Sunday School Lesson

LESSON IV
PETER DENIES HIS LORD
Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

Golden Text — "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10:12.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — Thursday evening, April 6, A.D. 30.

Place — The warning was given by our Lord in the upper room of the last supper; the denial occurred in the court-yard of the high priest's palace.

31. Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat.

32. But I. This verse is bright with the light of our Lord's love and power. He, the one speaking, knew the power of Satan as no man has ever known it, and in every conflict with Satan he won.

Made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not. We should not lose ourselves in speculating whether or not Christ could have kept Satan from tempting Peter; this we can be sure of, that Christ had his purpose in allowing this temptation. For this reason Christ did not pray that Peter should not be even tempted, but that in the temptation he would not lose his faith. This prayer was answered. Peter did fall, he did deny the Lord. As long as a man has faith, anything is possible. This is one thing that the devil cannot take away from you and me, once we know the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. And do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren. The Lord not only knew that Peter would deny him, but he also knew that Peter would be restored, and would be used mightily in strengthening his brethren in the days to come.

33. And he said unto him, Lord, with thee I am ready to go both to prison and to death. Instead of falling at the Lord's feet, and pleading with him regarding the terrible fact concerning which Christ was here informing him, Peter has more confidence in his own feelings than in Christ's word.

34. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, until thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. It would seem that every conceivable experience of which the human heart is capable would have strengthened Peter that night to die before saying anything against the Savior.

54. And they seized him, and led him away, and brought him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed from afar off. 55. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the very midst of them. Peter has no defense to make for his denials. There was only one word of hope that he could recall. Jesus had said, when he foretold his fall, "and do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren" (Luke 22:32). Jesus, then, did have faith in his recovery, and did hold out work for him to do after that. Peter fell into bad company the instant he fell out with God. We follow Jesus afar off when we refuse to defend the doctrine of redemption before unbelievers who scoff; when we strain Christian liberty to see how much we can indulge in worldliness.

56. And a certain maid seeing him as he sat in the light of the fire, and looking steadfastly upon him, said, This man also was with him. Peter was taken completely by surprise. It was as if a mask had been torn from his face. In a moment the instinct of terror seized him. Indeed, there was a further shame: how could he confess himself the disciple of the Master whom he had heard blasphemed without protest?

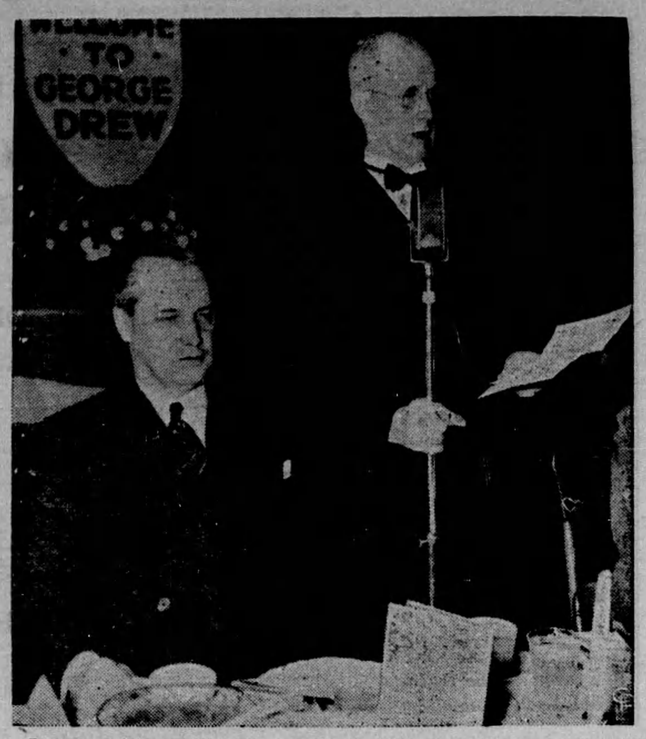
57. But he denied, saying, Woman I know him not.

58. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou also art one of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not. 59. And after the space of about one hour another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean. 60. But Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. Once Peter began to lie, he had to keep it up. The third denial was the basest of them all, because he had had more time to consider what he was doing. It indicates definitely that Peter had decided in hisi heart to go on lying about Jesus and denying Jesus. This is what the Psalmist calls a "presumptuous sin." (Ps. 19:13) And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. 61 a. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter.

Luke 22:61, 62. 61 b. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said unto him, Before the cock crow this day thou shalt deny me thrice.

62. And he went out, and wept bitterly. Peter's pride is broken. His boastfulness is gone; from this hour he is a different man. He was a Christian before, but now he also knows the Lord, right now he also knows that he himself can do nothing in his own strength. He wept because he knew his own self had met a final defeat; he wept because the love of Christ had been poured anew into his treacherous heart.

"Welcome Home" To New Conservative Leader



In recognition of his recent election to the leadership of the Conservative party in Ontario, his native city of Guelph tendered a banquet in honor of Col. George Drew. Mayor W. G. Taylor is shown, RIGHT, reading an address of welcome to the recently elected Conservative leader.

Fat Men Leaders In Selling Line

They Do the Best in Business, Investigations Show—Make Topnotch Salesmen

Fat men do best in business, according to investigations carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Psychology and Herr Ernst Kretschmer, a German psychologist.

An institute investigator has been touring British selling organizations recording the weights of sales managers. He found that "go-getters" averaged 173 pounds while the not-so-successful were fifteen pounds lighter. He said:

"I found that men with full, smooth faces, thin figures and wiry build have a tendency to be polite, sensitive, earnest, exclusive in their friends, cold and emotionally crippled.

"They make good professors, engineers, and detail workers, but are not so successful as sales managers. They are more methodical and painstaking, but are inclined to be over-anxious.

"They are logical and more capable of planning, but not so able to put plans into force."

Sales Show Drop In Country Stores

Sales of country general stores in Canada in November, 1938, were 6.2 per cent. lower than in November, 1937, according to returns received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from 700 merchants located in villages and rural areas throughout the Dominion.

Decreases were registered in all economic divisions. Sales in the Maritime Provinces showed the largest drop, that of 13 per cent., while sales in Quebec were down six per cent., Ontario five, Manitoba eight, Saskatchewan 1.3, Alberta six and British Columbia seven.

Stalin is personally directing the Russian development of Arctic Sea routes.

A New Cure For Reckless Driving

Mayor Fred Huester hopes to make Scranton, Pa., safe through "embarrassing reckless drivers by painting circles on the rear of their cars." A first offense against traffic laws would rate a yellow ring, a second offense red and a third blue. The circles will stay on 30 days—if the city legal department decides the punishment is lawful. The mayor reasoned a marked car would get a wide berth.

Test Acoustics Of Parliament

Commons and Senate Chambers of Ottawa Make Hearing Difficult

The parliamentary session just started has revived the question of the acoustics of the Senate and the House of Commons. In the Commons chamber particularly it is next to impossible for people in the public galleries to hear debates unless the speakers raise their voices to a pitch more suitable to the hustings than to the House. The Senate chamber is smaller and in there the conditions are not so bad; but they are still not good.

May Wire For Sound

Last season the Senate made an attempt to improve things. An experiment was made with the installation of a public-address system, and the chamber was wired for sound. One evening at adjournment the contrivances were tried out. In general the effect was good, much better than without the system. But the conservatism of the elder statesmen was too powerful. The whole problem was "referred to the Committee on Internal Economy," which is another way of saying that it was ditched.

In the Parliamentary Press Gallery, opinion is divided as to the wisdom of installing a system that would make for clearer hearing. The political reporters would appreciate such a thing when good speeches are being made but, unfortunately, a great deal of chaff is mixed with the straw.

More Marriages, Births Recorded In Ontario, 1937

Statistics Show Increase in Population, With Cities and the Rural Areas Gaining at Expense of Towns — "T. B." Deaths Down

Marriages and births are up in Ontario, according to the vital statistics for 1937 prepared by the Ontario Government.

Eight persons out of every 1,000 entered marriage in 1937. The figure, to be exact, is 8.1, compared with 7.5, per 1,000 in 1936, and 7.8 in 1928. The birth rate increased to 16.6 per 1,000 of population in 1937, above 13.3 in 1936. But it is below the rate of 1928, which was 20.9.

Population 3,711,000

Since 1928 Ontario's population has moved from 3,229,000 to 3,711,000 in 1937, but the movement of population has been toward cities and rural areas rather than towns. Both rural and city population has increased, but town population—that is, people living in towns of 5,000 or over — decreased.

The tuberculosis death rate in 1937 dropped to 35.4. Ten years before it was 55.1, and ten years before that it was 88.8 per 100,000 population. But, while tuberculosis has been decreasing, statistics show cancer to have been increasing from 99.6 in 1927 and 122.5 in 1937.

Diesel engine motor trucks are rapidly replacing the gasoline type in Liberia.

No Fire

Both city firemen at London, Ontario, and provincial police were called to the scene of an unusual accident on No. 4 highway, opposite the Hunt Club, when William Duncanson, 50, of Byron, Mich., skidded on the icy road, swerved from one side to the other, snapped off a hydro pole and ended up against a stout tree. In breaking off the hydro pole the alarm system leading to Mount St. Joseph's Orphanage, was set off and city firemen responded to the alarm.

Firemen Were Mad

a January gale, just when Oshawa's firemen were busy battling chimney and other fires, a call from the north end came in. A citizen wanted his skating rink flooded. P.S.—It wasn't.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

EXAMINATIONS made at the Johns Hopkins University showed that out of 455 infants, only 28 had plain blue eyes. Examine a baby's eyes closely, with good illumination and a magnifying glass; and you will be able to see the real eye color shining through the cloudy, dark-blue veil.

NEXT: Where motorists travel fastest.

Are You Listening?

By FREDDIE TEE

HERE AND THERE

Eddy Duchin, NBC pianist and orchestra leader, was selected as one of the country's ten outstanding young men in the current edition of Durward Howes' "America's Young Men," the "Who's Who" of the younger set.

When he isn't haranguing Baby Snooks in NBC's Good News of 1939 broadcasts, Hanley (Papa) Stafford dodges about from one stamp auction to another for items to add to his collection.

YOUTHFUL VETERAN

Eve Abbott has crowded a lot of radio, screen and stage acting into her 22 years. She started in college dramatics in her native Buffalo, while a freshman at the University of Buffalo; was given a job in Katherine Cornell's troupe after Miss Cornell's father had accidentally discovered her in a college play; got to Hollywood after four years with Cornell and was screened in "Service de Luxe" and "Road to Reno", and is now heard on such CBS programs as Robert Benchley's "Melody and Madness", "Our Gal Sunday" and "Kate Smith Hour". On the Benchley program, Eve is occasionally cast in the role of the comedian's "Stooge".

Eve Abbot

OLD - COUNTRY RECEPTION

One of the engineering advancements of the 1939 Rogers Spread-Band models provides six individual spread-band dials, each 10" wide with only one dial visible at a time. This feature simplifies tuning, particularly for women. By spreading out each of the four short-wave bands, from one inch to ten inches, Old-Country reception is now easy to tune in without interference.

PAGE BOY TO RADIO STAR

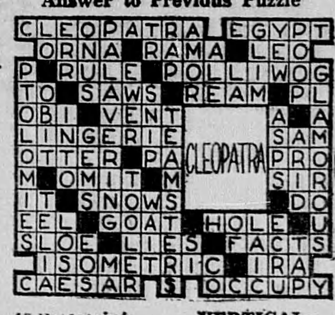
The story of the rise of Bobby Gibson, featured vocalist on Ben Bernie's Sunday programs over the Columbia network sounds like an old time Horatio Alger tale. Little more than a year ago Bobby was a page boy in the same CBS playhouse which now displays his name and picture in the lobby. One day he was overheard singing in an empty studio by a radio executive, and given a chance on an early morning program. The listener response to his romantic baritone was immediate and enthusiastic, and Bernie, appraised of the fact, hurried to sign him as the star of his own show.

Bobby Gibson

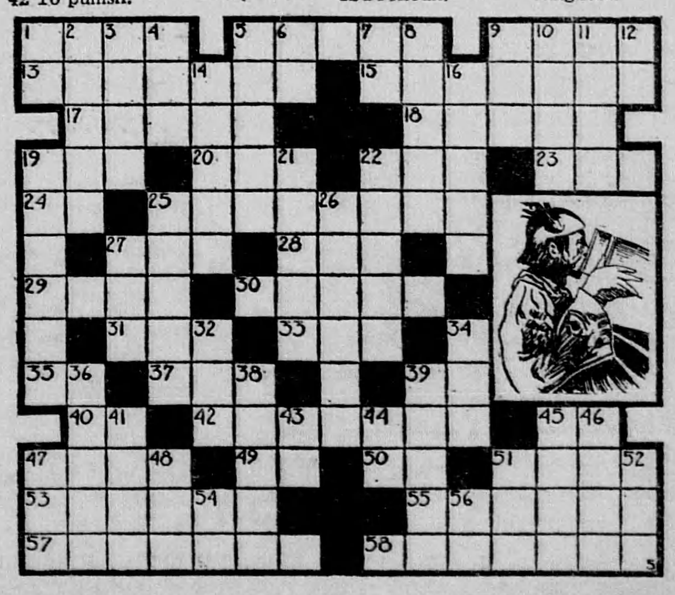
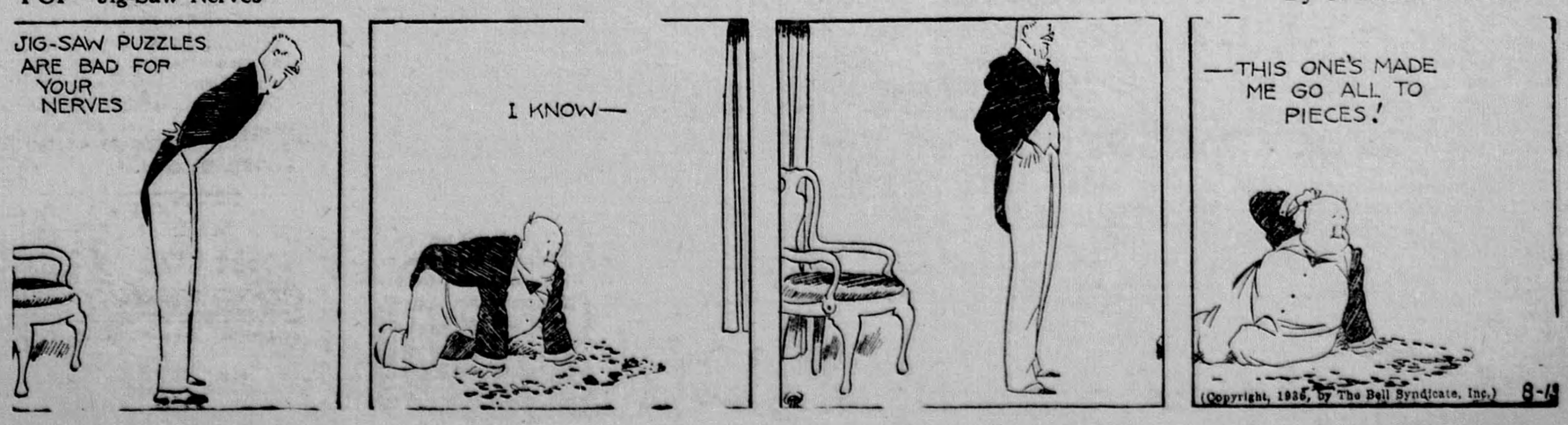
Thursday's God

HORIZONTAL
1 God after whom Thursday is named.
5 He is called ——.
9 His story is told in the Norse ——s.
13 Large gullies.
15 Sickness.
17 Licit.
18 A brief rule.
19 Female fowl.
20 Bugle plant.
22 By.
23 Arid.
24 Like.
25 Retaliating.
27 Owed.
28 Sick.
29 Fen.
30 Darkness.
31 To make lace
33 To dine.
35 Right.
37 Kindled.
39 Father.
40 Mystic syllable.
42 To punish.
45 Postscript.
47 Brings legal suit.
49 Railroad.
50 Either.
51 Leguminous plant.
53 To overlook.
55 Pecuniary burden.
57 He is the god of ——.
58 He drives a goat-drawn ——.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL
1 Transposed.
2 Hauls.
3 Kiln.
4 Equipage.
5 To excavate.
6 Bone.
7 Paid publicity.
8 Ascended.
9 Encountered.
10 36 inches.
11 Russian emperor.
12 Pronoun.
14 Ingenuous.
16 To swell.
19 His magic —— makes lightning.
21 Imbecile.
22 Aviator.
25 Pertaining to the ear.
26 Meditates exultantly.
27 Period.
32 Twitching.
34 Food container.
36 Strong.
38 One and two.
39 To roost.
41 Bill of fare.
43 Measure of area.
44 Toward.
45 Fairy.
46 Starch.
47 To perch.
48 Male child.
51 Fence rail.
52 Mesh of lace.
54 Road.
56 Sound of laughter.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