

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

Isaiah: A Life Dedicated to God

GOLDEN TEXT: "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6: 8.

LESSON PASSAGE: Isaiah 6: 1-13.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hid Thee,
Though the eyes of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy: there is none beside Thee.
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

—Reginald Heber

Called, 1
"The world," states a letter, "does not seem to me to be a prison house, but a kind of spiritual kindergarten, where millions of bewildered children are trying to spell God with the wrong blocks. Isaiah found the 'right' blocks. He had a mature and adult view of God. The sixth chapter of Isaiah gives part of his biography. Outwardly the big event of that year in Judah's history was the death of the leper king Uzziah, but spiritually the epoch-making event was the conversion, in Jerusalem, of a young city prince by the name of Isaiah. His interest turned from worldly splendour to the glory of the living God. The sovereignty of God became a reality to him: he thought of God as sitting upon a throne. The Old Testament tells of the calls of Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Amos, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. They are all different in details but they are all alike in a recognition of the presence of the living and eternal God.

Challenged, 2 - 4
Isaiah discovered something of higher import than civic politics and court intrigue. He had a vision of the Lord of hosts. It is solemnizing to think of God as the Ruler of the stars and planets, or as the Creator of successive generations of men, or as the Hero of Eternity, transcending time as well as space. Instinctively we worship when we discover a God great and good enough to worship. Nationally, Isaiah may have been attracted by the ideal of royal power, but in a moment of spiritual insight he was uplifted by the thought of God's holiness. Isaiah had grasped something more than the boy who wrote in an essay: "My ideas on religion are simple—almost childlike; but I refuse to allow them to become complicated and cut-and-dried. Oftentimes, when I have been walking alone through a quiet forest or doing some solitary fishing along a cool mountain stream, I have felt the presence of God in the rustling of the wind through the tall treetops or in the steady murmuring of the water as it pours over the mossy stones at the bottom of the stream." Isaiah found something much deeper than nature worship.

Convicted, 5
It was concerning his speech that Isaiah felt conviction of sin. In the light of his vision of the holy God, his conversation, both his speaking and his listening, seemed trivial and unclean. If we are satisfied with ourselves, it is because we have no high vision of God. One must be converted to a singer before he can be converted to a saint. It was when Isaiah realized his unholiness that he was able to desire God's holiness. The fundamental human problems are religious problems and require religious answers. The grace of God alone can meet the need of man. When life is seen in the light of the love of God, man is able to trust and to feel that life has a meaning. Religion is essential for mental health and moral victory.

Cleaned, 6, 7
Conviction of guilt is a necessary step towards release from evil habit. Once Isaiah was convicted of idle and unworthy talking, his lips could be cleansed. It required a live coal from off the altar; a mouth-wash could not do it—his sin had to be burned out. Such miracles still happen. A swearer will suddenly become reverent and the propriety of years ceases. A man of intense hates realizes his self-poisoning and begins to live, there is new power. A concept of life that makes sense to modern minds is efficacious in changing lives. "Depth-psychology, as it is often called, presents Christianity with a technique for understanding and saving souls more objective and practical than has ever before been available. In the depths of the human soul we become certain of ourselves and of God. The quality of our happiness depends on the things we love." Isaiah, after his conversion, had a few range of affections. He loved his city and his country; all the more because he had surrendered his heart to God. His great spiritual experience came to him in early manhood and each year added to his moral power. There was no going back.

Commissioned, 8 - 13
Religion means duty as well as beauty. Isaiah had a great emotional thrill in the Temple; it led him out to witness on the city streets. God spoke to Isaiah in order that he might speak to a nation. The man whose lips were cleansed gave to literature some of the noblest passages that have inspired oratories, pictures and poems. This achievement was made possible by Isaiah's obedience. When he heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here am I; send me." The people might be unresponsive but his commission was to be faithful in giving the message. When Isaiah asked for how long he was signing on, he was given to understand that it was "for the duration." Was Isaiah self-deceived? Let Heber's hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy" be one answer. Let Handel's Messiah be another answer. Let the words read from the scroll in the synagogue at Nazareth bear witness to the thorough cleansing of Isaiah's lips and thoughts.

Questions for Discussion
1. Is Heber's hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," true to Isaiah 6?
2. Why is Heber's hymn placed first in many hymnbooks?
3. Why is Heber's hymn usually sung first at a public service?
4. What does God's holiness mean to us?
5. What is the human counterpart of God's holiness?
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CANADIAN BLUEBERRIES

Under the Canada-United States Trade Agreement the Customs duty on fresh blueberries imported from Canada into the United States is one cent per pound. The demand for fresh berries on the New York wholesale market has been good this year and the first arrivals from Canada were from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The market conditions for Canadian blueberries is good, and owing to the brisk demand, and the short crops in Massachusetts and Maine, it is not considered likely that the Canadian shipments will depress the market, but maintain comparatively high prices.

"It's nice to see you again, old man; I thought you were dead."
"Oh! Why?"
"Well, I've heard several people speak well of you lately."

Further Peach Delicacies

With a bumper crop of exceptionally fine quality peaches this season in Canada the following recipes may be found to be of particular interest. Peaches for cooking should be peeled just before using as exposure to the air darkens the fruit.

PEACH PIE
Pastry
2 cups sifted flour
1 cup shortening
1/2 teaspoon salt
4-6 tbsp. cold water
Sift flour and salt. Cut in shortening, using a pastry blender or two knives, until the crumbs are about the size of beans. Sprinkle a little water over one portion and mix to dough. Add water to second portion. When all is blended roll to 1/4 inch thickness. This method prevents the addition of too much water.
Line a 9-inch plate and fill with sliced peaches. Add 1/2 cup granulated sugar and 2 tsp. quick tapioca. Dot with 2 tsp. butter. Cover upper crust and bake in a very hot oven 30 minutes. Reduce heat and continue baking for 10 minutes.

BAKED PEACHES
Peel 6 large peaches and arrange in a casserole. If preferred, they may be halved and the stone removed. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup granulated sugar and pour 1/2 cup water over. Cover closely and bake 1 1/2 hour. Serve hot or cold.

Old Fashioned Cup Pudding
Easier
1/2 cup shortening
2-3 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup milk
1 1/2 cups flour
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
Cream shortening. Add sugar. Blend well. Then add eggs and beat mixture until light. Sift flour with baking powder and add a little at a time alternately with a little milk.
Fill large moulds or cups half full with sliced peaches. Add 1 tsp. granulated sugar to each mould. Pour batter over until cups are three-quarters full. Steam 1/2 hour. Turn out to serve.

Peach Ginger Shortcake
1/2 cup butter
1 egg
1/2 cup sour milk
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup molasses
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking powder
Cream butter and sugar, add egg and beat well. Add molasses, then sour milk, to which soda, ginger and cinnamon have been added. Mix well, then add flour and baking powder sifted together. Bake in a greased pan 50 minutes in a slow oven (325 degrees F.). Split while hot and pile fresh sliced sugared peaches generously on top. Whipped cream may be served if desired.

A WOMAN'S JOB

Woman should put in an eight-hour day at her job whether it be just looking beautiful for her husband, a well known New York dress designer believes. "If she has to cook, keep house and bring up children, she should take pride in doing it. If she is wealthy and her business is only to be beautiful and make a delightful hostess, she should apply equally stern standards to that job," she said.

COOL

According to a writer a girl who is clever with her needle can make a charming summer frock for next to nothing. And in a heat wave that's probably how she'll wear it.

ARE YOU SURE YOUR FACE IS CLEAN

Normal Care for Normal Skin—Don't Powder Over Dirt

Much has been written about the beauty for people with greasy skins, dry skins, sensitive skins and so on. It is time that something was said on the subject of the normal skin. After all, there are many fortunate people who have nothing very much wrong with their complexions and it is only right and natural that they should want to know how to keep them in that happy condition.

It is, unfortunately, all too true that if a perfectly good, normal skin is left to look after itself, it stands a very good chance of losing its normality, of developing open pores, blackheads, etc. Therefore beauty culture, for the normal complexion must be of a protective nature.

What is this protective treatment? Well, it consists of three parts: cleansing, nourishing and guarding against age. The first is easily the most important part, because dirt is the greatest danger a good skin has to guard against. How many times do you wash your hands each day? Morning, midday, evening and last thing at night, don't you? Probably more often than that. And yet there are hundreds of people who just dab a little extra powder on their faces three or four times a day, and clean it only once. It is true that your hands are constantly in use, and are, therefore, in more direct contact with dirty objects, but it is also true that the foundation cream you use on your face makes it slightly sticky, so that the dirt in the atmosphere naturally clings to it.

There you have rule No. 1 for skin beauty. Cleanse your face every time you wash your hands. Your complexion will repay you a thousand-fold for your trouble.

THE SENSE OF TASTE

Man tastes with his tongue while some animals, for example fishes, taste with the whole body. An infant tastes with the middle part of his tongue and an adult determines with the sides of his tongue whether food is pleasing or not.

Food is tasted by means of the taste buds of which the cow has about 15,000, the antelope 50,000 and man about 3,000. The whale has very few taste buds and gulps its food so quickly that it does not bother about the taste. Among horned cattle, taste is important, and they scrupulously select the grasses they like.

We know four distinct tastes: sweet, salty, bitter and sour. The sweet taste is perceived on the tongue the quickest, because the taste buds for sweets are located at the tip of the tongue; then comes salty and sour taste. Bitter things are tasted at the back of the tongue.

Taste can be regulated. Warm coffee requires less sugar than cold, because warmth is a stimulant to the taste buds. No matter how much sugar is added to ice cream it will not seem too sweet, because when cooled the taste buds scarcely function. If the tongue is rubbed with ice, one fails to perceive different tastes, a good method in taking bitter drugs. Taste is a fine sense. It can be trained. Tea tasters are able to tell the piece of origin of a tea after a single tasting. Wine tasters can tell from where a certain variety of wine came and also whether the grapes from which it was made grew in a sunny or a shady field.

English Doctor's Dilemma

Neither in Canada nor Great Britain do children drink enough milk for perfect health. This fact has long been stressed by the medical profession.

In England, there has been a strong agitation to increase the consumption of milk and the movement has presented a dilemma to the doctors. They know how essential milk is for the growth of children, but on the other hand they also know how dangerous milk can be when it is not made safe by pasteurization. In the absence of compulsory pasteurization they have to refrain from urging the use of the one food they realize is most needed.

The point was recently advanced in the House of Lords by Viscount Astor when he said that the great need at the moment was cheaper and safer milk. A few days before he had addressed a conference organized by the British Medical Association and he told the House of Lords that up to date the great medical profession had not been able to act with complete vigor in the campaign because they realized the difficulty in urging mothers to give their children more milk when they could not, at the same time, guarantee that the milk available was reasonably safe.

It was indeed regrettable that two or three of the main proposals of the Milk Bill which the Government brought forward last December, which would have assisted substantially in making the milk supply cheaper and safer, had been dropped and were not included in the present Milk Bill. There was prejudice, in some minds, Viscount Astor said, against the pasteurization of milk. His own inclination was to oppose pasteurization because he was a milk producer who wanted to sell raw milk, but he had to recognize that there was this problem and he thought that the farmers were shortsighted if and when they opposed measures to facilitate the pasteurization of milk which did not come from tubercle-free cows. Evidence as to the value of pasteurization was overwhelming. If there was an educational campaign he hoped the findings of authoritative bodies on pasteurization would be put before the public.

It Makes a Nicer Cool Drink



HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Mustard on Sandwiches.—When using mustard or any piquant sauce for sandwiches, mix it with the butter before spreading on the bread. This ensures even distribution.

About cedar chests.—Remember cedar chests will not kill moths or their eggs. But if the garment is put into the cedar chest free of eggs and larvae it will never become damaged from moths.

Turnip Sauce.—Here is a splendid substitute for horseradish sauce. Scrape a white turnip very finely. Make some mustard with vinegar. Mix the two and add a little salt and pepper.

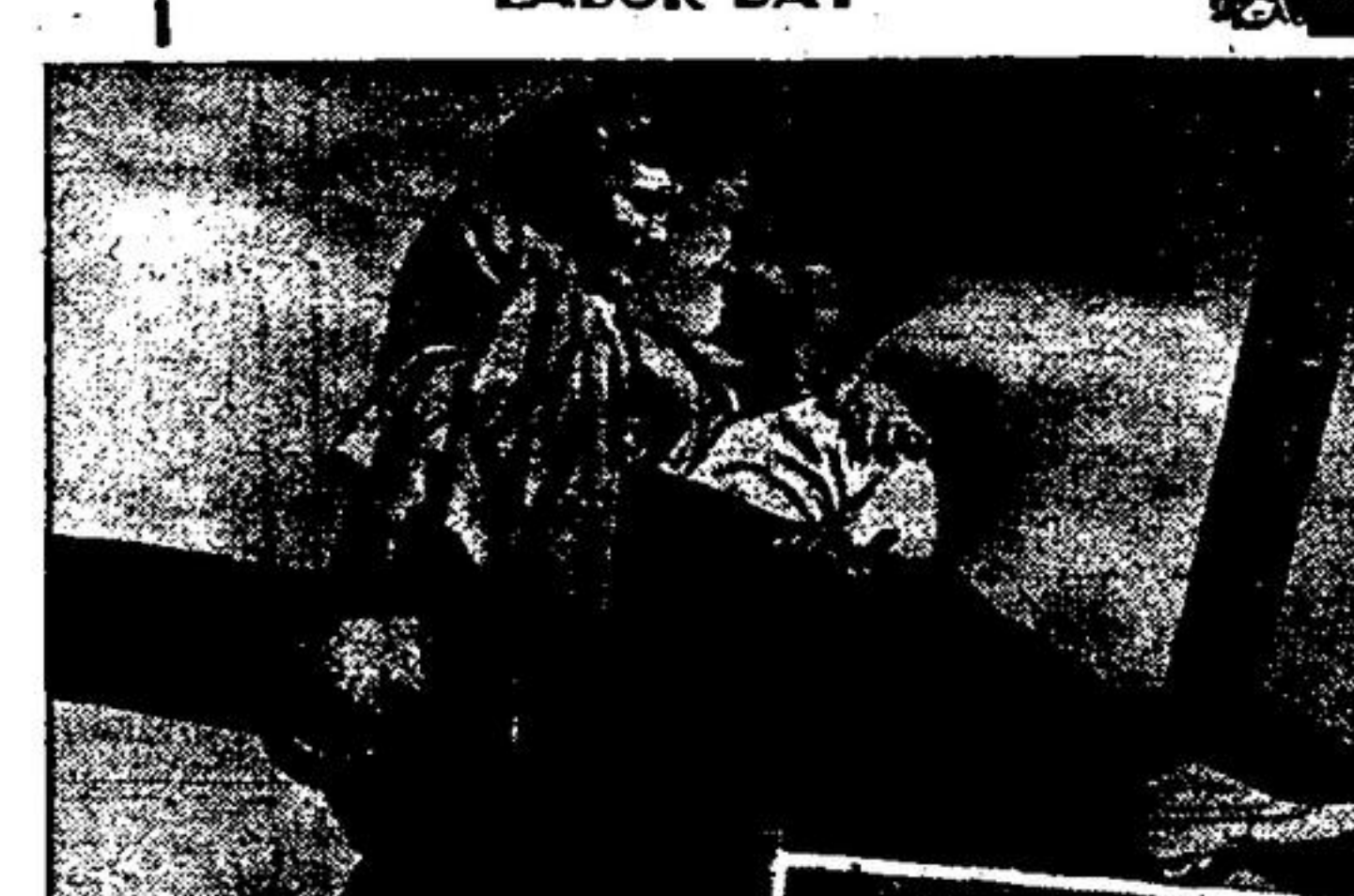
For general cleaning of marble when badly soiled, use kerosene or salt and vinegar, but do not allow the vinegar to remain on for more than a few minutes.

utes lest it affect the polish. This method will sometimes remove smoke-stains, too. Polish with any good furniture polisher, rubbed in thoroughly with a piece of flannel. Then finish with a soft, dry cloth, and a brilliant surface will result.

You will find that glycerine mixed with an equal quantity of either water or Eau-de-Cologne makes an excellent emollient for the skin. The skin should be washed and thoroughly dried, and the mixture applied externally, gentle rubbing only being employed; after eczema and other skin complaints this should be done several times a day.

Papering walls is simplified if a cold-water paste is used. The contents of a tin are poured into cold water and are stirred to a paste which never becomes lumpy. A freeze can be easily added to the papered or distempred walls by this means instead of with homemade paste.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD LABOR DAY



Shoot holiday fun "on the wing." Don't let subjects pose—and you will get gay, lively snapshots.

LABOR DAY week-end is the last big outdoor holiday of summer. For most of us, it means a trip, a week-end camp, or other special jaunt—and plenty of pictures, to remind us of summer fun during the coming winter months.

Is your camera ready? And have you made your Labor Day plans with a view to picture chances? That's always a good idea when you're planning an excursion—keep the camera in mind, and select a tour route, or holiday spot, that you know is full of picture opportunities.

The more fun and activity you can pack into the week-end, the more snapshot chances you'll have. Whenever something is going on, your camera should be ready for action. A picnic or corn roast, an amusement-park tour, a fishing trip, a mountain hike—all these are chuck-full of picture material if you just keep your eyes open and your camera ready.

On a picnic, picture your crowd settling the table and eating—don't wait until they get through. At the pool, or the beach, picture them swimming and diving, or enjoying some other beach sport—not posed on shore.

Watch your exposures, and keep them "in step" with the prevailing light. Along shady streams, there is very little light, so you must use a large lens opening and a slow shutter-speed. But on the beach, or when

fishing offshore, light is bright and intense—and exposures of 1/50 second at f.11, f.16, and sometimes even f.22 are correct.

When in doubt about exposure, err on the "full" side. Correct exposure is best, but an overexposed film will usually yield a better print than an underexposed film. Good modern films, especially the "chrome" type, have enough latitude to take care of reasonable errors in judging exposure.

So, here's luck. It looks like a great week-end, and I hope you keep your camera as busy as mine will be.

John van Gullder

Royal Canadian Pacific Engine at World's Fair



An impressive feature in the "Railroads on Parade" pageant at the New York World's Fair, Canadian Pacific Railway Locomotive 2850, attracted marked attention. The Royal decorations it still carries recall the important part it played in the westward passage across Canada of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and make the outstanding engine on exhibit.

Locomotive 2850 impresses at four daily shows as a powerful, efficient piece of machinery. It is, above everything, the engine which hauled the royal train from Quebec City to Vancouver, a distance of more than 3,000 miles, the longest continuous run ever recorded by a passenger train.

At the end of that run Locomotive 2850 worked its way back to Montreal in regular duty, completing practically 6,000 miles of continuous service. The Canadian Pacific Railway announced that the entire trip had passed without engine trouble of any kind; that the locomotive was still in perfect condition and could, if necessary, be turned right around and operated both to the Pacific Coast again. It is one of 60 engines of the same series capable of a similar performance.

Four times daily during August the cyclopedean Canadian Pacific locomotive goes on display at New York; and four times a day spectators echo the words of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth when she inspected the locomotive during the tour: "Isn't it a lovely engine?"

Standing on the engine in this picture are the "Gay Ladies of Yesterday and Today," members of the cast of the pageant.

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