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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson VIII.—Third Quarter, For Aug. 23, 1914.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Matt. xxii, 1-14. Memory Verses, 8, 9—Golden Text, Luke xiii, 34—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

This parable of the marriage of the king's son is found only in the gospel by Matthew and sets before us both the present phase of a rejection of the invitation and also a glimpse of the consummation, but chiefly the former. Miss Habershon says in her book on the parables that they cover the whole period from the first advent of our Lord Jesus Christ in incarnation to His second advent in glory. His incarnation is implied: His life, ministry and rejection are described, and His death is prophesied, but most of the pictures represent the time of His absence or the epoch of His return. They were not merely the words of the man Christ Jesus, a great teacher and a God sent prophet. They were, like all that He said, the words of His Father given Him to speak, for He said, "Whatever I speak, therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak" (John xii, 50). He taught also "through the Holy Spirit" (Acts i, 2; x, 38), so that in all His teaching we have the Trinity, even as in the parable of Luke xv we see the love of the Son, the Spirit and the Father.

Some aspects of the lesson today, such as the treatment of the invitations, are similar to those of the great supper of Luke xiv, 16-24. The king and His Son and the servants are suggestive of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The words "Behold, I have prepared," etc., and all things are ready," of verse 4 indicate that "salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah ii, 9), from first to last. Just as in Gen. iii, 21, the Lord God provided redemption clothing without any help from Adam and Eve, as neither Noah nor Moses nor David nor Solomon had any say whatever in the design or construction of ark or tabernacle or temple, as the disciples helped nothing in providing the food for the five thousand, so the purpose and the working of it out in the whole matter of redemption and the kingdom are wholly of God. Nothing can be added to the full preparation which He has made. See also Isa. lix, 16. It is ours to heed the invitation, "Come unto the marriage" (verse 4), and to accept thankfully all that the king has so bountifully provided. The abundance of the King's table which we are privileged continually to enjoy will fill us with joy and peace if we are only believing (11 Sam. ix, 13; Rom. xv, 13).

The story of a marriage takes us back to Gen. ii, 22-24, and on to the marriage of the Lamb (Rev. xix, 7, 8), the former in Eden being a type of the latter, according to Eph. v, 31, 32. The brides of Scripture are most suggestive also, as Rebekah, Rachel, Asenath, Zipporah, Ruth and Abigail. The story of Rebekah, being obtained by the servant for the only son of his master, who had given all his wealth to Isaac, is wonderfully suggestive. The question put to her, "Wilt thou go with this man?" (Gen. xxiv, 58) is like the "Come" of our lesson, and all the other "comes," such as Gen. vii, 1; Isa. i, 18; lv, 1; Matt. xi, 28; Rev. xxii, 17. We do not read of any of these disdaining the invitation or making any excuses nor of their being sorry that they accepted. Contrast the conduct of those in our lesson who were invited: "They would not come. . . . They made light of it and went their ways. . . . They took his servants and entreated them spitefully and slew them" (verses 3, 5, 6). What ignorance, what blindness! How often we are reminded of the pathetic words in John i, 10, 11: "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." It seems almost unbelievable that men should despise or make light of the love and grace of God and the offer of His kingdom and glory, but the wicked adversary, the god of this world, is always doing his utmost to blind people's minds, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them (11 Cor. iv, 4). The carnal mind is also enmity against God (Rom. viii, 7), and none but the Holy Spirit can break it down and convince of sin.

The burning up of the city (verse 7) may refer to its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar at the time of the captivity in Babylon or the destruction by Titus some forty years after the time of our lesson—probably the latter. The highway message may cover the whole of this age, when from all the world the guests are being gathered for the marriage of the Lamb.

The bad and good remind us of the net of Matt. xiii, 47-50, and the end of the age, when there shall be the separation. We are to gather all who seem willing and leave it to Him to prove who are really His and who are mere professors, who really have and who only seem to have.

In one place we read of the queen and also of the virgins, her companions (Ps. xlv, 9, 14). In Matt. xxv, 1 (Syriac and Vulgate), we read of the Bridegroom and the Bride and the virgins. In Rev. xix, 7, 9, we read of the Lamb's wife and also of those who are called to the marriage supper. In Luke xii, 36, we read of those who wait for the return from the wedding. All will be made plain in due time. Now the great question is, Have I cordially accepted His invitation?

NORMANBY COUNCIL.

The municipal council of the Township of Normanby met in the Township Hall, Ayton on Thursday, July 30, at 10 a.m. The Reeve in the chair. All the members present.

The minutes were read and passed. Mr. Ryan introduced By-law No. 15 of A. D. 1914, re the prohibiting of all live stock running at large, which was given its proper readings.

Holm—Whiteford—That By-law No. 11 of A. D. 1914 be repealed. The repeal was carried. Councillor Ryan dissenting.

Shiel—Holm—That on this our first meeting since the election, we congratulate Dr. Jamieson on the good will shown him by the electors of South Grey in returning him as our representative and more particularly for the showing in Normanby in the result conveying to the Doctor the fact that Normanby appreciates his many acts of kindness and help.

Ryan—Filsinger—That this Council is much pleased with the action of Mr. John Bender and others, relative to the pool room in Ayton and that prayer of petition be granted, thereby establishing no pool room in Ayton—Carried unanimously.

Ryan—Shiel—That Mr. Culliton be paid full value according to Mr. Anderson's valuation, and for future such valuation be paid in full. The motion was lost. Mr. Whiteford asked for the yeas and nays which was as follows: Yeas—Shiel, Ryan. Nays—Holm, Whiteford and Filsinger.

Whiteford—Holm—That the Reeve be instructed to take legal steps to erect the Hertzberger bridge so that we may be able to start operations right away. Motion lost.

Moved in amendment by Filsinger and Ryan, that the following persons be Commissioners to report to this Council in full relative to the different phases connected with the petition asking for erection of bridge at Hertzberger's. Council township engineer, who is to be chairman. Behall of the Council, Michael E. Murray, and Daniel Fischer on behalf of the petitioners.—Carried.

Ryan—Whiteford—That Councillor Filsinger be appointed a Commissioner to supervise the work of repairing present swing bridge or erection of a new one for the pupils attending P. S. S. No. 7, so as to ensure their safety until a new permanent structure is erected in 1915.—Carried.

Filsinger—Holm—That the following accounts be paid:

Table listing various accounts and payments, including George Brusso, drawing tile and putting in culvert, H. Allensen, 288 loads of gravel, P. M's. Kahl, Klagus, Yensen and Herbst, work shovelling gravel from C. Herbst, for filling in approach at Koehler's bridge, H. Allensen, 50 loads gravel and work \$85, shovelling gravel by different beats, charge 23 days statute labor to Minto, half cost of above, pay Allensen \$9.30 and charge Minto, C. J. Deitrich, 501 rods wire for railing at lots 21 and 35, con. 2, H. Daman, cleaning out jam at Wetlauf's bridge, A. Wetlauf, half cost of 6 cement tile on Townline Carrick and Normanby, James Cole, balance of account in full re cement abutments at Heipel's bridge, 1913, R. Elder, drawing tile and putting in culvert on lot 43, con. 2, Jas. Anderson, services as sheep valuator, H. Chilton, to pay parties making approaches to Heipel's bridge, E. Murphy, 481 feet plank for Gleneden bridge, John Hertzberger, to pay parties rep. 3 bridges at Hertzberger's, John Clark, to pay parties filling in approach at Gleneden, J. P. Noonon's account, nails, etc., Gleneden bridge, W. Glebe, 804 loads gravel, by Pathmaster H. Deitrich, M. Culliton, 1 lamb killed by dogs, Council meeting at date, Commissioners letting and inspecting jobs, Reeve \$7.50, Whiteford \$12.25, Filsinger \$2.50, Total, H. O'Brien, 142 loads gravel by Pathmaster B. Diebold, V. Fisher, rep. road on Townline of Carrick and Normanby, our share, V. Fisher, 145 loads gravel and \$1 for road, V. Fisher, act. rep. County line etc., Normanby's share, A. Kraft, 240 loads gravel, and \$2 for road, H. Schilling, rep. road on con. 18, P. Lynch, 155 loads gravel and \$2 for road, Geo. Deitz, rep. road grader, Wm. Miller, 2 pieces of timber, cor. approaches at the Ayton bridge, 1913, Jacob Hertzberger, drawing timber to lot 26, con. 10, for culvert, G. Hunt, 60 loads gravel and gravel by himself as pathmaster, J. R. Anderson, 40 loads gravel and \$1 for road, W. Cameron, 32 loads gravel by Pathmaster A. Ewing, W. Stevenson, 95 loads gravel by Pathmaster J. Clark, J. J. Burns, rep. road on Base Line, con. 2, lot 31, V. Hoffman, 87 loads gravel by Pathmaster Gerber, Alex. Hill, balance in full re Gleneden bridge.

The Council adjourned to meet in the Township Hall, Ayton, on Friday, August 14th, at 10 a.m., to strike the different rates for taxes, and for general business. R. H. FORTUNE, Clerk.

HIS PESSIMISTIC POSITION.

"No doubt an expression of the opinion will cause me to be regarded as an atheist, heretic, and an awful example, defiantly remarked Rip Sawyer, 'but I believe all the devil wants is to be let alone.'"

THE WALLOONS

From the dim twilight of the past, before Caesar wrote his commentaries on the Gallic wars, when history loses itself in the maze of tradition and wanders off into the trailless forest of legend, the ground of Belgium has been crimsoned with wars.

"The cockpit of Europe," they call it, where some of the world's decisive battles have been fought. And again, within a few days, the Walloons, "the best fighting men of Europe," have given a good account of themselves in resisting the invasion of the German army at their fair city of Liege.

Who are the Walloons and why has Belgium been the battleground of Europe? Gaul, you will recall Caesar wrote, is divided into three parts. Of the inhabitants he complimented the Belgae as the most dangerous foe, who knew no defeat and were strangers to fear. Wild denizens of the morasses of Northern Europe, where the sea has always fought with man for possession of the land, they dashed from their fastnesses against the Roman legions in a manner that inspired respect.

Fleming and Walloons

From that time to the present no writer of wars has disregarded the Belgians. Fleming and Walloon are the two chief divisions of the inhabitants of that rich land. The Flemish are of Teutonic origin, with flaxen hair, blue eyes and good fighting qualities—good stayers, but less adroit than the Walloons, who dwell in southern Belgium and are of Gallic descent akin to the French. On the border they dwell, many of them in the Ardennes of France, but more particularly in South Brabant, in the provinces of South Hainault, Namur and Liege in Belgium and in Luxemburg. They speak a patois of French, using a greater number of words of pure Gallic origin than any other tribe.

The Walloons to-day resemble more closely the French than the Germans. Grim, swarthy, stoical, the Walloon is a man of unusual bulk, with powerful limbs, deep-sunk, fiery dark brown or blue eyes, quickly angered and more quickly cooled than the slower Fleming. The Walloon has been esteemed by every commander as a good fighting man. Napoleon, after his downfall, sent home 2,000 Walloons wearing medals of honor calling them "The bravest of his men."

Sons of the men, who resisted Caesar's inroads, just now at Liege withstood the invasion of the German hosts, with what degree of success you already know.

Belgium, Europe's Cockpit

Why has Belgium been so often drenched with blood?

Because Belgium is the key to all western Europe; it is the strategic point that has been recognized by military men in all ages. That is why it has had its Waterloo, its Genappe, its Nancy. Since the days of the Huns, the Goths, the Franks, it has been the cockpit of Europe.

In the years of peace since Napoleon met his Waterloo, the Walloons have addressed themselves to developing the commerce of their country, and their Liege is called "the Pittsburgh of Belgium." But through it all it has been recognized that when the war did break out, as the war offices of Europe all knew it would sooner or later, Belgium was considered as being the strategic point. Years ago a historian of the Walloons and their towns wrote:

"Their possession (by the Germans) would open the door to Europe. Remembering that future wars are likely to be of sudden commencement and that the main

objects of the opposing commanders will be to snatch some material advantage within a few hours after the signal is given, it becomes clear that only the inclusion of Belgium is necessary to make the possession of Liege a vital point, on which the result of the campaign might depend."

It is, therefore, little surprise to Europe that the German forces sought possession of this tactical point. From Liege, an invading force would be within striking distance of the vital points of western Europe.

Now, Belgium has not been heard from much as a military power. Thoughtlessly she has been put down as a negligible quantity. There is even ground for the belief that in the German war office serious resistance was not anticipated from the busy craftsmen of Liege.

But the Walloon is by heritage a lover of justice and his own rights. It did not seem to him fair, as the King of Belgium expressed it, for an outside power to deliberately tear up the treaty which it had signed. There was therefore, something of a patriotic fervor which stirred the fighting Walloons to action.

Small Army; Benevolent Discipline

Belgium has not a large standing army. Its discipline and course of training in the ranks is radically different from the German. The whole army consists of not more than 140,000 men and critics have predicted it would prove a weak defense because the system of training was "benevolent." Presumably the "benevolent" system was held in less esteem than the rigid militarism of the Kaiser's war machine, which has been declared the most formidable and efficient in Europe. But the outcome of the early days in the siege of Liege seemed to prove that benevolent training had not destroyed the efficiency of the men.

Of the Belgian army, the 3,000 men who compose the gendarmie, the guardians of the frontier, are the best trained, best drilled, most highly developed men in physique in Europe.

But it is the personnel of the men that counts. Highly intelligent, of simple habits, or morals the best in Europe, famed from time immemorial for his chaste ways, the Walloon is one of the best fighting men in the world, when the other savages of Europe practiced polygamy, the Walloons and their progenitors were monogamists, unusually true to their crude marital vows. The men who opposed the German onrush were equipped physically, mentally and morally, for the struggle. And when you get a few thousand men of this sort, standing at their borders and fighting invaders of their homeland; when you get them properly aroused, a few thousand can repel vast legions of the enemy.

GROWING OLD.

What is the cause of old age? It may as well be confessed that none of us know very much about it. Old age and decrepitude seem to be the universal lot of all created things—of animals and plants even of rocks and seas, of planets, stars, of the universe itself, and it is remarkable that while our wise men can explain to our satisfaction why and how the solar system will grow old and die, they cannot fully explain why we or they shall do so. Something, however, we do know.

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