The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, APRIL 25th

GOD'S STANDARD FOR LIFE

Golden Text. Execute true judgment and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother. Zech. 7. 9.

Lesson Text. Zech. 1: 1-4; 7: 8-14; 8: 16, 17.

Exposition. -I God Warns Israel Through Zechariah. 1: 1-4.

Zechariah was a prophet of the restored remnant of Israel who came out of Babylon after the 70 years captivity. Like Haggai, he was born in captivity. He was evidently quite young when he began his ministry (ch. 2: 4). Like Jeremiah and Ezekiel he was a priest as well as a prophet. This fitted him for the type of ministry his prophecies revealed (ch. 6: 13). He knew the true character of the priesthood, and the Divine purpose of the temple. Zechariah is called the son of Berchiah, the son of Iddo the prophet. In Ezra 5: 1 he is called the son of Iddo. Probably his father had died while he was young and they followed Jewish custom in genealogies by calling him the son of Iddo who had returned with Zerubbabel and Joshua from Babylon (Neh. 14: 4).

It was the mission of Zechariah to unfold the messianic glory of Christ in the future, in contrast to the depressed state of Israel and the temple in his time. The messianic passages of his prophecies are among the most significant in the Old Testament. In verses 1-4 the first truth that strikes us is the fact of inspiration. ". . . came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah." This is proof that God was working out His sovereign purpose, even though His people Israel were but a remnant, defeated and dwelling in a ruined city. Second, note what the Lord says through Zechariah. (a) Displeased with their fathers (Heb. 8: 9). God did not let Israel forget the lessons of his history and we may be sure He will not let us forget the lessons of ours. (b) "Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will run unto you." Do not behave as your fathers did who turned away from me, says the Lord, but turn toward me. That is the way of salvation, turning toward God. That is what saved David (Ps. 32: 5); the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 17-19); the dying thief (Luke 23: 42, 43). "Turn ye (from your evil ways." The fathers did not hear this call, but the sons were not to fail to do so. Evil is all around our young people. Its enticements are everywhere. It is to be known by the way it leads away from God. Whatever is not well pleasing to Him is sin (Rom. 14: 23; Jas. 3: 13). In our day drunkenness is increasing. Little is being done to keep the propaganda of evil out of our homes. Morals are at a low ebb. Young people cannot live life as God wants it lived unless they will stand with Him against the world's sin.

II. National Sin Separates from God, 7: 8-14.

The returned exiles among whom Zechariah was working were slowly repairing the temple with patriotic interest. The prophet warns them, in the word of the Lord, that the building of the spiritual and moral lives was more important than the material temple. Already old, sinful tyrannies were being imposed upon the weak. Politically they were corrupt. They had no pity on the unfortunate. The widows were oppressed and the fatherless, the stranger and the poor were not considered. This was displeasing to God. It is impossible to develop godliness where such things prevail. Worse than that is the fact that religion is in vain; it becomes sin (Jas 1: 17; 4: 17). God says concerning these wicked ones "so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the Lord of hosts" (v. 13). The man who disregards his duties to others in the name of the Lord cannot expect that he can enjoy His favor. Israel's failure ended in national dispersion and captivity. In the hour of their distress, they cried in vain. It behooves us to seek the Lord while He may be found and to study to please Him in service to others (Isa. 55: 7-9; Matt. 25: 31-46).

III. Evil Ways Forbidden, 8: 16, 17.

Someone has said that nothing can gainsay a consecrated Christian life. As Christ is formed in us we take on the grace of His attributes. Growing in grace (2 Pet. 3: 18) is submitting ourselves to the Lord so He can reveal Himself in us. This is the Christian application of the words of Zechariah in this passage. He exhorted "Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor." The same exhortation was given by Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 4: 25). Out of truth comes sound "judgement" and "peace." Guarding one's heart against evil imaginations against one's neighbors is a duty God expects of those who are His (1 Jno. 2: 8-11).

There is no doubt that God desires that we shall have righteous characters and just relations with our fellowmen. In our redemption, He wants us to be partakers of His holiness (Heb. 12: 14, 15). A righteous people is well pleasing to God. He convicts the unrighteous that they may turn from their sins and be saved (Jno. 16: 8-11; 5: 14).

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On Wednesday, April 7, Mr. L. S. Beattie, Director of Vocational Education for Ontario, granted an interview at the Parliament Buildings to a deputation from the Erin School Board requesting a commercial course for the Continuation School. Members of the deputation were W. H. Miller, chairman; Donald Kirkwood, and R. D. Graham. The teachers were present to discuss with Inspector W. R. Stewart the organization of a time table, should the request be granted. —Advocate.

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NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Featherstone Bros. Honored

During the past year we've heard and read a good deal in the County press about our winning baseball and hockey teams but on Tuesday evening, April 13th, recognition was paid to one of the many outstanding achievements in agriculture of the past year. This was a complimentary banquet to Jack and Bill Featherstone of Trafalgar Township, in recognition of the achievment of their sixteen year old cow, Fairy Raleigh Zana, in breaking the Canadian Long Distance Record for Jersey in Canada. The previous record had stood for ten years but old "Zana" under the able management of Featherstone Bros. recently completed a record which brings her total life time production up to 146,810 lbs. of milk and 7,980 lbs. of butterfat which is the equivalent of approximately 9,975 lbs of butter which at present prices is worth nearly $7000. As pointed out by Jas Bremner, secretary of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, if we had more cows of Zana's ability under the skilful management of such outstanding herdsmen as Jack and Bill Featherstone, there would be no shortage of butter in Canada.

The Milton Town Hall was filled to capacity with guests present from Woodstock on the west and Oshawa on the east. The banquet was in the opinion of many of the guests, the best they had attended in many a moon quite a feather in the cap of the ladies of the Scotch Block Women's Institute. The Canadian Jersey Cattle Club and the Halton Jersey Club were joint sponsors of the function.

OAKVILLE

Mrs. Harry Ryrie was elected president of the Oakville and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society at its annual meeting.

Oakville's tax rate for 1948 was fixed at 50 mills at Monday evening's council meeting. This is an increase of 4 mills over last year's rate and is the highest for some years.

An Oakville of 40,000 population in the centre of an immense industrial area extending from Oshawa to Niagara Falls—and that in the not remote future—was predicted by Hon. Dana Porter, Ontario Minister of Planning and Development, in the course of an address before the Oakville Rotary Club.

One of Oakville's new industries which has recently commenced manufacturing operation is Ferro Enamels (Canada) Ltd., which produces frit, the basic ingredient for porcelain enamel finishes as applied to sheet and cast iron. The product, in the form of hard glassy granules, is sold chiefly to manufacturers of stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, bath tubs and porcelain enamelled signs. —Record-Star.

WORLD'S FASTEST TRAINING PLANE TESTED

The world's fastest training aircraft has just made its first flight in Britain. It is known as the Meteor VII Trainer and is a two-seater dual-control version of the famous Gloster Meteor fighter plane. It is designed to bridge the gap between the piston-engined advanced trainer and the operational jet-propelled fighter. It is fitted with Rolls-Royce Derwent engines and has a spectacular rate of climbing. At lower levels this nearly 8,000 feet per minute. It has a maximum speed of 580 miles per hour.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 24th, 1948

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MONDAY, APRIL 26th

8.30 P.M. (DST)

The Convention will choose a candidate for Halton County in the Provincial election scheduled for June 7th, and three Delegates to attend the Federal Liberal Convention in Ottawa in August.

Hon. Farquhar Oliver

Ontario Liberal Leader, will be the Guest Speaker at the Convention in Milton on April 26th.

E. D. MAHON, PRESIDENT — ALEX. COOKE, SECRETARY