

# Sunday School Lesson

Golden Text—The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner.—Mark 12:10

### The Lesson as a Whole

On the third day of Passion Week we find our Lord engaged in many discussions with the leaders in Israel who were endeavoring almost constantly to entrap Him in His words, in order that they might discredit Him in the eyes of the common people, who "heard him gladly". But in every instance their subtle questions and contemptible innuendos returned against themselves, like an Australian boomerang. When they demanded that He tell by what authority He cleansed the Temple, He met their insolent question by asking a question regarding the ministry and authority of John the Baptist, a question they were afraid to answer, as the people, with few exceptions, regarding John as a prophet and the scribes and Pharisees had refused his testimony. In the parable of the two sons, He exposed their disobedience to God's commands, and in that of the vineyard and the

wicked husbandman He revealed beforehand "his definite rejection of Himself as the promised Messiah. In the third parable, that of the marriage feast He showed in unmistakable terms their callous attitude toward the grace of God as presented in the Gospel. He discomfited the Pharisees and the Herodians (a political party) by His answer to their question regarding the tribute money and exposed the ignorance and unbelief of the Sadducees when He met their cunning objections to the great truth of the resurrection of the body and survival of the spirit after death. The lawyer who asked a question only to tempt Him, and so to hold Him up to possible ridicule, was silenced by His declaration as to the two great commandments regarding love to God and love to one's neighbor. Then He drove home to their consciences with awful force their sin in spurning the testimony of their own Scriptures and in rejecting Him, the One who had come in exact fulfillment of the prophetic Word.

Verse by Verse  
Mat. 22:41—"The Pharisees were gathered together." They in consultation as to how they might entrap the Lord Jesus into some admission or direct teaching that would put Him in conflict with the law of Moses.

Verse 45—"If David then calls him Lord, how is he his son?" The

important question which every man who hears the Gospel is responsible to answer in the fear of God. These Pharisees were, presumably, looking for the coming of Christ, the Messiah. To them Jesus puts the direct inquiry, "Whose son is He?" Knowing it was predicted that He would come through David's line, they replied without hesitation, "The son of David." This was true, but it was not all the truth.

Verse 43—"How then doth David call him Lord?" Though Son of David as to His deity, He is called both "the root and the offspring of David."

Verse 44—"The Lord said unto my Lord." The quotation is from Psalm 110:1. There David says, "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand." In this passage, "Great David's greater Son" is seen exalted to God's right hand, as Man, and is recognized by David himself as the One to whom he owes heart allegiance.

Verse 46—"No man was able to answer him a word." Completely silenced and abashed, the objectors dared not question Him further lest own ignorance be more fully exposed. They had no desire to understand the truth which they were unable to confute.

Chap. 23:1,2—"Moses' seat." Moses was the Law-giver. The scribes and Pharisees were the recognized exponents of the Law. As such, they were deserving of recognition.

Verse 3—"Do not ye after their works. It was right to follow their teachings and obey their instructions as they expounded the Law, which was God's own Word. But where their own lives were not in harmony with that Law, they were not to be taken as examples, for "they say, and do not." God's Word is to be revered even though the men who teach it are themselves inconsistent, but their unworthy behaviour is not to be accepted as an excuse of looseness on the part of their hearers.

Verse 4—"They bind heavy burdens... on men's shoulders." The teachers of that day added many things to the Law which were not of God's ordering, but were "the tradition of the elders" and which became intolerably burdensome to those who endeavored to carry them out punctiliously. Yet these very leaders were notorious for the laxity of their own behaviour. They sought to impose on others what they did not "move... with one of their fingers."

Verse 5—"Their phylacteries." These were little leather receptacles containing scrolls on which were written sentences from the Law, and which were generally worn upon the forehead. To give an impression of superior sanctity, the Pharisees made these larger than those worn by the others. They also enlarged "the borders of their garments." The reference is to the blue ribbon or fringe which the Israelite was commanded to wear as a sign that he belonged to the God of Heaven, who is infinite in holiness.

Verse 6—"The uppermost rooms... and the chief seats." Always desiring to be honored by their fellows, these religious zealots sought to occupy the most conspicuous places at feasts, the very thing Jesus warned His disciples against. They also favored the prominent seats in the synagogues, as though they were of superior sanctity. Perhaps all such pretension has not yet died out!

Verse 7—"Greetings in the markets." Oriental greetings were very pronounced ceremonial occasions. It meant much to these proud leaders to be so recognized and to become conspicuous by being called "rabbi, rabbi." The use of this title, which is akin to our "Doctor, doctor, or Master, master," pleased the flesh and gave a sense of superiority that flattered those thus accosted.

Verse 8—"Be not ye called Rabbi!" This is Christ's word to His own disciples. Such are not responsible if others address them by distinguishable titles, but they are not to seek for this kind of recognition. They are ever to remember that He alone is the Master, the one Supreme Teacher or Leader, and all who are His, whatever their cultural attainments or lack of such, are on one common level as "brethren" in the family of the redeemed.

Verse 9—"One is your Father." It is not that Jesus forbids proper honor to our earthly parents, nor yet to those who are our fathers in the faith, but we are ever to remember that God Himself is our Father to whom we owe fullest filial obedience.

Verse 10—"One is your Master, even Christ." The servant of the Lord is not to be self-seeking. It is for him to assume the title "Leader," for he is not to endeavor to secure the allegiance of his brethren to himself, but is ever to own the authority of Him who is Teacher and Master. "Master" really means "Guide."

Verse 11—"He that is greatest... shall be your servant." This is the law of the Kingdom of Heaven. In that sphere there is no place for pride or selfish ambition.



## TORONTO Goodwood FLASHES

Walter Davey 8 Stanton Ave Toronto.

Orland Lamber is working for J. E. Wagg these days.

Goodwood is looking forward to that Vitamin Bee evening and few will want to miss it.

Miss A. Symes and F. Haskett spent Sunday at Brooklin with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robb.

Mrs. Studholme of Uxbridge and Miss Betty Walker of Glen Major were visitors recently with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Symes.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Redshaw have moved from the 5th Line, Uxbridge to the Beal apartments in Claremont.

If there is undue noise about Goodwood, blame it on the chap with the buzz saw. However, its music to many an ear.

Keep the papers and rags for the school collection to come soon at Goodwood.

George Collins of this township is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, and on Sunday we note that Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Redshaw were entertained at the Frank Collins home.

Glad to note that Ernie Haughland is safe in England having arrived with a recent convoy.

Miss Olive May is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. May and she will spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Dawson of Markham.

Miss Grace Wagg told an impressive story at the mothers day service about a boy who had peanuts to give to the missionary.

Fifteen ladies were present at the Ladies' Aid meeting at Mrs. Dan, Wagg's. Well, that is very good for this busy season, we think.

Seeding is finished for the early farm crop, but heavy frosts are damaging the garden crop that was early planted. Here's hoping the garden stuff can be replanted.

Audrey Feasby, Jean Wilkinson and Phyllis Bowman were planting

trees at the Crawford place on Wednesday. Too many trees cannot be planted on any farm or village lot.

We note that there are 39 pupils on the roll at Goodwood school. Time was when four or five families could muster that many children, but not in this day and generation.

Goodwood senior pupils are said to have the walking fever, and a good thing it is. Off to Lincolnville, then on to Stouffville is easy for them. Moonlight, nights, we suppose are chosen.

On Wednesday evening, May 20, Rev. Mr. McLaughlin will address the Goodwood Institute at the home of Mrs. Norman Wagg. The Wagg home should be filled to capacity for this occasion.

Mrs. Nelson Wagg is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. John Wagg. May it be a pleasant visit, as we know it will be.

Anniversary services at the Goodwood Baptist church next Sunday when Rev. H. Bingham, Toronto, will be the preacher. He is the secretary of the Baptist convention, and an outstanding speaker.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Chas. Jones, Elmer Brown, J. D. Thompson, Eva Ruth Allard, Gordon Wilson, Bruce Taylor, Phyllis McCuchin, Mrs. Charles Tindall, Martha Brown, Walter Miller, Claude Watson, Carling Alcock, Ted Murphy, Arnold May, Mrs. Ralph Faulkner, Mrs. Wm. Davis, all of Uxbridge Township and Goodwood. Also to Jean Rodanz of Ringwood, Walter Miller and Nelson Riddle, Claremont; Mrs. Allin Cowie, Norma Cowie, Gordon Mair, Carl Rose, Musselman's Lake. Mrs. John McCallum and Betty of Claremont.

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The Order was issued because of the necessity of more "rigid conservation" of rubber, oil, and automotive equipment due to the war, and of maintaining transportation services at a high level. Failure to observe such a ruling will make employers liable to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000 or two years in prison or both.

The Order, Number 121 of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, reads as follows:  
"No person shall hereafter use or operate or cause to be used or operated, whether for or without compensation, any vehicle for the transportation of persons other than the driver and any assistant or assistants necessary to load or unload goods on or from such vehicle."

As nothing is said in the Order respecting men in uniform it is presumed that the regulation refers to them as well as to as to civilians.

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## GLASGOW ONTARIO KNOWN AS SANDY ANN

There's a little place called Glasgow. That in Uxbridge Township stands where folks right from the children to the very oldest man. Will inform you that the nick name for this place is Sandy Ann. As you wander at your leisure Down from Goodwood you will find That you're on the third concession Which, I now see in my mind, There's the beech tree rough and scrubby. On the hill of Pugh's I scan And on looking straight before me I can gaze on Sandy Ann. There's the creek along the roadside Where the water cresses grow And I hear the Dutchman shouting To the horses on the plough There's the mile of cedar cordwood Neatly piled by elder hand Who is known as Thos. Mantle By the folks of Sandy Ann. Past the little house I travel Where the lady Alsop died And along the swamp of cedar Where the road's not very wide And the old bridge I crossed over Where the creek for years had ran That supplies the farms with water When they thresh at Sandy Ann. There is Morgason's and Gourlie's There's George Jones, across the way I can see Bill Cowie's house and buildings. Which have started to decay Then there's Billy Pearson's homestead Built upon some ancient plan Different than some other neighbors Who reside in Sandy Ann Now we come to Billy Hardy Who lives on the Kehoe place Age is turning gray the whiskers That adorn his ruddy face And I hear his voice in fancy As upon my ear it rings When he sees an automobile, There she goes, another Lizz Next I see the Alsop homestead As I go below the hill Joe is coming to the barnyard With his two pails full of swill Jack the dog runs out to meet me Geese make all the noise they can Pleasant are the scenes before me In this place called Sandy Ann Now I reach the Glasgow sideroad There across the road I see Arthur Bacon's farm and buildings That for three years home to me There's the land I cultivated There the cows and horses ran When I lived among the neighbors Down in good old Sandy Ann Now along the bush at Forsyth's To the west I make my track Up the hill along the sideroad To the farm of Freeman Slack There stands Freeman at the wood pile At the barn I see young Stan Bringing in the team for dinner From the fields of Sandy Ann. On the farm of B. J. Parker I can see Ed Lewis stand He like all other neighbors Gets his living from the land At the mill I see Ed. Eckardt Down there by the old mill dam Busy grinding oats and barley For the folks of Sandy Ann Now we're coming into Glasgow As we go up from the mill There's the house of one Jack Davis And the school on Glasgow Hill But perhaps you folks will tell me That my tale too long has ran And that I had better finish Talking about Sandy Ann So in closing I would mention Though for years I've been away Glasgow scenes are in my memory Just as plain and fresh today Yes I wish my old time neighbors All the best of luck I can Hoping that once more I'll see them Back in good old Sandy Ann.

Flash Readers: The above poem was composed many years ago and then years later appeared in the Stouffville Tribune. It was recently mailed to the Correspondent of Flashes by a lady whose father knew every inch of this district.



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