Sunday School Lesson

LESSON III

REVERENCE FOR GOD

Exodus 20:7; Matthew 5:33-37; 12:33-37.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—The Ten Commandments were given 1498 B.C. The Sermon on the Mount was uttered by our Lord in the summer of A.D. 28, and the incident recorded at Capernaum in the autumn of the same year.

Place.—The Ten Commandments were given on Mount Sinai. It is not known on what mountain in Palestine our Lord delivered his great sermon. Capernaum is located at the northern end of the Sea of Galilee.

7. Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. The Third Commandment continues to dwell upon the sacredness of the relationship that should exist between God and man, but in this particular case deals exclusively with man's speech, declaring that he should not take the name of the Lord his God in vain.

The Hebrew word here translated "in vain" means, literally, "to make use of for any idle, frivolous, or insincere purpose." Thus, God's name is not to be desecrated either by false swearing or by being used disrespectfully for any other frivolous or idle purpose, as in cursing or reviling, or to support false pretensions of being able to use magic or divination, or to predict the future.

Another way by which men can use the name of the Lord irreverently is by insincerity of life, by hypocrisy, by pretending one thing with the words that they utter, when in reality they are determined to live a life entirely contrary to what their words would indicate.

Christ's Interpretations

Matt. 5:33-37. 33. Again, ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: 34. but I say unto you, Swear not at all: neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of God; 35. nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, for thou canst not make one hair white or black. 37. But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil one.

The Jewish people of our Lord's day were taught "that only oaths need be kept, and not all of them, only certain forms of swearing were binding. Christ says that such distinctions are iniquitous. All oaths are binding, but no oaths ought to be used, because a man's word ought to be enough.

When our Lord said that to swear by an oath was something that came "of evil," he either meant that the oath was necessary because of the tendency to lie in the hearts of men, and therefore in itself witnessed to man's mistrust of men, or as often is the case, our Lord would indicate that many oaths are uttered to support or confirm what the one so speaking knows to be a lie, and thereby the sin of the falsehood is multiplied, the heart of the one speaking the falsehood is the blacker, and evil itself thereby is multiplied in that person's heart.

Matt. 12:33-37. Our Lord, previous to speaking the words which are assigned to our lesson, had cast out a demon from one who was brought to him suffering blindness and dumbness, as well as this evil possession.

33. Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit. 34. Ye offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35. 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. See also Matt. 7:16-20; Luke 6:45. The fruit that is borne is determined by the nature of the tree. Words are products. If a man's life is evil at the center, you can expect nothing else but evil words as the fruit of that life. If a man is soundly good, his words will be soundly wholesome and true.

There is nothing which we need more these days than the cultivation of noble thinking, and the storing in our hearts of vast treasures of the finest things in life and literature, a purpose that will lead us to observe the beautiful and to hate the ugly.

36. And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. An "idle" word is simply an ineffectual word or an insipid word, "an index of thoughtlessness, if not of malice." Idle or wicked words are but the expression of a man's character, and as such will form a basis for judgment in the last day, when the things done in the body will be judged (2 Cor. 5: 10).

To Administer Four-Power Terms

Here are four members of the five-man international commission appointed by the conferees at the Munich conference to arrange the details of Czech evacuation of ceded territories and to oversee the program for the pacific settlement of the German-Czech problem according to the terms agreed upon by Britain, France, Germany and Italy at the meeting that saved Europe from another bloodbath. TOP LEFT is Andre Francois-Poncet, French ambassador to Germany; TOP RIGHT, Baron Ernst von Weizsaecker, secretary of state of the Reich foreign office; LOWER LEFT, Dr. Bernardo Attolico, Italian ambassador to Germany; LOWER RIGHT, Sir Nevile Henderson, British ambassador to Germany. The fifth member of the commission is Dr. Vojtech Mastny, Czechoslovak minister to Germany. He will have a full vote on commission questions affecting his country.

Hobby Source Of Pleasure

May Cost Little or Much, But It's Always Fun

Before embarking on a new hobby it is necessary to have some preliminary information — something of the character of the craft, the initial cost of the equipment, good books of instruction, other methods of learning, practical uses, and outlets for sales.

No one craft is suitable for every woman. An older woman with consecutive hours of freedom could study a craft such as cabinetmaking at a studio, while a very busy young mother might weave in the evening. Some hobbies such as photography, wood-work, and sketching, a husband and wife can share; others are exclusively feminine. Some cost little or nothing; some can be worked at for 10 minutes and then dropped; and some can be entirely self-taught.

Having a Craft

There is nothing new to be said about the pleasures of having a real hobby, but most people do not realize how constructive these pleasures are or how they enrich every aspect of the hobbyist's life. The instinct for sound craftsmanship carries over into humdrum daily duties; studios, workshops, exhibitions, libraries, museums all suddenly develop to deep and lively interest; and best of all there is a generous welcome from the fascinating, international, and historical brotherhood of fellow craftsmen.

7,204 New Autos Bought In August

Sales of new motor vehicles in Canada during August totalled 7,204 units at $8,018,020, compared with 9,074 at $9,521,833 in August, 1937, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Sales for the first eight months of 1938 numbered 92,085, retailing for $102,352,967, against 115,998 at $117,947,293 in the 1937 period.

Are You Listening?

By FREDDIE TEE

"DR. CHRISTIAN"

Rosemary DeCamp, lovely young screen starlet, will again play the role of "Judy Price," secretary to a kindly country doctor, when the dramatic serial, "Dr. Christian," starring Jean Hersholt resumes on the Columbia network Tuesday, October 18. (WABC-CBS, 10.00 to 10.30 p.m., EST). A college graduate. Miss DeCamp decided on a movie career before ever considering radio, and was chosen for a part in the "Dr. Christian" series from numerous applicants. She is athletic, enjoys horseback riding and swimming, and has danced professionally since a child.

Rosemary DeCamp

JACK BENNY PLAYED HIMSELF

Jack Benny, popular comedian, played himself during a dramatization of the spooky comedy, "Seven Keys to Baldpate" which was presented by the "Lux Radio Theater" over the Columbia network Monday, September 26 (WABC-CBS, 9.00 to 10.00 p.m., EST). Mary Livingston (Mrs. Jack Benny) as well as Cecil B. DeMille, the program's producer also played themselves in a new version of this old play.

Jack Benny

NEWEST RADIOS

The 1939 DeForest Crosley Automatic Radios offer many new and especially convenient features for women. Due to the accuracy of response from powerful stations, by just the simple press of a button, one is assured of perfect "On Station" resonance without distortion. Besides the "No-Stoop" Sloping console tuning panel which DeForest Crosley originated, the five short-wave bands are spread out—each 10" wide—so that foreign reception is as simple to tune as standard broadcast stations.

GABRIEL HEATTER OF "WE, THE PEOPLE"

Gabriel Heatter, crack newspaperman and veteran radio commentator got in some last moments of relaxation before the start of his busiest radio season which began when his famous "We, The People" programs made their debut for the 1938-1939 season over the Columbia network on Tuesday, September 27. (WABC-CBS, 9.00 to 9.30 p.m., EST). Two years ago when "We The People" was first "aired" and won the award as being "the outstanding idea show of 1936," Heatter substituted as its host and commentator during Phillip Lord's vacation. Last season he was its regular "master-of-ceremonies. So this really marks his third year with the popular show.

Gabriel Heatter

When a South Sea Island outrigger canoe was launched in the Isle of Wright a coconut was broken over its bow.

Baseball Star

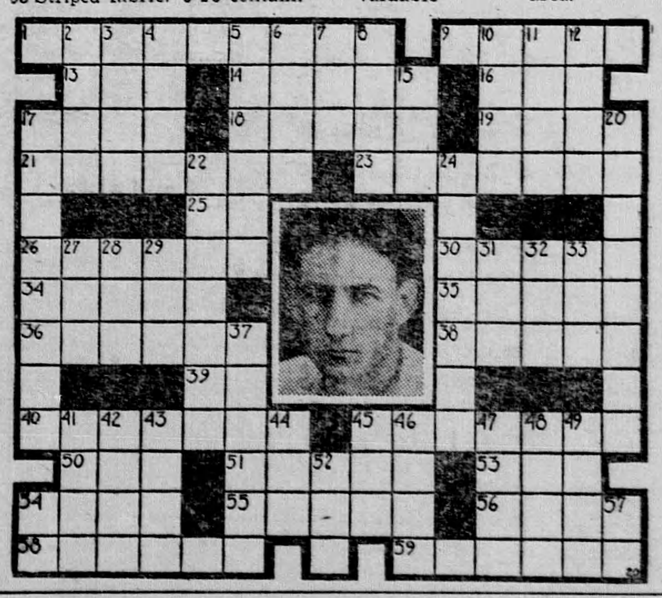
HORIZONTAL

1 Charlie —— professional baseball player.
9 Writer's mark.
13 Pedal digit.
14 Weird.
16 Accomplished.
17 Shoe bottom.
18 Odor.
19 Thought.
21 Everlasting.
23 Harkens.
25 Musical note.
26 Ignores.
30 White poplar.
34 Misanthrope.
35 Sword.
36 Dogmas.
38 Eye socket.
39 Sound of inquiry.
40 Separates.
45 To answer.
50 Rodent.
51 To change a gem setting.
53 Striped fabric.
54 He plays second ——.
55 Small memorial.
56 Fissure.
58 Vigor.
59 He is a left-handed ——.

VERTICAL

2 Kind of stiff collar.
3 To contain.
4 Roll of film.
5 Headlands.
6 Opals.
7 Before.
8 Streamlet.
10 Entrance.
11 To drive.
12 Paradise.
15 Biblical prophet.
17 He was —— as the most valuable player in his league.
20 Declared.
22 Built.
24 Winter and fall.
27 Lixivium.
28 Wayside hotel.
29 To perish.
31 Tribunal.
32 To recede.
33 Rumanian coins.
37 White wine.
41 Persia.
42 Flower holder.
43 Passage.
44 To observe.
45 Portuguese coin.
46 To engrave with acid.
47 Portion.
48 Death notice.
49 Title.
52 Sneaky.
54 To exist.
57 Measure of area.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



A Streamlined Rural Mail Box

Would Be Better Than the Type The Carriers in Ontario Have To Deal With, Says the Seaforth Expositor.

The average rural mail box is a good deal easier for the patron to handle than it is for the rural mail courier, says the Seaforth Expositor. There are some perfect ones, of course, but we are talking about the average, and the door on the average mail box is something that won't stay shut; that won't stay open; that breaks off; that sticks, and that always squeaks.

That does not bother the man who is getting his mail. He only has one box to open. With the courier, however, it is something else. He has several miles of them to open and close, and in wet and wintry weather that is some job when he has to use a different technique on almost every box.

No Door At All

Apparently the rural mail couriers across the line have experienced similar troubles with the boxes of their patrons. But now they are going to end it all. At least, we notice the other day that at the thirty-fifth annual convention of the United States rural mail couriers, that body passed a very considered judgment upon a new streamlined mail box, and the Post Office Department is likely to give its approval.

The new streamlined mail box has no door at all. Nothing to open or close, or stick, or anything else. All the mail man has to do is to press a finger on the rear of the box and the entire cover swings up and back.

Simple and easy; isn't it? We, in Canada, are living in a pretty fast age, so the next thing we know we will be streamlining our rural mail boxes too.

Launch New Naval Unit In Pacific

H.M.C.S. Nootka slid into the water alongside the Esquimalt plant of Yarrow, Limited, Victoria, B.C., last week, the fourth Canadian vessel to be launched this year.

Just before the little mine sweeper was launched, Mrs. Eric Hamber, wife of British Columbia's Lieutenant-Governor, smashed the traditional bottle of champagne over the prow and gave the vessel its name.

The Nootka was then drawn up alongside the Yarrow outfitting jetty where the ship will be made ready for patrolling the Canadian Pacific coastline and, in the event of war, protecting the Dominion shores from enemy ships.

The launching of Nootka followed by scarcely more than a month that of a sister ship, the Comox, at a North Vancouver shipyard. Previously two other minesweepers were launched in eastern shipyards.

More Ontario Horses Raised

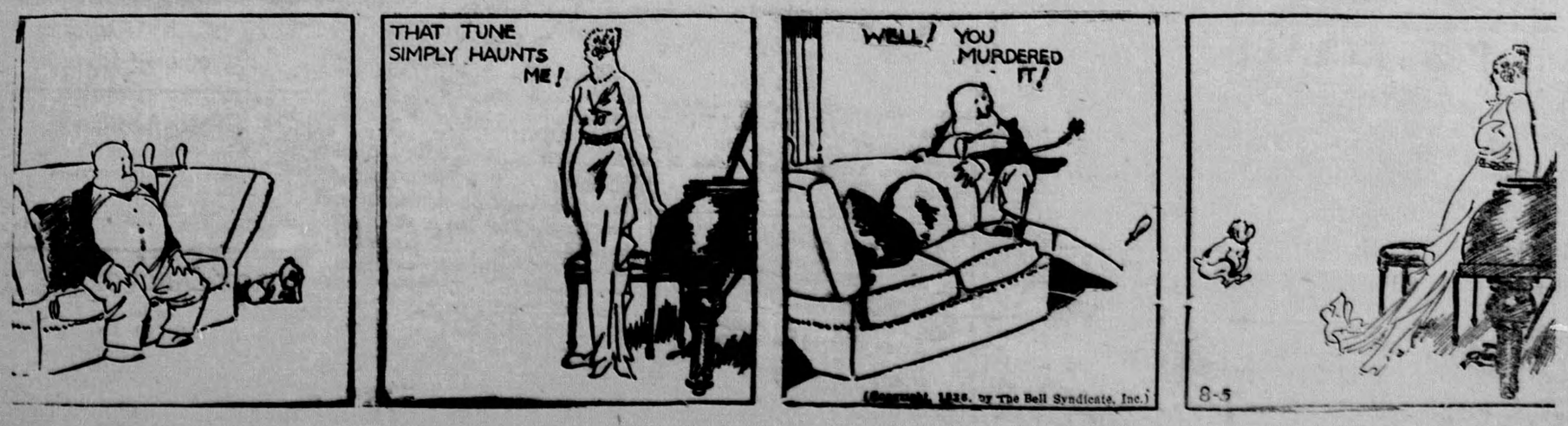
TORONTO. — Horse breeding in Ontario has been more active in 1938 than in any season since 1920 and for the first time Percheron stallions available for public service exceeds Clydesdales, the Ontario Stallion Enrolment Board announced.

Percheron stallions total 640 and Clydes 601. Middlesex county leads in the number of stallions enrolled, 100, and Huron County is second with 72. Bruce has 66 and Perth and Grey 62 each. Total enrolments number 1,583 against 1,500 last year.

Worthiness by Order

Only those foreigners are to be allowed to stay in Germany "whose personality and occupation guarantees that they are worthy of German hospitality."

LIFE'S LIKE THAT By Fred Neher

"Women first? . . . . what do you think this is, a shipwreck?"

POP—A Musical Ghost By J. MILLAR WATT