Sunday School Lesson

LESSON II
HOSEA TELLS OF GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE—Hosea 6, 11, 14
Printed Text, Hos. 6:1-7; 14:4-9
Golden Text — "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — Hosea began his prophetic ministry about 745 B.C. and continued it throughout the remaining years of the eighth century.

Place — Northern Israel.

In this lesson we consider anew one of the greatest themes that can ever occupy the minds of man — the love of God for humanity. Once let this powerful truth become a permanent vital part of our life; and then burdens will lift, we have a hope that fadeth not away, and we in turn shall love him because he first loved us.

The name Hosea probably means "help", being derived from a Hebrew verb meaning "to save". The first three chapters of this book give us a vivid picture of Hosea's own personal tragic history, if we interpret them as an historical narrative. The picture which the prophet draws of the internal conditions of the kingdom in his day is a terible one. Society appears completely dissolved; and one deed of blood follows upon the heels of another.

RETURN TO GOD

Hos. 6:1. Come, and let us return unto Jehovah; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. 2. After two days will he revive us: on the third day he will raise us up and we shall live before him. 3. And let us know, let us follow on to know Jehovah; his going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth. Here the prophet pleads with wayward Israel to return unto the Lord, who, having punished them because of their transgressions, would in the hour of their sincere repentance heal their wounds, raise them up from the state of death, and bestow such a spiritual refreshing upon them as could be compared with the renewal of the earth after much-needed showers of rain.

JUDGMENT INEVITABLE

4. O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the dew that goeth early away. 5. And therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth; and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. 6. For I desire goodness, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings. 7. But they like Adam have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me. Ephraim is Hosea's familiar name for the kingdom of Israel, which consisted of the ten northern tribes. In the section we are now considering, it is the Lord himself speaking, through the lips of the prophet. He gives us a picture of God in difficulty because he cannot deal with man — not because of Israel's sin, but because of the come-and-go goodness of Israel.

THE FINAL PLEA

14:4. I will heal their backsliding and I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him. 5. I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. This God who is so near to us all brings with him elements of tender refreshment, which are like dew to revive hearts amid the wear and tear, the dust and weariness, of existence. 6. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon. The union of Christ and his people is closer than that between dew and plant. When we strike our roots deep into him, our branch also shall not wither, and our living shall be clean, and all that we do shall prosper. (The characteristic tree in Lebanon forest was the cedar which stands as the full type and emblem of stability and vigor. 7. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the grain, and blossom as the vine; the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Beauty strength and fruitfulness are set before us in this passage. 8. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have answered, and will regard him: I am like a green fir-tree; from me is thy fruit found. Many commentators believe that this verse should be read as a dialogue between Jehovah and repentent Israel. We are reminded of our Lord's words (John 15:4) — "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself," — etc.

WALK IN JEHOVAH'S WAYS

9. Who is wise, that he may understand these things? prudent, that he may know them? for the ways of Jehovah are right, and the just shall walk in them; but transgressors shall fall therein. The New Testament, when God's love for us is emphasized not only speaks of that love manifested toward us through Jesus Christ, God's Son, but brings out the truth that we fundamentally know God's love to us through Christ only because He died for us.

Endless Chain of War Supplies From England For France

Day after day, hour after hour, ships are loaded in England with troops, transport, ambulances, tanks, supplies, all bound for the battle lines at the west wall. Here we see a crane loading a truck on a freighter on the start of the trip to France.

Tiny Kitchen Is Handicap

Culinary Department Is Becoming Social Centre in The Modern Home

Home builders are cautioned by U. S. Federal Housing Administration officials not to condense the kitchen to make it too small for use. A kitchen can be efficient even if it is not as small as a Pullman-car kitchen.

Despite the fervor for "step-saving," a happy medium should be maintained between the Pullman kitchen and the old-fashioned kitchen.

DOES DOUBLE DUTY

The kitchen does duble duty. It serves as a cooking centre, and at the same time it is a storage place for dishes, utensils, cleaning materials and other household gadgets and equipment. Sufficient space for storage is of vital importance in the planning of a kitchen for a small-modern home.

The advent of the breakfast nook is rapidly turning the kitchen into a room of increasing social usage. For the quick breakfast or after-theatre snack the breakfast nook or "bar" as it is sometimes called is pretty hard to beat. Practically every modern home is equipped with a special spot for serving quick meals.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

SPRING ON THE RADIO

Now it's spring again — and soon will come the flowers, the grass, the shrubs, and the other things that display nature's beauty in the warm weather. Maybe you plan some garden changes this year — or would like some new plants. If you do we suggest you tune in Dick, the amateur gardener, heard from CKOC each weekday at 12:30 noon. Dick knows his flowers — and you might get a new idea for that arbour from his talks.

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One of the busiest men in radio these days is Eddie Anderson, Jack Benny's Rochester, in his Sunday night show.

Anderson has become so busy handling his radio and moving picture mail, and managing all the other Anderson enterprises, that he recently opened an office in Hollywood.

At that Rochester is one of the best comedians in radio, we think.

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APPRECIATED PROGRAM

Because a gentleman in New England has been listening with marked enjoyment to Canadian programs for some time, a Canadian soldier at Aldershot got a big box of cigarettes. And this is how it all came about. The listener in Massachusetts wrote a letter of appreciation to George Young, CBC's Regional Representative in the Maritimes, mentioning particularly "Appointment with Agostini", the Montreal feature, and the recently completed serial "Number 17" which starred Rupert Lucas from Toronto. As an added gesture of good neighbourliness, the fan sent a donation to buy smokes for Canadian soldiers. Geo. Young promptly despatched a package to Corporal Kenneth MacDougal, former radio man, now with the 48th Highlanders in England. And of course sent a letter to the kindly American cousin, telling him how his gift had been despatched.

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A fair contestant on Kay Kyser's program the other day gave the listeners a laugh. When asked the difference between a weasel and an easel, the blond beauty aid a weasel was a little man.

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Spotlight Dialing — Sundays, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, CBS-CBC at three . . . Songs Our Soldiers Sing from CKOC at 5:30 . . . Mark of the Duke from CBL-CKOC at ten . . . Mondays — The Happy Gang daily at one . . . Amos and Andy via CBS-CFRB at seven . . . With the Troops from the CBC network at 8:30 . . . Tuesdays — News From Everywhere via CKOC daily at 6:15 . . . Johnny Green and his boys from the NBC-Red network at eight . . . . Symphony Hour from the CBC stations at ten . . . Thursdays, Talk of the Town, this week from Dunnville, from CKOC at 6:45 . . . Waltz Serenade over the CBC at seven . . . Glen Gray's Casa Loma Orchestra from WOR-Mutual at 9:15 . . . Saturdays — Good Deed Club from CKOC at 9:45 a.m. . . . Topical Commentary on the CBC at 7:45 in the evening, and the NBC Symphony heard in Ontario from CBL - CKOC - CBC at ten p.m.

Pigs' Different Mental Traits

Scientific Study Penetrates Porkers' Minds — Self-Fed Pig Happiest

The Institute of American Meat Packers now has penetrated the mind of the pig.

It is declared by T. H. Zeller, senior animal husbandman, and N. R. Ellis, senior chemist, in the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, that there is apparently a distinct difference in the mental attitude of a pig fed by hand by its owner and that of one self-fed away from human society. According to the latest Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture:

A self-fed pig seems to be more satisfied, seldom grunting or squealing, whereas the pig that is hand-fed is usually squealing for feed at various intervals between feedings.

BETTER PORK PRODUCERS

The self-fed pig eats more daintily and oftener than the hand-fed pig, and is assumed to be a more efficient pork producer than the pig handicapped by hand feeding. His sense of self-sufficiency, his gratification derived from independence, his exercise of power establish a serenity of mind that promotes assimilation. Man, proud Man, is not too arrogant to take lessons from the buzzy bee, the pertinacious ant, the sagacious elephant; he might find something worth considering in that interesting fellow creature of whose tail George Herbert said you can never make a good shaft.

Farm Forum

(Conducted by Prof. Henry G. Bell, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, assisted by other members of the O.A.C. faculty)

A Farmer Plans His Spring Work

While modern aids to agriculture have taken much of the guess out of "What will the harvest be?" spring on the farm is always an adventure, when one contemplates the mystery of life as it bursts forth anew in herb and tree.

In Preparation

John Brown believes in being prepared, and his spring campaign began with the careful overhauling of his combination grain and fertilizer drill, making sure that the working parts were clean and movable. As an added precaution he applied some coal-oil to the mechanism and then a few drops of lubricating oil. Next, he and his helper got the fanning mill going and cleaned the seed grain, treating it afterwards with the ethyl mercury phosphate dust as a protection against smut and root rots.

Fertilizer Program

John's fertilizer porgram was planned during his winter leisure hours and confided to the writer, B. Leslie Emslie, who had to admit that he could find no flaw in it. The soil of John Brown's farm is a medium to heavy loam, and he has found a 2-16-6 fertilizer more satisfactory than 2-12-6 for grain crops. When seeding down he applies it at the rate of about 250 lbs. per acre, though this year he considers that a slightly heavier application is warranted.

Application of Manure

On the Brown farm there is usually a plentiful supply of barnyard manure, and a large portion of this goes on the corn land, while some is applied to the new seeding and the remainder on the smaller areas where potatoes, mangels and garden stuff are grown.

The corn land receives a liberal dressing of manure which has been reinforced with phosphate in the stable, but for good measure John supplements this with about 200 lbs. of 2-12-6 fertilizer per acre and always fills the silo with some to spare.

His decision to fertilize a 10-acre pasture field this spring completes the programme, and John Brown is all set for the season.

Loss From Weeds Found Very Heavy

The loss to Canadian farmers by weeds is practically impossible to estimate correctly, but the amount must approximate every year or more than 70 million dollars. To learn the most effective and least expensive methods of weed eradication, many experiments are in progress, superintended by the Field Husbandry Division of the Dominion Experimental Farms Service.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

IT is known that the sense of smell is highly developed in fish, and it is believed that this sense, combined with that of touch, plays a much greater role in the securing of food than does the sight sense. The latter sense of fish seems to be limited more or less to the perception of changing lights and shadows.

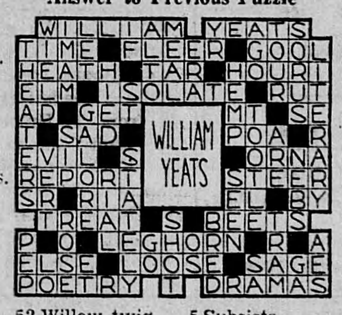
NEXT: What is the average area of the 48 states?

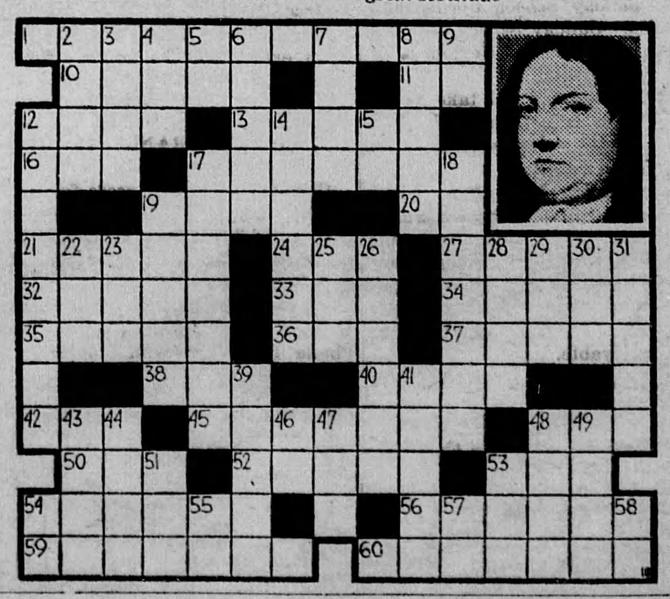
PIONEER COLONIST

HORIZONTAL
1 Pictured founder of Pennsylvania.
10 To lift up.
11 Each.
12 To gasp.
13 Branch.
16 Conjunction.
17 Compendiums.
19 To ogle.
20 Spain.
21 Low caste Hindu.
24 To sup.
27 Hoisted taut up.
32 Resin.
33 To piece out.
34 To wake from sleep.
35 Dubbed.
36 The deep.
37 Genus of shrubs.
38 Thing.
40 Gaiter.
42 To undermine
45 Puffed up.
48 Garden tool.
50 Genus of rodents.
52 Willow twig.
53 Uncle.
54 Two-edged sword.
56 Correlative of drawer.
59 He received a —— from Charles II of Great Britain.
60 He was a —— (pl.).

VERTICAL
2 Persia.
3 Earth.
4 Kindled.
5 Subsists.
6 Nest of a bird of prey.
7 Fruit.
8 Robins' homes
9 North America.
12 He received this colony in —— of a debt (pl.).
14 Concurs.
15 You and me.
17 Scoffs at.
18 Person of great fortitude
19 More crippled.
22 Seed wing.
23 Skirt edge.
25 Hop bush.
26 Contrivance to raise nap.
28 Any wrongful act.
29 To regret.
30 Distinctive theory.
31 He was a believer in ——.
39 Bound by oath.
41 Lost to view.
43 Oriental nurse
44 Insect's larval stage.
46 Bone.
47 Mouth part.
48 A hollow.
49 Sheaf.
51 Courtesy title.
53 Tree bearing acorns.
54 Red Cross.
55 And.
57 Sun god.
58 Electrical unit

Answer to Previous Puzzle





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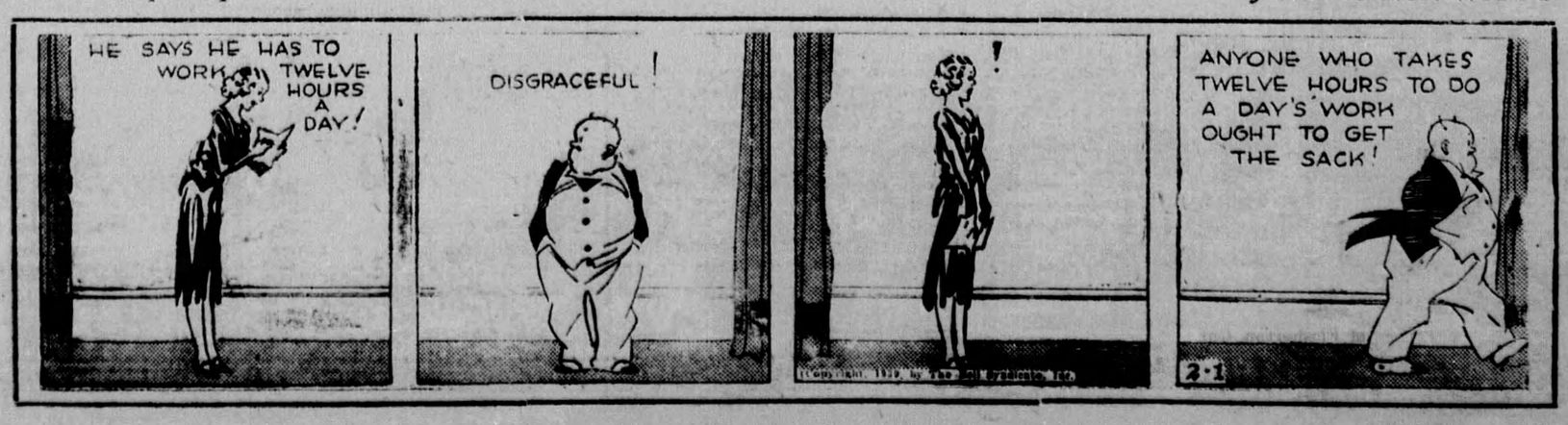
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