SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON V
ISAIAH GIVES GOD'S INVITATION
Isaiah 55
Printed Text, Isa. 55:1-11
Golden Text — "Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near." Isa. 55:6.

LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — Not definitely given, but probably about 701 B.C.

Place — Jerusalem.

The things talked about in this lesson are the things which all men in every age most deeply long for, and strive for, — joy in their own hearts, prosperity in their lives and in their nation, and abiding peace. These are the things that God wants men to have, but they can be permanently possessed only if the way of the Lord here unfolded is followed.

INVITATION TO DISILLUSIONED

Isa. 55: 1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Three inescapable realities, existing in the soul of every man without God, are here set forth in strikingly picturesque and symbolic language: man is described as thirsting, as hungry, and as having exhausted his resources upon those things which failed to bring the satisfaction he expected from them. With this divinely accurate analysis of man's innermost needs are also announced God's abundant ability and gracious willingness to supply these needs freely; for the thirsty there is water; for the hungry wine, milk and bread; and for those who have spent their money for the things which failed to satisfy, joy and peace for their hearts.

In almost every word of these two verses God's love for man, and God's desire that man should be saisfied, God's knowledge of man's restlessness and dissatisfactions appear; the whole of the second verse is a great plea on the part of God with man to no longer expend his money on the things that never satisfy, but to receive freely by grace, from him, his bounteous gifts, that their souls should delight themselves in fatness.

EXHORTATION TO ISRAEL

3. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your souls shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. 4. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples a leader and commander to the peoples.

5. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not; and a nation that knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of Jehovah thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. No doubt this particular paragraph refers more particularly to the nation of Israel as a whole than to individuals, though of course, a nation is only made up of individuals, and cannot do anything good or evil except through the actions and words of the individuals in the nation.

There is a backward look here to Israel's great and glorious king, David, with whom the Lord had made a deeply significant covenant in the early days of his life..

SEEK THE LORD

6. Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: 7. let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Here is the very center of our wonderful chapter — the climax, as it were, of the gracious invitations here extended by an infinitely loving God. Four things God asks man to do: to seek the Lord, to call upon the Lord, to forsake the ways of wickedness, to return to the Lord. Four things God promises if man will do what God asks: if he seeks the Lord, he will find him; if he calls upon the Lord, he will be heard; if he forsakes his way and returns unto the Lord, God will have mercy upon him; and God will abundantly pardon him.

8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah. 9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. God's way of dealing with sin is lifted above all human example. It surpasses all our own thoughts. God's pardon is undisturbed and unhindered by any sense of personal resentment, though sin is an offense against him; in its freeness, fullness, his pardon melts away also that which it forgives.

10. For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; 11. so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The rain never descends in vain. It makes the earth fertile, beautiful, and lovely. So would it be with God's truth in the moral world.

When the Nazis Marched Into Denmark

A Danish policeman, LEFT, can do nothing but watch peacefully as latest Hitler-engineered "Blitzkrieg" that turned the theatre of war, to Denmark submitted meekly to the military might of Germany in the German soldiers, RIGHT, march into the city of Aalborg, Denmark.

Would Conserve Resources Here

Canadian Scientists Organize To Save Our Birds, Animals, Fish, Forests, Water Supply From Depletion

A new onslaught is to be made against the forces which are decimating Canada's natural resources, it was disclosed following a recent meeting of Canadian scientists at Queen's University.

The Canadian Conservation Association was brought into being at this meeting. Among its founders was Prof. V. C. Wynne-Edwards, of the department of zoology at McGill University, and B. W. Taylor, Quebec provincial biologist and director of fish culture.

EXPERTS WORK ON IT

One of the first objects of the association will be to obtain accurate information on all the sporting and conservation groups of the Dominion. The association hopes to act as an advisory body for the whole of Canada on problems of conservation involving birds, animals, fish, forests, and, as well, the problems of soil and water conservation, which are important in some parts of Canada.

The association has a limited membership and includes sportsmen, biologists, foresters, engineers and other experts, as well as members of the civil service. Its membership is drawn from every province. The president is Dr. John D. Detwiler, of London, Ont.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

FROM THE OLD LAND

Everyone enjoys the robust humour of the British Variety Halls —and lately the radio stations are featuring more of the peppy songs and broad gags from Lunnon Town. While several excellent programs of this kind are featured during the week — three in particular stand out in our opinion.

First, Revuedeville from CKOC on Sundays at 2.30 is worth a half-hour of anyone's time in our opinion — and a close runner-up is the Let's All Go To the Music Hall show on the CBC chain from Toronto on Saturday nights at 9.30.

Both of these shows feature well-known British stars in songs and stories — that sparkle!

Then there's a good variety show direct from the Old Land on Saturday afternoon at three — when the BBC offer the Garrison Theatre. With all these, and others in a similar vein, Old Country folk need never feel lonesome.

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NEW RADIO GAME

WOR, the Mutual Network station in New York, is always coming up with a new idea for a radio game — and their latest is one that is both educational and entertaining. Dr. Henry Lee Smith, of the Faculty of Columbia University, is Master of Ceremonies on the program — Where Are You From? And believe it or not, Dr. Smith, from your pronounciations, or dialect if you like, tells you where you came from and received your education.

On each question Dr. Smith explains just what in the statement his guest has made, led him to his decision — and seven times out of ten Dr. Smith is right.

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For the women, the Columbia Chain has a smart morning program each day at 9.30, when Adelaide Hawley takes the air with the Women's Page. A woman who knows the things women would like to do — tells you how to do them best.

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Classics by the masters are presented Monday and Friday afternoons at 3.30 from CKOC, when Music You Want is featured. The finest in music makes this feature program a treat for radio listeners.

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SPOTLIGHT DIALING — Sunday — Adventures of Ellery Queen, detective, from the Columbia network at 7.30 . . . Sweet and Low via CBC at 11.30 . . . Tuesday — Fred Waring in Pleasure Time on NBC-Red at seven . . . Montreal orchestra from CBC at ten . . . England Dances via CKOC at 11.15 . . . Hit Parade from Mutual on the dot of midnight . . . Thursday — Talk of the Town, 8.15 from CKOC . . . Shadow of the Swastika from CBL at nine . . . Florence Wyman, soprano, from NBC-Blue at 10.30 . . . Friday — Hill Top House from CBS at 4.30 . . . Poland's Constitutional Day on CBC at 7.45 . . . 13th Overseas Battalion band on CKOC at 8.30 . . . Canadian Heritage, CBL at 10.30 . . Saturday — The Garrison Theatre from BBC via CBC at three . . . Percy LeSueur in the sports world at 7.30 . . . Let's Go To The Music Hall from CBL at 9.30.

The Wild West Deglamorized

McGill Study Leaves Us Only the Wide Open Spaces to Conjure With — No Real Cowboys

Devotees of wild west films and literature are due for a distinct shock when they read the latest volume from McGill University, entitled "Pioneering in the Prairie Provinces." It is the joint work of Dr. C. A. Dawson, head of the department of sociology at McGill and Miss Eva R. Younge, research assistant in the department of social research. The book is one of a series of nine on the general topic "Canadian Frontiers of Settlement."

The "wild and woolly West" is deglamorized to the 'nth degree in this latest sociological study, a product of several years research work in the Prairie Provinces. The volume humorously points out: "Scenes are still enacted and deeds are celebrated in song by cowboys and cowgirls, many of whom have never been west of Brooklyn or Toronto."

HARD TO MAKE LIVING

Under the heading "Typical Communities in Action," the volume states that "the favorite social gathering is the dance," and "in the summer-time the big event is the annual sports day." No mention is made of the colorful round-up, but there is detailed description of the task of making a living and of the trials and difficulties which face pioneers and their descendants in building up the fabric of communal life. The highlight of the "progress" it seems, is the mounting load of debt as living standards go upward.

Farm Notes . . .

Beauty Culture For Farm Homes

In a remarkable address by Mr. C. H. Hodge, editor of the Farmer's Magazine, Toronto, on the occasion of a recent meeting of the Quebec Horticultural Federation, in Montreal, the topic was the beautification of farm homes in Ontario. With the aid of coloured lantern slides the speaker described the transformation of the homes of those who entered competitions sponsored by his paper.

As Mr. Hodge expressed it, we owe to our children the enduring memory of an attractive home, one that in after years they can recall with pleasure and pride.

Mr. Hodge showed how marvellously the appearance of a farm home can be improved by a little trimming and painting, by tidying up around it, giving some care to the lawn and especially by planting flowers. The other day the writer heard of a man who offered a house for sale at $3000.00 and found no bidder. He then spent $40.00 on a paint job and sold the house easily for $4000.00.

Surroundings of the Home

The Ontario Crop Improvement Association has for its slogan: "Better rural conditions through crop improvement." It is a strange anomaly that many a farmer who takes great pleasure and pride in his thriving field crops, cultivated and fertilized with consumate care, is indifferent to the immediate surroundings of the farm house. Thanks to Mr. Hodge, it may now be said that "the old order changeth, yielding place to new."

Plans Are Laid For 1941 Census

War or peace, the decennial census of Canada will be taken on the schedule in 1941. Officials of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics are busy preparing for the counting of heads and the compilation of hundreds of volumes of figures which give a complete picture of the growth of Canada in wealth and in population.

On June 2, 1941, some 16,000 enumerators will start ringing doorbells from coast to coast, asking questions and filling in the answers on big sheets of paper.

They will count, not only the men, women and children in Canada, but the horses, cows, pigs, sheep and poultry. They will note racial origin, religion, occupation, age, wages, employment or lack of employment, livestock and acreage in crop on farms.

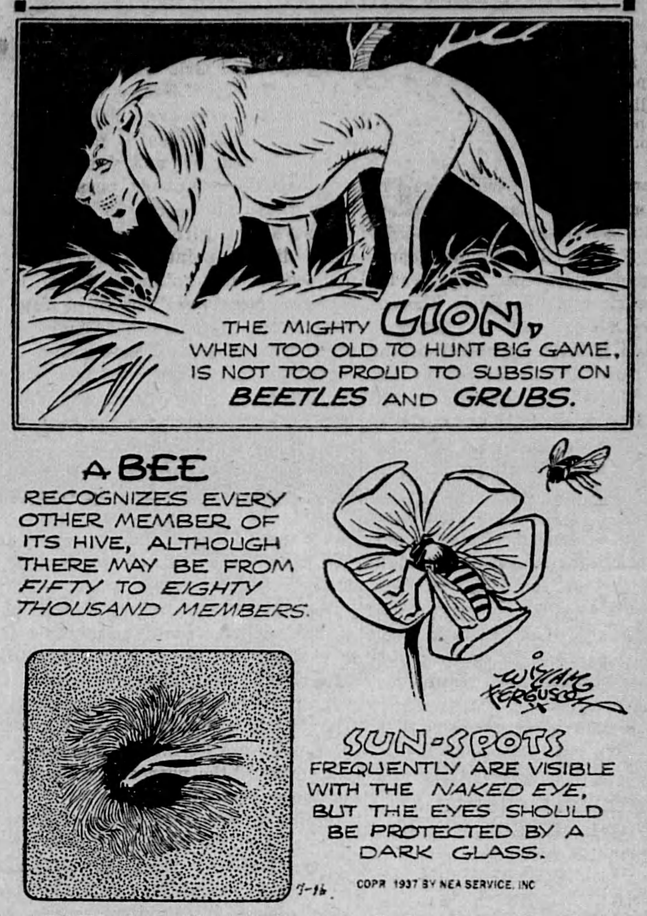
BETWEEN 11,000,000 AND 12,000,000

Population of Canada at the last census, in 1931, was 10,376,000. Since then it has been increasing at the rate of about 100,000 a year, according to estimates based on the births and deaths, immigration and emigration. So the next census probably will show a population of between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000.

Most notable changes will be shown in the increases in particular districts, cities and towns. The mining area of Northwestern Quebec, for instance, will report many thousands of people where there were only hundreds in 1931.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



EACH colony of bees has its own particular odor, and any strange bee is detected at once and driven out. If a hive is divided, a difference develops in the odors of the two colonies and within one week's time the insects are total strangers.

NEXT: Is robbing the nest of a migratory bird a violation of the law?

IMPORTANT INVENTOR

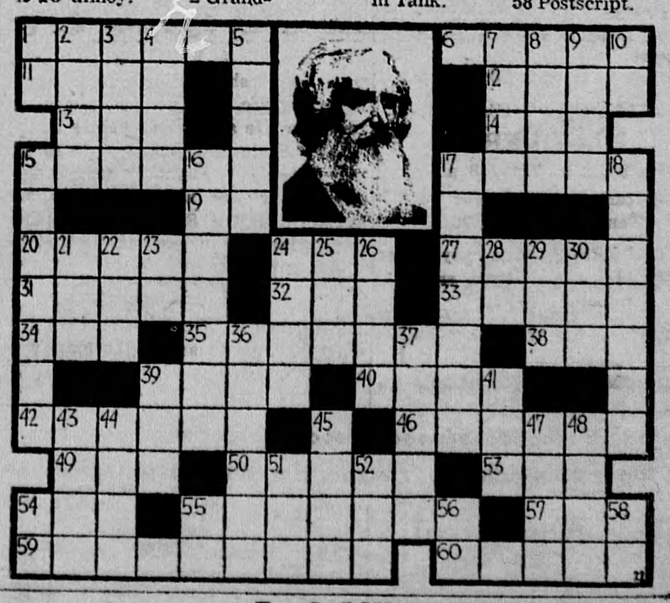
HORIZONTAL

1, 6 Pictured communication inventor.
11 Always.
12 Tanning vessels.
13 Barley spikelet.
14 Large ratite bird.
15 Alleviates.
17 Life principle.
19 Preposition.
20 Compound ether.
24 Grain.
27 Heron.
31 Spherical.
32 Falsehood.
33 Trophical mammal.
34 Wayside hotel.
35 To enliven.
38 Aeriform fuel.
39 Grew old.
40 Boys.
42 Maltreats.
46 Rental contracts.
49 To annoy.
50 To divorce the wife.
53 Sea gull.
54 An axil.
55 Long outer garment.
57 To hew.
59 He invented the —— in last century.
60 His signal —— is still in use (pl.).

VERTICAL

1 Southeast.
2 Grand-parental.
3 To squall.
4 Liquid measure.
5 Slightest.
7 Above.
8 Incarnation of Vishnu.
9 To stupefy.
10 Electric term.
15 His native land.
16 Use of a cattle yard.
17 To go before in rank.
18 He was also an —— (pl.).
21 Male child.
22 Large cask.
23 Half an em.
24 Fetid.
25 Intention.
26 Wild duck.
28 Energy.
29 Tatter.
30 Greek letter.
36 Animal that nests.
37 Converses.
39 To question.
41 Membranous bag.
43 Liver fluid.
44 Russian mountains.
45 To slide.
47 Vended.
48 Tree yielding oil.
51 Wing.
52 To burn into ashes.
54 Position in time.
55 Portugal.
56 For example.
58 Postscript.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



POP—Flying Speed

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