

### Sunday School Lesson

January 26. Lesson IV—Standards of the Kingdom—Matthew 5: 3-9, 17-20, 43-48. Golden Text—Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.—Matthew 5: 8.

#### ANALYSIS

I. THE BEATITUDES, 3-9.  
II. JESUS AND OLD LAW, 17-20.  
III. THE NEW LAW OF LOVE, 43-48.

INTRODUCTION—Having seen that Jesus came to proclaim the kingdom of heaven, we now pass on to the study in detail of some of the principles of this teaching. The Sermon on the Mount is the most famous of all sermons. Other discourses pass and are forgotten, but this great pronouncement is as fresh today as when it was uttered. It contains much of the finest teaching of Jesus, inasmuch that some people will say that if we can only live according to the precepts of this man, we shall be perfect. This is, as it were, the ethical program of Christianity.

I. THE BEATITUDES, 3-9.  
Vs. 3-5. The beatitudes describe the kind of blessedness or happiness, which the true Christian is to obtain, and they tell of the conditions which underlie these blessings. It is not easy to give a very clear division; but in a more or less rough way we may divide them into three groups. The first, given in vs. 3-5, deal with the outward conditions in which men may find themselves. Many of these to whom Jesus was preaching were poor and anxious and destitute. They did not belong to the rich or comfortable class. Many had deep sorrow, and little to comfort them. These might naturally say that there was no chance for them in the kingdom of God. They were inclined to regard their poor condition as a sign of divine disapproval, if Jesus had no message for this class, he would not be a world-saviour; for the poor and troubled always form a large majority of the population. Jesus does not say that poverty is, in itself, a blessing. Blessing may come in spite of the poverty and sorrow. For life does not consist in the abundance of natural possessions. The joy that Jesus brings, therefore, is independent of worldly wealth.

Vs. 6-9. This second group brings us from outward to inward conditions; and we are told that there can be no true happiness unless we are at peace with our neighbor and with God. There must be righteousness, and purity and peace. If the mind and heart be set upon worldly things, and if there are wrong desires and ambitions, there is no life in us to divide present, so joy.

Vs. 10, 11. We should include the third group also in our lesson, since this is the crown of all. Life without some great object, some goal, some passion, is not its best. And Jesus says that the noblest of all passions is love for himself. He calls people to sacrifice for his sake, and in the glow of joy which comes from close friendship with him there is that which the world cannot give or take away. Study these suggestive words, "for my sake."

II. JESUS AND OLD LAW, 17-20.  
V. 17. Jesus would inevitably encounter opposition from those who did not agree with much of his teaching. To them it was revolutionary, seeming to oppose the traditions of the Fathers. We gather from this verse that this opposition had become vocal, from which we conclude that this sermon was not given until his mission had advanced some distance. His enemies had said that he was opposing the law. Accordingly Jesus says that he has not come to destroy either the law or the prophets. He is, rather, the one who for the first time, puts full meaning into the law.

V. 19. If any one teaches that the commandments have lost their binding force, or if any one teaches the kind of nature of the commandments, that does not keep them himself, as these Pharisees were likely doing, they such could not belong to his kingdom.

V. 20. Jesus is willing to have his teaching tested by the rule of conduct, and if his followers do not show a better result than others, he will regard them as unfit for the kingdom. We might put the word "goodness" in place of "righteousness," and thus understand his statement as a challenge to his disciples to show that their goodness surpasses that of the scribes.

III. THE NEW LAW OF LOVE, 43-48.  
V. 43. The verses that intervene are given to specific examples of the way in which Jesus reads a new meaning into old legislation; and we now have the last of these, the law of love. We do not find the actual words in the Old Testament, save in Lev. 19: 19, but the spirit had concluded from this passage that there were no obligations

concerning those who were outside the chosen race of Israel. It is this narrow, national spirit which Jesus attacks. It is the privilege and duty of the disciple of Jesus to regard all classes as his friends.  
V. 45. To do this is to do what God does, who gives his blessings to all people.  
V. 46. If they love only their friends they are no better than those who were looked upon as belonging to the most forsaken class, the publicans. For these people also loved their friends.  
V. 47. In loving thy enemies they are becoming perfect, since they are getting more and more like God.

### News on Africa

#### Describes Country Where Ant Hills Are 25 Feet in Height

Ant hills 25 feet high and as much as 50 feet in diameter are to be found distributed through many parts of Rhodesia. Dr. L. Austen Bancroft, formerly Dawson professor of geology at McGill University and now consulting geologist for a large mining company in Rhodesia, said in describing the country in which he is now employed in finding tremendous deposits of valuable ores. The subject of his talk was "Mineral Deposits in Northern Rhodesia." In the course of the lecture he told many interesting things about the general nature of the country which was kept for the British through the far-sighted statesman, Rhodes, from whom the country got its name.  
Though the fauna of Rhodesia will eventually disappear, the land is still a great resort for big game hunters. Though there are still a large number of lions in Rhodesia, these have learned to save their hides by keeping out of sight. One may travel 400 miles across the wildest parts of the country and not sight a lion, though their unfinished feasts will be visible, Dr. Bancroft stated. The buffalo is perhaps the most dangerous animal. When wounded he becomes dangerously vindictive, following his attacker for miles ready to charge at some unexpected moment and secure what is undoubtedly a well-planned revenge.

#### TO BE REMEMBERED

When we realize that every liberty, every privilege, every advantage that comes to us as men and women has been bought with a price—that the dark, subterranean lives of those who toil day and night in the bowels of the earth, the perils and hardships of those who sail to and fro on the stormy seas, the beumbing weariness of those who dig and ditch and handle dirt, the endless tending of looms and plying of needles and carrying of burdens—  
the fierce confederate storm of sorrow barricaded evermore  
Within the walls of cities—  
all this is done and endured and suffered by our fellowmen, though blind to our benefit, and accrues to our advantage—when we begin to understand this, a nobler spirit enters into us, the only spirit that can keep our wealth, our freedom, our culture from being a curse to us for ever, and sinking us into the annals of a selfish hell.—Dr. H. Van Dyke.

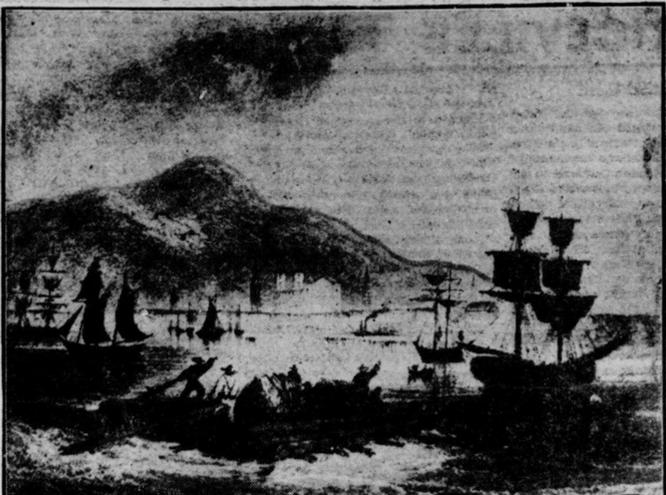


Missionary—"I've come to do you good."  
Native—"You can't do it; I'm on a diet."

"Schoolmasters and schoolmistresses have to deal with ignorant children on one side and with ignorant educational authorities on the other."—Bertrand Russell.

"It is necessary that one should die to prove that he is sincere."—Aristotle Briand.

"It is not needs but markets that command the attention of statesmen."—Clarence Darrow.



Scene off Montreal, showing old sailing ships used by British, drawn on spot by one of aides in 1758. One of Mr. Samuel's collection.

### Mahatma Gandhi The Stormy Petrel

#### Indian Affairs are Receiving Serious Consideration from the Press the World Over

#### WORRYING JOHN BULL

India's demand for self-government, the correspondents agree, has taken on a new form that threatens to put the British Government in a tight place.  
The recent bombing of the railway train carrying Lord Irwin, Viceroy of India, we are told, was a feeble explosion in comparison to that set off by Mahatma Gandhi when he announced before the All-India National Congress at Lahore that he and other Indian leaders had abandoned their stand for a dominion status, and would henceforth be satisfied with nothing short of absolute independence for India.

The All-India Conference last year, the Associated Press reminds us, adopted a resolution calling for a campaign of "civil disobedience" if dominion status was not granted to India by the end of 1929. The British Government sent a distinguished commission headed by Sir John Simon to report on the degree of self-government that might safely be entrusted to India's medley of races and religions, but the report of that commission has not yet been made public. This investigation was started by the Conservative Ministry, but the Labor Government of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald has renewed all preceding pledges and reiterated the promise that India shall have dominion status in time. But the Nationalists, becoming impatient, have now adopted a policy which, as one dispirited and perhaps a fatal blow to the whole British policy of constitutional reform in India." According to a United Press correspondent at Lahore:

"Mahatma Gandhi's program includes the calling of an extraordinary session of the Congress next February, with attendance limited to 1,000 influential delegates sworn to proclaim 'civil disobedience' of British rule. Such action, it is expected, will force the Government to deal with the Nationalist body, and arrest the delegates. Thereupon Gandhi will mobilize another 1,000 with the same result, continuing the program until the Government or the Congress breaks."  
That John Bull is somewhat disturbed—especially by the threat of an Indian boycott on English goods—was indicated by an immediate warring the price of cotton at Liverpool, which in turn affected New York. J. L. Garvin, writing in the London Sunday Observer, declares that the Nationalists of India are deliberately copying the methods used by the Sinn Fein leaders in Ireland a dozen years ago, even to adopting "The Wearing of the Green" as their fighting song. He adds, however: "The Sinn Fein

who is supposed to hold one-third of

India's 380,000,000 natives in the hollow of his palm, can mean only one thing—that the National agitation has itself acquired a momentum which the moderate can not now check, says the New York Herald Tribune, adding: "A year ago Mr. Gandhi was pleading for caution; he assented to the demand for dominion status only to avoid more radical action. Now he, himself, is forced to demand independence; once more, it is said, to forestall the more impetuous leaders who would otherwise take the situation from his hands. It is the old difficulty of the Nationalist agitation that once it is started it can not be controlled. However narrow may be its popular base, however unwise its claims might prove, or however damaging to the masses in whose name the claims are raised, the agitation takes on a reality of its own, and the leaders are hurried down the steep slope of measures which it might be difficult to justify on any rational basis of policy."

That the Liberal party of India, at least, has no use for the radicalism of the Gandhi Nationalists is indicated by a dispatch from Madras to the New York Times, December 30, saying: "The National Liberal Federation here today denounced the policy of independence advocated by the Nationalist Congress at Lahore. The Liberals passed a resolution cordially welcoming the Viceroy's announcement regarding India's future."

Fortune of War  
Ethel Mannin in the London Evening Standard (Ind. Cons.): It is far easier for women to get jobs and to make money today than for men to do so. For men jobs of any kind, still less remunerative posts and big appointments, are desperately scarce, whilst for women they open up on every hand, and the number of women earning a salary, or making in businesses of their own, a thousand pounds a year and more is steadily if slowly being added to, both here and in America. . . . It is especially embarrassing for men that all the opportunities for money-making and commercial success generally, which have resulted from the upheaval of the war, have gone, not to the men who fought, but to the women who stayed home, and those not the women who were called upon to sacrifice sons and husbands either, but to that younger generation of women—my own generation—who were school girls in 1914, and whom the war touched but lightly.

Industrialized Western Canada  
Victoria Times (Lib.): Throughout the West during the year 1929 there has been a very satisfactory expansion in industrial development covering all lines of manufacturing which pertain to the West, and it has been a year in which new industries producing articles not hitherto manufactured have been established—another year of investigation into trade possibilities, bringing into the West many representatives of important organizations, from which have resulted new agencies, new expansion and new and attractive prospects for the future.

Can a Flee Commit Perjury?  
The man of fifty has usually come to terms with the world and the devil and is suffering from fatty degeneration or sclerosis of the conscience."—Dean Inge.

elements of Indian agitation are profoundly self-deceived by Irish precedents which could only lead them to gigantic disasters." If the congress at Lahore were truly representative of all India, says the London Sunday Times, the resolution demanding complete independence would be the gravest event since the mutiny of 1857, but it adds: "In point of fact the Congress is nothing of the kind. It is composed of some thousands of unrepresentative Indians whose brains have been fermented with ideas of Western democracy. It is not even popularly elected. Even if all shades of Indian political opinion were represented in it the Congress would still remain hopelessly unrepresentative of India, nine-tenths of the population of which are illiterates not caring a fig for politics."

Tribute to Wilson  
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Russia and Religion  
London Morning Post (Cons.): To resume relations with Soviet Russia and to give free entry to her representatives and agents has always seemed to us a monstrous folly from a political point of view. There is, however, a consideration far stronger, Soviet Russia is the avowed and implacable enemy of the Christian faith—of any form of religion whatsoever. The intention is clear and unshamed. Religion must be destroyed not only in Russia but throughout the world in order that the social, economic and political theories of Bolshevism may take root and flourish. Religion is first to be destroyed in order that the world revolution may follow.

English Manners  
Mary Borden in Harper's Magazine (New York): In England people care less about good manners than good form. The English people are in general too insensitive and too lacking in curiosity to have really good manners; for the lack of curiosity means lack of sympathy and a wide indifference to what others feel or think. Being very modest people, or, what is the same thing, excessively proud but not vain, and with an intense positive dislike for showing off, their manners on the whole are better than one might expect; for though they don't care a rap about pleasing, they don't care either about showing their displeasure, and so probably they show little or no sign of any kind. Indifference is their prime social quality; that it does not make for the gaiety of nations goes without saying.

Oldpop—"How did you sleep last night?"  
Newpop—"Between walks."

### British Empire is League in Itself

#### Success of Commonwealth Proof of Practicability Says Smuts

New York—The British Empire as a precedent for the League of Nations was held out by General Jan Christian Smuts, former Premier of South Africa, speaking at a monster dinner here. In the Empire, he pointed out, one quarter of the population of the world, representing all races, colors and creeds, were living together in peace with no army or navy required to enforce it. He asked why this condition could not be extended to the whole world. The dinner was a part of the celebrations arranged in the United States for the tenth anniversary of the founding of the League. Some 32 organizations interesting themselves in securing the entry of this country into the League, participated.

The British Empire of today, the General said, was nothing else but a League of Nations in itself. The only way to secure perpetual peace was by applying the same idea on a larger scale. The success of the Empire is proof of its practicability. General Smuts said his mission was not to engage in propaganda for the League, but merely to lay the facts before the people in the United States. In not more than ten years he predicted the whole human race, including Russia, would be represented at the Council table of the League. "It would be a very serious and very tragic thing," he went on, "if, when all the nations of the world gather there, the seat of the founder and inspirer should remain vacant."

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### Sir William Clark Asks Co-operation

#### High Commissioner Urges Study of Empire Trade by Manufacturers

#### AVOID COMPETITION

Hamilton, Ont.—Study of the question how manufacturers in different parts of the British Empire can best work together, was recommended by Sir William Clark, British High Commissioner to Canada, in addressing a dinner at the Canadian Club here recently. Although no one expected the Dominions deliberately to retard their own progress in the interest of Great Britain—it would not be to the ultimate interest of the Mother Country for them so to do—Sir William thought Empire manufacturers should study how they can best avoid unnecessary competition with one another's special products; how they can co-operate for getting the best out of the markets of the Empire and, beyond that, for joint attacks on markets in other lands.

"Co-operation is not perhaps quite so difficult as it may sound," Sir William said. "No manufacturing country, however diversified its production, is ever wholly self-sufficient. Germany, before the war, then our most dangerous industrial competitor, was also the second largest importer of British goods. The United States, including Russia, would be represented at the Council table of the League. It would be a very serious and very tragic thing," he went on, "if, when all the nations of the world gather there, the seat of the founder and inspirer should remain vacant."

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### Edgar Wallace States View On Murder

Your Average Murderer is essentially a Communist. Man, He Says

### Two Traits of Murderer Which Writers

Vanity and the love of money are the two traits of the murderer, take that, says the Detective.

Mr. Edgar Wallace, author of the most interesting remarks about an introduction to "The Bert John Bennett," Beach murderer, one of the "Trial Series," (Geoffrey)

Mr. Wallace points out, with much sense do not murder, because they are difficult of "getting an enormous."

"There are," says Mr. Wallace, "two traits of the murderer, the custom for the murderer to be a Communist, the inevitable mistake of detection."

"Really this amount more than to say that very like a satirical man in any kind of men to scavenge, as made by the most famous of the world."

Avoiding Murder  
Indeed, the murderer makes no mistake in his problems than to be solved. He has to consider that has happened to other events, trifling but which may after the advance these require, which no criminal can avoid. Few men of high intelligence are committed murder, of passion. They do make the improbable, the minute circumstances of detection. Your average murderer is essentially a commonplace mental type of man who would not be a stronger man would, with more effect."

Bennett, the Yarns was, is Mr. Wallace's type of criminal who have committed a murder would certainly have sooner or later. All Sir Edgar Wallace says himself that Bennett's wife, he wrote, surprised if it were had committed six murders "undiscovered."

There was a mystery net's mode of obtaining has never been cleared in Woolwich Arsenal and it is suggested the been a spy. Mr. Edgar lives that he lived to

Whaler Seeks B  
Oslo.—The Norwegian Lier, and Dr. Ingvold are serving aboard whaling factory ship Antarctic, were missing after they started a flight in a Moth plane whalers.

Although sixteen searched no trace of the two men. Administered America has been. The ship for which been working conducted along the coast Lier's plane was not radio, but it was not provisions. The Kosmos is the biggest whaler and has 26 years old and has ten airplanes. Dr. Ingvold has only recently cal examinations. He a prominent Oslo professor.

Canada Has World "Cleanest" Tea  
On a tour of the in the auspices of the of Certified Grocers, notes visited the Montreal Tea Company Limited. The following by the secretary, Mr. Ing, appeared in the Trade Journal of New.

"During the tour it notes inspected some sales and retail tea of Dominion and they of the Montreal Tea Company was the most tea blending warlike factory in the world. Canada has reason industries that can impression on visitors."

BENEVOLENCE  
How easy it is for being to diffuse pleasure and how truly is a kind of gladness, make to its vicinity freshen.

"The enemies of peace also serve her cause her examples of what Thomas G. Masaryk.

### MUTT AND JEFF— By BUD FISHER

