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GOD'S JOY IN CREATION

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 1:1-5, 10-12, 16-18, 26, 27, 31.
GOLDEN TEXT—God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.—Genesis 1:31.

The destiny of this world seems to be in the balances in our day with wicked men ruthlessly trying to destroy that which is good and upright. We are deeply concerned in our hearts that the right should triumph and that a just and righteous peace should come.

In such a day it is good to remind ourselves, as we will in our three-month series of studies in Genesis, that man did not make this world, nor is it the product of natural forces. God made it.

God, who is eternal, infinite, and knows all from the beginning, is not moved by the impulses of the moment nor staggered by the catastrophes of a day.

He made the world. He made man. He had a plan for them, and still has a plan which He will in due season work out for His own glory.

I. God Made Heaven and Earth (vv. 1-5, 10-12, 16-18).

The biblical account of creation—"In the beginning God"—stands as a dignified, satisfactory, intelligent explanation of the origin of things, and in bold contrast to the confusing and almost unbelievable theories of men.

The best of scientists admit that they know nothing of the origin of things, and some say that they never will know. The answer to this query, with which every human philosophy opens, is the affirmation with which the divine account in Genesis opens—"In the beginning God."

Space forbids full discussion of the account of creation, but a study of it will reveal its beautiful order, symmetry, and completeness.

Compare that orderly account with the absurdities of the ancient human cosmogonies, and you have a new regard for Scripture.

II. God Made Man in His Own Image (vv. 26, 27).

Although man has often so debased himself by sin and disobedience to God that it seems almost unbelievable, it is nevertheless true that he was made in the likeness and image of God. Because that is true, we never give up hope for him. Because of that image, no matter how deeply defaced by sin, man still may be touched by redeeming grace and restored to fellowship with God.

The likeness and image of God in man refers to a moral and spiritual likeness. Man is a living soul with intelligence, feeling and will. He is a moral being, knowing the difference between right and wrong. He is a self-conscious, personal being.

To man God gave dominion over the earth and all its potential powers. Sometimes one has been hopeful that man was making good progress in the development of the earth's resources for his own good and the glory of God. But one is sad to see how he has used this great God-given opportunity for destruction and death. Only a revival of real Christianity can bring him back to his senses. Let us pray and work for it.

Observe that the family was established as the center of man's life on earth, as God gave him a "help meet unto him." Woman was taken "not out of man's head that she should rule over him; nor out of his feet to be trampled upon; but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected by him, and near his heart to be loved by him" (Matthew Henry).

The decay of family life and the modern substitution of social and civic units as the basis of life have led to disastrous results, one of which is juvenile delinquency. Not only do we need a revival of religion, we also need a revival of the home life of the nation.

III. God Made All Things Well (v. 31).

When man do recognize the hand of God in creation, they often seem to feel that what He made was rather limited and defective. It would almost seem that God should be clever about perfecting His work, developing it and making it useful.

As a matter of fact, God, who had all knowledge and whose standards are higher than man's standards could possibly be, looked over His creation and "behold, it was very good" (v. 31). It was a "finished" job (2:1).

Man has destroyed much of creation's beauty. Sin came in and marred it. What man's inventive cleverness has developed of the possibilities of this world is only a minute fraction of what is yet available. Instead of boasting, man might well be distressed at the pathetic slowness with which he has "thought God's thoughts after Him."

Instead of fighting and destroying, he ought to give his energies to building, developing, and above all, to loving. Let us all his heart and his neighbor as himself (Matt. 22:37-39).

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WELDON PALMER could never hope to be as great a salesman as Dana Bowen. That was too much like reaching for a star. To begin with, Dana was tall and fine looking, and possessed one of those winning magnetic personalities. Couple this with an easy flow of words, the ability to drive home his arguments with persuasive phrases, and emphatic gestures, and you have your super-salesman.

But despite everything, including his meekness, his limited vocabulary, his shyness, his unimpressive manner, his negative personality—Weldon cherished an ambition. He wanted to be a good salesman. He wanted to be almost as much as he wanted Martha Coman to like him. He felt grateful to Mr. Dempsey for keeping him on the sales staff. It never occurred to him to resent Dana Bowen's smirking remarks.

And despite the fact that it hurt when Martha seemed to be amused at Dana's kidding him, he was even willing to withstand that.

Martha Coman was Old Man Dempsey's private secretary. She was a good secretary and had made herself invaluable to him. Therefore, she wasn't very much surprised when one day he called her into his office and confessed anxiety regarding the Good Value Stores' account.

"Weldon Palmer could fix it," Mr. Dempsey swung around, and there was on his face an expression that might have been the prologue to either a burst of anger or hilarity.

Before the old man could adjust his senses, Martha said, "I know just the kind of a man Mr. Gorsey is, and I know just the kind of a man Weldon Palmer is. I've been watching him a long time." She paused, flushed, hurried on. "I mean, he's always wanted a chance like this. He wants to be a salesman, but everyone laughs at him. Why, I suspect he thinks even I do. But I don't. And I think if he were given a chance he'd make good."

Mr. Dempsey stared and gulped incredulously. "Miss Coman, are you sure you know what you're saying?"

Old Man Dempsey sat down with a thud. Ten minutes later he rang for Weldon Palmer. And afterwards—long afterwards—folks in the outer office recalled a curious expression on Weldon's face when he emerged from the boss' den.

At any rate, a week later Weldon burst into the Dempsey Food Products, Inc., and his face was beaming. No one paid him much attention, because it had become habit never to pay the meek little man much attention, unless someone were making him the butt of a joke.

And so the fact that Weldon's shyness, and meekness and unimpressiveness had fallen from him like a mask, was overlooked until a quarter of an hour later, at which time Old Man Dempsey appeared at the door of his private office and announced that the contract for the Good Value stores had been secured, and Weldon Palmer had secured it.

Behind the closed door of Old Man Dempsey's private office, the head of the organization sat at his desk and looked across at his private secretary.

"I can't understand it," he was saying, and there was still a perplexed look in his eyes. "It seems too impossible."

"That," she said, "is because you never stopped to analyze the situation, Mr. Dempsey. Haven't you ever wondered why it was that you kept Mr. Palmer on your staff at all?"

Old Man Dempsey nodded. "You bet I have. I've been on the point of firing him more times than one. And every time it's ended with me taking pity on him and hiring him back. I've always kicked myself for being too sentimental about him."

Miss Coman's eyes twinkled. "It isn't sentiment, Mr. Dempsey. It's because Mr. Palmer is a good salesman. He knows how to listen. He's the only man on your staff to whom you can blow off steam without being insulting. That's why you never fired him, because he just sits and listens to everything you have to say and never offers an argument or an excuse. There isn't much you can do to a man like that."

"That's why I suggested giving him the Gorsey assignment. Mr. Gorsey is a man not unlike yourself. He likes to blow off steam. An ordinary salesman would get him mad by arguing and trying to explain the merits of our products. Well—Mr. Palmer simply listened to him and then asked for the contract—and got it."

Mr. Dempsey arose. "Just a minute, Miss Coman." He coughed. "It's just occurred to me that your interest in young Palmer seems a bit more than—er—ordinary. Might I ask what lies behind it all?"

Martha Coman shook her head. "Nothing," she said brightly. "Nothing—yet. However, Mr. Palmer has asked me out to dinner tonight. It seems he's been wanting to take me out to dinner for a long time, but has just summoned up the courage to ask." She paused. "I expect he will ask me a question and then you'll know the answer."

Anniversary and Unveiling Well Attended at Limehouse

Great crowds attended the afternoon and evening services of worship commemorating the 84th anniversary of the Limehouse Presbyterian Church on June 17th. The guest preacher was the Rev. H. K. Caslor, B.A., of Grand Valley, who is well known in this district through his earlier connection with sports. In a forceful sermon in the afternoon, Mr. Caslor declared that mankind can only escape from God's wrath with His disobedient servant by faith in Jesus Christ the Son. In the evening, in connection with the unveiling of the Limehouse Community Honour Roll, the minister asked whether, in another 25 years, there was to be another such unveiling for the soldiers of some future war. Mr. Caslor declared that there would not be another such war if we were to learn the meaning of prayer, if we learned anew the meaning of the word "Christian," if we would live lives of consecration, and if we would hold our political leaders to strict account.

The Roll of Honour was unveiled and presented by P.O. Alex. Wright, whose name appears on the Roll, and who prior to his recent discharge had completed his tour of operations over enemy territory.

Music was provided in solos by Mr. Sam Gishby and Mrs. Harry Smethurst, and in duets by Misses Marion Hepburn and Mary Moyer and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shortill. The services were conducted by the minister, the Rev. Chas. C. Cochrane.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

18,000 attended the non-denominational rally in the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, Saturday evening, June 16th. A massed band, 5 pianos and a choir of 2,000 voices, directed by T. J. Bittkofer, of Chicago, were in attendance.

Beverly Shea, baritone, formerly of Ottawa, now vocalist with the Chicago Youth for Christ, sang. Other musical numbers were given by the King's Quintette, the Girls' Octette, and the Trumpet Trio.

Carrying flags of the United Nations, Boy Scouts marched to the banked platform in a colorful pageant. They were followed in a short interval by two members of the women's division of the W.D. of the ROAF—one carrying the Union Jack and the other the Christian flag, and finally by Mrs. Ruth Stumpf, who brought a gospel challenge to the youth from the millions who sit in heathen darkness.


"Already we have received an invitation from 4000 Christian young people in Russia to start our movement in their country," said Charles B. Templeton, director of the Youth for Christ in Ontario, as he outlined the world vision of this rapidly spreading youth movement.

Climaxing this outstanding program, was the heart-searching message brought by Rev. Percy Crawford of New York, as he forcibly directed the thoughts of each one present to the all important question: "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

The idea for Saturday night rallies originated in Chicago and has spread throughout the United States and Canada. At present such meetings are being held in Georgetown on Saturday night.

OVER 100 ATTEND GIFFEN REUNION

About 110 relations of the clan of the late Robt. Giffen motored to Spring Water Park, Midhurst, on Saturday, June 16th, for their day of fun and fellowship.



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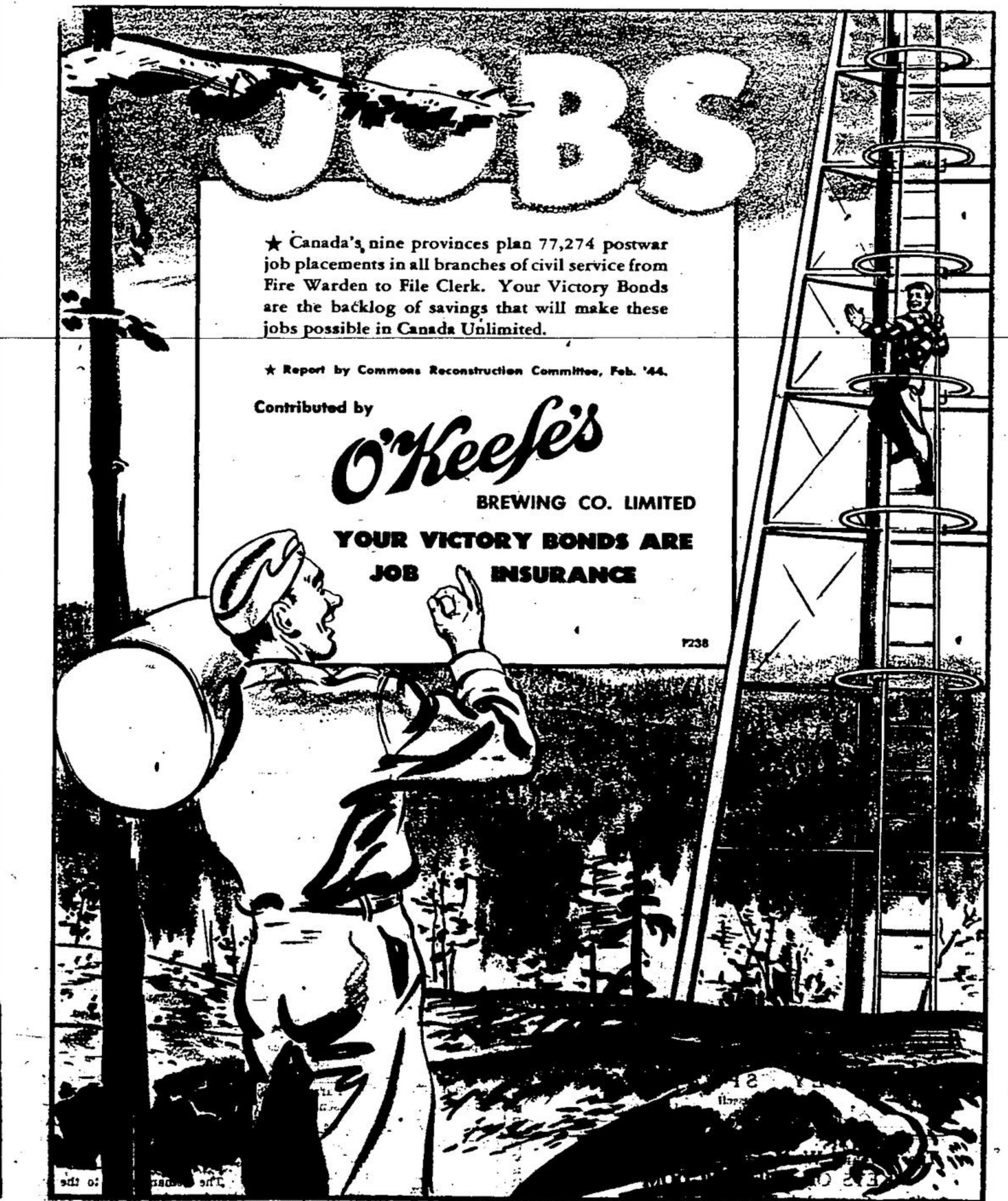
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After partaking of a sumptuous dinner, they were entertained by lively music from Douglas, Graydon, Garth and Gordon Giffen, all of Stayner, all short speeches from various members of the clan, including Gordon Graydon, M.P.

Officers elected for the re-union in 1947 were: President, Leslie Giffen, Georgetown; vice-president, Robert Giffen, Stayner; secretary, Mrs. Elmer May, Hornby; treasurer, Norman Giffen, Ingleswood. Friends were present from Georgetown, Brampton, Hornby, Cheltenham, Norval, Ingleswood, Toronto and Hamilton.



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