



**EASY DOES IT**  
BY MILD MALE

IT'S much easier to remove soiled spots and stains if you "lock in" the spot by using embroidery hoops on the material. Brushing, sponging or pouring boiling water over the stain is simpler when the material is taut.

Plastic draperies which are faded make wonderful bags or slip-covers in which to store clothing as well as linens. Just fold the draperies and sew the two sides together.

Old sheer curtains make into wonderful dishcloths. Simply sew several thicknesses together and stitch the edges together with bias tape.

Try covering both hands with a pair of old wool socks. You can then do a wonderful polishing and buffing job on furniture with both hands working at the same time.

When windows require putty, mix together putty and paint and you will not have to putty first and then paint around the windows.

Cleaning walls? If water and suds tend to drip down your arm to make you uncomfortable, fasten a washcloth around the wrist to absorb water and suds.

**THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

**MAN'S NATURE AND NEED**

(Lesson for January 30)

**Golden Text**—What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. —Psalm 8:1, 5

**THE LESSON AS A WHOLE**  
By J. C. Macaulay, D.D.

**Approach to the Lesson**

What a bundle of contradictions is man! He came directly from the hand of the Almighty Creator, and at the same time he came from the dust of the earth. He was made in the image of God, yet he can take the form of a very devil. He was created for communion with the Holy God, yet he can stoop lower than the beasts in his conduct. He was made to have dominion over all God's earthly creatures, yet he can be "licked" by an invisible microbe and sent hurtling to his grave. The stuff of eternity is in him, yet he returns to the dust and the worms devour his body. He was made to reign, yet his whole experience makes possible the doleful philosophy expressed in the lines of Robert Burns:

I've seen you weary winter sun  
Twice forty times return,  
And every time has added proof  
That man was made to mourn.  
He was created for a heavenly destiny, yet he can make his bed in hell.  
We can reverse the order. We can say of man that he is but a speck in the vast universe, yet he has that in him which is vaster than the universe. His body can be confined to a cell a few cubic feet in

size, yet his mind can range throughout the unmeasured distances of space. He can be destroyed by a slight accident—a flying stone, a falling branch—yet he can harness the mysterious laws of nature to serve him. He can be a very demon incarnate by giving rein to the lusts that are in him, yet he can reveal nobility of soul that bespeaks his divine origin. What a complex creature! What a contradiction! Is there an explanation? Is there an answer? Is there any way of taking hold of this bundle of opposites, delivering him from the downward drag, making of him a creature worthy of the Creator, and realizing the promise of His origin in a glorious destiny? The Bible gives a mighty, categorical "Yes" to the question, and its answer to the dilemma is—Christ!

**Verse by Verse**

Gen. 1:26—"Let us make man in our image, and let them have dominion . . ." Note the plural, "Let us," a suggestion of plurality in the Godhead. With respect to God, man was to be in His image; with respect to the world, he was to be monarch.

Verse 27—"So God created . . . created . . . created . . ." Note the repetition of "created"—three times. This word (bara) is used only of divine operation. Man came from the hand of God. He is not a product of intermediate, evolutionary processes.

brew word does not necessarily carry that connotation, but means simply "fill." Note the word "subdue," suggesting that man would meet with opposition in exercising his God-given dominion. Does this point to the opposition of Satan, the deposed "prince of this world"? It is an intriguing thought.

Verse 29—"Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, and every tree yielding seed, for meat." "Bearing seed" and "yielding seed" are only variant translations of the same Hebrew phrase, meaning literally, "seeding seed." Here then, was the mark of all human food in the beginning—it must be seed bearing fruit of the earth. Flesh diet came later.

Verse 30—"And to every beast . . . every green herb for meat." The pacific character of animal life is indicated by its herbaceous diet.

Verse 31—"And God saw everything . . . very good . . . the sixth day." What changed the "good" of verses 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25 into the "very good" of this verse? Doubtless the completion of the work, but more particularly the establishing of man in his place. The evening-morning marks the 6th cycle, whether we regard the cycles as days of 24 hours or as creative days.

Rom. 3:23—"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Here is a summing up of the tragedy that befell the human race. Instead of going on to display the glory of God as created in His image, man sinned, the image was marred, the glory departed, and every son of Adam has been involved in the Fall, not only inheriting a fallen nature but confirming by his own iniquity the action of his first father.

Heb. 2:6—"What is man, that

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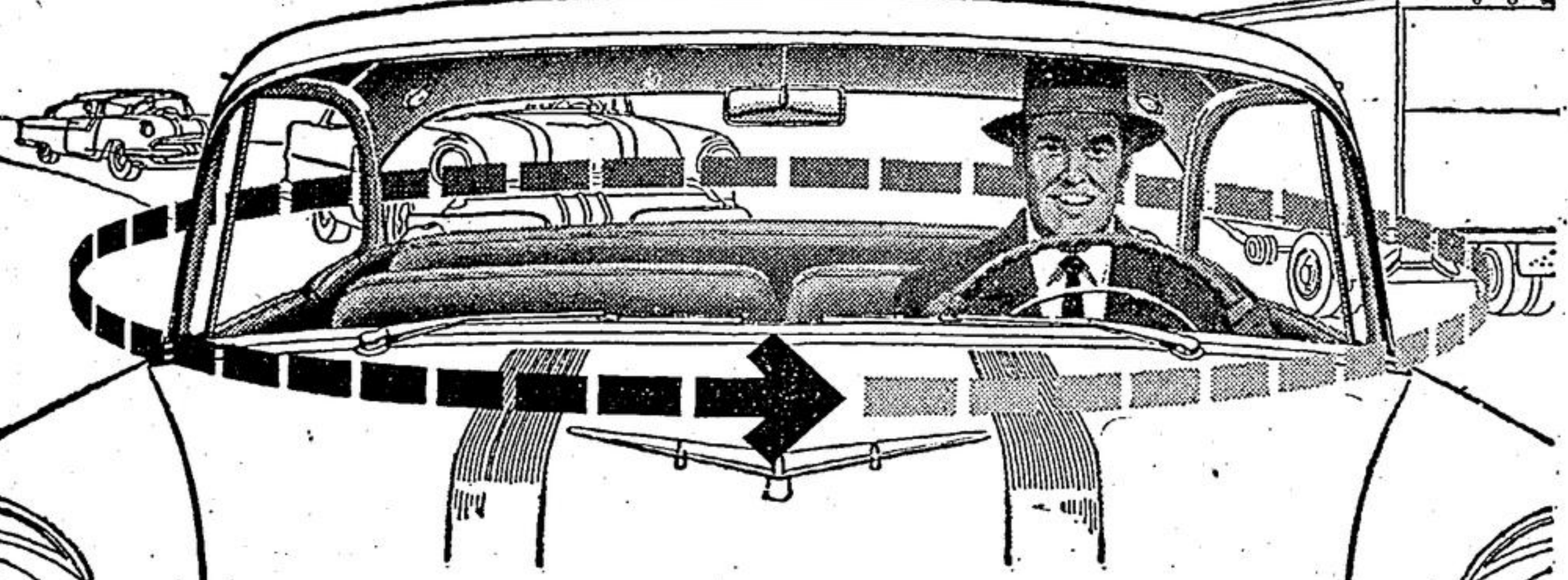
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thou art mindful of him? . . . visitest him?" Psalm 8 is quoted here, but carried beyond the vision of the psalmist to the farther reaches of New Testament revelation. It is the seeming insignificance of man in view of the vastness of the heavens that strikes the psalmist, yet God manifests special concern for this microbe, man, this speck of dust, the earth!

Verse 7—"a little lower than the angels; thou crownest him with glory . . . over the works of thy hands." Here is the dignity of man as ruler under God of all God's handiwork. Notice that in this passage the dominion of man is more extensive than in the Psalm, going beyond "all sheep and oxen."

Verse 8—" . . . all things in subjection under his feet . . . nothing that is not put under him." Two statements stand out in this verse: first, the universality of man's dominion under the appointment of God, and second, the fact that this dominion has not been realized. Therein lies the tragedy. But even in the statement of the failure there is hope. That "not yet" says, "it's coming yet!"

Verse 9—" . . . Jesus . . . for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour . . . taste death for every man." Jesus is God's answer to man's failure. He stooped to man's estate to become man's champion. He stooped to death which was not His due, to exhaust death's demand on man. As man He triumphed and won man's forfeited crown—not for Himself alone, but to be shared with all who will be joined to Him by faith.

**The Heart of the Lesson**

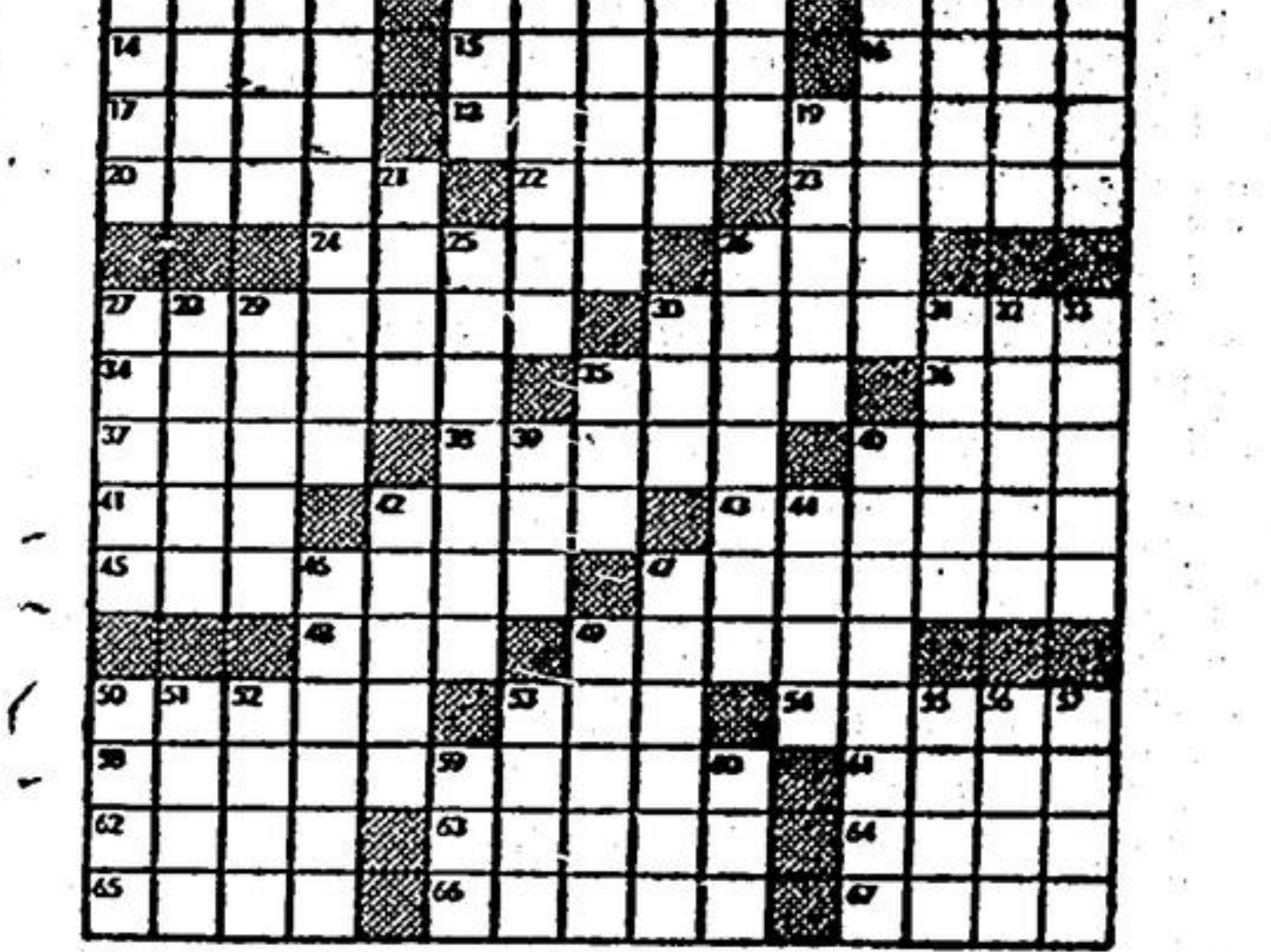
All the searching of the scientist has not produced a more satisfactory account of the origin of man than that given in the Holy Scriptures. It should be remembered that the explanations offered by the evolutionist are not demonstrated facts, but inductions from certain natural phenomena. In the nature of the case, the origin of man cannot be demonstrated. "Ultimate origins are inscrutable." But the conclusions of the evolutionist put a burden on faith far heavier than the simple statement of Scripture that "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he them." That statement satisfactorily accounts for the complexities of man as no theory of evolution required for subsistence in a like physical structure may be found between man and the beast, they are only such as are required for subsistence in a like physical environment, and are as satisfactorily attributed to a definite act of God as to any organic relation of men to the lower animal. On the other hand, there is nothing in the beast that answers to the human intellect, or to the moral nature of man. Attempts to trace these from the lower forms are acceptable only to those to whom anything is more acceptable than a sovereign act of divine creation.

Man was created in the image of God in order that he might show forth the glory of God, and exercise, in his own appointed sphere, the sovereignty of God. He was to rule the earth as God's vicegerent. Indeed, it seems as if the divine

**Cash Income For Farmers Drops 12%**

Income earned by Canada's farmers dropped last year by \$333,000,000 to \$2,408,600,000, the bureau of statistics reports. This is a drop of 12 percent from the \$2,741,300,000 cash income in 1953 and a drop of 15 percent from peak of \$2,826,600,000 in 1952.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**HORIZONTAL**

1. Riddle
3. Sales booth
4. Raw silk
5. Weight before certain
6. Organizing
7. Pineapple
8. Wild buffalo
9. India
10. Name in Greece
11. Genus of maples
12. Love of one's country
13. Seethes
14. God (L.)
15. Top of head
16. Flexible tubes
17. Swardman's dummy stake
18. Clipped as wood
19. Thoughtful
20. Bank employee
21. Nothing
22. Word of sorrow
23. Potential
24. Hawaiian
25. Part of cover
26. Get up
27. Levelled
28. Unlocks
29. Talk naughtily
30. Aids
31. Observes

**VERTICAL**

1. Mineral spring
2. Scotchman
3. Arrow poison
4. Arcle
5. Juice of plant
6. Swapped
7. Poker stakes
8. Dodecane
9. Hawaiian
10. Part of cover
11. Come to earth
12. Get up
13. Levelled
14. Unlocks
15. Talk naughtily
16. Aids
17. Observes

**ANSWER TO PUZZLE No. 125**

ACROSS: 1. RIDDLE, 3. SALES BOOTH, 4. RAW SILK, 5. WEIGHT BEFORE CERTAIN, 6. ORGANIZING, 7. PINEAPPLE, 8. WILD BUFFALO, 9. INDIA, 10. NAME IN GREECE, 11. GENUS OF MAPLES, 12. LOVE OF ONE'S COUNTRY, 13. SEETHES, 14. GOD (L.), 15. TOP OF HEAD, 16. FLEXIBLE TUBES, 17. SWARDMAN'S DUMMY STAKE, 18. CLIPPED AS WOOD, 19. THOUGHTFUL, 20. BANK EMPLOYEE, 21. NOTHING, 22. WORD OF SORROW, 23. POTENTIAL, 24. HAWAIIAN, 25. PART OF COVER, 26. GET UP, 27. LEVELLED, 28. UNLOCKS, 29. TALK NAUGHTILY, 30. AIDS, 31. OBSERVES.

DOWN: 1. MINERAL SPRING, 2. SCOTCHMAN, 3. ARROW POISON, 4. ARCLE, 5. JUICE OF PLANT, 6. SWAPPED, 7. POKER STAKES, 8. DODECANE, 9. HAWAIIAN, 10. PART OF COVER, 11. COME TO EARTH, 12. GET UP, 13. LEVELLED, 14. UNLOCKS, 15. TALK NAUGHTILY, 16. AIDS, 17. OBSERVES.