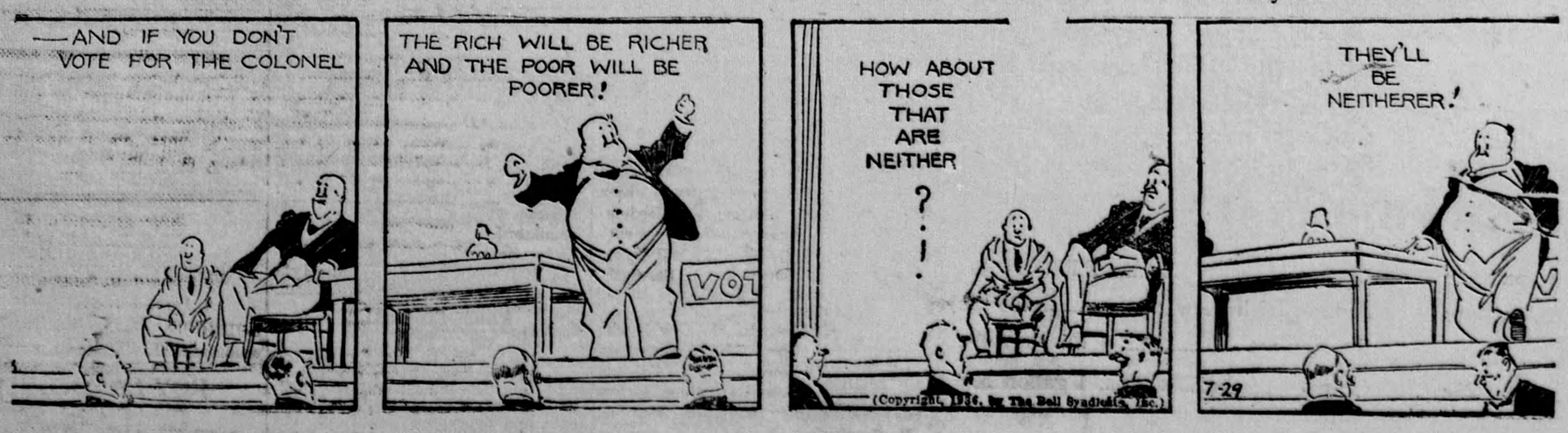
THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



CONTRARY to fanciful tales of snakes that bleat like deer, or purr like kittens, no species is known that can utter more than the commonly known hissing sound. Of course, rattlers can rattle their tail rattles, and some species can swishing sound with their scales.

NEXT: What star group has been known longest?

POP—A Static Condition

By J. MILLAR WATT