

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

International Lesson for February 6,  
1898—Our Father's Care—Matt. 6:24-34.

[Arranged from Peloubet's Notes.]  
GOLDEN TEXT.—He careth for you.—  
1 Pet. 5:7.

THE SECTION includes the lesson, 6:24-34, and applications and illustrations from chapter 7.

TIME.—Midsummer, A. D. 23.  
PLACE.—On a mountain west of the sea of Galilee.

## LESSON NOTES.

I. Whom Shall We Serve?—V. 24. "No man can serve two masters." Who are distinct and opposite in character and demands, who belong to different kingdoms, each with its own separate interest. The Greek word for "the other," in this verse, means not merely another person, but one of different quality. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Mammon is a Syriac word meaning riches or wealth. It is the commonest form in which Satan appears and in which men serve him.

II. Our Heavenly Father's Care of Those Who Serve Him.—Vs. 25-34. 25. "Therefore I say unto you," in order that you may choose the service of God, without fear; for anxiety about worldly things is one chief reason why men serve mammon. "Take no thought." This translation has troubled many a tender conscience. Take thought, in this passage, was a truthful rendering when the A. V. was made, since thought was then used as equivalent to anxiety or solicitude. "For your life, what ye shall eat," to support life. Make not your physical and temporal wants the special and great object of thought and care. "Your body." Shelter and clothing, together with food, constitute a large part of the natural, physical wants of man. Most of the business of the world centers in these things.

"Is not the life more than meat," which sustains the life? The argument is twofold. (1) Since God has given life, will He not see that means of sustaining life are given with it? For the one gift is vain without the other. (2) We should give our chief attention to the life, the true life, and the lesser things will come in due measure.

26. "Behold the fowls of the air." Birds were exceedingly abundant in Galilee, and doubtless, Jesus at this very time could point to the birds with in sight of His hearers. "For they sow not, neither do they reap." Notice, it is not said to us: "Sow not, reap not, gather not into barns." The birds are not our example to follow in their habits, for God hath made us to differ from them; the doing all these things is part of our "how much better are ye." "Yet your." Note the your, not their, the Father whose children you are. "Your Heavenly Father feedeth them." Not in idleness, not by putting food in their mouths while they sit still in the trees and sing and wait; but by providing the food which they can obtain, and providing them with the means of seeing and obtaining food.

28. "Consider the lilies . . . how they grow." Many were doubtless on every hand within sight of his hearers. They toil not, neither do they spin: They do not work in man's way for their gorgeous array. They simply live in the way God intended, and fulfill their mission.

29. "Solomon in all his glory was not raimed like one of these." Solomon represented to the Jewish mind the ideal of regal magnificence (see 1 Kings, chap. 10.)

30. "If God so clothe the grass of the field." All the herbage. "To-morrow cast into the oven." Owing to a scarcity of fuel, this dried vegetation is often used to heat ovens for baking bread. "Shall he not much more clothe you?" His children, who are trying to serve Him. "O ye of little faith!" comparison with the faith you ought have, contrasted with the worthiness God to be trusted. His loving kind-

ness that delights to minister to the wants of His children.

III. The Conclusion of the Whole Matter.—Vs. 31-34. 31. "Therefore take no thought." Be not anxious.

32. "For:" Giving the first of two reasons. "After all these things do the Gentiles seek:" That is what you would expect of those who know nothing of our Heavenly Father. Worldliness and distrust are heathenish. "For:" Giving the second reason. "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things:" He does not forbid your wants, but supplies them.

33. "But seek ye first:" Both in time and importance. Make it your chief end and aim in all you do. "The kingdom of God:" God's reign (1) in our own hearts, so that we long to do His will as it is done in Heaven, and (2) that His kingdom may prevail over the whole earth. Lest there should be any misunderstanding, he adds, "and His righteousness:" God's righteousness; a life and character like God's, which He approves and desires for all His creatures. "And all these things:" food, clothing, and all that is necessary to our welfare. "Shall be added unto you:" God will see that these necessary wants are supplied.

34. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow:" Be not troubled, distracted, anxious, about the future. "For the morrow shall take thought for . . . itself:" Not take care of itself, but bring its own cares and anxieties. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof:" For each day God has appointed just enough of trials and burdens for that day's good.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Lesson For the Week Beginning Feb. 6.  
Comment by Rev. W. J. Yates, A. M.  
Topic, Living Close to Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING.—Math. vii, 4; Luke x, 88-42.

It is easy to see how other folks might do better. It is not so easy to keep from telling them so. Nearly every one likes to help his neighbor, to this extent at least.

It is not so easy to see our own faults and is still harder to correct them when we are convinced of fault.

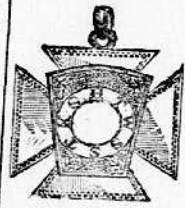
The reality of Christian living is nowhere shown more clearly than in this. We are to be severe with our own failings and patient in treating those of other people. One must correct himself first, then he may discover that the evil he thought he saw in his brother was really in himself.

Mary was not more desirous to honor Jesus than was her sister Martha. But she was more gifted in discernment of the best way to show her regard. She understood the Master better than her sister did, and so gave her whole care to His teaching. She listened intently and entered into His inner thought and life more deeply perhaps than any other one. She kept close to Him that she might understand the truth which so filled Him and lived in His words.

Martha did not love Jesus less than Mary. It was but in another way. She had the carefulness of a thrifty housewife for the physical comfort of her guest. She was worried with the petty details of the household arrangements. Idleness was deeply irritating to her. To see Mary, inattentive to the arrangements of the house for eating and sleeping and entirely absorbed in listening to conversation, was more than she could bear. It seemed to show lack of kindness on the part of Mary toward her sister. It also appeared as lack of appreciation of Martha's fidelity on the part of Jesus. Martha's rebuke of this shirking and discourtesy was sharp and direct. She learned from the Master that her fussiness and bustle about bodily comfort was not the best way to do Him honor and win His favor.

Not the one who makes the most stir in religious circles is always the truest

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