

#### Sunday School Lesson

BUNDAY, JANUARY 27th

IMESON: Exodus, chape-24-40,.... Lesson Text: Exodus 28: 1; 35: 4-9,

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A PROPLE AT WORSHIP Chaps. 24-40 of Exodus contain detalls of the organization of Public Worship in Israel on the march to Canaan. Particulars concerning the portable tabernacle or place of wor-

ship and all its furnishings, including detail of outward form in Public worthe Ark with the Tablets of the Law, ship, is centred about the God who has the altar of Sacrific and the sacri- made a Covenant with this nation, fices themselves and the vestments of sealed in blood, and at whose hands the priests, are set forth. Some of the they have received a Code of Laws by detail makes dull reading, but in these which to govern their relations with chapters is the great story of Moses Him and with their fellow-citizens. receiving the Tablets of Law, coming There is set forth too, the part which down from the presence of God to the people play in worship, as distinct find the priestly class degrading the from the priestly function - their nation's worship, wrathfully breaking praise their confession of disobedience. the Tablets, and then, repenting of his their making of sin-offerings, and righteous but hasty temper, entering their rededication; also the sharing once more into the presence of Jeho- responsibility for providing and furvah for a copy of what he had des- nishing the place of worship. troyed. It is worth noting that every

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camp was there.

Resemblance to a giant medieval keep gave the first name to the eight-mile

long mountain which towers 9,380 feet above sea level. Formations easily

identified as turrets, bastions and battlements rise over 4,000 feet from the valley floor. Back in the eighties there was a short-lived mining camp at

the base of the mountain while during the First Great War a large internment

#### THE PLACE OF WORSHIP IN A NATION'S LIFE

Is worship necessary? Is a place of worship necessary? The Emancipator of Israel and her greatest statesman found it so. He found that a people whose thoughts were upon the fleshpots was incapable of progress towards the Promised Land, unless at a stated place and time, their thoughts and affections were lifted towards the Unseen and Eternal. We are concerned today about an increase of crime and murder within the nation. Many immediate causes might be cited. But is the root cause a falling away from Public Worhlp? Can it be that our eyes are fixed upon stores and banks and factories, and making a living and sex, and are not at any time being lifted to the Lord "high and lifted up"? Is the root cause a failure to lift up the eyes "unto the

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION' IN FRAMING A NEW WORLD

The Israelites had experienced a break up of the old life. The standards and traditions of Egypt might hold for the older people-it would take forty years for them to die off, But those standards of right and wrong, those old conventions would not do for a Promised Land. They were the standards of slavery and oppression. The interval between the new and the old would be chaos, disintegrating to the morals and habits of youth which would inherit the Promised Land. A sure sense of God is the only restraint for the chaos, and the only inspiration for the standards of the new world. What are the standards of an Atomic Age? Of an age of World Covernment? Will the old standards of right and wrong, human conceptions, do?\_What of the interval between the new and 'ne old? "Blessed is the nation whose God is the

#### MEN MUST PROVIDE A PLACE TO MEET THEIR GOD

God does not do that. He calls upon men to provide a meeting place. where the human community may meet with God and worship Him. The rich are called upon to give out of their abundance; the poor out of their proyerty.-from each according to his ability and no contribution is too small, and the whole provides the place where the people together may meet their God. Even the poor herdman's contribution of simple goat's hair, is spun by the women whose only contribution is their talent for spinning, into a beautiful curtain to hang before the Sacred Ark. But God wants only willing offerings. Are we doing our fair share towards providing a senctuary, and are we doing it will-

A Shelburne benedict proffers this sege remark: "If you have never received a warning kick under the table it is a sure sign you haven't been marsted long,"

#### muct, as she did Ethan. Ethan was er busband. Rusty was the threeoon hs-old springer, spaniel. Ethan ad brought him home as a surprise

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Asserted Newspiniers.

3 URDLY Naomi thought she hated kniving Runty almost as

e werk after they returned from eir honeymoon. She loved him " m the moment his pink tongue werly licked the hand she put out n her first ee ture of friendship. She loved him even when she discovered hat a three-months old puppy has the discrimination in matters of Let Rusty attempted to mosticate everything from the ends of the new chintz curtains to the fuzzy bristles. of the fireplace broom.

Occasionally she became exasperand, i ke the time he chewed into a shamiess sodden mass the book of e detashioned recipes her Aunt-Sara had eiten her. Then she would scold inc. Rusty would retreat beneath the piano and peer out at her with silky ears drooping and great brown eyes and and remorseful, and a lump would come into her throat.

Yes, now that she had decided to leave Ethan she must leave Rusty too There must be no reminders no connecting link in the things she took away. It was going to be hard enough breaking away without torturing herself with memories of what might have been.

So Naomi sat at her desk and

'Dear Ethan: "I had thought I would be able to take it. I had promised myself that if ever another woman came between us I would blame myself, condemn myself for having failed, and try to win you back. What a fool f was! Goodby, dear. It was fun while it lasted."

She placed the note on the little table near the big chair where Ethan diways sat to read his paper. Her bag was in the hall; packed and ready. Rusty leaped and yelped about her feet. She didn't dare look at him, nor glance into the room. She opened the door and went out

The train for Weymouth left at 30: She' wasn't hungry, but deused to drop in at Flagg's for a ndwich It wouldn't be sensible to go without lunch; from now on are must be sensible in everything . did Sensible and practical and atter of fact. Any other mode of ving would be one more reminder a what she was leaving behind

she tadn't thought of meeting anyme in Flagg's She hadn't planned in what she would do if this hapened. And now, watching Regina junean coming across the room, she test her muscles stiffen; her hands were suddenly like ice. Regina of ail people! Regina, the other wom-

Naomi was a little proud of her oice, her smile, her complete conrol. This was fate. This was the andest test of all, coming so soon. Il she could survive this she could survive all the years to come. "Darling, how nice you look! Think

il meeting you here like this, today. I must tell you. I promised Ethan I wouldn't, but I must. He was so wonderful! Ethan, I mean." Uncertainly Naomi's brows came

ngether in a little frown. But she still smiled, still kept her voice unier control, -

'Tell me what, darling?"

'About Dunc and me. About Ethan. Oh, Naomi, how lucky you are! How he must love you. He was so kind and patient and help

The frown grew between Naomi's rows. A fear, a coldness began to ake hold of her heart.

'Whatever are you talking about' 'About Dune. We quarreled, you know. Oh, it was over such a silly little thing But it grew and grew. and Dune told Ethan about it, and told Ethan and he talked and alked About you. I mean, it was you and him that convinced us ' He was so contented and happy, and he said we could be, too, if we had anysense and intelligence. He said there wasn't any formula but love, and hat if we wanted to be happy it was up to us, not him or anyone else

Her voice ran on, forming a faint rritating background of sound for Vaoini's thoughts, for other little onces that talked to her accusingly, that laughed scornfully and calledher unfair and a cheat and disloyal

Then abruptly ske was standing and Regma had stopped and was a king at her with open mouth. Waiter! Please! My check! Hur i?"Oh, do hurry!"

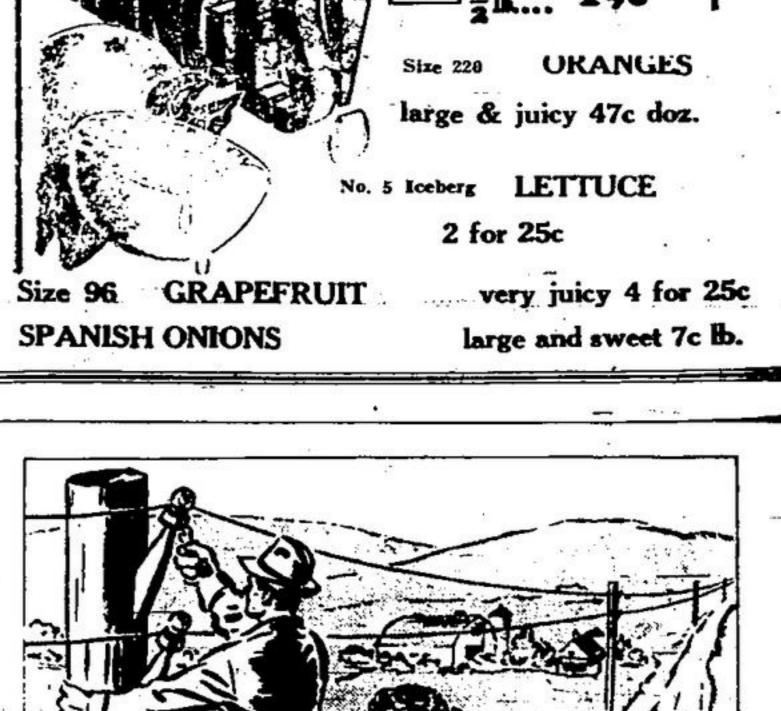
She hired a taxi. It was a reck. ess thing to do, because they were conomizing for their plans for next ummer. But even so she was too ale Ethan's coupe was in front of the house.

Her heart was in her throat and tread was in her heart. She opened the door and there was Ethan sprawled out in the big chair. He coked at her solemnly.

"Shh!" he said. "Don't say a word. If you do we'll never get to first base with the mutt. After all he's old enough to learn now.

Her brain whirled crazily, then stopped. Beneath the piano Rusty's stubby tail thumped tentatively. He peered out at her from great, sor rowful, guilty eyes. At his feet was a twisted, shapeless sodden mass o' paper-the letter she had left on the little table beside the big chair."







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