

EDITORIAL FLINGS

The Near East may be a long ways off, but it is near enough to suit most Paris people.

What has become of the old-fashioned Paris man who used to inhale his coffee through a mustasche cup?

Holding a grudge against a man is about the same thing as having a boil on your nose—and keep picking away at it so it won't heal.

Sometimes when you feel as if you had a hard time, just take a walk through a hospital and see how little it takes to make a cripple or a dying person smile; observe the pa-

tience of those who suffer; and you'll go away ashamed that you ever whined.

If we took a little time now and then to let people know how much we care about them, the world would shine with new happiness.

Job may have been a patient man, but he never had the job of trying to find out who really won the championship in the Blue Grass League race.

I read a motor novelette and didn't like it much; The author dealt with cams and tires Ignition, gears and such. I sort of floundered through it Like going through a bog; When I want reading such as this I'll get a catalogue.

Several years ago a poet sang: "Awake, awake, O gracious heart; there's someone knocking." But nowadays knockers are so commonplace it hardly seems worth while to wake up for them.

Baseball players talk of forming a union to protect their rights. Poor slaves who only make from \$5,000 to \$30,00 a year ought to be safeguarded in their right, and protected from the robbers who are trying to starve them.

George Beban declares that he didn't say that eighty per cent. of the movie actresses are beautiful but dumb. Maybe the phrase he intended to use was: "Beautiful, but damned."

A family in Lawrence county, Missouri, demanding aid from a charitable organization was found to own a home and to have an income of \$37 a week. Well, just some Paris person try to maintain a home, an automobile and a family on \$37 a week.

With the baseball season ended, and all the "heroes of the diamond" gone to other fields of endeavor the husky shock-haired kickers of the pigskin now take their place in feminine affections. And it is doubtful if they are any better off by the change.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 15

THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

LESSON TEXT—Luke 3:1-22.
GOLDEN TEXT—Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.—Matt. 3:2.
REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matt. 11:2-19; Phil. 2:5-11.
PRIMARY TOPIC—What John Said About Jesus.
JUNIOR TOPIC—John Preaching and Baptizing.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Fearless Reformer.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Repentance: What It Is and What It Does.

I. The Degeneracy of the Times (vv. 1, 2).

The Jews had sunk to a very low level of civil, moral and religious life. Luke carefully enumerates the civil and religious rulers in order to show the profligacy of the times, and therefore the need of a messenger to call the people back to God and virtue. Herod, the son of the Great, was a murderer. Annas and Caiaphas were corrupt ecclesiastical rulers.

II. The Nature of John's Ministry (vv. 3-6).

In the wilderness he underwent a discipline which fitted him for his task. Out of the wilderness he flashed forth preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins (v. 3). This ministry is declared to be a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. The message was described as one calling upon the nation to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. This preparation was presented under the figure of a monarch of the East about to make a journey. A servant was sent before to prepare the highway. Valleys needed to be filled, mountains and hills needed to be lowered, crooked places needed to be made straight and rough places needed to be made smooth. Today before the nations will receive Christ the valleys need to be filled with righteous deeds, the exceeding high mountains of sin and iniquity need to be brought low, the crooked dealings of the business world must be straightened out, and the rough ways of nations and individuals must be smoothed out. Men must repent of their sins before they can receive Christ.

III. The Content of John's Message (vv. 7-18).

1. Denunciation of Sin (vv. 7, 8). He called them "a generation of vipers." This shows that he charged them with deceitfulness and wickedness. Knowing the subtle hypocrisy of these Jews, he demanded evidence of their sincerity—the genuineness of their repentance was to be demonstrated by their works.

2. Announcement of Judgment (v. 9). He declared that the axe was laid at the root of the tree and that the tree not bringing forth fruit was to be hewn down and cast into the fire. John made it very plain that for their sins they should be called into judgment. Paul's preaching of a judgment to come made Felix tremble (Acts 24:25).

3. Instructions to the Inquirers (vv. 10-14). (1) The people (vv. 10, 11). Each man was to turn from his besetting sin and show love and kindness to his fellow men. Clothing and food were to be given those who had need. They were to turn from a life of selfishness and greed and do unto others as they would be done by. (2) Publicans (vv. 12, 13). These tax-gatherers who were guilty of greed and oppression were not asked to give up their occupation, but to exact only that which was appointed by law. (3) The soldiers (v. 14). These were likely the policemen of that day—at least men on military duty. He told them to extort money from no man, to accuse none falsely, and to be content with their wages. To all these classes he made it clear that they should henceforth perform their duty from a motive of love instead of selfishness and greed.

4. Testimony to Jesus (vv. 15-18). The people were musing in their hearts as to whether John was indeed the Messiah. When John perceived this he with fine humility declared that his mission was so lowly in comparison with Christ's that he would be unworthy to perform the menial act of a slave in loosing the latchet of His shoes. John baptized with water, but Christ, he declared, would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

IV. John's Imprisonment (vv. 19, 20).

Because of his reproof of Herod for his wicked lewdness and other sins John went to the dungeon. The preacher of righteousness must become a martyr. God's faithful prophets are usually despised by the world, even cast into prison, burned, or beheaded.

Idleness.

Idleness is the gate of all harms. An idle man is like a house that hath no walls; the devils may enter on every side.—Chaucer.

Life's Ills.

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