

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for Sunday, August 4.
THE TWO WAYS

Golden Text—The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

—Psa. 1:6

The Lesson As a Whole

Both of the passages which are before us in this lesson emphasize the two different ways by which men order their lives in this world. The godly man walks the narrow path of denial of self and subjection to the Word of God. He builds upon the rock of divine revelation. In this the Lord Jesus is our supreme example. He is in fact the Blessed Man of Psalm 1. No one else has attained fully to the description of piety there given. The man of the world orders his life to suit himself. He takes the broad road of self-pleasing. This may be positively wicked or smugly self-righteous, but it is the path of the natural man who has never known God. He builds upon the sand of human theory, deluding himself with the idea that what appeals to his fancy must prove in the end satisfactory to God. All sinners are not alike in their habits, tastes, and the things they seek after. But all are ungodly because they refuse to subject to him who created them for his own glory. They all choose to walk according to their own devices, refusing the call to repentance and faith, which if heeded, would lead them to build upon the Rock.

Soon the storm of judgment will test everything, and only those who have rested their souls on Christ himself will stand the storm. We need to remember that there must be a life by which we live, before we can live the life of a Christian.

Verse by Verse:

Psa. 1:1—"Blessed is the man." This blessed man is God's ideal of what man ought to be in this scene. It finds its perfect fulfillment in the holy behavior of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ever did the things that pleased the Father. We, in our measure, are called to walk as he walked (1 John 2:6), according to the example he has left us (1 Pet. 2:21). To do this we must be regenerated (Titus 3:5). "Walketh not... nor standeth... nor sitteth." It is a life of holy separation from all evil that is in view. The blessed man is careful to avoid any participation with the ungodly so far as their attitude toward divine things is concerned.

Verse 2—"His delight is in the law of the Lord." His piety does not consist in a negative attitude toward evil alone, but in the positive enjoyment of what is good. The Word of

God is precious to him and is his spiritual food, assimilated by meditation (Jer. 15:16.)

Verse 3—"Like a tree planted by the rivers." Perennially fresh and ever fruitful, the blessed man is likened to a tree whose roots go down to the water streams, ever drawing up that which tends to growth and enrichment, so that he is a witness for God to all who know him, as they see how richly grace is working in his soul.

Verse 4—"The ungodly... like the chaff." Men of the world, who have their portion in this life (Psa 17:14), often seem to flourish for a time, but they are soon cut in their sins and carried away like the worthless chaff which is scattered by the wind. Any life not lived for the glory of God is a failure.

Verse 5—"The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment." To stand in that day is to be approved of God. This is only by grace (Rom. 5:2; 1 Pet. 5:12). The wicked will have no standing in that day, but will be condemned to banishment from the presence of the Lord.

Verse 6—"The way of the righteous... the way of the ungodly." The two are set in vivid contrast. One is known to the Lord, in the sense that he delights in it. The other is doomed to end in destruction.

Matt. 7:24—"A wise man... built his house upon a rock." That Rock is God's eternal truth revealed in Christ. The wise man here is the blessed man of Psalm 1. He values the Word and builds upon the testimony of our Lord Jesus. It is one thing to applaud the Sermon on the Mount as a wonderful system of ethics. It is quite another to build upon "these sayings" by resting one's soul upon that which Christ has declared; seeing in him the eternal Son of God who came in grace to be the sinner's Saviour. He himself is the Rock on which the believer builds (1 Cor. 3:11).

Verse 25—"It fell not; for it was founded upon a rock." The storms that beat about this house but made manifest its sure foundation. So the testings of life and the stress of the judgment will only show how secure is the soul that has trusted in Christ.

Verse 26—"Heareth these sayings... and doeth them not." To be familiar with the Gospel and acquainted with the truth of God and yet never to receive it into the heart by faith, so that the whole life is controlled by it, is to miss all the blessing that is the portion of him who hears the obeys. To know the way of life and yet to choose to go on in self-will is but to build on shifting sand.

Verse 27—"Great was the fall of it." No matter how fair a character one may seem to have, or how good a life he may appear to live, if he is a Christ rejector, the time of testing will prove how misplaced was his confidence and how vain his hope for eternity. All that seemed

ENGLISH CAN SURVIVE SIEGE WITHOUT ROAST BEEF OR TEA



Perplexing is the problem of how to live for a day on the amount and variety of food the young lady finds before her—and make the same thing do day after day. Nutrition authority

Sir John Orr says English citizens can do it if necessary in case of a long siege. No meat, not even tea, if things get really bad. For the prescribed 1 1/4 ounces of fat, butter patties were used in this picture, at

which the perplexed diner brightened. Said Herta Buchberger of Toronto, recently come from Australia, "We never had that much butter at home even before the war!"

so stable will collapse in the storm of that day of manifestation. How important that we test our foundations while we have time to build aright, rather than wait until it is too late to change.

The Heart of the Lesson

Salvation is by grace through faith, altogether apart from our works, or human merit, of any kind; but true faith works by love and is manifested in good works, so that the renewed man walks the path of obedience to the Word of God and produces in his life the fruit of the Spirit. The two figures of a tree and a building are suggested in Ephesians 3:17, where we read of being "rooted and grounded in love." Thus Christian character is developed. In contrast to this, the way of the wicked or the ungodly is one of selfishness and rebellion, and the testimony God has given is destined to perish when the Lord shall judge the secrets of men according to the Gospel of Christ, as we are told in

Romans 2:16. Then each will receive according to his deeds.

BY DAY AND NIGHT EXAMINER EXTENDS WATCH OVER SHIPS

During 24 hours of every war-troubled day an unimpressive little vessel of drab grey, sister to craft spotted at all of Canada's ocean harbours, bobs and tosses in the waves of the Atlantic just off the entrance to an east coast port.

The insignificance of the little vessel is sharply accentuated every time one of the lean grim ships of the British or Canadian fleet slips past her.

But with all of her humble appearance, she commands the respect and immediate attention of every merchant ship, be it proud liner or rusty tramp.

She is the examination vessel of the Royal Canadian Navy and to disobey her warning to stop would bring a hail of shrieking steel from the ever-ready muzzles of coastal batteries concealed among the pleasant green foliage of the shoreline.

In many ways, it is a monotonous job for the crew of the little craft, lying at anchor day in and day out while fog lifts and falls and the wretful winds of the North Atlantic moan through the rigging and pluck at the special signal flad of the examination service that flies from the mast. But often it is an extremely busy job, when ship after ship comes up from the horizon, sometimes at the rate of more than one an hour.

Each new-comer reaches the range of the signal lamp aboard the examination vessel is greeted by a series of winks and blinks that informs him he is to stand by to receive an examining officer. Occasionally, by accident or design, incoming vessels have ignored the signals, only to receive a much more pointed order in the shape of a light shell across the bow from a coastal gun crew that has been sitting with itchy trigger-fingers ever since war began. When the incoming vessels hoves to, the boarding party leaves the examination craft in a small boat and rows to the side of the visitor. For the next few minutes the boarding officer is closeted with the ship's officers while papers are produced and carefully inspected.

If everything is in good order the boarding officer returns to the examination vessel and the "O.K." signal starts rounds. Within a few moments every officer in charge of the defences of the port knows who the visitor is and all about him. It is then, and only then, that the anti-submarine gates are swung open and the visiting vessel is allowed to pass into the shelter-

Race-Track Fol at Musselman's

Mrs. M. Kane owner of Wil the Kid, the King plate winner is enjoying her vacation at her cottage, "Lazy Rest" situated on Rose Hill Drive, Musselman Lake.

Another frequent visitor Musselman's is Mr. Morris owner of the highly publicized horse, Bunty Lawless.

MUSSELMAN LAKE POST OFFICE MOVED TO WINSOME CORNER

The Musselman's Lake post office which has been located for the past several years Mrs. Riley's store just opposite Cedar Beach Park has been moved to Winsome Hall, operated by James Pidgeon. Mr. Riley gave up her establishment last year and of late it has been acquired by George David Cedar Beach proprietor as a boarding house for a number of his employees.

Winsome Hall where Her Majesty's mail is now distributed is located on the east side and is the former well-known Ralph Connor place.

Mail is carried by the Cedar Valley couriers from Ballantrae once a day to the lake office.

Cottagers Appreciate Dust Layer on Roads

ed harbour.

Despite the grim necessities of war, courtesy characterizes the examination process. It is a brand of politeness that is at all times associated with the naval men. When the formalities are over, they are invariably followed by handshakes and grins. Sometimes, when the ship is not British or American, language difficulties arise, but, according to the examining officers, few are the skippers on the seven seas who haven't acquired enough English to understand or make themselves understood.

Night and day, throughout the year, these watchdogs at Canada's Atlantic doorway carry on their duty. Their job is not one surrounded by the glory that accompanies the dashing destroyer or the floating fortress, but their part is no less vital in the far-flung pattern of defence formed by the "silent service" of the Empire.

PRE-PAYMENT COUNTY LEVY SAID GENERAL

Pre-payment of county levies by "most of the municipalities" was announced by the York County Finance Committee at a meeting last week.

Favorable comment is heard

on every hand in regard to the fine oiling job done on the Lake roads this year. The heavy traffic however has cut up the road badly and it is unlikely that anything will be done with regards to repairing it immediately. The north Lake road has come in for heavy truck travel with the steady haulage going on from Storry gravel pit on the 10th concession across to the 4th which is being paved from Gormley north to Bodgartown.

On the west side from Appleton's Park to Coulter's Drive new type of light macadamized surface was tried out this year and is proving very satisfactory so far.

The levies are not due until December 15 and by before date payment the municipal ties benefit by discount.

Patriotic grants amounting to \$27,000 were also announced—Distribution was: Red Cross \$19,000; Salvation Army, \$5,000; Y.M.C.A., \$1,000; British Empire Service League, \$1,000, and the Queen's York Rangers, \$500.

The finance committee expressed itself as being very much pleased with the Provincial Government's decision to bear the cost of prosecution of aliens and interment of same.

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