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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

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**THE LAW OF LIFE**

**LESSON TEXT**—Matthew 25:31-46.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—Thou shalt love the Lord  
thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy  
soul, and with all thy mind. This is the  
first and greatest commandment. And the second  
is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy  
neighbor as thyself.—Matthew 22:37-39.

Our lesson presents a great judgment scene—majestic, solemn, stirring. Many confuse it with the judgment of the Great White Throne in Revelation 20. But Matthew 25 is obviously the judgment of nations (v. 32) for their treatment of Christ's brethren (v. 40), a word referring primarily to Jews, but also spoken of in Matthew 12:48-50.

The lesson needs broader application, however, so we suggest that we allow the more general principles of judgment occupy our attention. We note that

**I. Judgment Divides (vv. 31-33).**

The nations, coming before Christ when He shall have appeared in all His glory, shall find themselves separated into two groups on the basis of their treatment of the brethren of Christ.

The fact that God has drawn a line of division down through all humanity and that each one of us is on one side or the other is not a doctrine which finds ready acceptance with modern thinking, but it is nonetheless a fact.

No man established that division—God Himself did it, and did it in love. To some it may seem to be a hard saying, but it is not, for it comes from the lips of the gentle loving Jesus.

It is because He loved us enough to give Himself for us that any of us find ourselves on the side of that dividing line which assures us of eternal joy and blessedness.

They who stand on the other side of the line do so because they have not accepted God's proffered salvation in Christ. Reader, where do you stand?

**II. Judgment Declares (vv. 34-45).**

Our attitude toward God expresses itself in our attitude toward our fellow man. That which we do toward those about us is not a matter of indifference, but is the basis for God's judgment of our lives. Each of us must answer for the deeds done in the flesh whether they be good or evil. That is true even of the believer (II Cor. 5:10), whose salvation has already been determined by his faith in Christ.

Here in our lesson, however, the failure to do that which shows forth God's law of love is made the ground of eternal judgment. This is not because an act of kindness itself can be regarded as the ground of division, but because the failure to give it or do it reflects an attitude of heart toward our God and His Christ, which is in reality a rejection of His way of salvation.

Judgment is thus a revelation on the attitude of the heart, which marks a man or woman as being either saved or lost. It may be possible to so becloud the thinking of our friends and neighbors that we may go through life looking something like a Christian, but when Christ judges, it will all be revealed to us.

Notice the importance of a proper attitude toward those who need our kindness and help. All too often the only concern of men and women is to look out for "number one" and let the rest of the world shift for itself.

Observe also that the Lord identifies Himself with His brethren—what is done to and for them is counted as done to and for Him. Compare the experience of Samuel (I Sam. 8:7) and of Paul (Acts 9:5). Touch God's people and you touch Him. Fail them and you fail Him. Serve them and you serve Him.

**III. Judgment Determines (v. 46).**

Yes, God's judgment determines eternal destiny. Life eternal, or everlasting punishment, which shall it be? That is determined by God's final word of judgment, but remember that He judges in accordance with the attitude of heart and action of life on this side of the grave.

Now, for that matter, is a part of eternity, and it is consequently of great importance that we are right with both God and man now if we expect to be right throughout eternity.

We need to face this truth of judgment with complete candor and honest heart-searching. We agree with Dr. Douglass that "we must stand with awful concern before this solemn truth. Do not hesitate to tear this because it is contrary to the current of modern thinking or shocking to confront. It needs to be faced in a brave spirit of realism. (As a teacher) you will do your pupils a great disservice if you try to shield them from the grim implications of this truth."

Yes, and also if you keep from them the glorious prospect of eternal joy in the presence of God. The law of life is the law of love—love for God, and for Jesus Christ whom He has sent to be our Redeemer—and love for His brethren. That law of love rules even in the day of judgment.

**Legion Notes**

By J. B.

Great interest is being shown by all members of the Legion in the forthcoming election of officers for the next term. Every comrade has received a notice informing them of the annual meeting and included with this notice was a printed resolution of some form of notice of motion presented at the last meeting by Comrade S. P. Chapman. Several of the Comrades in discussing this printed notice are under the opinion that it is not in order and contrary to our by-laws and proceedings and cannot be dealt with as intended, etc.

Comrade Chapman, when interviewed, reiterated that the wording of his suggestion or resolution as of last year, could be somewhat improved and rectified at the meeting, but his only intention at the outset was his contention that every member of the Branch, whether present at the meeting or not should have a vote in the election. We heartily agree with him regarding his attitude. Why should it be that members, who through no fault of their own, due to working hours and unable to be present to cast their vote, be deprived of their franchise.

For the good of the Legion, let us not forget that whether the resolution or notice of motion, or whatever you

may call it, be upheld or denied, the intention is that all members whether present or not have the same privilege to cast their vote for whom they wish to elect. Upon rejection of the motion, voting will only be by those present at the meeting.

The writer is expressing his own views as well as those of several other comrades, so let's all work with one object in view, to elect officers that can fulfill the important duties accorded them, and for the betterment of the Legion. Remember Comrades the Legion is all for one and one for all.

Last Friday evening a large number of our comrades were present at an open discussion supper meeting in the Legion rooms. Comrade Col. G. B. S. Cousens was chairman for the occasion and several discussions for the betterment of the Legion were brought before the meeting. Comrade T. Grievie pointed out to the meeting that it was the 17th anniversary of the local branch and attending the supper were five or six members whose names appeared on the charter. Mrs. T. Grievie and Mrs. F. McCartney catered for the supper and received a hearty "thank you" from all present for the splendid meal they provided. Comrades taking part in open discussions

were Past President F. McCartney, Harry Watkins, Jim Emerson, AM, Collins, Tom Grievie, Wm. Roney and others.

In our report of the Imperial supper party in last week's Herald we regret that we omitted the name of Mrs. Chas. Parton as caterer for the supper. We hope Mrs. Parton will overlook our error.

Comrades, have you noticed the new 1946 style of car windows recently installed in Comrade Stalford's car. It is a new idea. If you would like one installed on your car consult Harold Stalford who owns the patent for this new invention.

Comrades, one bad habit in the club rooms that will be stopped shortly is that of some members throwing their overcoats and hats on the window sills. Why not use the hangers? We have been informed by the chairman of the property committee that he has placed an order with Comrade Henry Preston for spring potted plants from his greenhouse to be installed on the window sills for Easter. What then Comrades! Is it not time for someone to complain to Johnny and have him install more hooks to hang your coats and hats. How about it Johnny?

Comrades! Our treasurer, Wm. Roney, would like to have his books in order for the annual meeting. Help him out by bringing your dues up to date please.—J.B.

**JOHN McNAIR ELECTED  
PRESIDENT HALTON  
JUNIOR FARMERS**

Dr. G. I. Christie is to be the guest speaker at the noonday luncheon to be held in connection with a conference of Halton Junior Farmers and Junior Homemakers, in Milton on March 26th. This event is open to all Halton rural young people irrespective of whether or not they are now members of the Junior Farmer groups at Aoton, Norval and Palermo. Dinner tickets are now available from the officers of the three groups. Accommodation for the dinner is limited and those interested are urged to make their reservations early.

The County Junior Farmers have also completed plans for their annual Judging Competitions in grain and seeds, fruit and vegetables, cream grading and grading of Wiltshire sides, which are to be held in conjunction with the County Seed Fair and Bacon Show in Milton Town Hall, on Saturday morning, March 17th. These competitions are open to all Halton Junior Farmers under 39 years of age, with a special section for those under 20 years. Plans for the Junior Homemakers' Garden Brigades and other homemaking projects are also progressing rapidly. Those interested can secure further details concerning these various activities from the Agricultural Office in Milton or from any one of the following officers who were recently appointed at the annual meeting of the Halton Rural Young People's Assoc.:

President—John Y. McEbb, Georgetown.  
1st Vice-President—Geo. S. Atkins, Bronte.  
2nd Vice-President—Edna Atkins, Aoton.  
Secretary—Imey Keen, Georgetown.  
Directors—Aoton, Gordon Leslie, Margaret McPhail and Mansell Helms; Norval—Bruce Reid, Betty Buddell; Palermo—Jack Hamilton, Janet Hesplop, Geo. R. Breckon and Jean Kingston.

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Arthritic Pain Quickly**

If you suffer from arthritic, rheumatic, or neuritic pain, try this simple, inexpensive home recipe. Get a package of Ru-ex Prescription from your druggist. Mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy and pleasant.

You need only 2 tablespoonsful two times a day. Often within 48 hours—sometimes overnight—splendid results are obtained. If the pains are not quickly relieved and if you do not feel better, Ru-ex Prescription will cost you nothing to try. Your money refunded if it does not help you. Ru-ex Prescription is for sale and recommended by MacOurne's Drug Store and other leading druggists.

# WHY THE RED CROSS Needs Ten Million Dollars



**13,460,000 FOOD PARCELS**



Canadian Red Cross packs Prisoner of War Parcels for Great Britain, Australia and other Allies, as well as her own prisoners of war. Canada's share of the \$20,020,000 is \$5,020,000. The balance, \$15,000,000 will be repaid to Canada by the other countries.



**1,800,000 BLOOD DONATIONS**

The demand for blood serum from all battlefronts has never been greater than now. To withhold the gift of our blood is to withhold life from our fighting men. This service takes \$1,000,000 of our budget.

**SUPPLIES FOR CIVILIANS**

War has dispossessed millions and has brought an overwhelming call for medical supplies and relief clothing for these civilian victims of War's savagery. Only the Red Cross can help—with your help.



● The 1945 Budget of the Canadian Red Cross Society may be summarized as follows:—

(1) Prisoner of War Parcels..	\$20,020,000
Repayable by Great Britain, Australia.....	15,000,000
	5,020,000
(2) Allied Relief.....	8,000,000
(3) Blood Donor Service.....	1,000,000
(4) Hospital Supplies, comforts for Armed Forces and civilians grants and contingencies including St. John Ambulance Association.....	5,830,000
(5) Peace Time requirements including Red Cross lodges at military hospitals in Canada.....	1,750,000
Administration Canada and Overseas.....	600,000
Campaign & Publicity.....	400,000
	\$22,600,000
Funds available and other income.....	12,600,000
1945 Campaign.....	\$10,000,000

**KEEP MERCY ON THE MARCH**

War is bitter and cruel with its attendant casualties. Canadian Red Cross will be at the side of our fighting men on battlefield, in hospitals, in enemy prison camps during the most critical moments—what it can do for them THEN will depend on what Canadian citizens do NOW.

*This, if ever, is the time for the most generous outpouring of our hearts and our resources.*

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**RELIEF FOR OUR ALLIES**



The Canadian United Allied Relief Fund and Canadian Red Cross Society are collaborating to send additional aid to Allied Red Cross Societies, for distribution to stricken civilians of the United Nations. This need increases as our armies advance.



**PEACETIME REQUIREMENTS**

Aid for disabled war veterans, including Lodges at our Military Hospitals; Outpost Hospitals in frontier districts; Nutrition Service; Home Nursing; First Aid—all these and other services must continue and expand.

**SUPPLIES FOR ARMED FORCES**

The very lives of our men in the armed services often depend on medical supplies and field comforts shipped by the Red Cross. 39,000,000 supplies and comforts have been sent. Millions more are needed urgently.

