

HEZEKIAH'S GREAT PASSOVER

Sunday School Lesson for June 11, 1911. Specially Arranged for This Paper.

LESSON TEXT—2 Chronicles 30. MEMORY VERSES—18-20. GOLDEN TEXT—"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. 16:7. TIME—Beecher's Dates for the Accession of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah are B. C. 764, 738 and 723. Hoshea becoming king of Israel in B. C. 728. Hastings gives the dates as B. C. 749, 741, 737 and (Hoshea) 730. PLACE—The temple in Jerusalem. PROPHETS—Hoshea, Micah and Isaiah.

Hezekiah was the good son of a bad father, Ahaz; and Ahaz was the bad son of a good father, Jotham; and after the good Hezekiah came his bad son, Manasseh. But there must have been reasons back of these seeming contradictions. In Hezekiah's case one may have been his mother, Abijah the daughter (or granddaughter) of Zechariah. Twenty-nine Zechariahs are mentioned in the Bible. This was not the author of the book of prophecy, but may have been the prophet who had so much influence over King Uzziah.

Hezekiah did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord. God's approval is the only wise goal for a king, a president or the humblest citizen. It is the fatal defect in most forms of government that this over-rule of God is ignored.

Hezekiah began his reign by doing the thing that plainly needed most to be done first. He found the Temple, the sacred meeting place of God and man, with its doors closed by Ahaz, its lamps out, its altars cold, its floors and hangings covered with dust and dirt. Therefore the young king summoned the priests and Levites to the court on the east of the Temple opposite the closed porch or entrance, and in a frank and noble address declared his conviction that all the national woes had their origin in a neglect of the worship of Jehovah, and his determination to make a new covenant with the Lord. Then he bade them, as their first task, to cleanse the Temple thoroughly.

The Second Step the Worship and Praise.—Thus far the priests and Levites alone had been purified. Now the royal house and the people were to be formally reconciled to Jehovah. How was this done? Hezekiah gathered the chief men of Jerusalem, who brought bullocks, lambs, rams, and he-goats for a sin offering, seven of each. The city rulers laid their hands upon the animals, thus identifying themselves with them. Then the priests killed the animals and sprinkled their blood before the veil in the Holy Place and upon the altar of incense, pouring out the remainder at the base of the altar of burnt offerings in the court before the Temple. The fat of the offerings was burned on the altar of burnt offerings, and the flesh was afterwards eaten by the priests. It was a mark of the new national feeling that arose during Hezekiah's reign that this offering and those that followed were not made for Judah alone, but for the Northern Kingdom as well.

The Third Step, the Wide Invitation.—What was the next step in the great reform? The holding of the national feast of remembrance of God's goodness, the passover. This should have been celebrated in the first month of the year, Nisan, corresponding to our April; but because not enough of the priests had been purified and because of the time required to gather the people, it was decided that the exigency warranted the postponement to the next month, Iyar or May. As the reform had widened from Hezekiah to the priests and Levites, then to the chief men of Jerusalem, then to the whole congregation of citizens, the next step was to extend it to the entire nation, from Beer-sheba, even to Dan.

The Fourth Step is the Great Passover.—What further purification was needed before the passover could be celebrated? Jerusalem was full of heathen altars "in every corner," and these were torn down and the fragments cast into the Kidron.

The Fifth Step is the Generous Giving.—What other illustration of their zeal did the people give when the passover was completed? Their new ardor for Jehovah blazed out in a burning indignation against the foul idols which they had been worshiping. It was as when "Peter the Hermit aroused whole multitudes to the wildest enthusiasm for the rescue of the Holy Sepulcher, or even the dour Scotch Lowlander blazed up like an excitable Celt at the initiative of Jenny Geddes. How much more these fiery Orientals? Jerusalem had been freed from idols; why should the country districts still be polluted? Thus the people swept like a flood over Judah and Benjamin and the neighboring Ephraim and Manasseh. They broke the heathen "images" or pillars, cut down the "groves" or poles set up as symbols of the licentious Acherah, and overthrew the idolatrous hill sanctuaries and their altars.

Reforms must be thorough, if they are to be permanent.

What was the last step in Hezekiah's reform? The step which every reform must take before it is complete, that of permanent organization.

The secret of Hezekiah's power over men and success in the service of God? It is expressed in the noble words with which the chronicler closes his account of the great reformation: "In every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered."

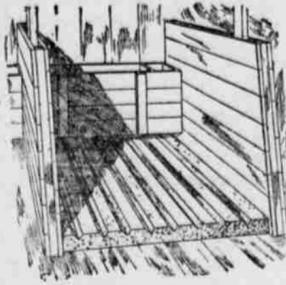
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DRY CONCRETE FLOOR STALL

Method Shown in Illustration Will Overcome Prejudice Against This Style of Gutter.

The method of constructing concrete floors for barn stalls which is shown in the illustration will overcome the prejudice against this style



Cement Stall Floor.

of floor, as the channels will carry the water to the gutter easily and quickly, thus keeping the bedding perfectly dry at all times.

The floor is laid in the usual manner, with a proper slant toward the gutter. When finishing the top of the concrete, a straightedge is laid from gutter to manger and with the point of a trowel, grooves or channels are cut the entire length. These should be three inches apart and not over half an inch deep, says a writer in the Popular Mechanics. With such a depth there will be no danger that a sharp-shod animal might wrench a limb by catching the shoe-calks in the grooves when turning around. This floor will give the animals greater comfort and save much labor in grooming them.

GOOSE ROBBED COWS OF MILK

New Jersey Farmer Discovers Through Services of Detectives That Geese Were Thieves.

A New Jersey farmer recently discovered that his cows were being robbed of their milk at night. He hired a detective to watch for the thieves. Although he could discover no thieves during the first two nights, the cows came home in the morning minus their milk, as usual. Finally it was discovered that a flock of geese from a neighboring farm were in the



Arresting a Goose.

habit of running with the cows at night, and when the animals lay down the geese helped themselves to their milk. The farmer had the geese impounded and the owner had to get them back through the court.

Cost of Feeding Calves.

Connecticut Station Bulletin No. 63 contains general information on raising calves, and reports the actual cost of feeding five heifers from birth until two years old. The average cost of the feed the first year was \$28.24, and for the second year \$27.25. The labor, interest and other items would make the total cost about \$71 for the two heifers, from which should be deducted \$5 for the value of the manure. The cost of the feed was rated as follows: New milk, \$3 per 100 pounds; skim milk, 25 cents per 100 pounds; hay, \$12; silage, \$4, and grain, \$30 per ton.

Feeding Heifers.

When heifers have reached an age when they will thrive without milk, they should have the best hay that the farm affords, and some form of succulent food such as ensilage or roots. Oats are the best grain food to use as a party ration in feeding young heifers from the time they are taken from the skim-milk ration until they are to be bred. There is no other grain food superior to ground oats for developing the organs of maternity of young breeding animals, or to promote their breeding qualities.

POINT VICTORY.

June 5, 1911.

Most of the farmers are through planting corn.

J. D. Booth and wife visited T. M. Wilkin and wife Sunday.

William Stout and wife visited Jas. Vance and family Sunday.

William Moberly and family visited Jacob Sanders and wife Sunday.

Clod Hizer and wife visited W. M. Harshbarger Saturday and Sunday.

Roy Harshbarger is visiting relatives here.

MOWRYSTOWN.

June 5, 1911.

Hon. B. S. Oppenheimer, of Cincinnati, county deputy of Hamilton county, will deliver the K. of P. Memorial address in the U. B. Church on Sunday, June 11, at 2 p. m.

The address given on Decoration Day by L. V. Williams, of Ripley, was an able one and he brought out many historical facts that could not fail to be interesting to many people. The address by Mr. Redkey, of Sugartree Ridge, was listened to with interest by the audience. After the exercises at the opera house, the parade was formed on the public square, headed by a band of little boys, who furnished the music for the march to the cemetery with little Dwight Edgington as their leader. The ranks of the aged veterans, with the school children and the little boy's band leading them, presented a pathetic contrast.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Long are entertaining a young son at their home since June 1.

A. I. Wood and Miss Clara Badgley were united in marriage at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bass Badgley, Sunday, June 4. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Harris in the presence of their intimate friends. They are both deserving young people and have the good wishes of their many friends.

An enjoyable Children's Day service was held at the U. B. Church last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Logan, of Vanceburg, Ky., and Mrs. Lucy Houk, of Brown county, spent over Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bennett.

H. B. Galliett and wife, of Lynchburg, attended Decoration Day exercises here.

Grandpa and Grandma Allman, Louis Allman and wife, of Gath, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Allman, of Brookville, spent last Wednesday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Allman.

A. L. Osborne and his assistant carpenters, have contracted to build a house for Alva Roberts and family. The residence they built for Arthur Roberts is about completed.

Mrs. Everett Roush, of Danville, spent the past week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jude Winkle.

Mrs. Ira Edgington and two sons, who spent a part of last week with relatives here, have returned to their home at Blanchester.

Newton Overstake and Ottis Miller were at Indianapolis on a pleasure trip a few days ago.

Mrs. Orange Cotterill and two children, of Columbus, are visiting relatives in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis, of Greenfield, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Allman one day last week.

Ed. C. Mignery, W. O. Cornet, L. P. Druhot, G. A. Long, Wm. Roberts and Ed. Druhot were business visitors in Cincinnati last Monday.

HARRISBURG.

June 5, 1911.

Roy Harshbarger and wife, of Granville, arrived here Thursday and are the guests of Mrs. L. L. Eakins.

C. D. Harris assisted in auditing the books of the Mutual Insurance Co., at Hillsboro, last week.

W. H. Haley, of Hillsboro, spent last Thursday on the farm.

Henry Harris, of Port William, made a business call here Friday morning.

Mrs. D. U. Emery had as her guests last Wednesday her mother, Mrs. M. E. Vance and her sisters, Mrs. L. L. Eakins, and family, Miss Minnie Vance and C. B. Emery.

Steven Hobbs, of Folsom, was selling "Larkin" goods through here last week.

Mrs. Fanning and son, of Greenfield, visited Geo. Williams and family Tuesday evening.

A. L. Anderson and son attended the funeral of Mrs. McCray, at Greenfield, Sunday.

Dr. Leatherman and wife, of Belfast, made a pleasant call here Monday.

The Gleadle Bros. have moved from the W. H. Haley farm to one near Danville.

Homer Harris and family and Miss Clara Harris were the guests of G. W. Sanders and family Sunday.

Homer Sanders and wife and baby and Miss Lottie Sanders and Burton Vance were the guests of T. M. Wilkins and family Sunday.

LYNCHBURG.

June 5, 1911.

Mrs. Everett Eaglin and son, Wendell, of Cincinnati, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Nan Holliday.

Miss Tudor, of Charleston, W. Va., is the guest of Mrs. Ella Parker.

G. T. DeLaney and family and Mrs. H. N. Henderson and two sons were with Otto Decker and family at South Norwood last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Pence spent Sunday with Mr. Pence's parents at Allensburg.

Frank Hill and wife, of Hillsboro, were guests of his sister, Mrs. Harry Murphy, Sunday.

The body of George Patterson, who died at a hospital at Cincinnati Sunday was interred in the Lynchburg cemetery Tuesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Batson spent a part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Wood, of Willetsville.

Mrs. D. E. Pence and children, of Columbus, Mrs. Warren Morrow, of this place, J. B. Garner, of Farmer's Station, and D. E. Pitzer, of Roseburg, Ore., were delightfully entertained at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Connell last week.

Clark Johnson, of Norwood, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Bessie Townsend and family.

J. W. Kennedy and family, of Xenia, Isma Troth and wife and W. A. Saylor and wife were guests of C. A. Michaels and wife Thursday.

Harold Hodson was in Cincinnati Sunday.

Phillip Swisshelm and family, of New Vienna, were the guests of relatives here the past week.

Warren Morrow and wife and daughter, Inez, spent Sunday with Chas. Terrell and family at Valley View Farm.

Mrs. P. C. Robinson and son attended Decoration services at Pricetown Tuesday.

Grant Hopkins and wife spent Wednesday and Thursday in Cincinnati.

L. L. Faris and wife were guests Sunday of J. D. Bobbit and family.

H. G. Murphy was in Columbus Sunday.

J. D. Bobbit and daughter, Louise, were in Cincinnati Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Nolder, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home on Bayless avenue Monday morning. Mr. Nolder has been ill for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Connell entertained J. L. Brush, Jr., and Clarence Brush and wife a son, of Covington, Ky., Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Grace Williams, who has been with her mother, Mrs. Naomi Faris, for several weeks, returned to her home at Leesburg.

George Mauntel and wife and daughter, Ruth, and Guy Mauntel and wife, of Hillsboro, and Floyd Sonner were guests of J. B. Hunter and family Sunday.

The Misses Nettie and Anna Hill and Nota Tharp, of Hillsboro, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Arthur Buck.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Galliett were visitors in Hillsboro Saturday.

The pretty home of Charles Morrow and family was the scene of a happy reunion of eight of the pupils and the teacher of the A Primary Grade of the Lynchburg schools of '89. The time was pleasantly spent in reminiscence conversation, sparkling with wit and humor of the days from 1889 to 1911. Delicious refreshments were served by the host and hostess. Those present were Grace McCool Vessmer, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., Grace Faris Williams, of Leesburg, Nettie Richards King, of Columbus, Lou Shrofe Morrow, Minnie Fields, Grace Lemons Rosenburg, Velma Wallace Dumenil and Myrta Dean Pease, with the teacher, Mary Troth Saylor. At a late hour they reluctantly departed, hoping to meet again before another score of years had passed.

Miss Eva Johnson, of Norwood, was the guest of the Dumenil sisters the past week.

Miss Katherine Weishaupt, of Blanchester, is the guest of A. D. Wise and family.

Clifford Shaper, one of the 1911 High School graduates left Monday morning for Cincinnati, where he will take the necessary examination for entrance into the U. S. Naval Academy.

MAPLE GROVE.

June 5, 1911.

Mrs. Phoebe Burns, of Buford, visited her son, John, and family part of last week.

Mrs. Mae Willet called on Mrs. Kate Minke Saturday afternoon.

John Watson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Watson, a few days last week.

George Minke and wife called on Mrs. Kate Minke and family Sunday afternoon.

L. H. Mock and wife and Ted Shaffer and wife called on John Shaffer and family Sunday afternoon.

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PROSPECT CROSSING.

June 5, 1911.

Decoration Day was well observed at Prospect cemetery last Tuesday.

Mrs. Martha Eakins and daughter, Verdie Cunningham, visited Mrs. Ova Ballentine and family, Thursday.

N. J. Frump, of Marshall, was transacting business in this vicinity, Monday.

Misses Elva Chaney and Ruth Greenfield visited Amelia Richards, Sunday.

Harry Eakins and family visited his mother, Saturday and Sunday.

A. E. Pavey and family visited at Butler Springs, Sunday.

Russell Ashmore and family visited his parents, Chas. Ashmore and wife, Saturday night.

Miss Nellie Mercer, of Belfast, was the guest of Martha Cunningham, Saturday night and Sunday and attended the ice cream supper at Prospect, Saturday night.

Miss Little Ballentine is home again for the summer, after closing a very successful term of school at Blanchester.

The ice cream social at Prospect last Saturday night was a financial success. The proceeds amounted to more than \$21.00

NEW PETERSBURG.

June 5, 1911.

The I. O. O. F. Memorial services will be observed June 11, at 2 p. m., at the hall. The Grand Master will

deliver the address.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Overman, who spent the winter in Florida, have returned home, and are visiting Mrs. Overman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Miller.

Mrs. M. F. Garman and daughter, Glenna, are visiting relatives and friends in Xenia.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the M. E. Church will be held at Rainsboro, June 10 and 11. The district Superintendent will be present both days, and will speak at 3 p. m. Saturday and 10 a. m., Sunday.

Nannie and Harley Frye spent Sunday with William and Cary Clyburn.

A miscellaneous shower was given Mrs. Nellie Miller Harry by her S. S. Class and members of the Ladies Aid Society on Thursday afternoon.

A pleasant time was had by all present, and Mrs. Harvy received a number of beautiful and useful presents for which she extends many thanks.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey For Coughs and Colds.

According to the newspapers, an old manuscript Bible, the crown, ring and sword of Solomon, a copper salver, and numerous articles of great antiquarian value, were abstracted from a secret crypt in the Mosque of Omar, by foreigners, said to be an American millionaire and an English engineer.

Missionary—And do you know nothing whatever of religion?

Cannibal—Well, we got a taste of it when the last missionary was here.— Toledo Blade.