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**WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for May  
**9: Victory Through Faith and Courage.—**  
**Genesis 14:13-24.**

BY WM. E. GILROY, D.D., Editor of The Congregationalist.

There is much to be said for the contention that Abraham is the greatest figure of history. It is true that we do not know the full details of his life. But in the great commanding aspects of his life and personality as they appear in the narrative in Genesis, he represents the very parting of the ways in the matter of human progress.

He has been called "the first emigrant," the man of vision, moving out under the impulse of some great urge toward new environment and adventure. There seems to be little doubt that Abraham moved forth in this way as many others have done because of the new spiritual experience and dissatisfaction with his environment. This took the form, apparently, of faith in a personal God.

We do not know just how high and deep was the religion that Abraham professed, but he had come apparently to feel that an ideal could not express the reality of that life that lay back of the universe, and he had come also, according to the record, to conceptions of morality in human relationships so lofty that multitudes of modern men are still upon a far lower plain.

**Gospel of Magnanimity.** All through the ages men have been warring and fighting both as individuals and as nations whatever their self-interests conflicted, and yet we look back to Abraham as one who, when his herdsmen were contending with Lot's herdsmen, preached and practiced the gospel of a large magnanimity.

If that spirit had been in other men and had been persistent, the world would have been spared the tragic and terrible record of its aeolng wars.

Here in our lesson the character that comes out in Abraham is that of faithfulness to his obligation. Abraham, the man of peace, showed that he could fight if fighting were necessary.

An interesting feature of this lesson is that modern excavations have thrown considerable light upon it and have made the kings mentioned here more than mere names. It is the opinion of Assyriologists that Amraphel, king of Shinar, is to be identified with Hammurapi, king of Babylon and author of the famous Code that bears his name.

**Abraham's Refusal.** The incident following the battle of the kings and Abraham's rescue of Lot and his goods has a symbolic meaning. Melchizedek, king of Salem, who was also described as

a priest of God, is represented as bringing forth bread and wine and blessing Abraham.

As a part of this blessing he offers to Abraham a tenth of all, but Abraham displays his disinterestedness by refusing to take any portion of what was offered him. One may recall in this connection the fact that George Washington declined to take any pay for his services as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

It is the disinterestedness of Abraham that appears as his highest quality, the purity of his motives and the integrity and unselfishness of his aims and aspirations, a practical man of affairs, the business of life for him was something more than mere business.

He is represented as the founder of a race and as the channel of blessings to society: "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Society involves something more than the keeping of flocks and the attending to matters of business. Society exists through, and because of, relationships.

Abraham was worthy to be a founder and an originator of blessings because he had a social conception of life. It is only as men rise to something higher than their own interests that they become in any real sense social beings.

**Victory of Faith.** Our lesson emphasizes that Abraham's victory came through faith and courage. But we should lay stress on the nature of the victory that Abraham sought to achieve. All his activities were along the line of duty and obligation.

He was a man who could be depended upon not only to fulfil his word but to fulfil the deeper obligations of friendship and loyalty that ought to influence a man apart altogether from the question whether he has given his word or not.

The story of these relationships of ancient kings and their doings necessarily in its details is of little interest to us. We cannot reproduce the atmosphere or see the events with any realism, but we can, even through the very dim picture given in the records, sense the spirit and quality of a man who with personal faith associated the sense of "social vision and social obligation, and we can catch, also, the spirit of a man whose instincts were wholly for peace.

Would, also, that our own ideals were so high that we might understand and find inspiration in the example of a man who was not grasping for all that he could get, but who found life's highest satisfaction in the consciousness of a good deed well done!

Tuesday in Belleville. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Morden took tea Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wright were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walker. Mr. T. F. Morden was a business caller in Belleville Monday. Rev. James Hutton visited among his people in Point Anne parish, Monday.

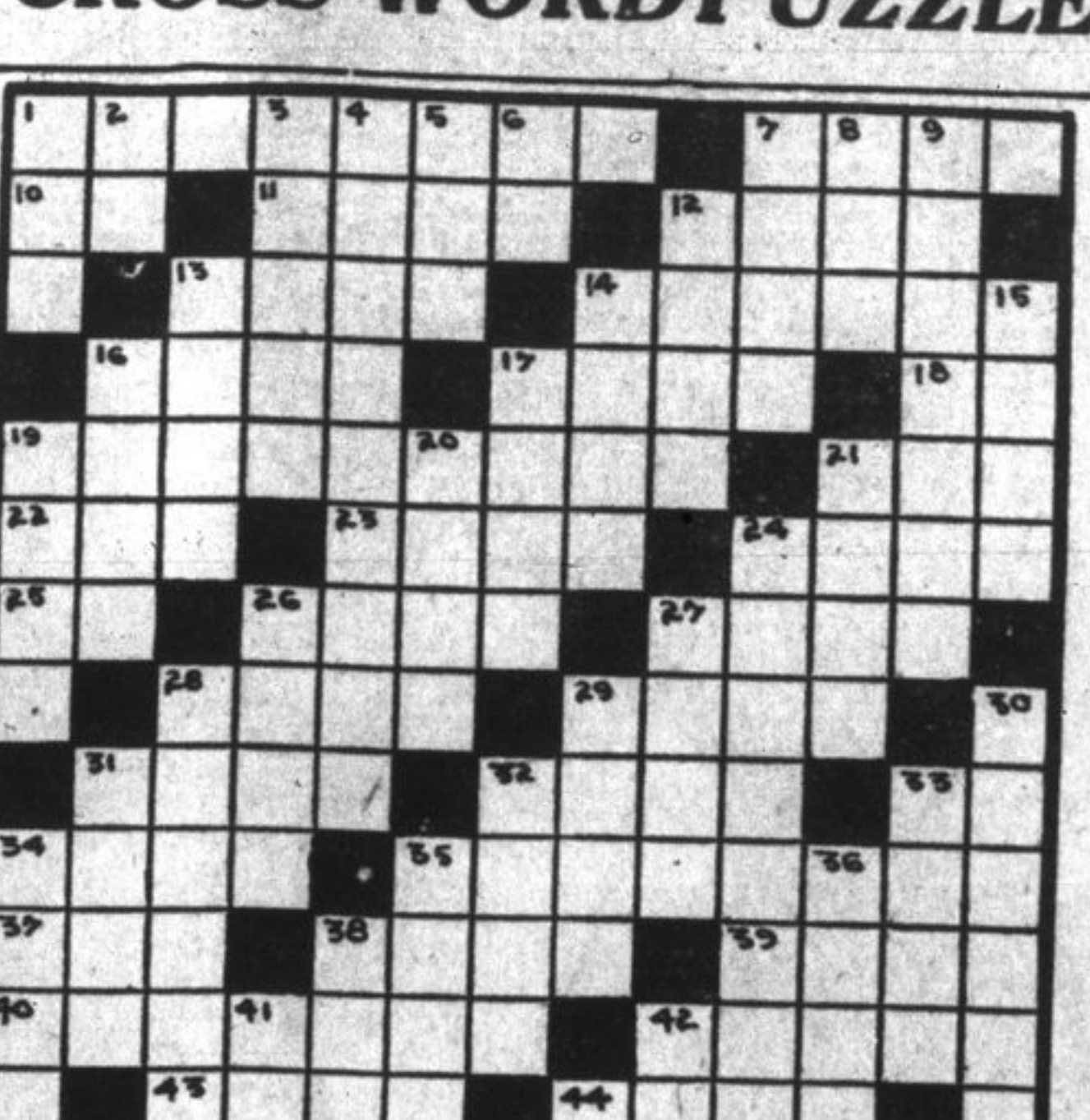
**Setback to Seeding.** Bloomfield, May 5.—Practically no seeding has been done yet, owing to the cold wet backward weather. Work has started on the road from Bloomfield to Wellington, which is to be rebuilt this spring. Several from here attended the banquet held at Hotel Quina, Belleville, given by the Municipal Bankers' Corporation of Toronto. Rev. Mr. Reddick and Clayton Burr, attended church meetings at Trenton on Thursday. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stevens. Owing to the long feeding season, hay is becoming scarce. Milk at the factory is now being made in to cheese.

F. A. Morgan and wife, spent the winter in Picton, have returned to their farm home. Mrs. W. H. Nelson, who has been visiting in Toronto, has returned home. The alfalfa hay meadows have been badly killed by the spring freezing. Fall wheat has come through with less injury.

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**CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**



- Horizontal.
- Declined or refused.
  - Mixture of meat and vegetables.
  - Part of verb to be.
  - Fish-eating diving bird.
  - To talk vehemently.
  - Inclination.
  - To unite by means of a melted alloy.
  - The believers of a particular creed.
  - Chair.
  - Point of compass.
  - Indisposition.
  - One in cards.
  - Soal insect.
  - Kind of tide.
  - Gilded.
  - Second note in the scale.
  - Let it stand.
  - Genuine.
  - Twelve inches.
  - Writing instruments.
  - String.
  - To warm.
  - Point of compass.
  - To pierce with tusks.
  - Violent streams.
  - Part of verb to be.
  - To require.
  - Tidy.
  - To carry.
  - African farmer.
- Vertical.
- Rodent.
  - Printer's measure.
  - To select.
  - Satisfied.
  - Child.
  - Half an em.
  - To stop.
  - Conjunction.
  - Mimeograph.
  - To follow.
  - Most excellent.
  - To percolate slowly.
  - Long grass.
  - Mathematical term.
  - Gaiter.
  - To challenge.
  - To adjoin.
  - Exclamation of sorrow.
  - Single complete thought.
  - Withered.
  - Back.
  - Woods.
  - Officious.
  - To generate pus.
  - Maize.
  - To sharpen as a razor.
  - Orb or planet.
  - To secure profit.
  - Net weight of container.
  - Close.
  - Humor.
  - Italian river.
  - Therefore.

**FRIENDS GATHERED TO SAY FAREWELL**

To Mr. and Mrs. T. Allore, Camden East, on Leaving Village.

Camden East, May 5.—A number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Allore, on Friday evening, to bid them farewell. A very pleasant evening was spent. R. W. Longmore read an appropriate address and a well filled purse was presented. Mr. and Mrs. Allore and two sons, Stanley and Bernie, intend moving to Muskegon, Mich., at the close of this school term.

A very successful box social under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the United Church, was held on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. J. W. Perry.

Mrs. Roy Samson, Flint, Mich., is visiting friends in this vicinity. The auction sale of T. Allore's household effects on Saturday afternoon was well attended. Corah Lee and family will now occupy the house vacated by Mr. Allore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Waller Silver and two children of Hay Bay spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Charles Wright. Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson are returning to their former home at the west end of the village. They have spent the past two years with their daughter, Mrs. M. Wagar, Switzer, and W. Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. J. Yeomans and Mrs. J. H. Amey spent Sunday at F. Switzer's, Desmond. Mr. and Mrs. C. Wright moved, on Monday, to Mrs. J. W. Perry's house at the west end of the village.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Bessie Stedman who has obtained her B.A. with honors at Queen's University, Kingston. Mrs. Joyner has returned to the village and intends making her home on the residence recently purchased from Mrs. Calgh. Archie Black, accompanied by his cousin, Miss M. Hinchey, Foxworth, visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Portsmouth, have moved to the village and occupy part of D. B. Amey's house. Mr. Walker is assisting Mr. Amey in the doughnut business. Miss L. Martin has returned home after spending the winter in Toronto with her brother, H. Martin.

Miss Bessie Stedman is home from Queen's University, Kingston, having completed her studies there. K. L. Amey has moved his gasoline tank to the premises of his home. Mrs. Charles Histed spent Thursday of last week at J. W. Galbraith's, Bethel. The euchre and dance under the auspices of the A.Y.P.A. on Thursday evening, was a great success in every way.

contly bought from Mr. Peck. Mr. and Mrs. C. Fair, Gananoque, spent Sunday at V. Goffs. S. Horton and W. Vanderburg had a bee one day last week fixing the road in to their cottage, at the out let. Mr. and Mrs. C. Fair and little daughter, called on Miss R. McCrades.



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