



The Wrens stationed at H.M.C.S. York, Toronto, are getting some thorough instruction in rowing from the seamen aboard the training ship. Leading Seaman Jack Judges of H.M.C.S.

York has a bit of fun showing the sailorettes the tricks of rowing. The Wrens are good pupils and soon learn to swing a mean oar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for June 18
Golden Text.—Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
—2 Tim. 2:3

The Lesson as a Whole
Approach to the Lesson

The believer is not only as a child of God, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ (1 Pet. 1:18, 19), but he is called to do valiant soldier service, contending earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). This figure is frequently used in the Epistles. Note especially 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:8, as well as our present lesson. The Christian life is a constant warfare. We have three subtle and cruel enemies ever arrayed against us,—the world, the flesh, and the Devil,—and against all of these we are called to make a resolute stand. We do not fight in our own strength, but as we are empowered by Him whose soldiers we are.

In this Second Letter to Timothy, written from a dungeon death cell, we find the old warrior, Paul, with zeal unquenched, urging upon the younger preacher, Timothy, that he persist relentlessly in the battle for righteousness against all the hosts of evil. He, himself, maintains this soldier character to the last, as he realized that his fighting days were nearly ended and that soon he should give account of his part in this warfare, when he would stand at the judgement seat of Christ to receive the crown of righteousness, the divine recognition of faithful service, as he looked on to the appearing of his great General, who had fought and overcome, on his behalf, so long before.

The figure of the soldier suggests obedience to orders, rigid discipline, holding the body in subjection, and valor in defense of the truth. These things should characterize all Christ's servants.

Verse by Verse
2 Tim. 2:1.—"My son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Paul addressed Timothy as his son because he had led him to definite faith in Christ (1 Tim. 1:2). He exhorts him to maintain with energy the testimony committed to him—not swerving from the doctrines of grace.

Verse 2.—"The things that thou hast heard of me commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Paul had instructed Timothy as to the great historic facts of Christianity and the doctrines based upon them. These had been attested by many witnesses. It became the responsibility of the younger preacher to make these things known to others, that the truth might be spread far and wide. This is the true apostolic succession, as distinguished from a sacerdotal system such as Rome and some others advocate.

Verse 3.—"Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." The path of devotion to Christ is not an easy way. It calls for steadfast endurance and abiding faith. These are soldier qualities that every Christian needs in order that he may overcome in the warfare with iniquity.

Verse 4.—"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life." How often this has been demonstrated in the present world conflict! When he becomes a soldier, a man has to give up all other employment, that he may serve without distraction beneath the flag of his country. So it is with the Christian. His one object should now be to please the Lord, who has called him to this self-denying service.

Verse 8.—"Remember . . . Jesus Christ." It is really a battle cry—as of late we often hear the slogan "Remember Bataan." The word "that" is omitted from the R.V. When pressed by the foe, even to the point where one despairs of life; let us remember Him who could not be overcome of death, but arose in triumph from the grave. It is He who beckons us on to ultimate victory. His promises never fail of fulfillment.

Verse 9.—"I suffer . . . even unto bonds, but the word of God is not bound." Shut up in prison, it might appear as though the apostle were defeated, but the Word he had proclaimed was bearing fruit still. That Word could not be fettered or destroyed.

Verse 10.—"I endure all things for the elect's sakes." The elect of God are those who have trusted His Son as set forth in the Gospel. The sufferings Paul endured were on their behalf, that the faith of Christ might abide with them (Gal. 2:5).

Verse 11.—"If we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him." We who believe died with Him in His death on Calvary. That death was for us; therefore, in His dying we died. Why, then, dread actual physical death? Let come what may; we shall live together with Him.

Verse 12.—"If we suffer, we shall also reign." All believers suffer with Him, though all do not suffer for Him to the same extent. But after the suffering comes the glory of the Kingdom. Why then shrink in cowardice from that which is the appointed way into the joys of that realm of endless delight? "If we deny Him, he also will deny us." He confesses all who confess Him (Matt. 10:32). But if men deny Him here, He will not acknowledge them as His in that coming day (Luke 12:8, 9).

Chap. 4:5.—"Make full proof of thy ministry." Paul desires for Timothy a life of devotedness to Christ to the fullest extent. The Christian ministry is not an easygoing profession. It is a stern conflict, allowing no carelessness or lethargic indifference to the great issues involved.

Verse 6.—"I am now ready to be offered." Literally, to be poured out, as a drink offering (Phil. 2:17; Lev. 23:18, etc.). As the flagon of wine was poured out over the burnt offering, so Paul was ready to pour out his very life—to die a martyr's death on behalf of others, that God might be glorified in him.

Verse 7.—"I have fought a good fight." The R.V. has the definite article here. Paul was not appraising his own service or fighting ability. But he had fought the good fight—that is, he was on the right side in the battle against sin. He could say, "I have finished my course," as he realized his death was very near. He had not turned aside from the course laid out for him; but had "kept the faith," that is, the testimony as to the truth of the Gospel, firmly unto the end.

Verse 8.—"A crown of righteousness." Every believer is made the "righteousness of God" in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21). But the crown of righteousness is the reward which the Lord will bestow upon all who have loved His appearing, and so have labored on with the judgement seat of Christ in view.

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Off the Road

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