

The Life-Giving Stream

Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 8, 1911
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Ezekiel 47, 1-12.
MEMORY VERSE—9.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Whoever will, let him take the water of life freely."—Rev. 22:17.

TIME—This prophecy of the life-giving stream was written B. C. 572, "in the beginning of the year." It was near the middle of the 70 years' captivity (605-539). The earlier prophecies of this second part of Ezekiel were written 12 or 13 years before in 586, 5.

PLACE—It was written at Tel-abib on the river Chebar in Babylonia, to the exiles scattered throughout that region.

PLACE IN HISTORY—It belongs to the second part of Ezekiel's prophecies, the object of which was to prepare the people for their return. It was like leaven working during the 36 years before the people were fitted to begin anew in Palestine. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylonia, Daniel still living as a statesman.

In our last lesson we studied the warnings by which God, through his prophet Ezekiel, would persuade Israel to so repent and return to God, that it would not be necessary to permit Jerusalem and the Temple to be destroyed. The people refused. The city was destroyed. The Temple was burned, and its treasures borne away by the Chaldeans. The best of the people, those in which were the greatest possibilities of good, and the largest capacity for being trained, were sent into far distant exile, for their schooling; very much as their ancestors were disciplined and trained in the wilderness that they might be enabled to take possession of the Promised Land.

They were as sheep without a shepherd. Their former rulers, whom God had placed as shepherds over his people in their own land, had proved false, and instead of leading them to the green pastures and still waters of obedience and righteousness, had done none of the things a ruler-shepherd ought to do. They killed the flock instead of feeding it. They neglected the sick. They left the flock to be torn by wild beasts. They let them be "scattered upon the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them." Now God promised them a true shepherd.

Ezekiel became one of "the Society of Encouragers." The new day was yet nearly 50 years in the future, but the promise and the hope and the goal were from this time before their eyes. The possibility of redemption, of a new life of blessing, of a glorious and perfect heaven, is one of the first essentials for escaping from a life of sin.

The assurance of a perfect death, of the transformation of this world into the kingdom of heaven, is strength, courage, success for those laboring for this object.

In order to attain this hope, and realize this promise, it was absolutely necessary that they should have a change of heart. The heart in Scripture denotes the center of man's personal activities. It is the organ of thought, the seat of the affections, and all moral impulses, of choice, and love. From a right heart flows a right life, from a wrong heart flows a wrong life.

A home of worship, a temple or church, hours of Bible study and worship, sacred days, some forms of service or ritual, persons set apart for religious teaching—are essential to the cultivation of religion and the progress of the truth. These forms and aims must indeed be filled with the spirit. They that worship God "must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Hence these visions of Ezekiel. And in fact, there grew up among the exiles, religious organizations, synagogues, schools, Sabbath keeping—which prepared them for their return and their restoration as the visible people of God. The temple was the symbol of God's permanent presence.

One thing only was wanting, the waters of eternal life, the Holy Spirit, in each one who receives, a well of water springing up into everlasting life. It is the stream of salvation, widening into the gospel, flowing through the centuries.

On the east side of the Jerusalem temple there is a valley which leads to the Dead sea. The healing waters, "a soft flowing stream, regarded as a symbol of the silent and unobtrusive influence of the divine presence in Israel, came from God, through his sanctuary, the source of all good, all power for salvation. So six centuries later the powers which have changed the world, the widened stream of salvation, came from the risen Saviour.

It cannot be useless to insist upon a clear understanding of the relative positions of the threshold from below which the waters proceed forth, and the Dead sea which is to be healed thereby.

The river brings life, wherever its waters flow. The Dead sea, wherein "it is impossible for any form of life to flourish, not even salt-water fish," it fills with fish as many and great as in the Mediterranean itself. It heals the heavy sulphurous waters and they are filled with living things.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Fortune for Hired Girl.

Miss Maude Wood has been given a judgment in the Pettis county probate court at Sedalia against the estate of the late Joseph R. Shacklett for \$3,500, that amount being claimed for eleven years' service as hired girl and housekeeper. Miss Wood was for eleven years an inmate of his home, part of the time in charge of it. At his death it developed that she had not been remembered in his will, although he left a considerable estate. On the advice of friends she filed a claim against the estate which was honored in full by Probate Judge Kennedy.

Frederick H. Binder Dead.

Frederick H. Binder of Jefferson City, wealthy retired architect and builder, founder of the Jefferson City water works system and former mayor, died after an illness of several weeks. On account of ill health Mr. Binder recently sold his interests in the water works, of which he was president, and the Jefferson City Bridge company, retiring from active business.

Pickets Around "Katy" Shops.

Pickets were placed on duty by the striking carmen at all shop points on the M., K. & T. system. This action was taken in an effort to prevent the resumption of work in the shops following the announcement that men would be hired to fill the places of the 1,500 strikers, who walked out as fast as they could be obtained.

College Cattle Win Prizes.

Eleven head of fat cattle from the university won five first prizes at the Interstate Live Stock Show in St. Joseph. Two second and two third prizes were taken. The prizes aggregate more than \$200. The same herd will be exhibited at the state fair in Sedalia and the Royal Live Stock Show in Kansas City.

Married After 30 Years.

F. C. Greiner of DeKalb, Tex., and Mrs. Mattie Butler of Nevada were married recently. Greiner and Mrs. Butler were sweethearts in Texas 30 years ago. Difficulty arose and they parted. Each afterward married. Mrs. Butler's husband died several years after their marriage and Greiner's wife soon afterwards.

Kansas City Theatres.

At the Schubert during the week beginning Sunday, October 8, Fay Templeton and DeWolf Hopper head an all-star cast in a revival of Gilbert and Sullivan's greatest comic opera, "Pinafore." There will be 100 people on the stage and an augmented orchestra will accompany the singers.

Going After Balloon Record.

Indications are that all balloon records for distance will be surpassed in the international race at Kansas City. America has won the cup two years in succession and if we win this time we retain the trophy permanently in this country, thus ending the international meets.

No Deposit for Postal Bank.

A postal savings bank was opened at Columbia and the day closed without a deposit. The failure to receive deposits is believed to be due to the fact that it was announced that a probable delay in the opening might occur because of supplies which did not arrive until the last minute.

Film to Show College Life.

The Columbia Commercial Club has arranged to have motion pictures made of the Missouri-Kansas football game this fall to show at various towns in Missouri to advertise Columbia.

Will Try Fresh Air Cure.

The open air sleeping apartment as a means of promoting health will be tried out this winter by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at the University of Missouri. On the third floor of their \$15,000 chapter house a stone building nearing completion there is a large sleeping room with no heating arrangements and with outside doors. This spartan regime was adopted by a vote of the fraternity.

Prize Car Caught Fire.

There was an exciting finish to St. Joseph's second annual motor parade. The beautifully decorated car of Mrs. Joseph Kellogg, which had just been awarded first prize, caught fire from a match with which the chauffeur was lighting a lamp. The car was badly damaged.

Missouri Conference.

The ninety-third session of the Missouri Episcopal conference was held in Brookfield, with Bishop Nealey of New Orleans presiding. There were about 300 present, and Brookfield citizens threw open their homes.

LIKE THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD

Another Pennsylvania Dam Breaks, Destroying Three Towns—Fire Completes Destruction.

Austin Pennsylvania.—Between 850 and 1,000 lives were lost when this town and Costello and Wharton, below here, were destroyed by the bursting of a dam. The reservoir of the Bayless Pulp and Paper company burst and a wall of water 25 feet high swept down Freeman's run at a speed estimated at a mile a minute. Frame buildings were carried away. Stone and brick buildings were crushed. Fire broke out in the debris and completed the ruin.

One hundred and sixty bodies have been recovered.

The dam, which was 530 feet long and 49 feet high, was 32 feet thick at the base and held back more than 500,000,000 gallons of water.

Many persons, crushed and helpless in the wrecks of buildings only partly destroyed by the water, were consumed in the flames.

The property loss will exceed \$6,000,000. It is doubtful whether the town ever will be rebuilt. Two at least of the large plants will not be reconstructed and a majority of the business men of the place have been ruined financially.

MERCHANTS OBJECT TO PAROLE

Petition Signed by Forty Men of Junction City Goes to Penitentiary Warden.

Junction City, Kan.—Louis Schwenson of this city has sent a petition to Warden Coddling of the state penitentiary asking that William Myrick and N. Barney be kept in prison and advising against their parole. The petition was signed by more than 40 business men of the city and also the jury that convicted the two men.

Myrick and Barney were found guilty of assaulting Mr. Schwenson the night of April 26, 1903. He was attacked by the two men, who robbed him of his watch and valuables and left him for dead. They were arrested for the crime, and while in the county jail planned and put into execution a daring escape. Later they were recaptured and sent to the penitentiary. Mr. Schwenson fears that the men will harm him if released.

DON'T WANT HELP TO PROSECUTE

Money Sent in to Assist County in Shady Bend Tar Party Case Will be Returned.

Salina, Kansas.—People outside of Kansas continue to send money to Lincoln Center to aid in the prosecution of the assailants of Mary Chamberlain, the young school teacher who was tarred August 8 at Shady Bend. According to Willard E. Lyon, a business man of Lincoln Center, there is talk of holding a meeting at Lincoln Center to explain the position of the county in the disgraceful affair. Arrangements will be made for returning the money which has been contributed. The people of the town feel, according to Mr. Lyon that the matter can be taken care of without outside aid.

TO CHANGE CENTRAL ROUTE

Delegation From Cooper County Asks Change That Would Put River Crossing at Boonville.

Sedalia, Missouri.—A delegation of 42 men from Cooper and Howard counties came here in the interest of a new route for the central state highway from Kansas City to St. Louis. They met with the state board of agriculture to ask that the road be constructed from Rocheport to Marshall by way of New Franklin, Boonville and Arrow Rock, crossing the Missouri river at Boonville, then following the old Boon's Lick road north of the river to Old Franklin and the Santa Fe trail from Boonville by way of Arrow Rock to Marshall.

All Would Learn How.

Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.—Frank Stewart of Saffordville, who last month sold from a 75-acre field, an alfalfa seed crop worth \$4,352.90, has been conducting a sort of free information bureau since the report of his big crop got into the papers. Mr. Stewart at once began to receive letters from farmers and alfalfa growers asking how he did it and wanting his advice on the "whys and wherefores" of alfalfa-growing.

Accuse a Postmaster.

St. Joseph, Missouri.—Sam R. Johnston, postmaster at Elmo, Mo., was brought to St. Joseph by J. E. Morrison, United States deputy marshal, of Kansas City, and Postoffice inspector Brownlow. He was arraigned before Commissioner Coit on the charge of misappropriating \$400 of government funds.

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