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Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for Dec. 21

THE COMING OF GOD'S SON
Golden Text—"The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."
—1 John 4:14

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE
Isaiah is often called "the Evangelical Prophet," and for a very good reason. He portrays the coming and redemptive work of our blessed Lord more fully than any other Old Testament writer.

As once again all Christendom is celebrating the remembrance of His lowly birth, we need to keep in mind the fact that it is not through His incarnation we are saved, but through His propitiatory work on the cross. Bethlehem was but the first step toward Calvary. The one, part from the other, could never have saved lost men, who, because of sin, were under divine condemnation. The very reason He became man was in order that He might die. He came into our humanity in order that He might give His life a ransom for many (Matt. 20:28). It is by His sacrifice—the immolation of His precarious body upon the tree—that we are saved. As the Father's gift to us. He there settled the sin question, when He stood in our place and endured the judgment which our sins deserved.

Verse by Verse
Isaiah 9:6—"A child is born, a son is given." In these two expressions we see the humanity and the deity of our Saviour. The child born refers to His humanity. He was a true man spirit and soul and body, as born of Mary, His virgin mother. But He was also the Son given—the eternal Son of the Father, given in grace for our redemption, who linked His deity with our humanity apart from sin, and was thus God and man in one blessed, adorable person.

"The government shall be upon his shoulder." He is destined to exercise supreme rule over all the universe. "His name shall be called Wonderful." There is here suggested the mystery of His Sonship, which no man can apprehend (Matt. 11:27; Rev. 19:12). Under this name He appeared of old to the parents of Samson (Judges 13:18, R.V.). Only the Father comprehends the mystery of godliness (1 Tim. 3:16). It is beyond human understanding.

"Counsellor," is the second of His names. As the Eternal Word He is the Revealer of the mind and heart of God come to earth to show us the Way to the Father (John 14:6).

"The mighty God." Some would seek to tone this down to make Him less than the words imply, but He is so called in Romans 9:5 and in 1 John 5:20. Had he been anyone less than God, He could not have made atonement for sin. He had to be who He was in order to do what He did.

"The everlasting Father." A better rendering is "The Father of Eternity." The Son is not confounded with the Father though He and the Father are one (John 10:30; 14:10, 11). But He is the One in whom all the ages meet (Heb. 1:2, margin).

"The Prince of Peace." As such, He was presented to the world and heralded by angels (Luke 2:14), but because of His rejection there can be no lasting peace for the nations until He returns. Then He will be manifested as the One who will speak peace to all peoples (Isa 32:1-18).

Verse 7—"Upon the throne of David." Christ has never yet sat upon the throne of David, though Scripture plainly predicts that He do so and reign in righteousness over all the earth (Luke 1:32). This will be at His second coming, after the present age has run its course (Acts 15:16, 17). Then the Kingdom will be set up in power and glory, and righteousness and peace will prevail through all the world.

John 1:1—"The Word." It is by our words that we give expression to what is in our hearts and minds. Christ the Word is the exact expression of the divine character (Heb. 1:3). He was "in the beginning with God." This declares His eternity of being. "With God." His distinct personality in the Godhead. "Was God." His full deity.

Verse 2—"The same" was in the beginning with God." He knew no change throughout the ages. He is ever the same (Heb. 13:8).

Verse 3—"All things were made by Him." It is the declaration of His full creatorial glory. He was the agent through whom the universe was brought into existence (Col. 1:16)

Verse 4—"In him was life." He is the source of all life, both natural and spiritual, and as coming into the world "the life was the light of men," for in Him we see all that man ought to be for God.

Verse 10—"The world knew him not." Born in the world that He had created. He was a stranger to those who owed their very existence to His power. Verse 11—"He came unto his own." The expression "his own" here is newer. It refers to the scene into which He came. He came into His own world, His own land (Immanuel's land, Isa. 8:8, and His

LESSONS IN SAFETY FIRST

Mr. T.L. LaTrobe, field representative of the Ontario Safety League visited the local school on Monday afternoon. The assembled classes of both Public and Continuation School gathered in the school auditorium and were given vivid lessons on the prevention of accidents on highway and home which were impressed by sound and film. It is hoped that vivid results of carelessness may make our boys and girls unceasingly safety conscious.

own Temple, where everything portrayed His glory (Psa. 29.9, margin) "His own received him not." The second "his own" is personal and refers to His rejection by His own covenant people Israel.

Verse 12—"As many as received him." To receive Him is to trust Him—accept Him as Saviour. All who do this have "power," or authority, in the sense of right title, to take their place as "sons," or children of God, because they believe in His name.

Verse 13—"Born, not of blood," that is, not by natural birth; "nor of the will of the flesh," that is, not by self-effort; "nor of the will of man," that is, not through anything

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Hydro service will be available to farmers in York county and other parts of Ontario for the operation of milking machines and other labor-saving appliances provided it is not necessary to install transformers to step down the voltage, the Ontario Hydro-Electric commission has announced. The spokesman stated that farmers would be able to get all the power they need.

"The Hydro commission is able to provide local wiring to farms, as well as town and city homes, but is prohibited by an order from the federal power controller from providing transformers," he said.

Deputy-Reeve Charles Hooper of Markham township told York county council at the November session that many farmers had their farms wired but were unable to get the power hooked up. He stated that because of the lack of labor on the farms many farmers had purchased labor-saving appliances which would increase production but cut down on labor. A committee of county councillors was appointed to visit the Hydro-Electric commission to plead the farmers' case.

"Every day applications from farmers are being considered," the Hydro official said. "Where it is decided that the installation of electric power will not require the use of additional metals other than local wiring, their requests have been granted."

It seems rather amazing that the order was not issued to the farming community in the first place in such a way as to properly explain the true situation. Certainly the information given out by hydro officials said that no more farms could be wired, and right in this section electricians were ordered not to start on any contracts. Now that a big protest has been set up by York and Peel counties and voiced by scores of other sections, the hydro makes an explanation. Properly explained at the start a lot of time wasted on talking about the curtailment could have been saved.

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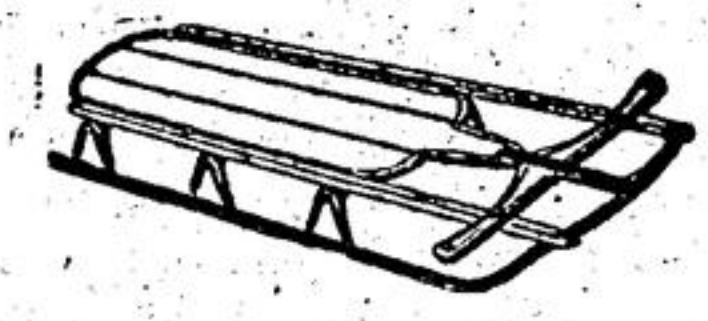
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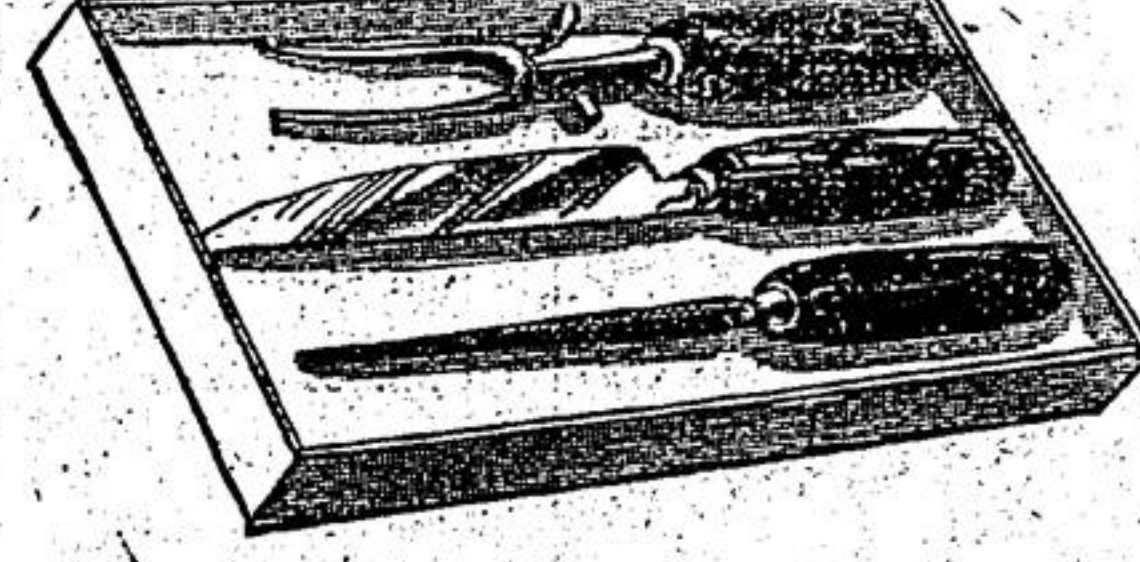


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