SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON VII
JESUS TEACHES FORGIVENESS AND GRATITUDE
Luke 17.
PRINTED TEXT, Luke 17: 1-4, 11-19

GOLDEN TEXT—Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4: 32.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—All the events spoken of in this chapter occurred between January and March, A.D. 30.

Place.—The teaching and the prophetic utterances of Christ in this chapter were given in Peraea; the miracle of the healing of the ten lepers occurred near the border of Samaria.

The first two verses of the lesson might be found easily the most practical of the entire chapter. In them we are taught a lesson we all need to have continually emphasized in our own hearts and lives—namely, the terrible condemnation which God will mete out to those who cause the followers of Christ, the children of God, to stumble, to fall into sin.

Offending the Little Ones

Luke 17: 1. "And he said unto his disciples, It is impossible but that occasions of stumbling should come; but woe unto him, through whom they come; 2. It were well for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble." What a large branch of a tree would prove to a traveller driving forty miles an hour down a highway, if thrown suddenly across his path, is what an occasion of stumbling would be to anyone in the moral realm. The verse implies that we have a direct influence over other people, more extensive in some people than in others but, nevertheless, definite and direct. Furthermore, we are responsible for the influence which we exert upon other people; the Lord will certainly hold us responsible when we cause other people to stumble in walking the road of life. By the phrase "these little ones," our Lord refers probably not only to children, but to the children of God and especially to those who have just begun their Christian life, or those who are, as it were, still weak in their faith.

Forgiveness Seven Times

3, 4. Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother sin, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he sin against thee seven times in the day, and seven times turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him." There are two specific injunctions in these two verses: we are to rebuke those who have mistreated us; if they repent, we are to forgive them. By rebuking others, our Lord means we are to first point out the fact of the sin itself, and then, secondly, we are to reveal tactfully to this person how deadly the guilt of that sin is. Forgiveness is based on the man's repentance. If the man shall sin seven times, and say he repents, we are to forgive him. Better to secure the sanctity and beauty of our own character by being ready to forgive seven times, even though the man is not sincere, than by refusing forgiveness to a truly repentant soul, be in danger of becoming a stumbling block in his way.

Miracle of Healing

11. "And it came to pass, as they were on the way to Jerusalem, that he was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee.

12. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off: 13. and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. 14. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed."

What we are particularly interested in in this passage is the strange command of Christ to these Lepers that they should go and show themselves unto the priests. In the first place there is here, a keen trial of faith. With no signs of restoration as yet upon them, they were bidden to do that which implied they were perfectly restored, in their prompt obedience, they declared plainly that some weak beginnings of faith were working in them.

Where Are The Others?

15. "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God; 16. and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17. And Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine? 18. Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger?" The others were perhaps afraid that now the Master would have a claim upon them and would begin to press it. He who had given them their health might demand their loyalty; and they were not ready to yield it. They may have felt their Benefactor was no longer necessary to them now that the pressure of urgent want was past.

19. "And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." The nine, too, were healed—but their faith produced nothing more. This man's trust remained, brought the fruit of gratitude and was on the way to still more. This man was on the way to full salvation.

Ring of Steel Guards Britain From Invasion

Expert opinion is practically unanimous that an invasion of Britain will be attempted this spring or summer. The same experts concede that it will be a costly undertaking, for Britain is prepared now as she never was before. Around her shores are powerful guns, tank traps and other devices that are designed to make it uncomfortable for trespassers. Not the least important in the steel ring of defences are the batteries of mobile howitzers held in readiness at various strategic points whence they can be rushed to any part of the defence lines that need strengthening. ABOVE you see some of these stubby, but powerful guns in transit and in firing position. At TOP, a howitzer mounted on its mobile carriage being taken over a snowy road. CENTRE, unloading the gun at its position. BOTTOM, a battery all ready to shower out the "welcoming confetti."

Public Health Nurses Scarce

Victorian Order In Canada Needs More Graduates For This Service

A two-month course each year in public health nursing, for graduate nurses interested in the work, is helping to meet a "scarcity" of public health nurses, Miss Maude Hall, acting chief superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses says.

Mis Hall, speaking at a meeting of the executive council of the Order, said the course is given at Toronto and Montreal. The course was given in 1940 and another group is expected to enrol this year.

Graduates are employed by the Order, on the understanding that they take a further advanced public health nursing course at a university within two years. At the completion of this course, the nurses continue their work with the Victorian Order.

Onion Brings $12.42 At Wartime Auction

An onion auctioned at a football match brought $12.42 for the Sheffield, England, War Fund.

Onions, very scarce over there now, have a controlled price of about 10 cents a pound.

Farm Notes . . .

Spray Calendars Now Obtainable

The 1941 Ontario Department of Agriculture Spray Calendars for apples, pears, stone fruits, bush fruits, and vegetable protection are just off the press and available at the offices of Agricultural Representatives. They may also be obtained free of charge by writing direct to the Fruit Branch, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto.

The spray calendar for apples contains seven illustrations and in addition to the regular sprays, outlines special sprays for bud moth, rosy aphid, green aphid, leaf rollers and European red mite. There is also a special spray schedule for orchards heavily infested with codling moth.

No fruit grower should be without the two spray calendars for (1) apples and (2) stone fruits and bush fruits.

The vegetable protection calendar lists both field and greenhouse pests and methods of control. It should prove a boon to every vegetable grower in the province.

Our Blind Spot

Everyone is partially blind. That is to say, there is a small "blind spot" in every human eye. You can test it for yourself by making two black spots on a sheet of paper, about eyes-width apart. Hold the paper at arm's length, close one eye and stare fixedly at one spot. You will be able to see both of them. Now slowly move the paper nearer to your face, still staring at one spot. At a certain point the other spot will completely vanish from sight. The brain is slow to "wipe off" an image which the eye has recorded. If you stare at a bright red spot for a while, then glance up at the ceiling, you will see the same spot apparently floating in the air, but it will appear green instead. When you go to the cinema, you do not see actual "moving" pictures, but a rapid succession of still pictures, each slightly different from the previous one. There is a momentary black-out between each, but the brain is not quick enough to observe it, and this "retention of vision" produces the illusion of movement.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

WAR PROGRAMS

Friday nights at nine the All-Star War Savings Program is featured on the Canadian coast to coast network bringing listeners good music, excellent drama, novelties and outstanding Canadian speakers.

Sunday evenings, we find some of the finest dramatic pieces ever staged by Canadian radio, offered to the radio audience by the Theatre of Freedom. Under the capable direcion of Rupert Lucas, of Shakespearian fame, the Theatre of Freedom is heard at 9.30 p.m. each Sabbath. Plays from the pen of Galsworthy,, Shelley, Shaw, Ibsen, Drinkwater, Vansittart and other great writers will be featured in this series.

You are invited to enjoy these shows and listen to the message they bring.

AROUND THE DIAL

You can always enjoy the hit tunes of the day by dialing in the Rhythm and Style program, heard from CKOC each Sunday afternoon at 1.15. This program is an outstanding popular music feature starring Alec Randolph and his musical group, and Ray Bloch and his Swing Fourteen, vocalists extraordinary. The unusual combination gives Rhythm and Style a modern flavor when bringing you the newest in tunes.

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Ruth Paige's chatty comment for women, now is brought to WEBR listeners at a new time — ten o'clock each weekday morning. Petite Miss Paige has a smartly styled show that includes shopping suggestions, household helps, peppy tunes and notes on women in the news.

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The Light Up and Listen Club, a CFRB feature each evening at 7.15, is still one of the bright spots in Canadian radio, and worth fifteen minutes of anyone's time.

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And for lovers of good music, the NBC Symphony Saturday night at 10.35, is still the tops. This program is heard in this part of Ontario from CKOC.

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RADIO RIVALS

The radio listening public is certainly faithful to its airlane favorites. Once again, Jack Benny has been chosen favorite air comic for the eighth consecutive year — while Helen Hayes is again the number one dramatic star, and the perennial Guy Lombardo is again the favorite band leader.

Fred Allen's Star Theatre now rates as the chief rival to the Benny program, with Fred Waring's show listed as the best fifteen minute program. The fall of the mighty is exhibited in Charlie McCarthy's drop from near the top to ninth place. Other well-known shows that rated near the top were Information Please, Bob Hope, the Bing Crosby Hour, Fibber McGee and Molly, the Philharmonic Orchestra and the Monday Radio Theatre.

Advice Given About Flowers

Should Improve On Our Own Native Varieties Which Are Used to American Climate

Many of Canada's most beautiful flowers and plants were native American wild flowers which were bred and beautified by Europeans, "something of which we should be ashamed," Henry Teuscher, director of technical services at the Montreal Botanical Gardens, declared last week in a lecture given in co-operation with the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

"Not only should we ourselves be able to recognize the beauty of our American wild flowers before a European plant breeder improves them and sells them back to us, but we would get much better results with improved varieties which were bred here in America and were adapted to our climatic conditions," he said.

A point brought out by Mr. Teuscher was that "contrary to the common belief none of the Goldenrods ever did or ever could cause hayfever."

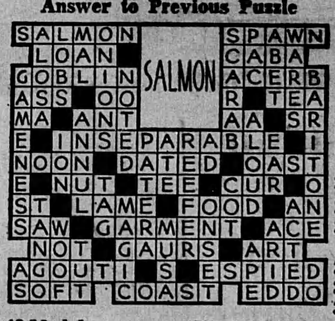
IN LIGHTER VEIN: "Boy, was his face red! . . ."

FAMOUS SCIENTIST

HORIZONTAL

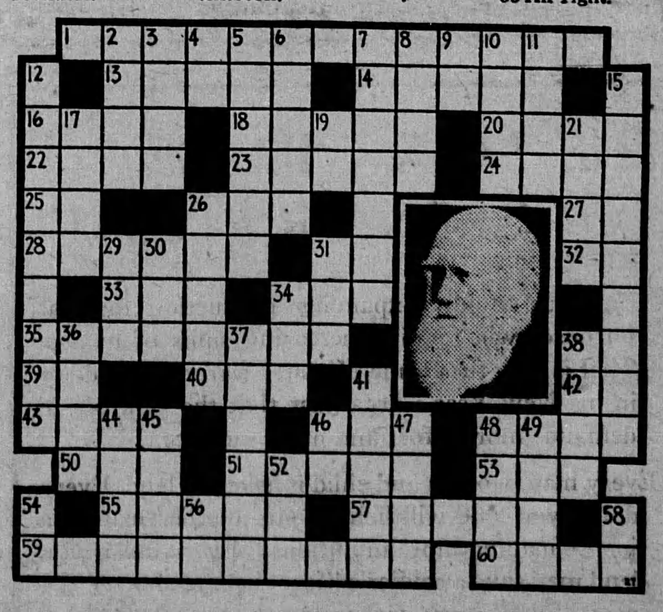
1 Scientist who wrote "The Origin of Species."
13 With might.
14 Trees.
16 The whole range.
18 Surface.
20 Kind of singing voice.
22 Baker in a stove.
23 Renown.
24 Genuine.
25 Note in scale.
26 Corpulent.
27 Ell.
28 Overcoat.
31 Point.
32 Behold.
33 To be indebted.
34 Sloths.
35 Lazy.
38 Musical note.
39 Yellow bird.
40 Sneaky.
42 Either.
43 Model.
46 Taxi.
48 Cheats.
50 Born.
51 To coat with tin.
53 Very high mountain.
55 To entangle.
57 Consumers.
59 He was an author and —— by profession.
60 His —— is still used as a textbook.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

2 Healthy.
3 Last word of a prayer.
4 Sun god.
5 Threadlike.
6 To represent.
7 Leaves.
8 To instigate.
9 Rest.
10 To be consumed.
11 Island.
12 His theory is called the theory of ——.
15 He has many adherents or ——.
17 Egg-shaped.
19 Plural (abbr.).
21 Chinese money.
26 Touches.
29 Turf.
30 One plus one.
31 Hole.
34 Some.
36 Midday.
37 Wing covers.
38 Boisterous play.
41 Hand.
44 To slumber.
45 Bill of fare.
46 Credit.
47 Most beneficent.
48 Feather.
49 Too.
52 Measure of length.
54 Upon.
56 Measure of area.
58 All right.



POP — Shut Off the Heat

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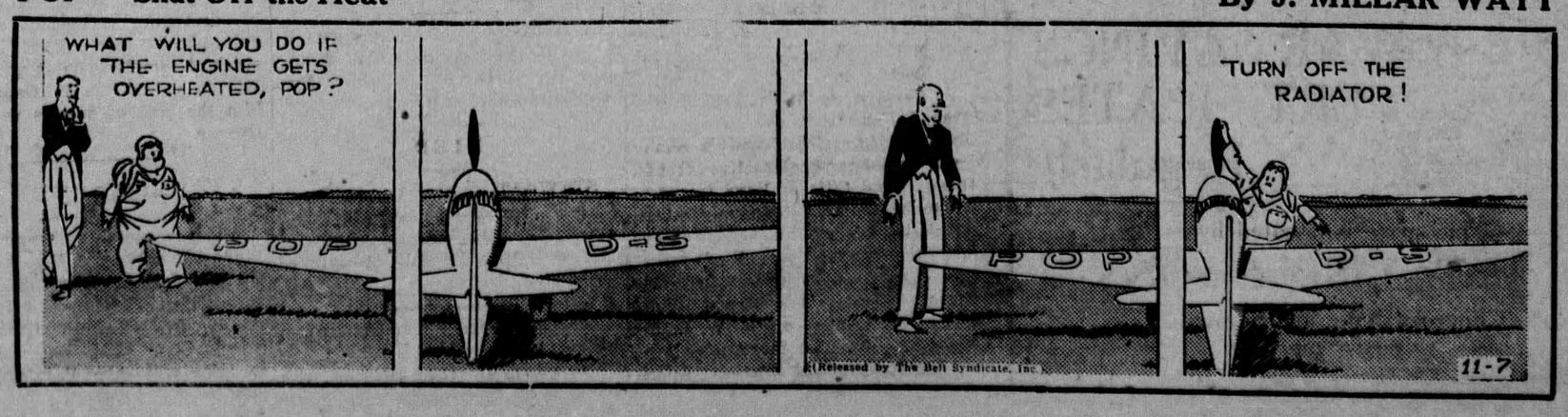

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