

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR SEPT. 22.

FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 6:30-44.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life."—John 6:35.

This parable marks the high level of the year of popularity in the life of our Lord. It is such an important miracle as to be the only one recorded by all four gospel writers.

The returning disciples (v. 30) are urged by the Master to come with him into a desert place that they might rest, and also that he might comfort their hearts over the death of John the Baptist. "They had no leisure," Jesus knew the need and also the proper use of leisure. But the multitude would not grant this and flocked to his retreat in the desert. They saw and followed that they might listen to his gracious words or behold some new wonder, but Jesus also saw and ministered, v. 24. Carlisle said he saw in England "forty millions, mostly fools." Not so with Jesus. He saw and was moved, not with sarcasm, but with compassion, which compassion took a tangible form of service. It is interesting to note in verse 34 that the compassion of Jesus led him first of all to teach. It is better to teach a man how to help himself than to help the man. We also infer from this verse that the soul of a man is of more value than his body. It is not enough, however, to say, "God bless you, be fed and warm," when a man is hungry. So it is that Jesus listened to his disciples when they saw the physical need of the multitude.

A Great Task.

St. John tells us in this connection of the conversation with Philip. Philip lived in Bethsaida near by, yet to feed this multitude was for him too great a task, even with his knowledge of the resources at hand, John 6:5-7. Yet we need not be surprised at Philip's slowness of faith. Moses in like manner was once nonplussed how to feed six thousand in the wilderness, see Num. 11:21-23. It is not so much as to how great the need nor how little we possess, but rather is the little given to God.

Another disciple, Andrew, who had discovered the Saviour unto Peter, discovers as though in desperation a boy whose mother had thoughtfully provided him with a lunch consisting of five barley biscuits and two small dried herring (John 6:9), at least that much remained. It is a great commentary upon the tide of interest at this time that this boy should not have eaten his lunch, for a boy's hunger is proverbial. It seems as though Jesus emphasizes the helplessness of the disciples in order that he may show his power. His command, "give ye them," (v. 37) teaches us that we are to give such as we have, not look to others, nor do our charity by proxy. Prov. 11:24, 25.

Again the Saviour asks his disciples to see (v. 38) as though he would teach them the boundless resources of his kingdom. Give what you have and he will bless and increase it to the supplying of the needs of the multitude. The secret of success was when he took the loaves and "looking up" for God also saw on that day, and blessed it.

We need to observe the systematic procedure. The people seated or reclining upon the ground in ranks or by companies. The Master blessing and breaking the boy's cakes and giving first to the disciples, for God only works such miracles through human agencies, and then giving to the people. The result of this systematic procedure was that "all did eat," and further, they were satisfied, v. 42. Not alone, however, was there Divine order and lavishness, but there was economy and thrift as well, for Jesus gave careful directions as to the fragments. The lavishness is shown by the fact that the baskets into which the fragments were gathered were each large enough in which to sleep.

Living Bread.

The conversation process was a stinging rebuke to the imprudent orientals, and to the present day prodigals of that wonderful bounty with which God has blessed our land.

God gives to us that we may use. Joy dies unless it is shared. Jesus, the living bread (John 6:48) will satisfy hunger, and life, as bread, generates in the human body heat, energy, vitality, power, etc., so he would feed the hungry souls of mankind. We have at hand the Word; it is for lack of it that men die in the deepest sense of that word.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Zither Congress at Washington.

The first musical organization of its kind in the United States, to be known as the North American Zither Players' association, and later changed to the name "The American Zither Verband," was launched at the beautiful Schwarzer Park in Washington recently. Ten states were represented and delegates came from all parts of the country. Hermann C. Groha was the temporary chairman, and Edw. G. Busch of the Washington Commercial club made the address of welcome. A permanent organization was effected with A. W. Schepp, of Kansas City, president and F. W. Mehl, also of Kansas City, secretary. The next meeting will be held at Davenport, Ia., in 1913, but the exact date will be selected by the officers.

May Extend Line.

The Saline Valley extension of the Cape Girardeau, Chester and Western railway was completed to the city limits and the first train ran into Farmington over the new line. From Farmington, Louis Houck, the owner of the new road, proposes to extend it north toward St. Louis.

First Ride on Train at 89.

Mrs. Amanda Stotts, 89 years old, of Stotts City, took her first ride on a train. Expectations of "seasickness" on the part of the aged woman failed to materialize, but when she reached Joplin from Stotts City, her first exclamation was, "I'm glad the first part's over with."

Violated Text Book Law?

A test of the statutes governing prices that shall be charged for school books will result from the arrest at Joplin of T. W. Osterloh and J. W. King, book dealers, who are alleged to have charged more than specified by law. The dealers are to be given hearings on September 19.

School of Mines Open.

The school of mines and metallurgy of the University of Missouri at Rolla opened its 41st year. The enrollment of new students is more than one-third over what it was last year, and the indications are that the freshman class will be the largest in the history of the institution.

Boy Slayers Paroled.

John Farley, aged 11, and John Heimbarger, aged 12, who killed Joey Timmerman, aged 4, three weeks ago at Kansas City were paroled. They were placed under the guardianship of a probation officer and will be sent to a private school.

Horse Plague in Missouri.

Meningitis among horses which has killed 6,000 horses in Kansas, has broken out in Missouri, according to reports just received. Three deaths have been reported in Nodaway county and several other horses are believed to have the disease.

Fly Plague in Johnson.

A plague of flies is sweeping Johnson county, and the suffering of animals is such that it is rapidly rendering them useless. Many dairymen have lost the entire product of their herds on account of the cows, fretted by the flies, growing poor and dry.

Accidentally Kills Mother.

Mrs. August Sander, living near Jackson died from a wound accidentally inflicted. Her grown son was trying to fix something on his rifle when the gun was discharged, the ball striking his mother in the side.

Hannibal Fireman Killed.

William Warren, 26 years old, a railroad fireman, was found dead on the St. Louis & Hannibal railway tracks at Hannibal.

Gets Change of Venue.

On the ground that the citizens of Hollister are prejudiced and that he could not get a fair hearing, E. T. Dickens, the Branson blacksmith who is charged with stabbing to death August Dorste in the latter's blacksmith shop at Hollister two weeks ago, was granted a change of venue to Branson.

Slain in a Melon Patch.

Andrew Ambs, the young man who was shot by William Groteguth, a farmer who discovered him in his watermelon patch near Palmyra, is dead. Groteguth, who was out on bond, was immediately arrested. The dead man was a brakeman on the Hannibal & St. Joseph road.

One Dead in Train Wreck.

J. E. Johnson of St. Joseph, a brakeman, was killed; G. L. Williamson, a brakeman, fatally hurt, and five other trainmen were seriously injured when a St. Joseph & Grand Island eastbound stock train ran into the rear end of a local freight train at Troy, Kan., 17 miles west of St. Joseph.

MISSOURI STATE CAPITAL ITEMS

NOTES THAT ARE OF INTEREST TO MISSOURIANS.

Brief Mention of Matters as They Occur at Jefferson City, Official and Otherwise.

Jefferson City.

Nine proposed amendments to the constitution will be submitted to the voters of Missouri at the November election. Five of these were submitted by the last legislature and four under initiative and referendum petitions.

The amendments are as follows: Reducing the minimum age at which children can enter the public schools from 6 to 5 years.

Authorizing St. Louis county to impose a special tax of five cents on the \$100 assessed valuation for constructing sewers and water systems.

Authorizing cities of the third and fourth classes to vote 40 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation for public buildings.

Changing the naturalization law so as to require aliens to take out their full naturalization papers before exercising the right of franchise. They can now vote after having filed their declarations to become citizens, or first papers, as generally referred to by this class of citizens.

Requiring a registration of voters in St. Louis county.

The following four propositions will be submitted under the initiative and referendum and will follow the other amendments on the ballot as here indicated:

Providing for an abolition of taxes upon personal property, other than that owned by public service corporations. This is what is known as the single tax amendment.

Abolishing the state board of equalization and providing for the appointment by the governor of a tax commission, to be composed of three persons. This amendment is a companion piece to the single tax proposition.

Authorizing the opening of the ballot boxes when it is in evidence that crimes against the election law have been committed, and which could only be established after an examination of the contents of the boxes. This is by far the longest of all the amendments. It was prepared at the instance of the Women's Christian Temperance union.

Providing for a mill tax for support of the state university, the state normals and the public schools, the tax to be divided equally.

It will be observed that educational measures constitute the head and tail of the proposed changes in the constitution.

The governor revoked a parole issued to James Dooley of Warren county June 11, 1911. Dooley entered a plea of guilty to burglary in May, 1910, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. He was paroled to William Crews of Wright City. A letter from Crews to the governor states that Dooley recently has been in trouble with officers at Wright City.

Governor Hadley heard arguments in the application for the extradition to Oklahoma of L. J. Galbreath, manager of a bloomer girls baseball club, who is charged with carrying away a trunkful of property valued at \$71 belonging to the players. Governor Hadley took the case under advisement. The team is said to be stranded in Guthrie.

Governor Hadley appointed Avon E. Taylor county superintendent of public schools for Clinton county, vice Miss Anne E. Horde, resigned.

State Auditor Gordon gave out the valuations fixed by the state board of equalization on the public corporation property of the state for the present year's taxes. The total stands at \$184,498,518, an increase of \$3,236,810. The railroads are valued at \$165,504,659, an increase of \$1,549,898. The telegraph lines are valued at \$2,779,270, and the telephone lines at \$9,958,084.

Governor Hadley has appointed three delegates to represent Missouri at a congress of men officially employed, or interested in, the science of road building. The congress meets at Cincinnati, December 3 to 6. The meeting will be held in connection with the national convention of the American Road Builders' association.

Governor Hadley consented to present resolutions and petitions of Missouri women's organizations favoring an amendment to the constitution for equal suffrage for women to the Republican state committee at its meeting here and to ask that the amendment proposed be adopted as a platform plank.

FOREIGN BELIEFS ARE QUEER

Spanish Wedding Is Ruined if One Person Appears Entirely in Black—Some Other Signs.

In Spain the wedding is spoiled if one of the guests appears entirely in black, or if the bride looks into a mirror after orange blossoms and veil are fast in her headdress.

When a person's hair ends split, it's taken by the superstitious for a sign that she is either a witch or has been bewitched. As blond hair splits more readily than dark hair, all witches, spirits and sorceresses have blond or red hair, according to popular belief. Likewise, according to the standard of art.

On the marriage eve there is often much good-natured rivalry between the groom and the bride in the Slav countries as to who shall blow out the candle, for the person who does will be "first to die." It is impossible to trace the origin of this superstition, yet it prevails in aristocratic society as well as in the peasant's hut, even as like this, that "to insure the life and health of the children" the woman must occupy the right side of the bed. In addition, she must not smoke before her forty-fifth year.

There is a superstition in this country and many others against burning a broom. The bud of birch broom is used in Southern Germany as a preventive against erysipelas. These buds, a piece of yellow wax and some other articles are enclosed in a pink silk bag, secured with red silk and worn on the back of the neck. The person must change his shirt every Friday.

A Pen and Ink Shakespeare.

Woodrow Wilson, on a recent visit to Atlantic City, referred good humorously to his rather illegible handwriting.

"But my hand is nothing," he said, "to that of Horace Greeley." "Poor Greeley once quoted from Shakespeare in a leading article, 'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true.' 'This appeared the next day: 'Tis two, 'tis fifty, 'tis fifty, 'tis fifty-two.'"

American Tools Preferred.

A favorite sport in New Zealand, as also in Australia and Tasmania, is competition in wood chopping and sawing; and in these contests, which attract a great deal of interest, the championships are always won through the use of American tools. In fact, the expert woodsman working for a prize would never think of using any other kind of tools.

Minor Bookkeeping Item.

A small item was overlooked in the bookkeeping department of the United States navy. It was the charge for guns installed on the battleships Florida and Utah. The item was for the trifling sum of \$1,800,000.

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