

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 9

BENEFITS OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

LESSON TEXT—Daniel 1.
GOLDEN TEXT—But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, for with the king's meat which he drank—Daniel 1:8.

The book of Daniel, with the great prophecies, fulfilled and unfulfilled, is one of the most interesting and important in the Bible. Without a grasp of the prophecies of this book it is absolutely impossible for one to know the New Testament and the times in which we live. Daniel gives an outline of the entire period of time from the passing of supremacy to the Gentiles in Nebuchadnezzar to the final overthrow of the Gentile dominion, to the establishment of the millennial kingdom. The course, character and end of Gentile dominion are given. It is that period known in Scriptures as the "times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24).

The book of Daniel falls into two parts: Part I (chapters 1 to 6), which the prophet foretold as the "times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24), in which the prophet foretold the coming of God, and the times of the Gentiles. The book is written in two languages. Hebrew in chapters 1-12 and 13-28 and 29-31 (Hebrew); chapters 2:4-28 (Aramaic). The part which concerns the Jews was written in their own tongue and the part which concerns the empire of the world is written in the Greek tongue.

I. Daniel's Home Leaving (v. 1-4)
He was carried away to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in the first siege of Jerusalem. This was a great trial for his own heart. He seems to have been about fourteen years of age.

II. Daniel's Trials and Difficulties (vv. 5-13)
It was the custom for the best of the captives to be selected and trained for service in the land of captivity. They usually selected those of the royal house for such training.

1. Change of Name (Among the Hebrews names were given to children which were significant.) Daniel means "God is my judge." The significance of his name was that all problems of his life were submitted to God for decision. This was the secret of Daniel's life. The purpose of his parents was to have been inscribed into his forehead and so that in all things he might be guided by God's plans and purposes. The object of his parents in the choice of his name was to elevate his national and religious conviction and identify him with the Hebrew people. The king of Babylon evidently liked Daniel's appearance and scholarship but was averse to his religion. It is the same for nations and individuals who are willing to recognize and utilize the scholarship and efficiency of Christian ministers and missionaries, but are not willing to embrace their religion.

2. His conduct (vv. 5-8)
It was the intention of the king's men and the king's wives. It is ever to be borne in mind that conscience is the ground-work of human character. It is the law which must be followed. No doubt Daniel was taunted and laughed at for his fidelity, just as all men and women today who are loyal to their convictions must experience, for all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

3. His religious life. This involved his refusal to eat meat and drink wine which was contrary to his teaching. Also it involved his praying three times a day.

III. His Success (vv. 14-21).
1. Physical health (v. 15).
Godly and temperate living pays. The king's meat and wine would have been pleasant to the palate, but would have meant compromise of conscience.

2. Mental growth (v. 20). He was ten times superior to his comrades. It is always true that those who abstain from indulgence in the use of wine have clearer minds and are mentally better equipped for their work than those who indulge.

3. Social Daniel stood before the king. No higher position of honor could have been given him.

4. Temporal. He became president of the College of Wise Men and prime minister of the nation. This position he continued to hold through several dynasties.

5. Spiritual (v. 17). Because of Daniel's loyalty to God, Nebuchadnezzar's dream was revealed to him and he was giving visions sketching the whole history of the world.

IV. The Secret of His Success. The following may be set down as the things which made Daniel successful:

1. He was conscientious. If we would succeed in the world, let us see to it that in all things we live in good conscience.

2. Loyalty to God. He made God the judge of everything that pertained to his life. No pleasure was indulged in or problem disposed of without its submission to God.

3. Decision of character. With him that which had been submitted to God and was shown to be right before God was the law of his life.

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AMERICANS JOKE THROUGH PARIS RAID

French Airmen Protect the City From Danger of Serious Damage.

By C. C. LYON.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—Here is a picture of Paris as I saw it during a British air raid. About eleven o'clock the entire department of motors pounded through the streets blowing siren whistles that aroused everybody from bed. Now that a raid is a matter of history I recall that one of its most terrifying features was the amount of noise the fire department made. I was stopping at a hotel whose chief patronage comes from Americans and British. At the first warning blasts, the French hallman, hired because of his proficiency in English, pounded on one door after another, calling out:



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"Darken your lights! Darken your lights!"
Soon the hotel was in pitch darkness. The night itself was inky black and the entire city was canopied with thick low-hanging clouds. There was hardly a star to be seen. The four sides of the hotel enclose a spacious court. From the amount of gabbling, it was evident that most of the guest were at their windows watching for the German machines. Across the court, a woman was becoming hysterical.

"Oh, George, what shall we do if they hit this hotel!" she implored her husband.
A large audience awaited George's solution. George was quick with a reply.

"What do we care, Mabel?" he said, convincingly, "we don't own it, do we?"

This venerable joke, cracked for the first time on the Ark, sounded exorcisingly funny there in the darkness as we waited for the German bombs to fall on us, and George got a round of applause from every opened window.

Anyway* it broke the tenseness. "Why stay here and be killed? Let's all go down into the street and die," another humorist a few floors down suggested.

It carried unanimously. In about 10 minutes we were in the street. The fire motors were still rushing by blowing their whistles.

We all went across to the Tuilleries gardens and sat on the stone steps. But the real situation proved entirely different from the storybook descriptions of air raids.

Paris was positively refusing to get up a perspiration over such a thing as a German air raid. The few Frenchmen out at that hour passed us swinging their canes and chatting about subjects far removed from bombs.

About this time a number of stars appeared in the sky to the east of Paris. "It will get lighter and then it will be easier to see 'em," said a Britisher, noting the stars.

But pretty soon the "stars" began to move, and then we discovered that they were in reality French airplanes, each carrying electric lights, that had taken to the air to defend Paris against the invaders.

At times it seemed as if the entire eastern sky was in motion as the French machines darted from side to side, up and down and criss-cross. There seemed to be hundreds of them. I personally counted 70. There appeared to be a certain defined system that they followed. Electric signals flashed every few moments from machine that remained in the center of the group, and each signal was followed by a new maneuver.

Hundreds of trained aviators, on duty constantly at the Paris stations, take to the air in their swift machines the moment they receive telegraphic warnings that German machines have been seen passing in the direction of Paris.

The French airmen virtually "fence off" the air east and northeast of the city and it would be only through pure luck that any German machine could get through their lines.

On this particular night we watched the French machines maneuver until the fire motors came back again, sounding signals that the danger was past.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Mountain City Lodge No. 48. Meets in Third floor Fleming Bldg., Thursday evenings 7:30. P. H. Hall, Master of Finance; R. C. Miller, E. C. H. and S.

Marion Lodge No. 21. Meets at Market and Merchant Streets, First Ward, every Tuesday evening.

Monumental Lodge No. 201. Meets in Pythian Lodge Room, Barrackville, every Tuesday evening.

PYTHIAN SISTERS.

Pythian Sisters instead of Rathbone Sisters, meets each second and fourth Tuesday evening in K. of P. Hall. Millie Evans, M. of H. and C.

Mountain City Temple No. 6, Pythian Sisters. Meets every Tuesday evening in Fleming Bldg.

BROTHERHOOD RAILWAY TRAINMEN

O. C. Willis, president; E. D. Holden, secretary. Meets second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p. m. and last Sunday of each month at 7:30 p. m., in the Red Men's hall.

WOMAN'S BENEFIT ASSOCIATION OF THE MACABEES

Marion Review No. 30 meets every Tuesday evening, Macabee Hall, Main street. Mrs. Olive E. Harden, record keeper.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Fairmont Lodge No. 9. Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Moose Home, 418 Jefferson street. H. D. Harden, Secy.

GERMAN BENEFICIAL UNION

Meets second and fourth Sundays of each month at 119 Jackson street. Ernest Schwaner president; H. C. Voelker, Sec.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

White Camp No. 5473, Modern Woodmen of America. Meets every Friday evening at their hall in the Skinner Bldg., C. W. Walker, Cleric.

Modern Woodmen of America Monongahela Camp No. 14627 meets every Monday, 7:30 p. m. Hall on Merchant St. Mont Devault; Ralph Courtney, Sec.

THE PROTECTED HOME CIRCLE.

Fairmont Circle No. 616 meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the Macabee's Hall, Main street.

A. O. U. W.

Meets on the second and fourth Monday in each month. J. H. Kinkead, Rec.; W. A. Crowl, Rep. G. Lodge.

Degree of Honor, auxiliary to the A. O. U. W., meets first and fourth Monday of each month. Mrs. A. P. Jones, Lady Chief of Honor.

B. P. O. E.

Fairmont Lodge No. 294. Meets at Elks Home, 419 main street, near Madison, every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Charles D. Barry, Sec., 228 High street.

I. O. O. F.

Marion Lodge No. 11. Meets every Tuesday in Odd Fellows Hall. W. S. Hiltner, Sec.

Mountain City Lodge No. 54. Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Odd Fellows Hall, corner Main and Monroe streets. W. H. Stenking, Sec.

Mountain City Lodge No. 54. Meets in Odd Fellows Hall on the first and third Fridays of each month. C. H. Higgs, Secy.

Pythian Militant. Meets in Odd Fellows Hall Thursday evenings. H. W. Stenking, Captain; Harlan Miller, Cleric.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

West Virginia Lodge No. 64. Meets every Monday night at 7 o'clock at Odd Fellows Hall.

LADIES' ORDER GOLDEN LINKS.

Meets at Cunningham Hall, Jefferson street, Fairmont every Tuesday evening at 7:45.

Worshipful, Beatrice Cole, Fairmont, financial secretary, Mrs. Martha Short, Baxter.

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Fairmont Lodge No. 9. Meets in Masonic Temple first and third Mondays in each month. Francis E. Nichols, Sec.

Marion Lodge No. 21. Meets in Masonic Temple second Monday of each month. Francis E. Nichols, Sec.

Crusader Commandery No. 6. Meets in Masonic Temple every fourth Monday. Francis E. Nichols, Sec.

Fairmont Chapter No. 44, O. E. S. Meets in Masonic Temple first and third Thursdays. Heien Fleming, Sec.

W. C. T. U.

Meets every Tuesday in Willard Hall. W. C. T. U. Lodge. President, Mrs. W. D. Evans; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Menear; secy, Mrs. J. H. Beckman.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD.

Meets in K. of P. Hall, Fleming Bldg. H. J. Jones, Clerk. 202 Albert Court.

LADIES OF MODERN MACABEES.

Marion Lodge No. 21. Ladies of the Modern Macabees. Meets the first and third Fridays of each month in K. of P. Hall.

I. O. O. F. M.

Setting Sun Tribe No. 16. Meets each Thursday evening at Red Men's Hall, First Ward. H. Ernest Evans, M. of H., 138 State Street, First Ward.

Wanted Council No. 6, Degree of Pochon-house. Meets every Friday evening at Red Men's Hall, First Ward.

A. C. H.

Meets every second Sunday at Knights of Columbus Hall. M. J. O'Neil, Rec. Sec. Bouton Lodge. Ladies Auxiliary. Meets first Friday of each month in K. of C. Hall.

KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.

Musgrave hall. Meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. J. L. Spackelford, Master of Records.

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Meets first and third Mondays in old Masonic Hall, corner Main and Madison Streets. Charles Armbruster, R. E., 120 Chestnut Street.

ORDER OF OWLS.

Fairmont Lodge No. 1622. Meets every Thursday in old K. of P. Hall, McKinney Bld. Al J. Peckman, Sec.

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