

# Sunday School.

NATIONAL LESSON NO. XI  
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The Slavery of Sin—John 8: 31-40—Temperance Lesson.

Commentary.—I. The test and blessings of discipline (vs. 31, 32), St. Then said Jesus—Better, as He said, "Jesus therefore said," because many had believed on Him after His declaration, and that He was the Light of the World, and after His answers to the Pharisees, and now Jesus directed His remarks to these new disciples, which believed. The term believed, applies here to the disposition, openly expressed, to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah. If ye abide (R. V.)—"Not a fitful, intermittent relation; but thorough, intense, and continual." In My word—If ye obey My commandments and follow My teachings carefully. "Dut spirits must drink in Christ's words as our bodies inhale the atmosphere."—Deems. No man is worth listening to on questions of faith and doctrine who is not himself a devotee and listener to Christ.—Gordon. Abiding in God's word must become the permanent condition of our life. Disciples.—A disciple is a learner; one who accepts and follows another as teacher and master. True disciples are real representatives of Christ, who live a holy life before the world.

32. Shall know the truth—Shall know it doctrinally, spiritually, experientially, not as a mere theory and shall know Christ, Himself, the embodiment of truth (John xv. 1). "The rulers had spoken of knowing the law, Jesus speaks of knowing the truth." "This is a species of learning infinitely transcending all the guesses of doubting scientists, and sneering philosophers."—PHELPS. Make you free. Intelligence is not sufficient. A learned man is still a wicked man under the bondage of sin unless he has been made free. "Knowledge appears as the fruit of faith, and freedom as the fruit of knowledge. Christ associates liberty always with the truth, which He is Himself, and so presents the truth as the cause and liberty as the effect. So, also, Paul speaks of liberty always in this positive, highest and noblest sense—liberty in Christ, the glorious liberty of the children of God, liberty from the bondage of sin and error. Man is truly free when he moves in harmony with the mind and will of God."—LANGE. The true Christian is made free (1) from the bondage of sin, (2) from the pangs of conscience, (3) from the bondage of the law, (4) from the bondage of the world, (5) from the bondage of the flesh, (6) from the bondage of the devil, (7) from the bondage of the judgment, and (8) from the bondage of the world. "The mind is enlightened, the will renewed, the heart responsive, and the entire being finds its fullest exercise."

II. Freedom offered from the slavery of sin (vs. 33-36). 33. The answer.—Many commentators refer this "I know not to the many who believed (v. 30), but to the few Jews who had not believed." "The little episode of verses 32-33 is thus held as a plea for the genuineness and perhaps permanent—"Whence. The words cannot be spoken of the simple people who had already believed, but of the Jews who had not believed. Clarke, Abraham's seed—"They had Abraham's blood in their veins, but not the faith in their hearts."—Never in bondage—"This answer was not more true than the language of pride ordinarily. Politically, the seed of Abraham had been in bondage to Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome. Spiritually, they had been in bondage to idolatries in past times, were now to the rabbis, who were literalists in interpretation, and without spirituality or sympathy. (Matt. xxiii. 4).—Abbott. They did not consider their relations to the Roman Empire as slavery. They enjoyed individual freedom. Though under the dominion of Rome as a dependent state, they never bent the knee to the Roman Emperor.—"Peboulet. Offered as we have been under oppression, we have never acknowledged any oppressor as master, but have always submitted only from necessity, reserving our right to freedom, and striving after it."—LANGE. How sayest thou?—"Upon what principle dost thou promise us that which we already are proud of possessing, viz. glorious liberty? We already possess as our birthright what thou art offering to us as the full result of discipleship."—Pul. Com.

34. Verily, verily.—A solemn declaration enforced by these words. Whosoever committeth sin—In this words Jesus utterly expels the political question from His scope. He states first the principle, and then the application.—LANGE. He spoke of a more degrading bondage and a higher freedom than they imagined. He whose tendency and habit is to commit sin. He who makes choice of sin; prefers the way of wickedness before the way of holiness; who makes a covenant with sin, enters into league; who makes a custom of sin; who walks after the flesh, and makes a trade of sin.—Henry. Is the servant of sin—"Is the slave, the bond-servant of sin."—The work of sin, supports its interests, and accepts its wages. He cannot dismiss sin at pleasure; the moment he attempts it he finds the chains drawn tighter." Dream not of freedom while under the mastery of your desires. Plato.

Temperance instruction may be brought in at this point. No bondage is greater than the bondage to strong drink. Servitude is repulsive to all men. In our land of freedom men demand their rights in business; yet there are hundreds of men and boys and sometimes women who put themselves under the bondage of the drink habit.

35. The servant abideth not.—The reference may be to Hagar and Ishmael, and Isaac—the bond and the free. They had spoken of themselves as the seed of Abraham. Jesus shows them that there may be of that seed two kinds: the son, properly so-called, and the slave. "Alford. "These Jews might be the seed of Abraham, and yet, not being his spiritual children, might not abide in his household of faith. Not many years after this their capital and nation were destroyed, and the Gentiles took their place in the kingdom of God." "Think not t. be made free from sin by the rites and ceremonies of the law of Moses, for Moses was but a servant, and had not that perpetual authority in the church which the Son had." The son abideth (R. V.)—"The comparison here is

between any son and a bond servant, and son should not begin with a capital. Sinners are slaves, Christians are sons and heirs. 36. If the son—Christ now refers to himself. The Son of God alone has power to liberate those who are slaves to sin. Jesus Christ is the head, and has full authority and ability. The Father hath given all things into His hand (John xvii. 2). "The son can give slaves their freedom and receive them to membership in his home to partake of his inheritance" (Rom. viii. 17). Free indeed—The Jews boasted of an imaginary freedom, but the liberty which Christ offered was real and lasting in its effects. "It would have saved the nation from the bondage of captivity to Babylon centuries before; it would have saved them from bondage to the Romans what freedom they had under the Romans was due to what they had learned and practiced of the word. The truth, if obeyed, would deliver them wholly, but first by delivering them individually from the bondage of sin and error." "Jesus knew that deliverance from the Roman yoke was the natural descendant of Abraham, but denies that they are his children" (v. 33) in the highest and best sense. Seek to kill—"That they desired the death of Abraham's truest son is proof that they are not true sons of Abraham." Their murderous intent proves that they are children of the devil (v. 44) instead of Abraham. No place in you—You do not allow my work to enter your hearts and lives. 38. I speak, etc.—The Son existed with the Father during past eternity and He reports the things he had seen. Ye do, etc.—Their father was Satan (v. 44), and they were instructed and led by him. 9, 40. The argument here is that they were not true children of Abraham in character and actions, like Abraham in character and actions, Abraham's life was wholly unlike theirs.

III. Jesus shows the character of the wicked Jews (vs. 37-40). 37. Abraham's seed—Christ admits their claim that they are the natural descendants of Abraham, but denies that they are his children (v. 33) in the highest and best sense. Seek to kill—"That they desired the death of Abraham's truest son is proof that they are not true sons of Abraham." Their murderous intent proves that they are children of the devil (v. 44) instead of Abraham. No place in you—You do not allow my work to enter your hearts and lives. 38. I speak, etc.—The Son existed with the Father during past eternity and He reports the things he had seen. Ye do, etc.—Their father was Satan (v. 44), and they were instructed and led by him. 9, 40. The argument here is that they were not true children of Abraham in character and actions, like Abraham in character and actions, Abraham's life was wholly unlike theirs.

CUPID IN A BUFFET CAR.  
Toronto Girl on Way to San Francisco to be Married.

New York, Feb. 27.—A romance that began a year ago at the breakfast table of the Southwestern Limited, and which lasted from Syracuse, Buffalo, and Cleveland to be the cause of the sudden departure of Miss Blanche Fields, the strikingly beautiful daughter of Joseph Fields, a rich Canadian, who left New York last night on a special train for San Francisco.

The friends of the young Canadian woman believe that the trip is a sequel to the proposal of marriage that was made to her on the Syracuse-Buffalo train, and that her departure presages her speedy marriage. Judge Eugene Rosenthal, of San Francisco.

ORANGEVILLE, Feb. 27.—Coroner James Henry and Provincial Detective Green have under investigation here the sudden death of Alex. Robinson on Friday last. Two sittings of the inquest have already been held, the last one being adjourned till Monday next at 8 p. m., when the doctors will submit their report of the autopsy.

Decided, it is claimed, had been drinking heavily, and on the Friday evening prior to his death had a wrangle with some of his wife's relatives. The information in the hands of the coroner is that his face was slapped a couple of times by his relatives. On Monday he became ill, but his condition did not become serious till Thursday, when he suddenly became unconscious, death ensuing the next morning. After death an examination of the body revealed a number of severe bruises on his arms and about his hips, and it was decided to hold the inquest. It is stated the doctors at the autopsy found eleven distinct marks of injury. It is also said they found the heart in a condition which indicated the probability of a heavy blow having been received on the body near that organ.

Robinson seems to have been seriously injured and when and how it is hoped the inquest will determine. The relatives of deceased have retained counsel.

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## WHOLESALE MASSACRES.

A Thousand Casualties Reported at Tiflis.

Whole Families Butchered in the Streets, Mussulmans and Christians Fighting Incessantly.

A St. Petersburg cable: It is reported that Tiflis, capital of Russian Trans-Caucasia, is a centre of riot, and that fighting is incessant. Hundreds have been killed or wounded. Hundreds of armed Mussulmans came by train from the country and joined their co-religionists against the Christians. Business is at a standstill. Many of the residents have barricaded themselves in their houses. Robbery and violence are supreme.

Baku is quiet, all the Armenian shops have been closed, but the banks are doing business under military protection.

Order has been restored at Bala-khany, but at Komany to-day strikers attacked two factories, and as a result 30 persons were killed or wounded. In Baku many terrible murders have been committed. Manager Adamoff, of the Naphtha Refining Works, together with his wife and children, were taken to death. A legal official named Krasov and a baron named Krasov were killed, and the latter's family have been murdered.

The casualties are unknown, but it is generally thought they were not less than a thousand. Whole families were dragged from their houses and murdered in the streets.

It is reported from Constantinople that Batoum and Poti, in Trans-Caucasia, are under mob rule. The officials are helpless. Murder and arson are the order of the day. The Russian Black Sea fleet has bombarded Poti, which is held by strikers.

An English merchant who has just arrived, was obliged to flee from Batoum, where his life was threatened and his office destroyed.

The strikers are all Georgians, and number about 40,000.

The steamship lines from Constantinople to Batoum have suspended service.

The tie-up of railroads running from Moscow is a serious feature of the situation. In the Caucasus region the authorities appear for the moment to have regained the upper hand, but the situation may at any time again pass out of their control. Even the reinforcements of military in all the cities seem to have been inadequate to prevent the continuance of conditions tending to robbery, murder and terrorism.

Other cities outside of the Caucasus, such as Ekaterinoslav, Kharkoff, Saratoff, Alexandrovsk, and many others, are in a condition of complete or partial disorder owing to strikes. The forces of law and order apparently have been unable to prevent the strikers from resorting to the tactics of the strike fellows in St. Petersburg, and marching from shop to shop and forcing out every workman. Many Government works in various parts of the country are included in the suspensions. Half of the workmen in Libau are on strike, seriously affecting the manufacture of military supplies.

The St. Petersburg workmen have temporarily resumed their occupations while voting for members of the imperial mixed commission, but they are possessed of the spirit of unrest, and their sense of power is being led by incendiary proclamations of the latest of which alludes to the Emperor as "Nicholas the Last," and makes a rabid attack upon the motives of the Government.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says the Czar has now decided to convoke the Zemsky Zabor and leave the representatives of the nation to settle the question of war or peace. Whichever way they may decide the Government's position will be vastly strengthened, and the dynastic interests safeguarded. If, as generally anticipated, the deputies decide in favor of peace, the Government, being strengthened by the nation's support, expects to obtain favorable terms from Japan, while if these are not conceded the nation likely to insist upon war a Poutance.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Frank Frommert, one of the electricians who was burned in the fire at the Niagara Falls Power Company's plant yesterday, died early to-day. Roy Robinson is still alive and hope is entertained for his recovery. John Frommert will recover. The damage has been repaired and all the generators are again in operation.

## Market Reports The Week.

**Toronto Farmers' Market.**  
The rather unpleasant weather had a quieting effect upon the trade at St. Lawrence Market this morning. Grain receipts amounted to about 700 bushels. Receipts were hardly as firm as yesterday, while other prices were steady in tone.

Wheat—Steady, 60 bushels of white and 100 of red selling at \$1.08 to \$1.09 per bushel.  
Oats—Had a slightly easier tone, 400 bushels selling at 45¢ per bushel.  
Dressed Hogs—Steady and quiet. Unchanged at \$2 per ton for choice light weights and \$1.50 for heavies.  
Slay—Arrivals totalled about twenty loads. Prices were steady at \$10 to \$11.50 per ton for No. 1 timothy, and \$8 to \$9 for mixed or clover.

Straw—One load sold steady at \$11 per ton.  
Wheat, white ..... \$1.08 to \$1.09  
Do, red ..... 1.08 to 1.09  
Do, goose ..... 1.02 to 1.03  
Do, spring ..... 1.07 to 1.08  
Do, cereal ..... 1.07 to 1.08  
Oats ..... 45¢ to 50¢  
Barley ..... 45¢ to 50¢  
Hay, No. 1 timothy ..... 10.00 to 11.00  
Do, No. 2 ..... 9.00 to 10.00  
Straw, sheaf ..... 11.00 to 12.00  
Do, loose ..... 9.00 to 10.00  
Dressed hogs, light ..... 20.00 to 22.00  
Do, heavy ..... 20.00 to 22.00  
Butter ..... 25.00 to 26.00  
Eggs ..... 12.00 to 13.00  
Old chickens, dressed, lb. ..... 0.09 to 0.10  
Do, live ..... 0.12 to 0.13  
Spring chickens ..... 0.10 to 0.11  
Do, dressed ..... 0.10 to 0.11  
Do, live ..... 0.12 to 0.13  
Geese ..... 0.12 to 0.13  
Do, live ..... 0.12 to 0.13  
Turkeys ..... 0.17 to 0.18  
Do, live ..... 0.19 to 0.20  
Potatoes, per bag ..... 0.80 to 1.00  
Carrots, per bushel ..... 0.80 to 1.00  
Lettuce, per head ..... 0.25 to 0.30  
Parsnips, dozen ..... 0.50 to 0.60  
Cauliflower, dozen ..... 1.00 to 1.20  
Cabbage, dozen ..... 0.45 to 0.50  
Cilantro, each ..... 0.10 to 0.12  
Turnips, bag ..... 0.35 to 0.40  
Lettuce, per head ..... 0.25 to 0.30  
Radishes, dozen ..... 0.40 to 0.50  
Beef, hindquarters ..... 0.15 to 0.16  
Do, forequarters ..... 0.14 to 0.15  
Mutton ..... 0.16 to 0.17  
Lamb, per lb. ..... 0.19 to 0.21  
Calves, per lb. ..... 0.12 to 0.14

**British Cattle Markets.**  
Live cattle are quoted at 10c to 11½c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 7½c to 7¾c per lb.; sheep 12 to 13c per lb.

**Bradstreet's on Trade.**  
Montreal—Heavy snowfalls throughout the Province have blocked the roads and the country trade is suffering accordingly. The volume of wholesale trade, however, is fair. Preparations for the spring trade are active. There is now a fair movement in sorting lines of heavy dry goods, and the grocers, while not unusually active, are doing a normal trade. Values generally are steady to firm, and prices for farm produce continue to rule high.

Toronto reports to Bradstreet's say: Wholesale trade here is a little quiet. About the busiest line is dry goods, but warmer weather is needed to start the spring trade moving. There has been a reduction in cotton prices here, but all other lines are firm and tending higher. Groceries are somewhat quiet, although there is a fair demand for sorting lines. The hardware trade is active and metals are meeting with an especially good demand.

At Quebec, country remittances in some quarters are reported coming in better than during the past few weeks. Heavy roads are retarding the movement of travellers, particularly dry goods men. Advice from Winnipeg say preparations are advanced on every hand, but there is little change in the condition of general trade at the moment and things are a little quiet.

Victoria and Vancouver advise to Bradstreet's say: Business continues to improve. Hamilton trade reports to Bradstreet's say the volume of business moving at the moment is not so large on account of bad weather but in most lines a heavy business is being booked for the spring trade. A few heavy dry goods are moving in a sorting way and the hardware trade is fairly brisk, but groceries are quiet. Collectors are fair and the situation is hopeful.

London advices say there is a good tone to business at this centre although country retail trade is at the moment a little quiet.

Ottawa reports say: There is little change to the trade condition here.

**The Week in Trade.**  
Weather conditions still dominate the trade. Low temperature and deep snow have interfered with traffic and checked the revival of business that was well under way in most sections of the country. Retail distribution is not maintained, and the deleterious effects are visible in all out-door work, while the interruption to movement of freight has affected manufacturing to some extent. Prices of staple commodities at the exchanges are advanced by the restricted markets. There is a partial effect in the largely increased demand for heavy wearing apparel and other winter goods, which promises to reduce supplies in all positions at the end of the season. Meanwhile there is evidence that confidence in the future remains unshaken. Preparations for the spring continuing unabated, except where fuel or other supplies are temporarily blocked in transit.—Dunn's Review.

**BURNED BABY IN FURNACE.**  
A Horrible Crime Reported From Rochester.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 27.—One of the most shocking crimes in the history of this city was reported to the police tonight. G. W. McCaffrey, engineer in charge of an eighty horse power boiler in a building on Furnace street, used to heat several business places, told the story. He said that about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning two men and a woman entered the boiler room and while one man covered him with a package of revolvers the other threw the package into the firepot on the red-hot coals.

The woman uttered a shriek as he did so and one of the men threatened her life. McCaffrey says he heard the scream of a baby as the package struck the fire. The men waited several minutes and then opened the furnace door. Before leaving the men threatened to kill McCaffrey if he ever revealed a word of the matter.

WOMEN WHO CHARM  
HEALTH IS THE FIRST ESSENTIAL  
It Helps Women to Win and Hold Men's Admiration, Respect and Love  
Woman's greatest gift is the power to inspire admiration, respect, and love. There is a beauty in health which is more attractive to men than mere regularity of feature.

## HAS HE A DAUGHTER?

Application Looks Like a Marriage Was in View.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—I want a young man, a Methodist, a Christian, an Irishman if possible, good looking, with dark hair and dark eyes." This is the partial wording of one of a help received at the Provincial Colonization Bureau yesterday. Director Southworth said to a Globe reporter that he did not receive many applications in which the religious and physical requirements of the prospective hired man were so clearly detailed. While there has been an influx of \$350 a year for the wages of about 25 per cent. in the wages of farm help during the three years that the bureau has undertaken to supply the same, there are still a number of farmers in Ontario who offer very low wages, and to these the reply invariably is that the higher pay must be offered. To-day, for instance, one man, a bachelor—and that may excuse him in some measure—sent in an application offering the low compensation of \$100 to \$120, with room and board for a man and wife, the latter to do the housework. By the same mail another applicant offered \$350 a year for the wages of a man with board and a nice furnished room. An increasingly large number of farmers are now hiring help for the year round instead of only for eight months as was once generally the case, because they are anxious to keep suitable help instead of constantly having new or inexperienced ones. There is also a growing number who offer married couples neat cottages free of rent on or near the farm.

The number of applicants who prefer Scotchmen is astonishingly large, but experienced Scotch farm laborers are so well paid in their own country and are almost certain of steady employment that there are not many coming to Canada. Scotchmen, the farmers find are more willing to learn and adopt Canadian methods than those of any other nationality.

It is practically impossible, Mr. Southworth says, to find positions for farm laborers who do not speak English.

**KAISER IS PLEASED.**  
Thanks Chancellor Von Buelow for His Treaty Making Services.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—Emperor William has sent the following telegraph autograph letter to Chancellor von Buelow: "My dear Count von Buelow: After having learned through your announcement in the Reichstag of the new commercial treaties has been given, my feelings impel me to express my warmest congratulations to you upon this momentous chapter of treaty work. I hope, through God, that the treaties will give new vigor to our friendly competition between the German Empire and the countries friendly to us which have declared themselves willing to regulate their trade relations with us upon the basis of mutual interests. I fully and joyfully recognize the fact that it was chiefly owing to your statesmanlike art and your clear-headed leadership that the negotiations have resulted in this beautiful success, notwithstanding all the opposition. To you is due therefore in the first instance, my gratitude. I express hereby, with my whole heart, and at the same time beg you to kindly accept my best in marble, which will soon be sent to you."

"Ever mindful of your faithful services, your grateful Emperor and King."  
"WILLIAM I. R."  
"Berlin Schloss, 22nd Feb, 1905."

The Emperor has also rewarded Vice-Chancellor Posadowski-Welner for his technical work on the treaties with the Black Eagle Order. Herr von Podbielski, Prussian Minister of Agriculture, Domains and Forests, has received the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle, and Foreign Secretary Baron von Richthofen has been promoted to membership in the Ministry of the Prussian State without a portfolio.

The Tagische Rundschau says that it was at Count von Buelow's personal request that Emperor William has not yet raised him to princely rank.

**RUSH OF IMMIGRATION.**  
Enormous Influx From Europe to Canada Expected.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—Mr. Robert Kerr, Passenger Traffic Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, said to-day that Graeme Hunter, the Glasgow navigation agent, was one of a thousand who undertook to sell tickets in Britain for steamship companies plying in all waters. Most of them did business on a legitimate scale, and the C. P. R. had at the outset afforded Hunter the usual facilities. About last June, when it was found that he had departed from their methods, the company's representatives in London cut all connection with them.

Speaking of immigration prospects in general, Mr. Kerr said the next few months will see a great boom in immigration, not only from Great Britain, but from all quarters of Europe. The company's representatives abroad had given most encouraging reports on this score. Possibly the European nation that would be most largely represented would be Germany, with the Scandinavian nations a close second.

**RAILROAD STRIKE.**  
Trains Stopped Running—Soldiers Failed to Run Engines.

Warsaw, Feb. 27.—No trains are running in either direction to-day on the Vienna Railroad. The management attempted to instruct the strikers, but the strikers had placed the water gauges, with the result that the strikers ruined four locomotives. The strikers also derailed a number of cars, and the men demand an eight-hour day and an increase of wages. The directors offered an increase of a nine-hour day, but the strikers refused. A manifesto issued to-day by the strikers say they struck to show their solidarity to other trades at this important juncture of the labor movement, and because the management oppressed and exploited the men. The employees of the Government alcohol monopoly walked out to-day.

A general strike on the Vienna and St. Petersburg roads is hourly expected.