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JESUS AND THE SABBATH

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:8-11; Isaiah 58:13, 14; Mark 2:23-28. GOLDEN TEXT—And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.—Mark 2:27.

The sabbath was essentially a day of rest and worship; hence the principles which surrounded it and directed its life may be applied to our day of rest, which is the first day of the week—the Lord's day.

That word "rest" sounds a little strange in this busy world of ours, and yet it is an important one. It means quiet for the struggling one, calm for the troubled, repose for the weary, tranquility for the disturbed, cessation of labor for the worn-out one.

God in His infinite wisdom saw that without rest man would soon destroy himself, and He made provision for one day in seven when labor should cease and man should be free for that recreation of soul and body which should fit him for his labor of the week.

Our lesson answers two important questions about our rest day, namely, Why? and How?

I. Why We Keep a Day of Rest

Exod. 20:8-11; Isa. 58:13, 14. The chief reason is that God commands it. One day out of seven is our recreation by rest and worship. That should be sufficient to cause His people to "remember" the day "to keep it holy."

Doubtless it is true that essential work and related activities must be carried on, even on Sunday. God did not forbid works of necessity, but even though there is this need, we will deny that many use Sunday work that is not essential—and countless others devote it to godless leisure.

Notice that the day of rest was to be not only for the family, but also for servants and for visitors. The employer who unnecessarily operates his factory or office on Sunday violates this commandment. Note also that the man who is to rest on the seventh day is supposed to work on the six days.

The precept of Exodus 20 is enforced by the promise of Isaiah 58, the man who delights in keeping God's commandment regarding the day of rest, will find that God delights in and honors him. Both men and nations have found this to be true.

II. How We Keep a Day of Rest

Mark 2:23-3:6. The formalists of Christ's day, the Pharisees, had overlooked the heart of God's law and the holy living which it was intended to produce. God had bound up even the observance of the sabbath (which was intended to be a day of rest and gladness) in such a mass of technical "thou shalt not's" that it was a day of fear. They had a false outward profession of worship and had entirely missed the true spirituality of God's law, a fact which drew upon their heads the anger and rebuke of our Lord.

The two incidents in this portion of our lesson reveal that under the cloak of earnestly observing the law of the sabbath, the Pharisees were actually covering their own hypocrisy and their hatred for Christ. The accusations against the disciples because they had taken and eaten grain was not on the ground that they had stolen, for the law Deut. 23:25 guaranteed that right to the one who passed through his neighbor's field. The Pharisees condemned, however, that the disciples had worked on the sabbath in picking and hulling the grain.

The healing of the man with the withered arm revealed that back of their professed concern for the sabbath was a real hatred for Christ. It is an appalling thing that in the guise of worship on the very sabbath day, these men, outwardly so religious, were plotting against our Lord.

"They watched him," and even so he enemies of the Cross watch us who are His followers. They are of concerned that the man with the withered arm, or with the withered pul may be helped, but only that they may find something to condemn.

Jesus cuts across human hypocrisy and hatred to declare that the true keeping of the sabbath is to do the work of God. No work of necessity (like plucking the grain) or of mercy (like healing the withered arm) is ever out of place on the day of rest.

A word of caution is needed, for some have sought to interpret this scripture as providing biblical ground for doing all sorts of things on their day of rest. That day is for man's good, not for his destruction. The greatest good is served by rest, spiritual development, Christian fellowship, and the doing of deeds of necessity and mercy.

The desecration of the Lord's Day is our time in a special matter. Let us not contribute to its deterioration, which needs Sunday as a day of rest and worship.

County Holstein and Jersey Shows Feature at Milton Fair

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and in the opinion of many in the ringside, would have done credit to the C. N. E. Durno Line of Woodstock placed the ribbons on the Jerseys, and he expressed himself as being not only very much impressed, but also delighted with the quality and numbers brought out.

In the Holstein show 22 different Holton herds were represented. W. B. Hall of Oakville was premier exhibitor, and in addition had the Senior and Grand Championship on his herd sire, Elm Colanthus Rag Apple Right; first on his Senior Yearling Heifer, Oakhall Patricia Blanche; first on his Junior Yearling, Oakhall Rag Apple Clara which animal also was adjudged Reserve Junior Champion Female; first in a strong class in the Junior Get of Bire, on his Get of Right; and first in both Progeny of Dam classes His Junior Progeny secured the Bank of Commerce Trophy for the two best animals, any age, Progeny of one Dam, bred and owned by exhibitor.

E. Beasworth & Son of Freeman was premier breeder, and incidentally won the much coveted Bank of Nova Scotia silver tray for the winning Get of Bire group, on the Get of Glenroy Hartog Mercedes. The same breeder had the winning Senior Heifer, and also secured first on his 2 year old Dry Heifer, Spruceleigh Korndyke Mercedes, and similar honours on his 2 year old in Milk, Spruceleigh Bess.

Morley Watson of Tanley had the Senior and Grand Champion Female, on Snowball Sylvia Alcastra, with Robinson Bros, another prominent breeder having Reserve on Daisy Gano Hartog. The Junior Female Champion was won on a Junior heifer calf, Lornabelle Nancy Queen Beale, from the herd of Victor J. Lawrence of Bronte. This animal was also adjudged Reserve Grand.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the entire Holstein show was the Boys' and Girls' Calf Club, which brought out 13 entries, and according to Judge J. M. Fraser, were an outstanding lot. The winning calf was displayed by Lorna Lawrence, with Craig Alexander in second place, and Russell Brain and Ward Brownridge third, while in Showmanship, first went to David Pelletterio; 2nd, to Wm. A. Brain; 3rd to Lorna Lawrence; and 4th to Ward Brownridge.

In the Jersey show, 7 breeders brought out a total of 56 animals, with Maurice Beaty winning the awards for both Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder. He repeated his win of former years by again securing the Senior and Grand Championship for Males, on Brampton Draconis Royal, with Gerald Graham getting Reserve on Graham Farm Royalist. Maurice Beaty also won the Senior and Grand Championship for Females, on Lindale Basilia, with Gerald Graham securing the Reserve, on Graham Farm Royalist Nita. Mr. Beaty also had the winning 2 year old in Milk, on Lindale Estelle Gladys; the winning Progeny of Dam, and the winning Senior Heifer.

Gerald Graham, of Georgetown, was a strong contender throughout, winning the T. Eaton Special for the winning Get of Bire Group on the Get of Brampton Favorite Royalist. The same breeder had the winning Junior Heifer, the winning Junior Female Champion First prize Junior Yearling Heifer, first in Senior Yearling Heifer, as well as the First Prize Dry Cow, the latter animal, namely Graham Farm Royalist Nita, being the Reserve Grand Champion. Featherstone Bros. of Oakville, had the winning Three Year Old, on Avonlea King's Iona Lass, and also won the first Prize in Junior Heifer Calf, on Avonlea King's Fern Third. Lorne Ella of Rockwood, president of the Halton Jersey Cattle Club, had the winning Senior Heifer Calf, and also winning First in Dry Two Year Old. Other prominent breeders included Arthur Padbury, Charles McKeown, W. J. Alexander.

The Jersey Calf Club, while smaller in numbers than in former years, also put on a fine display, Beverly Ella having both the winning Calf and being adjudged best Showman.

Other Awards were as follows:—

JERSEYS

Bull, 2 Years and Over—1st, Maurice Beaty; 2nd, Arthur Padbury; 3rd, Charles McKeown.

Bull, 1 Year—1st, Gerald Graham; 2nd, W. J. Alexander; 3rd, Lorne Ella; Bull Calf, Under 1 Year—1st, Maurice Beaty; 2nd, Featherstone Bros.; 3rd, Featherstone Bros.; 4th, Lorne Ella; 5th, Arthur Padbury; 6th, Charles McKeown.

Cow, 4 Years and Over, Milking—1st, Maurice Beaty; 2nd, Arthur Padbury; 3rd, Gerald Graham; 4th, Featherstone Bros.; 5th, Gerald Graham; 6th, Lorne Ella.

Cow, 4 Years and Over, Dry—1st, Gerald Graham; 2nd, Maurice Beaty; 3rd, Charles McKeown; 4th, Lorne Ella; 5th, Charles McKeown.

Cow, 3 Years, Milking or Dry—1st, Featherstone Bros; 2nd, Arthur Padbury; 3rd, Maurice Beaty; 4th, Featherstone Bros.; 5th, Featherstone Bros.; 6th, Lorne Ella; 7th, Lorne Ella.

Heifer, 3 Years, in Milk—1st, Maurice Beaty; 2nd, W. J. Alexander; 3rd, W. J. Alexander.

HOLSTEINS

Bull, 2 Years and Over—1st, W. B. Hall; 2nd, Fred Hamilton & Son; 3rd, Ross Segsworth; 4th, Irwin Shepherd.

Bull, 1 Year—1st, Dr. Chas. N. Blanshard 2nd, John Jickel & Son. Senior Bull Calf—1st, P. Palletterio & Sons; 2nd, Elton McLean; 3rd, G. Leslie Peer & Son; 4th, J. C. Bell & Son; 5th, Ross Segsworth; 6th, Ross Segsworth; 7th, A. Stark & Son. Junior Bull Calf—1st, G. Leslie Peer & Son.

Cow, 4 Years and Over, Dry—1st, Robinson Bros; 2nd, A. Stark & Son; 3rd, W. B. Hall; 4th, Emerson Ford; 5th, Ross Segsworth; 6th, Elton McLean; 7th, G. Leslie Peer & Son; 8th, Wilfred Pickering & Son.

Cow, 4 Years and Over, Milking—1st, Morley Watson; 2nd, Robinson Bros; 3rd, W. B. Hall; 4th, Ross Segsworth; 5th, J. Picket & Son; 6th, J. Picket & Son; 7th, W. B. Hall.

Cow, 3 Years—1st, Robinson Bros; 2nd, Emerson Ford; 3rd, P. Oliver Hunter; 4th, J. Picket & Son; 5th, J. Picket & Son; 6th, John Schertel; 7th, Wilfred Pickering & Son; 8th, G. Leslie Peer & Son.

Heifer, 2 Years, in Milk—1st, Ross Segsworth; 2nd, John Schertel; 3rd, John Schertel; 4th, G. Leslie Peer & Son.

Heifer, 2 Years, Dry—1st, Ross Segsworth; 2nd, J. C. Bell & Son; 3rd, W. B. Hall.

Heifer, Senior Yearling—1st, W. B. Hall; 2nd, W. B. Hall; 3rd, Ross Segsworth.

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