



# Sunday School Lesson

LESSON XII  
CHOICES AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES IN A NATION'S LIFE  
Deuteronomy 11: 2-12, 26-32

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Choose you this day who ye will serve. Joshua 24: 15.

**The Lesson in Its Setting**  
Place:—All the early chapters of Deuteronomy record discourses given by Moses on the east side of the Jordan River where the Israelites were encamped in what are known as the plains of Moab (see Deut. 1: 1).  
"Therefore shall ye keep all the commandment which I command thee this day."

Happy is the man who has discovered that he is not meant to be a moral inventor, a maker of morals—that he has to accept a revealed morality and an offered righteousness; that God has been so kind to him as to arrange the whole way of life, so that the wayfarer need not lose the path. This down-letting of a moral revelation is an aspect of the grace of God. "That ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go over, to possess it." Strength here probably has a double significance—obedience to the laws of God will make for both physical strength and spiritual strength. The apostle John, speaking particularly to young men, expresses the same truth when he says: "Ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one" (1 John 2: 14). Living selfish, indulgent lives inevitably results in physical, mental, moral and spiritual weakness. Israel would need strength for possession of the land which God had given her, and God graciously revealed to them how they should live day by day that such strength might be their abiding possession.

"And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which Jehovah swore unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey." (See Josh. 1: 6, 7.) It is quite remarkable to notice here, as in verse 21, that the fathers of Israel, who were now dead, are mentioned as those whom God promised would some day possess the land of Canaan, and, as an ancient Jewish commentator says: "Hence we find the resurrection of the dead taught in the Law."

**Rain From Heaven**  
"For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowest thy seed, and watered it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs." "But the land, whither ye go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven." Egypt was famous throughout the ancient world for its fertility, and we are told that when Lot lifted up his eyes and saw the plain of the Jordan, he saw a land so rich and fertile that the narrator could only speak of it as "a land like the garden of Jehovah, like the land

of Egypt" (Gen. 13: 10). Moreover, the land of Goshen, in which Israel lived throughout the centuries of her sojourn in Egypt, is called "the best of the land" (Gen. 47: 6). Yet Israel was to have a more wonderfully fertile land than even Egypt, for, whereas the fertility of Egypt depended upon the annual overflow of the Nile River, the fertility of Palestine was dependent upon rain from heaven.

"A land which Jehovah thy God careth for: the eyes of Jehovah thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." It is difficult not to think of the better land in this description, and of our Saviour's promise, "I go to prepare a place for you." There "the poor and needy" shall not "seek water," for "he shall lead them to living fountains of water." "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more."

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse." "The blessing, if ye shall hearken unto the commandments of Jehovah your God, which I command you this day." We cannot but think of two other occasions in Israel's history when similar opportunities for choosing right from wrong were presented to her. In this very same year, at the end of his life, his voice vibrating with love, and longing for their welfare, Moses said to the children of Israel: "See, I have set before thee this day, life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances that thou mayest live and multiply, and that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in the land whither thou goest in to possess it. . . . I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed" (Deut. 30: 15, 16, 19). Less than a quarter of a century later, as Israel had come into the Land of Promise, Joshua, in his farewell address, once more pleaded with the people to make a definite, deliberate choice of God and of good.

"And the curse, if ye shall not hearken unto the commandments of Jehovah your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known." To choose to obey the commandments of God does not have negative results, but positive results.

**The Sacred Mountains**  
"And it shall come to pass, when Jehovah thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt set the blessing upon Mount Gerizim, and the curse upon Mount Ebal." Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal stand on the southern and northern sides, respectively, of the narrow pass which cuts through the mountain range, opening a way from the sea to the Jordan, about 35

## May Be "Miss America"



Blond and beautiful is lovely 17-year-old Irmgard Dietel, chosen as Miss Miami, in elimination for the forthcoming Atlantic City Beauty contest, for title "Miss America" against other fair ones.

miles north of Jerusalem, at the city of Cychar, and near the city of Samaria. At the foot of Mount Gerizim lies the town of Nablus, the ancient city of Shechem. Here Abraham camped at the oak of Moreh (Gen. 12: 6). The Samaritans believe that it was on this mountain that Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac in sacrifice. These are the two sacred mountains of the Samaritans.

## The Most Dangerous Hour

The most dangerous hour in New York's streets is between 7 and 8 p.m., according to an analysis of traffic accidents just completed by the Safety Bureau of the Police Department.

During the six months period ending June 30, there were 1,192 traffic injuries between 7 and 8 p.m., as compared with 1,112 between 5 and 6 p.m. The next most dangerous hour, between 8 p.m. and midnight, the streets become far safer, only 522 injuries being reported in that four-hour period.

## A New Workout



Summer's end can't be far off when pig-skin paraders don their grid garb and commence grueling task of limbering up for forthcoming football season. Above Temple University Gridiron candidates go through their paces near Philadelphia under watchful eyes of grid mentor.

## Movie Star Dust Radio

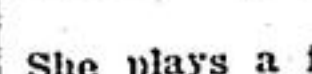
By VIRGINIA DALE

Once more Rudy Vallee has shown that he is the greatest talent scout in the radio business. Tommy Riggs, the two-voiced personality who has been appearing on his program the last few weeks has made an outstanding success and will soon have a program of his own.

The brash little girl that Mr. Riggs plays with such devastating humor promises to be as popular one of these days as is Charlie McCarthy, the famous ventriloquist's dummy. Incidentally, the people whom Vallee started on the road to success in radio ought to get together and put on a gala program as a tribute to him. It would include such headliners as Walter O'Keefe, Bob Burns, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy and Tommy Riggs. And what a program that would be!

Mona Barrie is the latest screen belle to seek a change from Hollywood spectacle that will open the Center Theatre in Radio City, she told me all about her last — and she thinks best — picture, Cagney's "Something to Sing About," in which Mona plays her first lead comedy role. Wood on the New York stage. While rehearsing for "Virginia," a great musical comedy, she plays a foreign actress with a heavy accent and has a glorious time swooping through scenes in the grand manner. She says that Jimmy is just tops to work with, which makes the verdict practically unanimous.

## James Cagney



The greatest picture of the year, perhaps of many years, has received a chorus of critical acclaim such as has never been heard before. It is "The Life of Emile Zola" with Paul Muni. As crusader for the oppressed, and the most eloquent and forceful man of his time, Paul Muni gives an inspired performance. Don't let the praise of this picture drive you away from it with a faint suspicion that it may be educational, but dull. It offers the most exciting and thrilling evening you could spend in a theatre.

With radio's summer hull over soon dozens of big programs will be angling for your attention. Irene Vicker, the greatly-beloved singing lady, moves to the Mutual network early in October offering a series of original sketches with music. Jack Benny returns to the air at the same time.

Up in Dennis, Massachusetts, Gertrude Michael appeared on the stage in a play of early Colonial days and made a big hit. A regular parade of automobiles made a long trip from the city of New York to see her, and when she came out on the stage the rafters rung with the applause from her old Broadway friends. They were saluting her courage in winning a two-year battle with serious illness as well as her fine skill as an actress.

Margaret Tallichet, who abandoned a newspaper job in Texas to break into the movies, has found that even after a career is well started, it still has as many downs as ups. You may recall that she appealed to Carole Lombard for help and through her got a small contract with Selznick-International. Well, Miss Tallichet played small roles in "A Star Is Born" and then the studio decided to gamble on her to the extent of sending her east to dramatic school for further training.

## American Swim Star Defeated



Shozo Makino, of Waseda University, Tokyo, smilingly acknowledges congratulations of Jack Medina, American swim star, whom he defeated in Tokyo meet.

ing. She appeared at the Mt. Kisco theatre opposite no less a personage than Henry Fonda and proved conclusively that she needs a lot more training before she can play big roles.

## Newest Star Is Brighter Than Sun

A new star 500,000,000 times brighter than the sun has flashed across the scientific sky.

Because of its great distance from the earth, however—3,000,000 light years—it is visible only through the most powerful telescopes.

Discovery of the "supernova" was announced by Dr. Fritz Zwicky of California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Walter Baade of Mount Wilson Observatory said that the new supernova is apparently the most luminous of 15 known to science. He estimated the star is about 10 times brighter than the average supernova and 500,000,000 times as bright as the sun.

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## A Paralysis-Victim Needed This



Dashing across country on like errands of mercy, a plane and a train were racing to Denver, Colo., bearing "iron lungs" to that city where sole "lung" was in use as death threatened paralysis victim in need of "lung." "Lung" is loaded on train at Chicago.

## Harmless Germ Makes Ham Glow

John Bates of Los Angeles, finished eating his bed-time ham sandwich, turned out the light. Something seemed the matter with the remainder of the ham.

It glowed. Bates rushed to an emergency hospital, but doctors found nothing wrong.

The health department examined the ham.

"Nothing to worry about," reported Toxicologist George Welty. "The glow is caused by a germ—micrococcus phosphoreus. It disappears when the meat is boiled."

Bates brightened up.

## Eskimo Is Sold On Refrigerator

TORONTO.—A refrigerator salesman at the Canadian National Exhibition achieved his fondest dream. He sold an electric ice box to an Eskimo. Philip Godsell, veteran Winnipeg explorer and trapper, vouches for the sale.

It seems the Eskimos at the Exhibition Park were suffering from the intense heat. They missed their Arctic snow box outside the igloo door. One short demonstration was enough when the salesman produced his "white man's magic."

Emile St. Goddard, veteran St. Boniface musher with the show, says he will use the refrigerator to keep his husky pups cool when they get overheated.

## Britisher Likes Canadian People

Some interesting and complimentary views on Canada and Canadians are expressed by Thornton Clarke, F. R. S. C., of Hamstead, Way, London, England, author of "Round the World without Worries," in a letter received by Henry Roe of this city, says the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

"I thought Canada the most attractive country I have ever visited and where the world's most congenial people seem to reside," Mr. Clarke wrote. "For some reason I seem to get on with Canadian better than with my own folk—probably because of their kind-heartedness and lack of snobbishness. The whole truth, is they are real people—no pretention."

## Bumps Into Alligator

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Joe Egginger says he was swimming on his back in the Ortega River when he bumped into what he thought was a log.

When he tried to shove it out of the way it found himself gazing into the eyes of a nine-foot alligator.

He fled to the bank, got his gun, killed the 'gator and has the hide to back up his story.

One thing worries him, though. He says the Saurian had a rope around its neck and he's afraid maybe he killed someone's escaped pet.

## Germany's Girls Are Back on Job

For four years the Nazis made a great campaign to put women back in the farm, the kitchen and the nursery.

Now women are being brought back into industry. Unemployment is vanishing, skilled labor is scarce—that's why the policy on women has been reversed.

For two years the state has kept a stream of women leaving jobs, men moving into them. Military service, labor service, public construction and a pick-up in the industrial turnover have been providing jobs. Now, officials report, there are only a few more than 500,000 out of work in Germany. When the Nazis took power, they say, there were 7,500,000 unemployed.

So women have started a rush back to paying jobs.

## Skeleton Kidnapped Reward Is Offered

LONDON.—A reward of \$25 was posted this week for the return of a 250-year-old skeleton stolen from a prison cell.

The skeleton, chained upright to an oaken chair, was stolen from Rye House, at Hoddeson, Hertfordshire, the scene of the famous Rye House plot against Charles II.

The castle now is a tourist attraction. The owner, T. Green, said he believed the "kidnapping" was somebody's "grizzly kind of joke."

The Rye House plot was a scheme by one of Cromwell's republican officers to murder Charles II and the Duke of York, later James II, in 1683. The plan was to kill them when they returned from the Newmarket races, but it was foiled when they returned a day ahead of schedule.

The plotters were arrested and the missing skeleton is supposed to be that of one of them.

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