

FORTY IN SCRIPTURE

Forty is a number that has been regarded as peculiarly significant. The idea may have originated with the readers of the Bible who noticed: Moses was forty days on the mount. Elijah was fed forty days by the ravens.

The rain of the flood fell for forty days. Another forty days elapsed before Noah opened the window. The period of embalming was forty days. Jonah gave Nineveh forty days to repent. The Lord fasted forty days. He was seen forty days after His resurrection.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for September 12

Golden Text—The King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matt. 25:40

The Lesson as a Whole
Love of God is shown by love to man. Those who acknowledge Him as Father should be characterized by consideration for all their brethren in Christ as well as for those who are still strangers to divine grace. The poor and the stranger have a special claim upon us, for theirs is a peculiarly difficult position, and by ministering to their distress we shall be rewarded as though we ministered to Christ Himself. This refers particularly to those who belong to Him (Mark 9:41,) but He also takes note of that which we do for all other men who are not of the household of faith (Gal. 6:10).

Israel of old knew the heart of a stranger. They had been sojourners in Egypt and in the early days of their settlement in that land had been the recipients of many kindnesses (Gen. 47:5, 6). When a new ruling dynasty arose who knew not Joseph, they were made to feel their strangeness keenly and were treated with rigor and cruelty as an alien and unwanted people. God would have them learn from their own experience how much is involved in courteous treatment of the stranger.

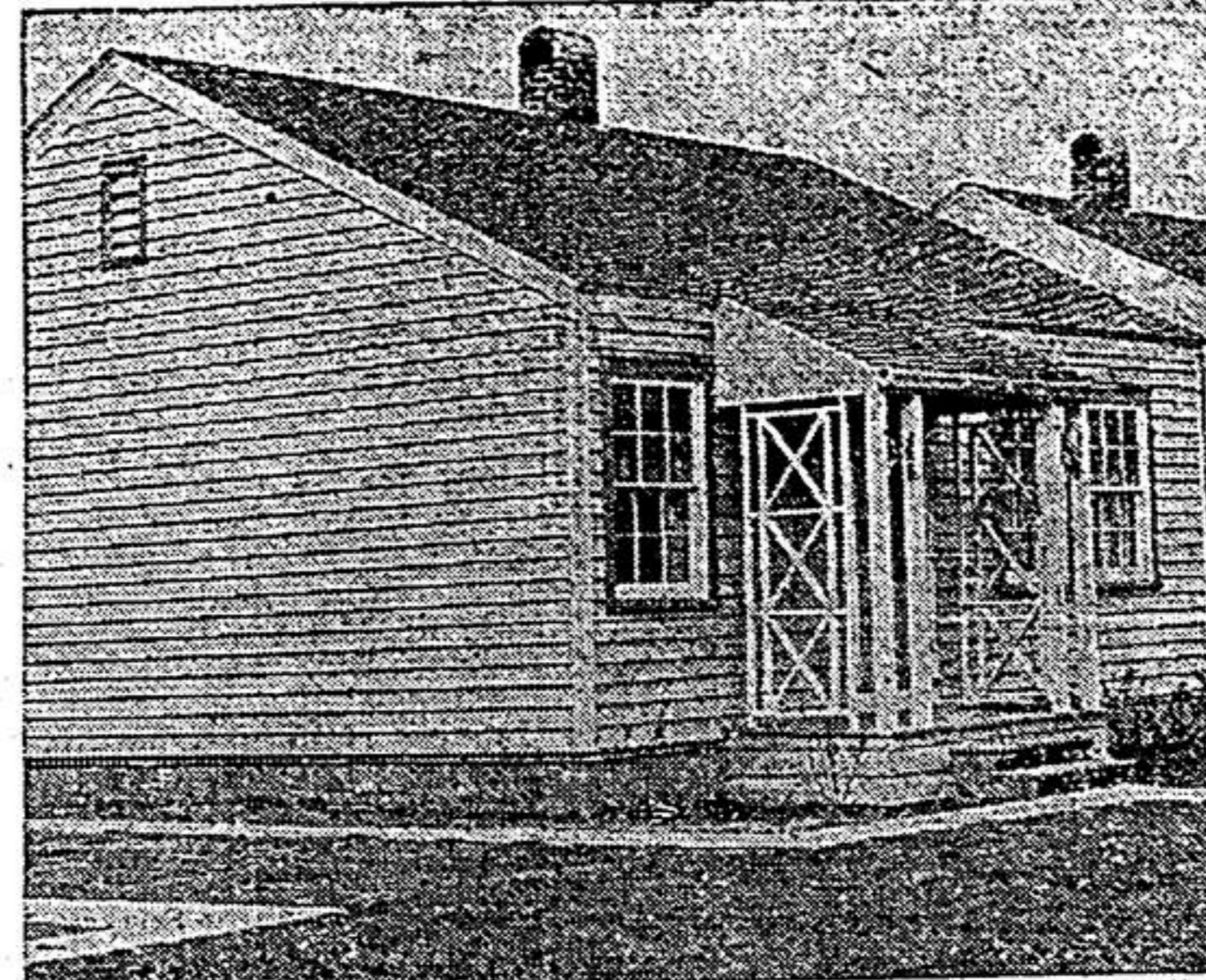
While the subject of Matthew 25 is the judgment of the living nations at the premillennial return of the Lord to set up His Kingdom, there are principles involved in the way the Son of man is pictured as evaluating the behavior of the nations toward even "the least" of His brethren that should be helpful to us all. He never overlooks anything done for the weakest of His people. The manner in which these people received and treated His messengers showed whether or not there was real faith in their souls. Judgment is always according to works (Rev. 20:13), for works, good or evil, manifest the state of the soul and show whether one has real faith in Christ or not.

Verse by Verse
Exod. 22:21.—"Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him." Verse 22.—"Ye shall not afflict a widow, or fatherless child." God has a special interest in all such (Deut. 24:19; Psa. 68:5) and will not overlook it if His people are indifferent to their needs or care even more considerate of strangers than the Mosaic Law.

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Q.—We would like to sell our car which is a '31 model. Could you tell me if this would have to go through the WPTB or is it just the later model cars?
A.—It would definitely have to go through the WPTB. In case you have not already got a ceiling price quotation on your car from the WPTB, we have mailed you application forms. When you have filled these out and mailed them to the nearest WPTB office, they will write you the legal ceiling price. We are also mailing you forms for the statement of sale, one copy of which must be sent back to the WPTB promptly after you have sold your car. Heavy penalties are provided for illegal sales of used cars by dealers and private individuals and WPTB Enforcement officers are checking sales very closely. We would strongly advise you to take no chances where car sales are involved.
Q.—I rented a housekeeping room with electric stove last December. In April the landlady changed stoves and gave me a gas stove. Now I have to pay my gas bill and nothing is taken off my rent. Can she do this? I am expecting she will ask me to leave soon before I can get another place.
A.—When a tenant's rent is not adjusted to make up for reduced services, the tenant has the right to apply at the WPTB rentals office for a reduction in rent. You should call in at the nearest office or write in for the proper forms which you may complete in applying for a reduction. As far as notice to vacate is concerned, all shared housing accommodation such as you have come under six months notice which may be given anytime during the year.
Q.—Is my landlord allowed to give me one month's notice by telephone? He sent a man around a week ago to tell me I had to get out or take a flat which he lives in and allow him the eight roomed house. The man said he came from the rental board and asked me for \$10 to tear up the papers. I refused to give him the money.
A.—You were indeed very wise when you refused to give this man \$10. In the first place your landlord is not permitted to give you notice of any kind much less one month's notice by telephone. It would seem that he is attempting to make his own regulations and doing so in a very dishonest way. No person from the Rental Administration would make such an offer to you. There would be copies of all papers on file at the Rentals office. If you will send us in the name and address of your landlord we will investigate this matter for you.
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them (Jas. 1:27; Isa. 1:23).
Verse 23.—"If thou afflict them... I will surely hear their cry." It is not here a question of the spiritual intelligence of afflicted strangers, widows, and orphans, but if in their distress they cry out to God as Creator, He will hear them and will deal in righteous judgment with their persecutors.

Deut. 24:14.—"Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant... or... thy strangers that are in thy land." It is contrary to God's holy Law and therefore a grievous sin in His sight to take an unfair advantage of the needy, particularly strangers who are in our land. To exploit them by forced or ill-paid labor is to expose oneself to the judgment of God. The more helpless these needy ones are the more considerate should we be toward them.

Verse 15.—"At his day thou shalt give him his hire." This entire verse sternly forbids employers needlessly deferring payment of wages to those who work for them. It is easy for men of wealth to forget how important one's daily or weekly wages may be to those in less fortunate circumstances. The child of God who employs others should be very careful to pay attention to the principle laid down here.

Matt. 25:34.—"Them on his right hand." In the judgment of the living nations at the second advent of our Lord, He will set those whom He recognizes as His sheep on His right hand. For our present purpose, however, we need not go into this at any length from its correct dispensational standpoint. Rather may we see in this parable the principle of the righteous judgment of the Lord in regard to our care for or indifference to those who are precious in His sight, whatever their circumstances.

Verse 35.—"I was a stranger, and ye took me in." Little do we realize, perhaps, that Christ Himself has come to us in the person of some needy alien. We should count it a privilege to assist and comfort such in every possible way, doing all as unto the Lord.

Verse 36.—"I was in prison, and ye came unto me." We may often find that as we minister to those in most unfortunate circumstances we are gladdening the heart of Him who was taken from prison and from judgment (Isa. 53:8) when He identified Himself with us in our deep need. For His sake our hearts should go out to all in every place who need what assistance we can give.

Verse 37.—"When saw we thee an hungry...?" It is this unconscious service to Himself that Christ values. We may not realize that we are manifesting our love for Him as we minister to the needy, but He accepts and accounts it as such.

Verse 38.—"When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in?" It is the little kindnesses, the gracious hospitality—the friendly spirit shown to the stranger—the man of another race, or of another country who is sojourning among us, that is suggested here, and is so appreciated by the Lord as though it were all done to and for Him personally.

Verse 39.—"When saw we thee sick, or in prison?" How easily we forget the suffering ones all about us, who would be helped if we had interest enough in them to make a friendly call or to seek in some way to alleviate their miseries! Yet such loving care will never be overlooked by Him whom we profess to love and will gain His approval in the

day of manifestation.
Verse 40.—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Strictly speaking, in accordance with exact interpretation, these will be the Lord's words to those among the Gentile nations, who, in the dark days of the Great Tribulation, will welcome, shelter, and minister to His brethren, Jewish believers, who in those terrible times will go forth to carry the Gospel of the Kingdom throughout the world. But while there is but one true interpretation of a passage, there may be many applications, and we may gather from these words how the Lord's heart goes out to all who show any kindness to even the least of His brethren (those who are born of God) in this age of grace.
Verse 41.—"Depart from me, ye cursed." Such are His words to those who treated His representatives either with contumely or indifference. While the faith of the "sheep" was manifested by their works as they received His messengers and cared for their needs, the "goats" showed their lack of saving faith by their utter unconcern for those who came to them carrying the message of the Kingdom.
They dishonor God and grieve the Holy Spirit who take a supercilious and even heartless attitude toward people from strange lands and of strange ways who come among us hoping to enjoy the privileges that are ours in this land of liberty and opportunity. Only too frequently we pay little or no attention to such as these and so we miss contacts which might result in great blessing to ourselves, as well as to these strangers, if we but used them aright. To do to all as though to Christ Himself is the very highest Christian ideal.

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