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NOVEMBER JOE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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The manager level a crowd stood round, and two men were holding the door; one was the burly Thompson. "Hello! You needn't bother no more. Nov." he shouted. "We've got him." "Who've you got?" "The blackguard that robbed us." "Good!" said November. "Who is it?"



November Had Reached a Large Flat Stone.

"Look at him!" Thompson banged open the office door and showed us the manager, Close, sitting on a chair by the fire, looking a good deal disheveled.

"Mr. Close?" exclaimed November.

"Yes, the boss—no other?"

"Got evidence?" inquired November, staring at Close.

"Tiptop! No one seen him from dark to dawn. And we got the boots. Found 'em in a biscuit tin on a shelf in the shanty just behind here where he sleeps."

"You fool! I was at my accounts all night!" cried Close to Thompson.

November took no notice.

"Who found the boots?" said he.

"Cookee, when he was cleaning up. Found a bottle of sleeping stuff, too—nearly empty!" shouted two or three together.

November whistled. "Good for Cookee. Has he owned up?" he nodded at Close. "Was they your boots, Mr. Close?"

"Yes," roared Close.

"But he denies the robbery!" said Thompson excitedly.

"Of course I deny it!" cried Close.

"Let's see them boots," put in November.

"The boys took 'em to the bunk house," said Thompson. "Say, Nov., think of him paying us with one hand and robbing us with the other, the—" "Wonderful!" observed November in his dry way. He continued to stare hard at Close, who at last looked up, and I could have sworn I saw November Joe's dark lashed eyelid droop slightly in his direction.

A change came over the manager. "Get out of here," he cried angrily. "Get out of here, you and your woods detective!" and some uncommonly warm language charged out at the back of the closing door.

The men who had been robbed and their comrades closed round as November examined the boots.

"Seventeen in one heel and fifteen in the other—cowhide boots," said Chris. "That's what he that robbed us wore, and I'll swear to that."

"I could swear to it too," agreed November.

"Take them and the sleeping stuff," pursued Chris. "It's a silver fox skin to a red on a conviction, eh, November?"

"Have you sent for the police?"

"Not yet. We'd waited till you come up. We'll send now."

"The sooner the better," said November. "And whoever goes'll find four chaps from Camp B in the hut by Tidson's bridge. They've orders to knock it down and take the roof off and carry the stove into D."

I listened to November making this astonishing statement, and I hoped I showed no surprise. What on earth was the game that he was playing?

"Hurry up, boys, and send for the police or there may be trouble. Who's going?"

"I don't mind if I go," offered Chris. "I'll start right now. The sooner we get Mr.—Close safe in jail the better."

We all saw Chris off, and then the men took us back into the bunk house, where they talked and argued for an hour. November had relapsed into his usual taciturnity. But when at length he spoke again his words acted like a bombshell.

"Say, boys," he said, and the cadence of his accent was very marked, "it's about time we let the boss out."

Every head jerked round in his direction. "Let him out?" shouted a dozen voices. "Before the police come?"

"Best so," replied November in his gentle manner. "You see, it wasn't him held you up, boys."

Lesson X.—Third Quarter, For Sept. 5, 1915.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, I Kings xviii, 30-39—Memory Verses, 36, 37—Golden Text, Prov. xv, 29—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Elijah had been so safely hidden by the Lord during the three years that though Ahab had searched for him everywhere, in all lands, he could not be found (verse 10). How safe are those whom the Lord hides, and all His redeemed are hid with Christ in God (Col. iii, 3; Ex. xxxiii, 22; Isa. ii, 10; Zeph. ii, 3). As by the word of the Lord he was sent into hiding at Cherith and Sarepta, so by the same word he is now commanded to shew himself to Ahab (xviii, 2, 8; xviii, 1). He was indeed a man of God, God's representative, acting only for God and in His name, and, as in the resurrection of the widow's son he foreshadowed Him who is the resurrection and the life, so the words "shew thyself" remind us of Him who after His resurrection from the dead "shewed Himself alive" again and again during the forty days (John xxi, 1, 4; Acts i, 3).

We are glad to meet Obadiah, whose name means "servant of Jehovah," and to see him saving the life of and caring for a hundred of the Lord's prophets (xviii, 4, 13). As we see him the governor of Ahab's house we think of Joseph in Egypt overseer of Potiphar's house (Gen. xxxix, 1-6). Good men are often in difficult places for the glory of God. As Obadiah and Ahab went each his way to search for grass for the horses Elijah met Obadiah and told him to tell Ahab that he was on hand (xviii, 8, 11, 14). Obadiah was at first afraid that Elijah might again disappear, but on being assured that he would surely shew himself to Ahab and Ahab went to meet Elijah (xviii, 15, 16). Fearlessly Elijah accused Ahab of forsaking the Lord and serving Baal and ordered him to gather all Israel and the prophets of Baal to Mount Carmel, and this Ahab did, for the word of the Lord in the mouth of Elijah was with power (xviii, 17-20).

Elijah boldly demanded of the people to decide whether they would follow Jehovah or Baal and not continue halting between two opinions. But the people were dumb. Then he said that, though he was but one against 450, he would suggest a test and that they should worship the God who answered by fire, and to this they agreed (21-24). He gave the prophets of Baal the first opportunity, and, following his instructions, they prepared their sacrifice and cried unto their god from morning until noon. "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no answer. Elijah mocked them and urged them to cry louder, saying that he must be busy or on a journey or perhaps asleep. So they cried aloud, and leaped upon the altar, and cut themselves till the blood gushed out, and kept it up till the time of the evening sacrifice. But it was all in vain, for there was no answer of any kind, and no unseen power regarded their cries (25-29).

We may wonder why the devil missed such an opportunity to honor his worshippers, for the time will come when he will send fire from heaven (Rev. xiii, 13), but he can do nought without permission from God, and he was surely restrained this time. Now consider Elijah as he called the people to him, repaired the altar of the Lord and, taking twelve stones to represent the twelve tribes of Israel, built an altar in the name of the Lord, put the wood in order, prepared the sacrifice and drenched the whole with twelve barrels of water until the water ran about the altar and filled the trench (30-35). Listen now to Elijah talking to his God, not crying aloud nor with frenzy or demonstration of any kind, but calmly, with quietness and confidence. "Lord God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that Thou art the Lord God and that Thou hast turned their heart back again."

How the great multitude must have listened to this simple prayer and how intently they watched this lonely man of God! We, too, have been watching him and listening to him talking to his God, the God of Israel, the only living and true God, and now behold the answer. "Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burned sacrifice and the wood and the stones and the dust and licked up the water that was in the trench." How can we refrain from shouting "Jehovah, He is the God?" (Verses 36-39.) And we must add: "Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Ex. xv, 11.) Quickly were the prophets of Baal slain, and Elijah said to Ahab, "There is a sound of abundance of rain." Then Elijah went to the top of Carmel to pray, and it was patient, earnest, persevering prayer, for the servant went seven times to look before he saw the indication of the coming storm in the form of a cloud like a man's hand, suggestive of Elijah's hand taking hold of God (verses 40-46; Jas. v, 18). If our aim is simply to glorify God we may safely act upon Jer. xxxiii, 3. Consider David and Hezekiah in I Kings xvii, 45-47; II Kings xix, 19, and fear not to pray (Ps. cix, 21, 27).

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