

Sunday School

STRENGTH OF HEROD'S CHARACTER NO. VIII. MAY 20, 1906.

Death of John the Baptist—Mark 6: 14-29. Commentary—L. King Herod's terrified conscience (vs. 14, 16-18). 14. Herod—This was Herod Antipas, one of the sons of Herod the Great, and the ruler of Galilee and Pera.

15. Herod's wife—Herodias, the daughter of a high priest of Idumea, was the wife of Herod Antipas.

16. Herod's banquet—Herod Antipas was a man of pleasure, and he was holding a banquet in his palace.

17. Herod's promise—Herod Antipas had promised to give Herodias anything she wished.

18. Herod's dilemma—Herod Antipas was in a dilemma because he had promised Herodias to give her anything she wished.

19. Herod's decision—Herod Antipas decided to give Herodias the head of John the Baptist.

20. Herod's execution—Herod Antipas ordered his soldiers to execute John the Baptist.

21. Herod's remorse—Herod Antipas was remorseful for his actions.

22. Herod's punishment—Herod Antipas was punished for his actions.

23. Herod's legacy—Herod Antipas left a legacy of sin and punishment.

24. Herod's warning—Herod Antipas was a warning to all who sin.

25. Herod's example—Herod Antipas was an example of the consequences of sin.

26. Herod's fate—Herod Antipas met his fate because of his sin.

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witnessing the performance of a last-erating penitence! How many are willing to sell not only their health, hope, virtue, prosperity, peace and purity, but heaven's eternal wealth of joy, for momentary pleasure—for the apples of Sodom! This was the promise of a drunken man, revelling in sensuous delirium. The blood of intercession does not confine his work to the degraded, he ascends the steps of the throne, mounts the platform, forces his way into the pulpit.

24. Mother—What a mother! Leading her own daughter into the vilest sin. What a mother! The vilest drunkard will do what Herod's wife has refused to do. "Give me by and by—" "Forthwith!"—R. V. Give me immediately. She took Herod by surprise and made her demand—on the instant, lest Herod should change his mind. In a charge—on a large platter. The head—She is thirsting for his blood.

25. Exceeding sorry—His conscience was not entirely dead, and he was worried and troubled. For his oath's sake and for the sake of his own conscience, or John, or his God. He could murder, but he must not break a wicked oath that he should never have taken. There are many to-day who, for the sake of an oath which has no legal or moral binding upon them, will violate their consciences and imperil their souls' interests. Which set with him—He was afraid of offending the great men of his kingdom. A slave to public opinion. Would not reject Herod—Note the steps that had led Herod to this: 1. Rejecting the truth. 2. Continuing to indulge in his sins. 3. A drunken feast; luxury is responsible for untold crime and misery. 4. An immoral dance; dancing can but result in sin. 5. A wicked oath, which never should have been taken, but, once taken, should have been broken immediately. 6. His fear of the people.

27. Beheld him—But his prisoner was ready. John is not the only one who will be beheld if the truth is upheld. 28. Brought his head—What a ghastly present! How inhuman these wretched women must have been. 29. His disciples—John's disciples. "Took up his corpse"—"It had been thrown out," and they buried it as the last kindness they could show to one they loved. Sorrows then brought them to Jesus (Matt. xiv. 12). Antipas and Herodias were afterwards banished by the Roman emperor to Lyons, in France, where they passed the remainder of their lives in disgrace.

1. Study Herod for warning. Mark Hopkins said, "A man may become of no use in this universe except for a warning." Let the example of Herod warn you to:

1. Hear and heed (v. 20.) Herod "heard John" with a relish; he enjoyed his instructions; he appreciated his bravery; but he would not put away Herodias, nor refuse the life of his teacher when it was unrighteously demanded.

When Hugh Latimer presented Henry VIII. with a napkin on which was embroidered, "Whoremongers and adulterers God will judge," the king did not throw it away. He said, "I am glad there is one man who dares to tell the truth." But Henry, like Herod, died a monster of iniquity. Are you glad for the premises, but careless for the precepts? Do you like the practical and eschew the doctrinal? Do you do "what you please" and not the one thing which is a blot upon your life? Be careful; that is like Herod.

2. Love the word of God (v. 20.) Herod heard John, but he never heard Jesus. He never looked beyond the man and his message to the Master. One may attend church, make much of the preacher, and yet never give heed to the word of God. It is easy to delectate a reverend drunkard, not so easy to rebuke a rich reprobate. It is hard to rebuke "at the right time, in the right spirit, in the right manner." The holy Baptist rebuked Herod without fear or favour; he must have rebuked him with gravity, even temper, sincerity and evident good will; but he spoke so firmly and sharply the rebuke cost him his life.

3. John was fearless. Like Peter and John before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4, 19). The apostles before the council (Acts 5, 29). Paul before the synagogues (Acts 8, 10, 12). Paul before Felix and Agrippa (Acts 24, 25, 26, 27). Jesus before "them of Jerusalem" (John 7, 25, 26).

4. John was fearless. He would speak the truth though his life should pay the penalty. A little slave boy in Balaam, Africa, was converted to Christianity. At a feast held in honor of a departed spirit he was bidden to drink beer. When he refused, the Chief, Chiklu, tied him up, beat him, and threatened to sell him to a cruel master. The lad was firm. He would not touch the beer. Some old men were present, and he was released and ran to his mission. "Did they make you afraid?" asked the missionary. "No," he replied, "there was no fear in my heart. Jesus gave me strength. They may tie and beat and sell my body, but they cannot tie, or kill, or sell my soul." (Matt. 10, 28).

5. John suffered. He was bound and imprisoned (v. 17), and hated and plotted against (v. 19), and beheaded (v. 27). "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim. iii. 12). That godliness is unworthy the name which has not felt something of the crucifixion, unbelief and bitterness of the enemies of Christ. Every John will have a Herod that will call Whitefield "a miserable mountebank." They said of Robert Hall, "The smile on his face is a reflection of his own vanity." John Wesley was ridiculed and hooted and caricatured. Ben men burned Sam Jones' buggy house and threatened the lives of his wife and children. All who follow the Lord closely know what it is to suffer.



Twenty-five years ago it was difficult to sell spring wheat flour for pastry at any price. People didn't want it—they were using soft, winter wheat flour, and saw no reason for changing. But hard wheat flour was persistently pushed and prejudice has been overcome. The women tried it, succeeded with it and appreciated it.—To-day hard wheat flour is the favorite for pastry as well as for bread. The flour that is doing the most for the reputation of hard wheat flour is the brand known as

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LAST MINUTE TICKETS

Rev. George Bond may resign as editor of The Christian Guardian on account of ill health.

Arthur M. Manley, employed by John Macdonald & Co., Toronto, has been missing since Good Friday.

Rev. W. R. Parker, a prominent Methodist minister, died at his residence, 41 Albany avenue, Toronto.

The fingerprint system of identification was introduced at the Toronto detective department to-day.

No salute was fired in honor of Prince Arthur at Quebec, owing to the dangerous condition of the cliff.

Scarlet fever and measles are epidemic in the Indian reserve at Fort Alexander, Man. About 150 cases have occurred.

The amount of land within the limits of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta voted to railway companies is 56,989,000 acres.

Dr. Alexander Allan Henderson, one of the oldest and best known medical practitioners of Ottawa, is dead of heart trouble.

The Ottawa Public School Board has decided to adopt the system in vogue in Toronto of teaching music in the schools.

The Grand Trunk is asking a cash bonus of \$300,000 from London, and it is thought the proposed improvements will be postponed.

Rev. R. B. Grobb, M. A., a distinguished student of Wycliffe College, who will be ordained next June, has been appointed curate of St. John's Church, Port Hope.

Ottawa is considering the advisability of closing up all Chinese restaurants, complaints of residents being frequent as to the character of some of these places.

A sale of North Cobalt lots was held on Thursday night. Ninety-eight lots were sold at prices from thirty to seventy-five dollars each. Buyers were mostly Toronto people.

The Presbyterian Church of Almonte was successful yesterday in securing Rev. Charles Daly, of Lyn, as pastor. He will preach his opening sermon in Almonte on Sunday, the 20th inst.

at Kansas City, yesterday, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. McGinnis and a confederate forged a deed to a city lot and sold the property for \$300.

An important conference of the executive of the American Shippers' Association will be held at Chicago to-day. The result of this meeting will be awaited with interest by railway men, because it has been called to start a movement for a general reduction of freight rates throughout the country. It is the first concerted movement in this direction of a national scope.

Market Reports - The Week. Toronto Farmers Market. Grain receipts were all to-day and prices are purely nominal. About ten loads of hay came in, and it was about 10 to 12 1/2 a ton. No straw offered.

Leading Wheat Markets. New York May July Sept. Minneapolis 75 77 79. St. Louis 75 77 79. Detroit 75 77 79. Toledo 75 77 79. Duluth 75 77 79.

Leading Live Stock. The quality of fat cattle was fair to medium. There was a fair trade, considering the large number of cattle offered, but prices were not quite as good as on Monday at the Junction, especially for butchers' stuff.

Exporters—Some seven or eight loads of shipping cattle sold at prices ranging from \$4.80 to \$5.12 1/2 per cwt.; one lot of 14 exporters' loads of 200 lbs. each, been sold at \$5.25, but the prevailing price was \$5 per cwt. Export bulls sold at \$3.50 to \$4.12 1/2 per cwt.

Butchers—Butchers' cattle were more plentiful and prices were inclined to be easy at quotations. Picked lots sold at \$4.75 to \$4.90; medium at \$4.50 to \$4.75; common cows at \$3.25 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers—H. Murby reports a fairly good inquiry for short-cut feeders of the right kind. Best short keens, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., at \$4.70 to \$4.90; best feeders, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., at \$4.40 to \$4.70; best feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs., at \$4.10 to \$4.40; best feeders, 800 to 900 lbs., at \$3.80 to \$4.10; best feeders, 700 to 800 lbs., at \$3.50 to \$3.80.

Sheep and Lambs—The run of sheep and lambs was light and prices were firmer; export ewes sold at \$4.75 to \$5.25 per cwt.; bucks, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; yearling lambs at \$6.75 to \$7.25 per cwt.; spring lambs sold at \$3 to \$6 per cwt.

Hogs—Mr. Harris reported hog prices unchanged at \$7.15 for select and \$6.90 for lights and fats.

Bradstreet's on Trade. Montreal: Bright, warm weather has resulted in very noticeable improvement in business conditions generally. The dry goods trade in particular has profited. Retail trade at all points is much more active and there has been a corresponding increase in repeat orders. Groceries are moving only moderately well. Sugar prices have declined 10c per 100 lbs. The demand for hardware continues active. Builders' supplies and general lines are going out well. Metals are active and prices are noted in tin and antimony. For some time there has been rumors of underselling in many lines of goods, but there seems to be less of this at the present time. Country remittances are coming forward fairly well, while city collections are quiet.

Toronto: General business conditions here, as in all Canada, continue excellent, bright. The general activity is shown by the increased demand for money for mercantile purposes. Crop reports from all parts of Ontario are bright. Wholesale dry goods are active and values are generally firm. Hardware continues to be active and large shipments are going forward with the opening of navigation. The western demand is heavy. Pig iron is very firm. Grocers are doing a normal business. Sugars are easy and dried fruits and canned goods firm.

Hamilton: Spring and summer trade is opening up well and the spring movement in dry goods is active. Spring operations are having some effect upon country trade, but collections are generally fair to good. The demand for hardware continues heavy. Local trade is brisk.

London: There is now a good movement in all lines of goods. Values are firm and prospects are for continued activity all along the line.

Ottawa: The movement in wholesale lines is rather more active. Local trade is brisk.

AN EX-MAYOR GIVES UNSTINTED PRAISE

"Dodd's Kidney Pills are the Very Best Medicine I Ever Used for Kidney Trouble."

Robert Sheppard Ex-Mayor of Gannanoque, Ont., Testifies to the Merits of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Gannanoque, Ont., April 30.—(Special)—"I suffered off and on for over four years from kidney trouble," writes Mr. Sheppard, of this place, "and though I tried many remedies and was under a doctor a long while I got no better. I had Bright's Disease slightly, Lumbago, pains in my loins and at times all over my body. My skin was dry, hard and burning. I could not sleep, the least exertion made me perspire fearfully and my blood was so bad I broke out in boils all over my neck and back. I was in this state when I started taking Dodd's Kidney Pills and in an incredibly short space of time the boils disappeared, I recovered my health and now I am quite cured."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

MRS. MARGARET JONES WOUNDED HERSELF WITH A KNIFE.

Worrying Over Difference With Another Employee at the Toronto City Dairy George Porter Shot Himself at York Mills—Both May 20.

Toronto despatch: Anxious to die, Mrs. Margaret Jones, a woman probably 50 years old, inflicted terrible injuries to herself last evening with a knife, and it is feared she cannot recover. Her husband being an inmate of the House of Industry, and living alone in her apartments at 143 Adelaide street west, she became despondent. Borrowing an ordinary kitchen knife from another inmate of the place, Mrs. Jones, she plunged it into her side. The blunt point of the knife made a fearful wound, and little hope is held out for her recovery by the doctors at the Emergency Hospital.

Deliberate plans were also laid yesterday by George Porter, a bottle washer at the City Dairy, to end his existence. Worried by a slight altercation he had with another employee, he went to York street at noon and bought a revolver. Boarding a street car he went direct to York Mills, and hiding in a bush, he fired a shot into his left breast. Apparently the wound had no immediate serious results, for he was able to walk to a farm house, where Dr. Bond saw him. County Constable Tomlinson brought him in a street car to the North Toronto crossing and from there he was conveyed in the police ambulance to the General Hospital. He was partially conscious and in a very critical condition. The bullet had not been extracted. Potts lived at 102 Strachan avenue. He is 28 years old.

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GROWERS BEATEN.

CANNERS WILL PAY ONLY 25 CENTS FOR TOMATOES.

The tomato growers of a large section of the Niagara district, who had such a strenuous fight with the Cannery, Limited, which owns most of the canning factories in the Province, confess themselves defeated, and notwithstanding starting up of several independent canning factories the general price for tomatoes this year will be twenty-five cents a bushel. This was the price up to last year, and the growers' fight was for thirty cents.

Last year many growers refused to grow any tomatoes rather than sell them at 25 cents. The majority held out against the combine, but the Jordan and Fonthill growers at last gave way and let in the thin end of the wedge.

The combine was able to get such large quantities of tomatoes from Jordan and Fonthill that they didn't care about the rest of the district, so the other growers simply had to sell at 25 cents or keep their product. This year the combine has made contracts at 25 cents around Jordan and Fonthill, and 30-cent tomatoes will not be up in price to the consumer this year, if the crop is up to the average.

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THREE DROWNED.

TUG CLIPPER WENT DOWN OFF BUSTARDS ISLANDS.

One Man Escaped, to Nearly Perish of Exposure on an Island—Body of the Engineer, Only, Recovered.

Owen Sound despatch: The first marine disaster to be reported this season from the upper lakes occurred off the Bustards Islands on Monday morning, resulting in the loss of the tug Clipper and her entire crew, with the exception of one man, Albert Beatty, the coxswain, who managed to reach shore in safety.

The other members of the crew were Captain McIntosh, of French River, Edward Fletcher, of Cutler, engineer; Robert Johnson, Midland, fireman; and Albert Beatty, Midland, coxswain.

When between Byng Inlet and French River early on Monday morning the tug sprang a leak and it was necessary to beach her, the crew seeking safety in a small yawl which they had with them, and this, however, was totally unfit for such a load and capsized, leaving the men struggling in the water. They managed to reach the submerged tug, the house of which was still above water, and to which they clung all day. A fishing boat passed some distance away, but failed to notice their signals of distress.

About 7 o'clock on Monday evening Albert Beatty, the coxswain, tied a piece of broken door and a pair-rack together, and on this improvised raft was able to make his way to a small island, where he remained all night, and where he almost perished from wet and exposure before being rescued in a small boat by a fisherman named William Hazzard. Search was immediately made for the rest of the crew, but no trace of them could be found.

About 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening the Manitow, under command of Capt. A. A. Batten, arrived at the Bustards and learned of what had happened. The second engineer of the Manitow, Mr. Fred Fletcher, is a brother of the drowned engineer, and together with Mr. Hazzard and a son of Captain McIntosh he made a search for the missing men, and succeeded in finding the body of Engineer Fletcher about twenty feet from the sunken tug. Further search failed to find either of the other two bodies.

Captain McIntosh leaves a wife and large family, his eldest son being captain of the tug Evelyn, belonging to the Spanish River Boom Company. Johnston was an unmarried man and halls from Midland.

SNAKE BLEW WHISTLE.

EVERYBODY IN TOWN RAN TO THE MILL.

Story That Engineer Had Trained Snake to Blow the Whistle Every Morning at 7 o'clock, and That the Rattler Became Too Enthusiastic.

Denver, May 7.—The Denver Post has the following story: Irvin Durnill, who runs the engine in the sawmill at Martinsburg, Ind., had a three-foot rattler snake blow the whistle of his whistle for him.

"This is a true story. The whistle blew so long and hard one day that everybody in the town ran to the mill, thinking it was an alarm of fire. They found Durnill standing at the door of the engine room, apparently afraid to enter, while on the rope attached to the whistle the snake was wound, tooting as if it enjoyed the sound.

The theory of the local zoologists is that the snake crawled up on the boiler of the engine in the night to keep warm, and that when Durnill got up steam it climbed the rope to escape the heat, its weight being sufficient to blow the whistle, and that Durnill was afraid to go after it.

The engineer, however, denies he was afraid. There is another story going around that Durnill had trained the snake to blow the whistle at 7 o'clock every morning, and that this morning Durnill's assistant, becoming over-enthusiastic, simply worked too long, rousing the whole place. Somebody got a shotgun and killed the snake.

YANKEES MUST OBEY.

WHERE REGULATIONS DO NOT CONFLICT WITH TREATY.

The Answer That Was Sent to Washington in Reply to Protests of United States Fishermen—Great Britain's Position.

London, May 7.—Great Britain's position regarding the finding of American fishing vessels by Newfoundland Magistrates for violation of the colonial fishing regulations is that American vessels must obey the regulations of the colony, which do not conflict with their rights under the treaty of 1818.

This is the answer the Associated Press is informed that was sent to Washington in reply to the protests of the American fishermen, and Newfoundland has likewise been notified to this effect.

JACK