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Parables of the Kingdom

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1939.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live." Isaiah 55.3.

LESSON PASSAGE: Matthew 13:3-8, 31-33, 44-46.

Give thou of life and love,
Meet thou the test;
Bid them that love and serve
To join the quest.

Failure and Success, 3-8

Teachers have abundant cause to be discouraged. Pupils are sometimes inattentive, mischievous, forgetful and ungrateful. Often they dislike to do and home study, fail to cooperate in activities and show little interest in what is being taught. Examinations prove that little has been learned. Christ met that kind of discouragement as a teacher. Some people would not take time to listen to him. Others followed for a time and then lost interest. Even those who were his professed followers did not fully understand what he was teaching. He had no equipment to teach with, no blackboards, maps, lanterns or collections of photographs. Professional teachers drew attention to his lack of academic standing. He told a story to illustrate his own experiences as a teacher. Emphatically it is the parable of the sower rather than a parable of soils or seed. The sower had good seed and he sowed freely but no harvest came from the seed that fell on the beaten, thorny, rocky or shallow ground. Why keep on teaching when so much effort is in vain? But read on to the end of the story. Some seed fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold and some thirtyfold. Christ's teachings have gone around the world. They have been translated into twelve hundred languages and dialects. The Bible remains the best seller year after year. Who would not be a teacher just on the chance of getting results like that?

Small and Great, 31, 32.

In this series of parables Jesus was describing the kingdom of God on earth. He likened it to a tiny grain of mustard seed which when sown and full grown becomes a ten foot tree that birds can nest in. There has been a growth in Christianity that can roughly be measured objectively. Christ worshipped on a mountain but today there are cathedrals and churches capable of housing millions of people for worship. When Christ read in the synagogues a clumsy roll was handed to him: now there are great libraries with volumes of priceless value treasured for hundreds of years. Many of Christ's miracles of healing were performed in the open air: today hospitals carry on his service to the sick. After the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn together, but today there are many hymnbooks, organs and choirs to sing his praise. At the first, Christ sent out his disciples two by two to preach the gospel of repentance and now his preachers and missionaries by the tens of thousands are telling his message every day. Christ took the little children in his arms and blessed them, but now orphanages and shelters care for orphans and neglected waifs. When we are discouraged at the slowness of the evangelization of the world, let us occasionally review what has been done.

Pervasive Influence, 33

How much truth Christ could compress into a single sentence by the use of a picture or metaphor! A woman putting yeast into dough is surely a homely illustration, but suppose the leaven is the gospel and the dough is all humanity. The gospel gets into literature and sermons, books, essays and poems multiply and continue to increase. The gospel gets into art and painters throughout the centuries portray the gospel scenes. A little leaven falls into the mind of Martin Luther and the Reformation is the result. Some leaven begins to work in the mind of John Wesley and the evangelical revival follows with humanitarian movements such as prison reform, child rescue and the emancipation of slaves. The leaven spreads and Christ's peace teaching is emphasized until whole nations loathe war and look upon it as contemporary barbarism. The thoughts of Christ have entered into our daily speech and become proverbial. The ideals of Christ influence our conduct even when we are unaware of the fact. Non-Christian people do not hesitate to describe certain things as unchristian. Labour repeatedly shows sympathy with the gospel of the Carpenter of Nazareth. True, it has taken nineteen hundred years for the leaven to spread in this way, but the end is not yet.

Hidden Treasure, 44-46.

The gospel does not lie on the surface of life: it is hidden treasure. A man may live for his vocation for thirty or forty years, thinking that he is getting all that life has to offer. Then suddenly he discovers the reality of the living God. He finds the secret of the indwelling Christ. He loses interest in self and goes to the cross in self-surrender. As he seeks to do the will of God and live in fellowship with Christ he experiences the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible becomes a new book to him. He begins to think of the Church as God's agent in the world. He learns to his amazement that he may be a positive, redemptive force in society. He becomes so eager about it that he cannot understand that others can refrain from exulting. His one aim is to deepen this new experience of his and to share the experience with others. Conventional religion and nominal church membership and secret discipleship make him impatient. He finds religion sensational. He is willing to invest his time, energy and wealth in the Christian enterprise. He has a new hope for the world. He is the possessor of the pearl of great price.

Questions for Discussion

1. Is Christianity succeeding or failing?
2. What is your best test of the greatness of the Church?
3. What right have we to expect that Christianity will be universally accepted?
4. Is Christ's gospel giving you joy?
5. If religion were removed from your community, how much would you pay to restore it?

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Christmas Plum Pudding

A pudding, served with hard sauce or aflame with brandy sauce is the traditional Christmas dessert. This one we give here is particularly good.

1 9-ounce pkg. dry mincemeat
½ cup water
¼ cup strong coffee
2 tablespoons butter
½ cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1½ cups soft bread crumbs
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup seeded raisins

Break mincemeat into pieces; add water and cook slowly, stirring constantly until all lumps are broken up. Bring to a brisk boil and boil for three minutes or until mixture is nearly dry. Add coffee infusion and cool. Cream together butter and sugar; add beaten eggs, blending thoroughly. Add bread crumbs, baking powder, spices and raisins. Fold cooled mincemeat into above mixture; pour into a well greased pudding mold, filling it 2-3 full. Cover tightly and steam 1½ hours. Turn pudding out of mold, garnish with candied cherries and citron.

Hard Sauce

1-3 cup butter
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1½ teaspoon angostura bitters

Cream butter and gradually add sifted confectioners' sugar. Cream until fluffy. Add bitters, mix thoroughly.

Remove from the fire, add the vanilla and pour into an oiled pan. When cool remove from the pan and cut into ¾-inch squares. Wrap in oiled paper. If desired 1-3 cup coarsely chopped nuts may be added before pouring into the pan.

A Cake for the Holiday

An Old Fashioned Recipe Which Helps Hospitality

Besides the standard fruit cake which just naturally goes with Christmas festivities a lighter cake is a good investment. It won't be refused by guests who have already had too much of heavy Christmas food, because it is not too rich. It is an ideal cake to have on hand throughout the whole season for those occasions when old friends drop in to chat and wish you the best. And moreover, it can and should be made several weeks ahead. Any time now is the right time for baking this Old-Fashioned Nut Loaf which can then be stored till you need it.

Old-Fashioned Nut Loaf

2 cups sifted cake flour
2 teaspoons double-action baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2-3 cup butter or other shortening
1 cup sugar
3 eggs, unbeaten
1 cup finely cut nut meats
6 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating thoroughly after each. Add nuts and blend. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Bake in greased pan, 8 x 4 x 3 inches or in medium fluted pan, in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until done.

SHORT OF FUEL

The warden was having a terrible lot of bother fitting an old lady with a gas mask. None of the standard sizes seemed to fit her. The straps weren't in the right place, she complained.

He struggled and coaxed for a long time and when, at last everything seemed settled, she asked: "And now where do I get my gas?"

W.M.S.

At the December meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Georgetown United Church, held on Tuesday of last week, the following executive was elected for the year 1940:

Past President—Mrs. H. L. Hutt.
President—Mrs. F. C. Overend.
Vice-President—Mrs. A. M. Nielsen.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. Wrigglesworth.
Cor. Secretary—Mrs. A. R. Vannatter.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. Deans.
Sec. Christian Stewardship and Finance—Mrs. J. McDermid.
Sec. Community Friendship—Mrs. C. J. Buck.
Supply Secretary—Mrs. W. Tyndall.
Assoc. Helpers Sec.—Miss E. McKay.
Missionary Monthly Sec.—Mrs. G. Dobson.
Literature Sec.—Mrs. R. H. Wright.
Press Sec.—Mrs. C. B. Dayfoot
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Jelly Beans or Gum **Drops** 2 lbs. 25c

PEAS	Aylmer Sieve 4	3	16-oz. tins	25c
CORN	Aylmer White or Golden Bantam	3	16-oz. tins	25c
Tomatoes	Aylmer Choice	3	No. 2½ tins	25c
SOUP	Aylmer Tomato or Vegetable	3	10-oz. tins	20c
CATSUP	Aylmer Tomato		12-oz. btl.	11c
JUICE	Aylmer TOMATO	3	20-oz. tins	20c
BEANS	Aylmer with Pork	3	20-oz. tins	23c

Aylmer **Apple Sauce** 2 17-oz. tins 17c
Aylmer **APRICOTS** 2 15-oz. tins 27c
Aylmer Golden Kernel **CORN** 2 16-oz. tins 19c
Chocolate **PUFFS** Biscuits 2 lbs. 25c
Special—Aylmer **PEACHES** 2 15-oz. tins 21c

Cut Mixed PEEL	lb.	23c
Red Glaced CHERRIES	lb.	41c
Seeded Lexia RAISINS	1-lb. pkg.	15c
Golden Hallowi DATES	2 lbs.	19c
Silver Star FLOUR	7-lb. bag	16c
Colored Cake CANDIES	Tube	8c
Bungalow Assorted CHOCOLATES	1-lb. box	24c
Table FIGS	¼-lb. pkg.	10c
Catarac Dry GINGER ALE	lg. btl. Deposit Extra	10c

MAGIC BAKING POWDER 16-oz. tin 28c Cash and Carry
LARD FEARMAN'S PURE 1-lb. pkg. 9c
MINCEMEAT MAPLE LEAF 2 lbs. 25c

Eastfirst Shortening or DOMESTIC	1-lb. pkg.	13c
Cowan's COCOA	1-lb. tin	27c
Chateau CHEESE	½-lb. pkg.	15c
Hellmann's MAYONNAISE	3½-oz. jar	10c
Aylmer Honey Drop PEAS	2 16-oz. tins	27c
Special—Fry's COCOA	½-lb. tin	19c
Aylmer Asparagus TIPS	12-oz. tin	19c
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