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Sunday School Lesson

(By Rev. R. G. Todd)

LESSON: Joshua.
LESSON Text: Joshua 1:1-4; 23: 1-11.
A PEOPLE FINDING A HOMELAND

The long history of the human race has seen many an invasion carried out with the express purpose of conquest and settlement. The Hebrew invasion of Canaan was such an one. Preceding lessons have dealt with the deliverance of the Hebrews from bondage in Egypt, their long migration and preparation for nationhood, their initial set-back and their further disciplining. The Book of Joshua which forms the basis of the present lesson, records the actual invasion and gradual conquest of the Promised Land, beginning with the fall of Jericho and the allotment of territory to the different tribes for conquest and settlement, and ending with the death of Joshua, Moses' successor. The lesson suggests that there were three outstanding factors which made the invasion successful.

THE COURAGE AND FAITH OF THE LEADER

Joshua appears to have succeeded to the leadership of the Hebrew tribes at the opportune moment. In natural endowments he was quite different from Moses. Moses was the law-giver — Joshua was the soldier. And in actual invasion not a law-giver, but a soldier was called for. Both of them, however, had two qualities in common, qualities shared by all great leaders and pioneers. Courage and Faith. Luther, for example, had these. It is recorded that when he was on his way to defend his "heretical" opinions at the Imperial Diet at Worms, he received a message from the Elector of Saxony warning him not to enter the city. Turning to the messenger after reading the message, he said in the now famous words: "Go tell your master that should there be as many devils at Worms as there are tiles on its roofs, I would enter it." The N.T. tells us of Jesus that "he steadfastly set his face towards Jerusalem, knowing that if he went there he would suffer many things of the chief priests and scribes." It is characteristic of Joshua that at the age of eighty-five, when the land of Canaan was divided among the tribes for conquest, he chose the hill country for his inheritance, although it was inhabited by the most war-like of the aborigines and defended by the strongest walled cities.

THE COURAGE AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE

Joshua had the further quality of being able to inspire others with his own faith and courage. Lack of these qualities had been the cause of the failure of the Hebrews forty years before. It is an entirely different people one sees now, as early one morning, they rose up, packed their baggage and led by the Ark of the Covenant, passed over the river Jordan and laid siege to the walled city of Jericho. Such was their will to conquer that even the waters of the Jordan rolled back before them and they passed over dry-shod, and even the walls of Jericho "came tumbling down" before the blasts of their trumpets. Truly, the future of any people depends upon the greatness of the vision which they have of their possibilities as a people, and the will and the courage to make that vision an actuality.

THE COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The Covenant relationship which the Hebrews had with God was the one factor without which, neither the faith and courage of their leader, nor their own will to conquer, would have availed nothing. Time and again the book of Joshua and the other books of the O.T. lay stress on the covenant. In the lesson text in giving a farewell address to his people. He makes little mention of the battles fought and none of the victories won, under his leadership. What he sees, and what he wants his people to see, is the hand of God in the turns of history which gave them a national homeland. He reminds them of the great things God has done for them, and of the heavy obligation which is theirs because of what God has done. And he says: "Take good heed, therefore, unto yourselves that ye love the Lord your God." Heeded indeed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

It is suggested that these three factors in the lesson have a bearing upon us here in Georgetown, as we look to the post-war future. There are many fields of conquest for us — public health, public education, public morals and housing, and the evangelizing of the un-Christian. You may think of others. Well, don't these three factors apply as conditions of success — the faith and courage of our leading spirits; the courage and will of the citizenry; and most important of all, our covenant relationship with God? There is the New Covenant sealed in the blood of God's Son, in which, for his part, He has promised forgiveness of sins, His rule in the hearts of men, and Eternal Life, and in which, for our part we are called upon to believe. With these three factors operative, nothing is impossible of achievement in Georgetown.

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HAMILTON BOYS ENJOY DAY IN TOWN

Quite probably you noticed an excited group of young boys in town last Saturday. They were a group of backyard hockeyists who came to town to play with boys of St. George's Boy's League. These boys have had no organized training like Dr. Reid's proteges, and were amazed at the way the local boys entertained them, and the fact that they were allowed to play hockey and skate in a large arena.

Although living in Hamilton the boys get most of their hockey and sports in the backyards and sandlots of the metropolis. However, plans are under way to get some organization started for this particular group of young Hamiltonians. The boys made the trip here under the supervision of a former Georgetown Boy, Lloyd Walters, who has taken an interest in the boys on this street. He made arrangements to play hockey with Dr. Reid's boys and they journeyed to town last Saturday by chartered bus.

Mr. Walters is desirous of thanking Dr. Reid for having the boys up and hopes to be able to have the Boy's League down to Hamilton for a game before the season is over.

Those making the trip were: Billy Switzer, Charles Donette, Roy Batey, Dennis Smith, Donald Lane, Donald Donohue, Fred Lawson, Emil Boscak, Brian Smith, Bill Lawson, Michael Bell, Charles Schnarr, Jerry Bell, Ronnie Mitchell, Gordon Switzer, David McLean, Douglas Madden, Alex Shinnell, Russell Fisher, Don Pypier, Charles Guthrie.

IN THE MAIL BAG

2540 Shelbourne St.,
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Dear Sir,
I enclose payment for my subscription for "The Herald" for the current year.

I am pleased to note from items in the paper that there is a good prospect for increased activity in the old town and am interested in the proposal to establish a museum of objects of historical interest in use by the pioneers. We are enjoying the relatively mild temperature here on the Pacific coast. With greetings to friends in Georgetown.

C. B. Dayfoot.

LOCAL BREEDERS BUY HOLSTEINS AT GUELPH SALE

Six head of purebred Holsteins were purchased by Halton County breeders at the dispersal sale of the herd of A. J. Davidson held on February 18 at Guelph. This herd was shipped down from Edmonton, Alberta to be sold at public auction.

Clarence Ford & Sons, Milton, bought a nine-year-old cow for \$450; Max Greenburg, Freeman, a two-year-old heifer for \$400, and a three-year-old heifer for \$375; Geo. A. Stewart, Campbellville, a yearling heifer for \$225; A. H. McKane, Georgetown, a heifer calf for \$100; and A. E. Campbell, Campbellville, a two-months-old bull calf for \$70.00.

The 44 head offered brought an average of \$439.00. Top price was \$1800.

Treasurer's Sale of Land for Taxes

TOWNSHIP OF ESQUESING COUNTY OF HALTON

TO WIT:

By virtue of a Warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Esquensing, bearing date the first day of October, 1945, a sale of lands in arrears of taxes in the Township of Esquensing will be held at the Council Chamber, in the Village of Stewarttown, at the hour of ten o'clock, in the forenoon on the 15th day of April 1946, unless the taxes and costs are sooner paid.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the list of lands for sale in arrears of taxes has been prepared, that copies of the said list may be had at my office, that the list of all lands for sale for arrears of taxes is being published in The Ontario Gazette on Saturday, January 5th, 1946, and that unless the arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid I will proceed to sell the said lands on the day and at the place above mentioned.

Treasurer's Office, this 3rd day of January, 1946.

K. C. LINDSAY,

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Treasurer

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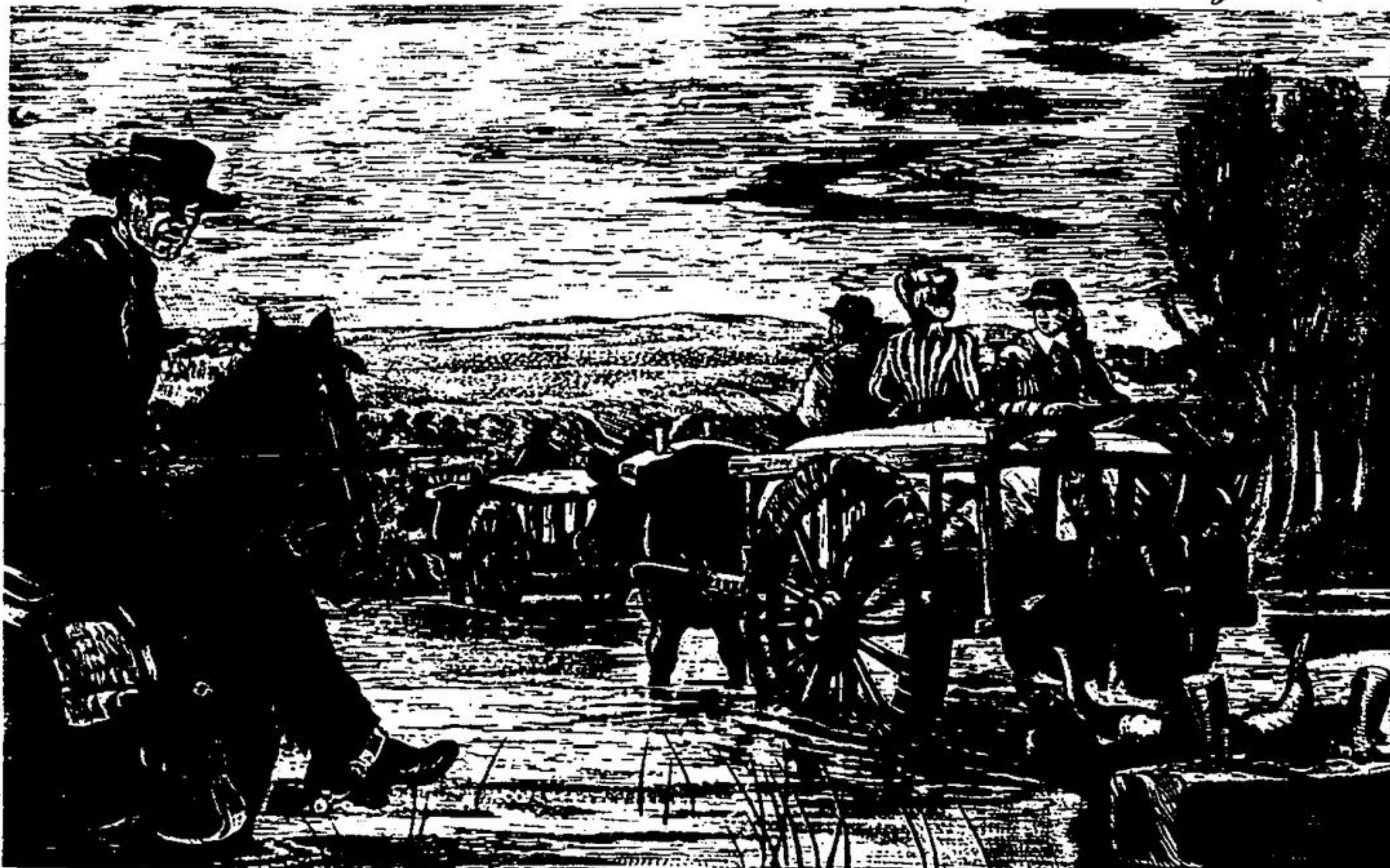
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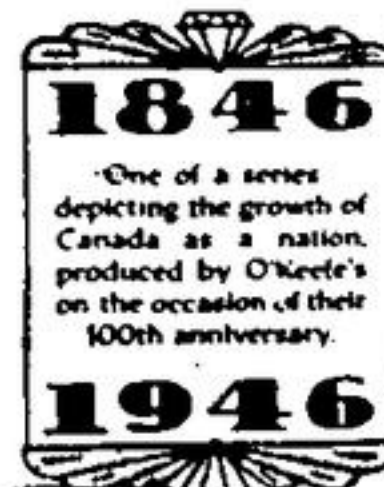
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