

LOVE'S PHILOSOPHY

The fountain mingle with the river. And the rivers with the ocean. The winds of heaven mix together...

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 1.

ISAAC AND HIS WELLS Golden Text.—A soft answer turneth away wrath; but a grievous word stirreth up anger.—Proverbs 15: 1.

Lesson Text.—Gen. 26: 12-25. Read Gen., chapters 20-26. Time.—About 1800 B. C. Places.—Philistia, Beersheba.

Exposition.—I. Isaac, Among the Philistines, 13-22. This lesson gives us a suggestive and vivid picture of a man being in a place which, in view of all the facts relating to him, he had little or no right to be.

It was a dangerous step that Isaac had taken in going there. His father had fallen in precisely the same way (vs. 8-11; cf. ch. 20: 2). It is better to let fame and want drive us to the Lord rather than to the Philistines for help.

But going to the Philistines is not as bad as going to Egypt for help, and God permitted Isaac to sojourn in Gerar and promised him blessing there (v. 2). But this blessing was coupled with contention and strife from his surroundings.

Isaac's prosperity was very great. "He found in the same year a hundredfold." It was Jehovah who "blessed" him and gave him this increase (cf. 1 Cor. 3: 6). The blessing came after the lie about Rebekah had been straightened out.

Isaac's prosperity continued to increase wonderfully (vs. 13, 14; cf. Prov. 10: 22). But there was bitter coupled with the sweet, the "Philistines envied him." The prosperity of God's people always arouses the envy of the Philistines and gets God's people into trouble.

Envy is the cause of most of the strifes and wars in this world, ecclesiastical as well as political (cf. ch. 37: 11; 1 Sam. 18: 9; Prov. 27: 4). We all do well to be on our guard lest this leave of the Philistines get into our own hearts.

Isaac would have been spared all of this if he had not been mingling with the Philistines. The Philistines had stopped the wells Abraham's servants had dug. It would seem as if the Philistines would have done better to make use of the wells themselves after Abraham left, but envy and hatred are very blind.

Even to-day the worldling is more likely to seek to stop the foundations of the believer's joy than to appropriate them to himself. The Philistine king recognized Isaac's superior might (v. 16), but he did not recognize the divine source of it until Isaac had thoroughly separated himself, leaving the Philistine country altogether and going up to Beer-sheba (vs. 23, 26-28).

Filled with fear at Isaac's increasing wealth and power (cf. Ex. 1: 9), Abimelech beseeches Isaac to leave "go from us," he cries. Isaac displayed a beautiful spirit of peace and yielding of his own rights; he "departed thence." Isaac had a right to dwell there. Jehovah Himself had said, "unto thee and unto thy seed I will give all these lands" (v. 3), but true faith never fights for its God-given rights. It trusts God to fulfill His promises in His own time and way.

The weapons of its warfare are not carnal. Isaac uncompromisingly goes to work to reopen the wells the Philistines had stopped. He showed his respect for his father by calling the wells by "the names by which his father had called them." Isaac was not one of those self-sufficient ones who despise all that the fathers have done and thinks it necessary to call old blessings by new names to suit the advance of thinking of the day.

The Holy Spirit considered this fact worthy of special note. "Isaac's servants digged in the valley and found a well of springing water (more literally and far better, 'living water')." That was a joyous day for Isaac; but there is a better fountain of living water for any one who will have it to-day (John 4: 10, 13, 14). It is very likely to be found, like Isaac's well, "in the valley." Isaac's good fortune led only to envy and strife on the part of the Philistines. They claimed the result of Isaac's labors for themselves.

But Isaac wouldn't fight. He carried out the sermon on the mount (Mat. 5: 40), answered-on-and-dug-another-well. He lost nothing by his yielding. Isaac expressed his experiences in the land of the Philistines by the names he gave his wells. Contention and Enmity. This is what the Christian may expect in this world (John 16: 33; 15: 19). Still Isaac did not strive. He kept on digging. He let others do the fighting and he did the digging. That is the plan that always prospers in the long run.

The Philistines at last gave up quarrelling with a man who would not quarrel. But very properly Isaac did not attribute his peaceable possession of this last well to his own peaceful spirit, but to Jehovah. "Jehovah," said he, "hath made room for us." Jehovah will always make room for those who do not seek to make room for themselves. In all this Isaac saw an earnest-fulfillment of His promise to his father and to himself (ch. 17: 5; 6: 29; 3: 4).

II. Isaac in Beersheba, 23-25. Isaac's troubles in Gerar proved a blessing; they drove him into Beersheba. He is now quite separate from the Philistines and Jehovah meets him. Jehovah no longer says, as when down in Gerar, "it will be with thee;" but, "I am with thee" (cf. vs. 3 and 24). It is in our separation from the world that we enjoy the fully manifested, present fellowship of God (2 Cor. 6: 17, 18). Jehovah speaks that cheering word to Isaac that rings out so often in Genesis and in every book of the Bible: "Fear not." To drive away Isaac's fear, Jehovah reveals Himself. "I am the God of Abraham." "I am the God of Abraham." "I am the God of Abraham for his God cannot fear (cf. ch. 15: 1; 17: 7). The promise of blessing and multiplied seed

THE GROWTH OF THE BRAIN

The brain grows very rapidly compared with the rest of the body. At birth the average brain weighs 380 grams; at one year 945 grams; at two years one thousand and twenty-five grams; at three years eleven hundred grams; and at four years thirteen hundred grams, after which it never grows much more than a hundred grams in weight.

These facts can be stated another way as follows: At birth the brain weighs one-fourth of the amount it will weigh when fully grown, while the rest of the body weighs only one-fourteenth of its adult weight. At six years of age the brain has ninety per cent. of its full-grown weight, and after fifteen years of age the increase of brain weight is very little.

The conclusion to be drawn from all this is that young people almost never damage their brains from studying too hard. They may damage their eyes, and often do. They may sit in a bad posture and damage their health; or they may try to keep up with a class that is too advanced for them, or some rival who learns more easily than they do.

They then develop the "blues," chronic lack of confidence, or some such emotional trouble. They may neglect to form other interests and so become bookworms; that is the result, not of studying too much, but of doing other things too little.

The brain is a pretty sturdy little organ and will stand hard work if properly cared for. Its servants—eyes, ears, hands, and general health—must be well cared for though, and it must be housed in a cheery personality to give the best results.

A NATURAL IMPULSE

It is said that when Helen Keller's teachers were first able to communicate with her sufficiently to talk to her about a great, wisely, and kind Creator, she made reply to this effect: "I always knew there was a Being like that, but I never knew His name before."

When an African woman was told of God she exclaimed triumphantly: "I have often thought of some one just like that, and I am sure He must live somewhere, where He could watch and take care of us all!"

Probably the first prayer impulse found its expression in time of need or danger or in the face of some crisis. People who are comfortable and surrounded by their friends, are sometimes indifferent as to their prayer life. They may even question whether or not it is necessary or efficacious; yet in time of trouble they turn to God, because they find there is nowhere else to go.

Not only primitive people have behaved in this manner, but moderns as well. During the war many a troubled soul looked upward to the source of all help for strength, courage, guidance, and protection. The Scotch people have long been noted for their enjoyment of a theological argument, but during the great world conflict it was said that almost for the first time the sermon with its pros-and-cons took second place, with earnest prayer leading in line outpouring of hearts to the Author of the universe itself.

One man puts it well when he says: "A crisis always shakes loose the tendency to pray." It is indeed well to pray in a crisis, but often communion with God will avert such a crisis. This is possible because it may change our course of conduct. Even if the crisis is not averted, prayer will give us strength and courage to meet whatever comes in the manner which will be heroic and even victorious. Death itself may come to us; yet we may be able to say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"—knowing full well that we are entering into a life of greater joy and of eternal blessing.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE

The young man who envies his employer's "easy-time" and "big money," would learn a valuable lesson in all probability, if he found out that there his employer was doing at his age. There are men who can take their families to Europe every summer, who, when they were twenty-five were eating fifteen-cent luncheon, and walking home from work at night to save carfare. Some men come to the office only three days a week, who in their youth worked sixteen hours a day. It is a question whether or not such methods are desirable, whether or not it pays to sacrifice so much of the present for the future. The young fellow who never denies himself anything he can pay for, however, could realize that middle life will not find him able to take his ease like the worker who denies himself everything for the sake of the benefits on ahead.

IN THE MODERN WAY

She.—Darling, will you give up going to the club and stay at home when we are married?

He.—Of course, dear, if you wish it. She.—Certainly I do. Who is going to look after the house while I'm out?

It is repeated. God loves to ring the changes on His glorious promises. It was all for "my servant Abraham's sake." We have a better surety than Abraham, even the Son of God Himself. The steps in Isaac's experience are notable: (1) "he went up from thence;" (2) "Jehovah appeared unto him;" (3) "he built an altar there;" (4) "called upon the name of the Lord;" (5) "pitched his tent there;" (6) "servants digged a well." He had more influence upon the Philistines than when he dwelt among them (vs. 26-31).

SLATS' DIARY BY ROSS PARQUHAR

SLATS' DIARY WAS akno Friday—Eug [slats] tried to throw a scare into me today because I give Elsy with is his gift it peace of chocolate candy. he sed he was a gonna drag my pants all over town" well I told him to go on a hed and drag my pants all over town if he cud. Find them to drag.

Starday—well I am not so well tonite. Ma wants me to go to a chlrch supper but I told her I druther stay home and eat a sanwich becuz I I dont care to set down very much. Find drag my pants

clean across the st. this after noon witch woodnt of ben so had oney I was still in them, so I dont think I want to set down to a chlrch Supper. & I will no where to give my candy next time. not to no Blab mouth. like Elsy Filth.

Sunday—Jake and Bisters and me tuk a walk-out-in-to-the-country this afternoon and slung stones at a Emly house and we had broke three winders before we seen that sum buddy was living in it. so we was very sorry that we slung stones and broke the winders for mobby it Disturbed them.

Munday—I gess Bill Hix is the Luckiest man in town prehaps. when his wife went to the hospittle last weak they go a pear of Twins and the nex day he got him a job a Night watch man.

Teusday—Ant Emmy got a letter frum her cuzzen and she sed I of Ant Emmys old Sweet harts got a rested last Sunday for being drunk and Ant Emmy sed it was a outrage. she sed they shud ought to be a Law vs. selling licker on Sunday.

Wensday—Ma has been a having the tooth ache today and she just went a round a sniging all day. Pa sed he gess she wanted the rest of us to suffer a Little mebbly.

Thirsday—Ma has d'sided to Economise this summer so she has given up having pa join up with the Golf club. besides she needs a cuple new dresses and sum hats.

With so through a preparation at hand as Miller's Worm Powders the mother who allows her children to suffer from the ravages of worms is unwise and culpably careless. A child subjected to the attacks of worms is always unhealthy, and will be stunted in its growth. It is a merciful act to rid it of these destructive parasites, especially when it can be done without difficulty.

ONE MAN'S DESCENDANTS FORM COLONY

A strange colony of eighty-seven persons, all descendants of a white man, William Marsters, has been revealed by the chance visit of the American freighter, Golden Coast, to Palmerston Island.

The Golden Coast, blown slightly off her course during a trip from the United States to Australia recently, passed close to the tiny coral atoll listed only on the larger charts of the South Pacific.

The skipper was surprised to see a small boat put off from the island. The freight stopped and lowered a gangway, up which clambered a withered but lively old man attended by a number of half caste boys who called him "dad." The latter explained that nearly seventy years previously his father had gone to the island and that all the present inhabitants were descendants of this original settler.

He said they all loved their island home with its flowers, abundance of tropical fruit and other foods. The boys dived for pearls to pass away the time. He pulled out a frayed piece of cotton cloth containing a mass of gems which he traded for a pile of old clothes. The wireless operator took the shirt off his back in payment for a pearl as big as a pea.

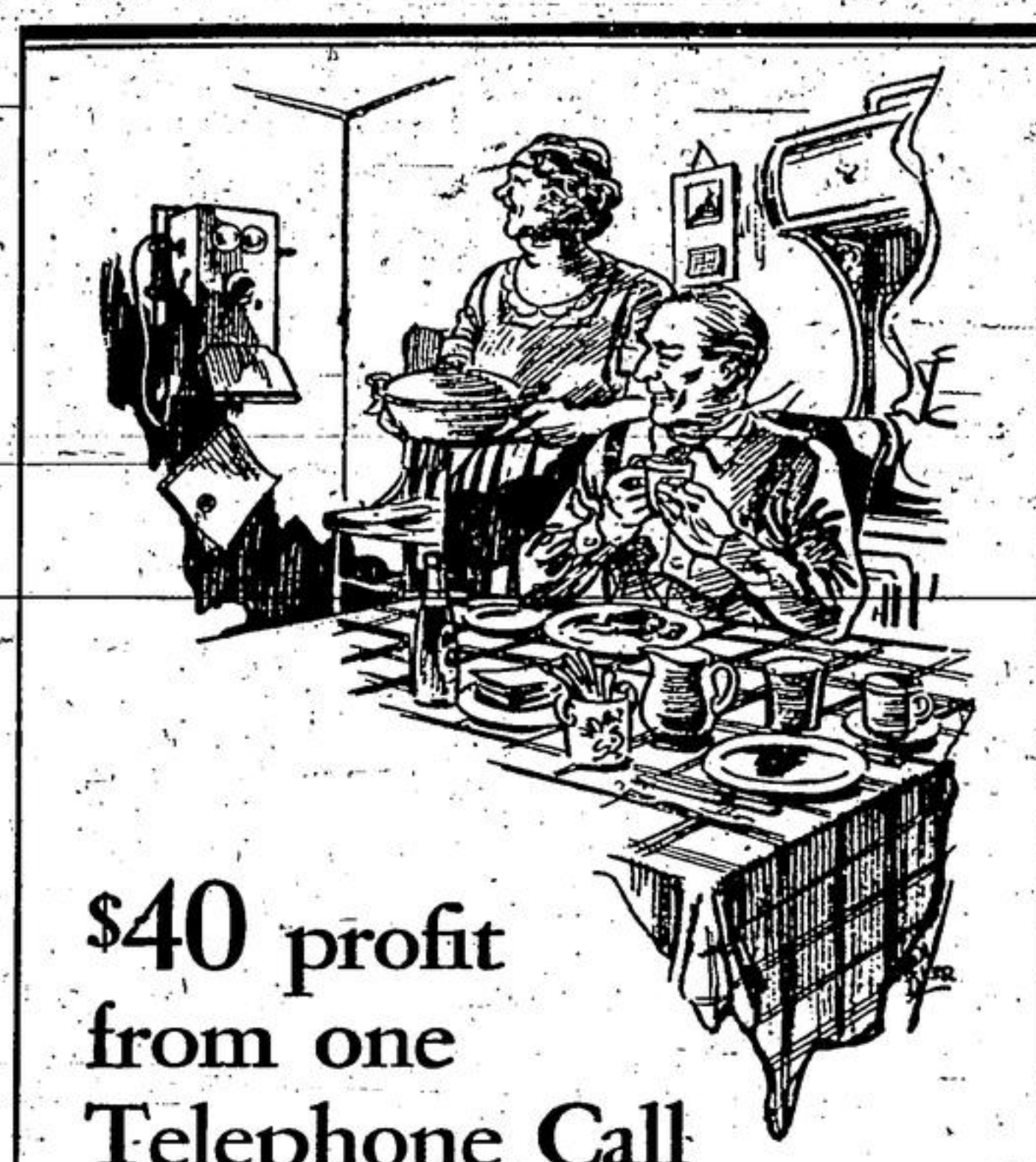
Most of the Islanders have attractive olive skins and fair hair. The Golden Coast, which stopped for six hours, was the first ship they had seen in five years.

No one knows better than I, the horror of joyless days and sleepless nights. There have been times when I felt hopeless and helpless—and when my weakness caused me the most intense humiliation. Only those who have gone through such tortures can possibly realize my great satisfaction when Dr. Southworth's URATABS brought me quick relief. URATABS are truly wonderful, and I give them full praise. Such amazing evidence serves as convincing proof of the power of URATABS to relieve those distressing ailments so often a handicap to those in middle life.

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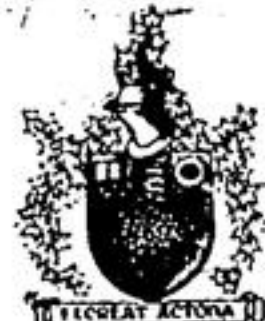
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GEO. BARBER, Reeve of the Municipality, Acton, April 11, 1932.