SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON IV

THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRES NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Gal. 1:11, 12; I Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Pet. 3:14-16; Jude 3

GOLDEN TEXT—**Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness.** 2 Tim. 3:16.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time. — The Epistle to the Galatians was written about A.D. 58. The first Epistle to the Thessalonians was written about A.D. 54. The two Epistles to Timothy were written at the end of Paul's life—perhaps A.D. 65 or 66. The Second Epistle of Peter was written approximately at the same time—A.D. 66; while the Epistle of Jude was also written between A.D. 65 and 70.

Place.—Galatia was one of the great provinces of Asia Minor in Paul's day. Thessalonica was a city located in what we would call northern Greece, then known as Macedonia. The designation of 2 Peter and Jude are not given in these respective epistles.

Paul's Gospel Inspired

Gal. 1:11. "For I make known to you, brethren, as touching the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not after man. 12. For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ." The Apostle Paul is here defending the supremacy of his message over all false teaching, which had been brought into the Galatian Churches by Judaizers and by those who were mixing works with the truth of salvation by grace. Verse eleven might be said to present the negative side of the question—his Gospel did not come from men; the twelfth verse presents the positive side—it came to him through revelation of Jesus Christ.

How Thessalonians Received It

I Thess. 2:13. "And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe." Paul had himself preached to the Thessalonian Church, a record of which is found in Acts 17:1-0. The First Epistle to the Thessalonians is the first epistle, as far as we know, that Paul ever wrote as an apostle to one of the great Christian Churches of his day. He is commending the Thessalonians for receiving his message not as one based on human speculation, on man's wisdom, but as one given to him by God, though spoken through mortal lips. Paul was but the instrument, God was the primary author and origin.

The experience of the Apostle Paul with the Thessalonians ought to be, even if in a lesser degree, the experience of all true ministers of the Word of God, as they stand before their people to preach.

His Doctrine of Inspiration

It is interesting to note that in Paul's last three epistles, the two to Timothy, and the one to Titus, he speaks more often of faith, of teaching, of doctrine, of the truth, of the Word, of Scripture, than in any other part of any of his writings of similar length. It is quite significant that the greatest statement Paul ever made about the Word of God, he makes here at the end of his life, a conclusion resulting from long years of absolute devotion to Christ, and the Word of God.

Towards Complete Lives

2 Tim. 3:14. "But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them. 15, and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16. Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness." Of course this passage refers primarily to the Old Testament Scriptures. If the Old Testament is inspired, how much more so the New, which records the very words and acts of the Saviour Himself, and was written by those who companied with the Lord, or were in fellowship with those who did. "17. That the man of God may be complete, furnished complete unto every good work." Verse sixteen tells us that the Word of God is inspired, and what it can do for us, but verse seventeen tells us that all these things are to the end that we, belonging to God, may be complete in our lives and equipped for every good work.

Peter's Testimony

Peter 3:14. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight. 15. And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; 16. As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures unto their own destruction."

The apostle has just been speaking of the coming of the Lord, and especially of those who, in a scoffing way, insisted that the Lord was not coming because thus far they had not seen Him. But, says Peter, the day of the Lord will come. If such is so, and righteousness is to reign at his coming, and we are to be in a new world by His grace, then we ought to give diligence to our personal life. These things, said the Apostle Peter, Paul himself, their beloved brother had unfolded in some of his epistles, which, he admitted, were quite hard to understand, and yet should be understood by the help of the Holy Spirit.

Contending for the Faith

Jude 3: 3. "Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write unto you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints." If, then, we have in our hands not only an inspired Word from God, but the only inspired Word that God has given to men, permanently recorded in writing, how tragic if this Word should be lost, if its glory should be minimized, if its truths should be perverted, or twisted, or denied.

U.S. Flag Flies Over London Roof Tops

Old Glory is getting to be a common sight in England. Above, it is being raised over typical London rooftops.

Television Arrives

On July 1 television became a commercial actuality in the United States. The Federal Communications Commission removed the ban it had imposed on the ground that television had been sufficiently developed to protect prospective buyers of receiving sets. Two New York stations were ready to start, with 20 others preparing in various parts of the country.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

INSTINCT plays a great part in the lives of the so-called lower animals, but experiments have convinced most naturalists that they do have limited capacities for thinking. The fact that dogs dream indicates the possession of imagination.

NEXT: The hearth fire that has been burning for 147 years.

SCOUTING...

Each summer Boy Scouts in various parts of the Dominion are called upon to help search for lost persons. One of the first calls this summer came to the Scouts of Bobcaygeon, Ont., to assist in the search for a woman cottager who had disappeared in swamp and bush land crossed by numerous creeks. She was found where she had fallen down the side of a small ravine, suffering injuries which prevented her moving.

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When Montreal High School entered the local National Salvage drive, Patrol Leader Teddy Stanley of the school's Boy Scout Troop brought in one of the biggest contributions, in a double sense. This was the 400 pounds of tinfoil he had been saving in order to secure an artificial arm from a firm advertising such a project. He had suffered amputation as the result of an infection.

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Two London Boy Scouts, Patrol Leader Jack Olden and Patrol Second Dennis Edwards, were on fire watching duty in their district when one of the last heavy Nazi bombing raids occurred. At 2 o'clock in the morning they were in the thick of the fight to quench incendiary bombs.

At 3 a.m. a new and heavier wave of bombs, high explosives and incendiaries, fell further down the street. One incendiary had gone through to the basement of a dentist's premises and lodged in a cupboard. When the two Scouts arrived the fire was blazing furiously, but they attacked it with their stirrup pumps and sand, and eventually succeeded in putting it out.

Then they made their way to a burning school, where they took over the hose and tackled the fire while the firemen attacked the blaze in a hall next door.

Next, seeing a blaze on the roof of a five-storey building, they climbed in through a window and made their way to the top. No hand-pumps were available there, but they found some buckets. With these they ran down to the lower floor for water, and hastened back, up a ladder, through a trap door to the roof.

The incendiary bombs were still falling, and the boys turned to "roof hopping," sanding out bombs as fast as they fell. In this they outstripped the men. Several times the blasts and vibration from high-explosive bombs nearly blew them from the roof tops.

At 6.30 a.m. two weary Scouts went home for a wash and breakfast before going to their office jobs for a day's work.

Reduce Car Speed To Save Gasoline

Record of Consumption of Gas on Slow Drive Shows Vast Difference From Record on Fast Drive

A letter from a reader of the Ottawa Journal gives proof of the importance of speed in consumption of gasoline by motor vehicles.

This reader drove a new car to Montreal and back, keeping rigidly within a 35-mile speed limit, and had an average run of 25 miles per gallon. A fortnight later he made the same trip "in a hurry," and the mileage per gallon was cut to 17 or by 32 percent. Put it another way, he made the first round trip on about ten gallons of gasoline; the second time, because he was "in a hurry," the engine consumed about 14. gallons.

Every driver of experience knows he pays heavily for speed, not only in fuel but in wear and tear on his car, especially if he gets into the upper reaches beyond the legal limit of 50 m.p.h. For most cars, it is said, the economical speed is 35 to 40, and that is fast enough, usually, to get the driver to his destination as quickly as he needs to reach it. And just now there is the added point, that the use of gasoline in this country must be reduced, by compulsion if not voluntarily, and the general adoption of a moderate speed in country driving might save the necessity for more drastic measures, or at least defer them.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

RADIO TIES EMPIRE

The sons and daughters of the British Empire are getting to know each other better. The strongest tie is that being cemented through mutual participation in the Empire's cause on democracy's front line. But there are other effective influences.

New Zealanders and Australians, in Canada under the Air Training Plan, are participating in the home life of this country. Canadians, defending the shores of Britain, are tasting once again the unbounded hospitality of the English, Scottish and Welsh. Englishmen, stationed at every post from Rangoon to Baffin Bay, or sweeping the marauder from the seas, are sharing ideas and courage with men whose skins are black and red as well as white. Their free interchange of ideas is the proof of their will to preserve a free world.

Radio takes its place among these forces strengthening the bonds between the men and women of the British Commonwealth. In collaboration with the BBC, the CBC is conducting a number of interesting trans-oceanic quiz broadcasts. "Quiz for the Forces" is an established favorite with Canadians overseas and their friends who listen at home on Saturday night at nine. Dial in this program and enjoy it too.

AROUND THE DIAL

Have you enjoyed "Toast and Marmalade"—CKOC's peppy morning feature starting at 8.10? If you haven't, you have missed a treat, for Joe Chrysdale and Jack Wilkinson take you through a merry round of music and gags over your toast and coffee. This feature is a breezy eye-opener for your day. Dial in and start business with a smile!

Benny Goodman, king of the clarinet, and his orchestra are featured in a new series, "The House-Warming," Thursday evenings at 8.00 o'clock over the NBC red network.

With Benny will be Don McNeill as em-cee and the weekly guests, starting with Dorothy Lamour of film fame, and the Smoothies trio. Other visitors during the summer will be the King's Jesters and the Andrews Sisters.

Goodman was the first maestro to bring wide popularity to "swing" music. His recently-reorganized band has such stars as Trumpeter "Cootie" Wiliams and Benny's septet featuring Charlie Christians on electric guitar.

Towards a more picturesque sports speech:

Interviewed on Red Barber's WOR sport program the other night, that great ballplayer, Ty Cobb, characterized a dumb outfielder in these words: "That guy had charley horse of the brain."

TRIVIA: — Plenty of "big names" along radio row are now in the cast of Ransom Serman's new series as "Hap Hazard" on WBEN Tuesday evenings at 9.30 o'clock... Phillips H. Lord, who starred for years as "Seth Parker" and originated the "Mr. District Attorney" dramas, becomes a bank president known as "Damworthm" in Ransom's fun episodes. Cliff Soubier, comic character actor, is the grumby vice president of "Crestfallen Manor," which Sherman heads.... Kathryn Card, Elmira Roessler, Mary Patton, Loretta Paynton and Ray Grant round out the cast. Edna Odell is the songstress and Bill Mills batons the band.

RECORDS OF THE WEEK: Top of the popular record lists for the week were: Hut Sut Song .... Things I Love .... Intermezzo .... Daddy .... Maria Elena .... A Little Bit South of North Carolina .... I'll Be With You in Apple Blossom Time .... You Are My Sunshine .... My Sister and I .... The Band Played On.

ROMAN RULER

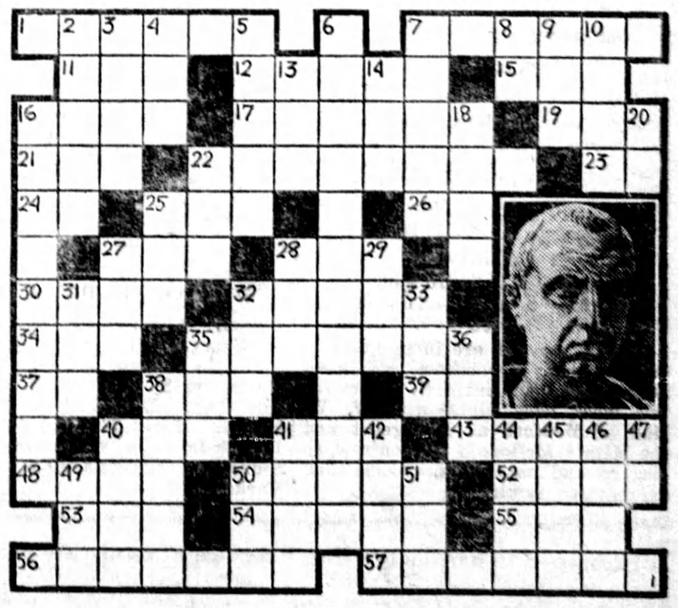
HORIZONTAL

1, 7 Powerful Roman emperor.
11 2000 pounds.
12 Behind the times.
15 Stomach.
16 A descendant.
17 To store in a silo.
19 To handle.
21 Salamander.
22 Learning.
23 Southeast (abbr.).
24 New England (abbr.).
25 Sorrowful.
26 Therefore.
27 Bashful
28 To query.
30 Arrow poison tree.
32 Cooked in fat.
34 Bird of prey.
35 Schemed.
37 Railway (abbr.).
38 To deposit.
39 Sorrow
40 Embryo flower.
41 Chewed.
43 Hits with the hand
48 To repair.
50 Each.
52 Dyeing apparatus
53 Joker.
54 Wireless music box.
55 Neck scarf.
56 He was a famous war ——
57 He was a Latin —— or historian (pl.)

VERTICAL

2 Practical.
3 Weaver's frame.
4 Wayside hotel.
5 To expedite.
6 He was killed or —— by associates.
7 Anglo-Saxons.
8 Type standard
9 To undermine
10 Shoe repairing tools.
13 Conjunction.
14 Crime.
16 He —— or defeated many countries.
18 God of love.
20 You.
22 Wages.
25 Call of distress.
27 To preserve food.
28 Constellation.
29 Insight.
31 Curious inspection.
32 To soar
33 Moisture.
35 Writing tablet.
36 Dower property.
38 Sudden thrust.
40 Grain product
41 Grandparental
42 Assam silkworm.
44 Framework board.
45 Exchange discount
46 Nobleman.
47 Senior (abbr.)
49 Reverence.
50 Period of time.
51 Ye.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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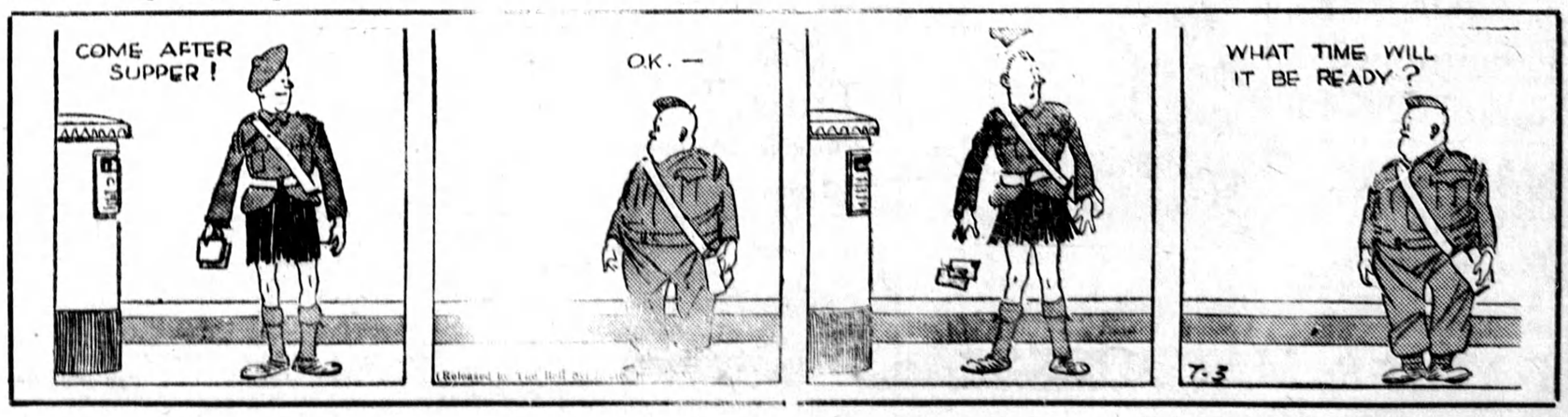
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