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# Sunday School Lesson

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## LESSON FOR JULY 31

### SAUL TEACHING AT ANTIOCH.

**LESSON TEXT**—Acts 11:19-30.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—A whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people.—Acts 11:26.  
**REFERENCE MATERIAL**—Acts 5:42; I Tim. 2:5-7; II Tim. 2:2.  
**PRIMARY TOPIC**—Carrying Help to Jerusalem.  
**JUNIOR TOPIC**—Saul Helping Others in the Christian Life.  
**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—Entering Upon a New Career.  
**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—A Year's Teaching in Antioch.

When God was about to launch the missionary enterprise among the Gentiles, He arranged for a new religious center. Antioch was admirably adapted for such a center. The upper classes were Greeks and used the Greek language. The government officials were Romans and used the Latin tongue. While the masses were Syrians, sprinkled among them were Jews who had come for commercial purposes; also travelers from all parts of the world were in evidence.

#### I. A Religious Awakening at Antioch (vv. 19-21).

1. The occasion (v. 19a). The persecution at Jerusalem scattered the disciples abroad. This God permitted in order to separate them from the home people at Jerusalem.

2. The preachers (v. 19b). They were ordinary men and women, not officials, but they were filled with the yearning desire for lost souls and witnessed of the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Ghost.

3. What they preached (vv. 19b, 20). They preached the "Word" and the "Lord Jesus." All who preach the Word will preach the Lord Jesus; for He is its center. The real reason why there are not conversions today is the failure of ministers to preach the Word.

#### II. Barnabas Sent to Inspect the Work at Antioch (vv. 22-24).

This was a wise selection. 1. The character of Barnabas (v. 24). He was a good man. It is highly important in sending a man to follow up a work of the Spirit that his character be good. He not only must be of an unblemished character, but his sympathies must be broad. He must be capable of entering into full appreciation of the things about him. Much mischief often results from sending injudicious men to look after the Lord's work. He was full of the Holy Spirit. This is an essential qualification for pastoral work. Only a Spirit-filled man can appreciate the workings of the Spirit of God. He was also a man of great faith.

2. Work done by Barnabas (v. 23). He gladly endorsed the work and earnestly exhorted them to steadfastly continue in the faith, clinging unto the Lord. There are many allurements to tempt young Christians. The rejoicing of Barnabas shows that he was a man who could rejoice in the work of others. He did more than inspect the work; for many people were added unto the Lord. Doubtless he preached.

#### III. Barnabas Brings Saul (vv. 25, 26).

The work grew to such an extent that help was needed. Barnabas had the good judgment to seek Saul for this important work. Barnabas knew that the bringing of Saul would mean his taking a secondary place. It is the duty of Christian leaders to seek out men who are qualified for the Lord's work and bring them from their places of obscurity, setting them to work in the Lord's vineyard. There are many men in obscurity which it requires a Barnabas to bring forth.

#### IV. The Disciples First Called Christians (v. 26b).

They were not called Christians in derision, as is so often asserted. It was a consequence of Saul and Barnabas teaching there for a year that they were called Christians. The name was a consequence of the teaching. In all Saul's teaching he showed the unique relation which the Christian sustains to Christ. Since the body closely resembles his head, Christ, they were called Christians.

#### V. The Church at Antioch Sends Relief to Jerusalem (vv. 27-30).

The Holy Spirit through Agabus made known a great dearth throughout the world. This came to pass in the days of Claudius Cesar. Every man according to his ability determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwell in Judea. They made up money for the poor saints at Jerusalem and sent it by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. This act not only proved the genuineness of the work at Antioch, but it emphasized the fact that there is no division between Jew and Gentile.

#### Christ's Blessing.

From Heaven Christ sends down a blessing. He communicates His nature to us, and so we learn how we are to live, and how we are to let Him live in us; and we see somewhat of what we might be if we had faith, and hope, and love, to bear the weight of the glory.—H. Monseil.

#### Where Love Reigns.

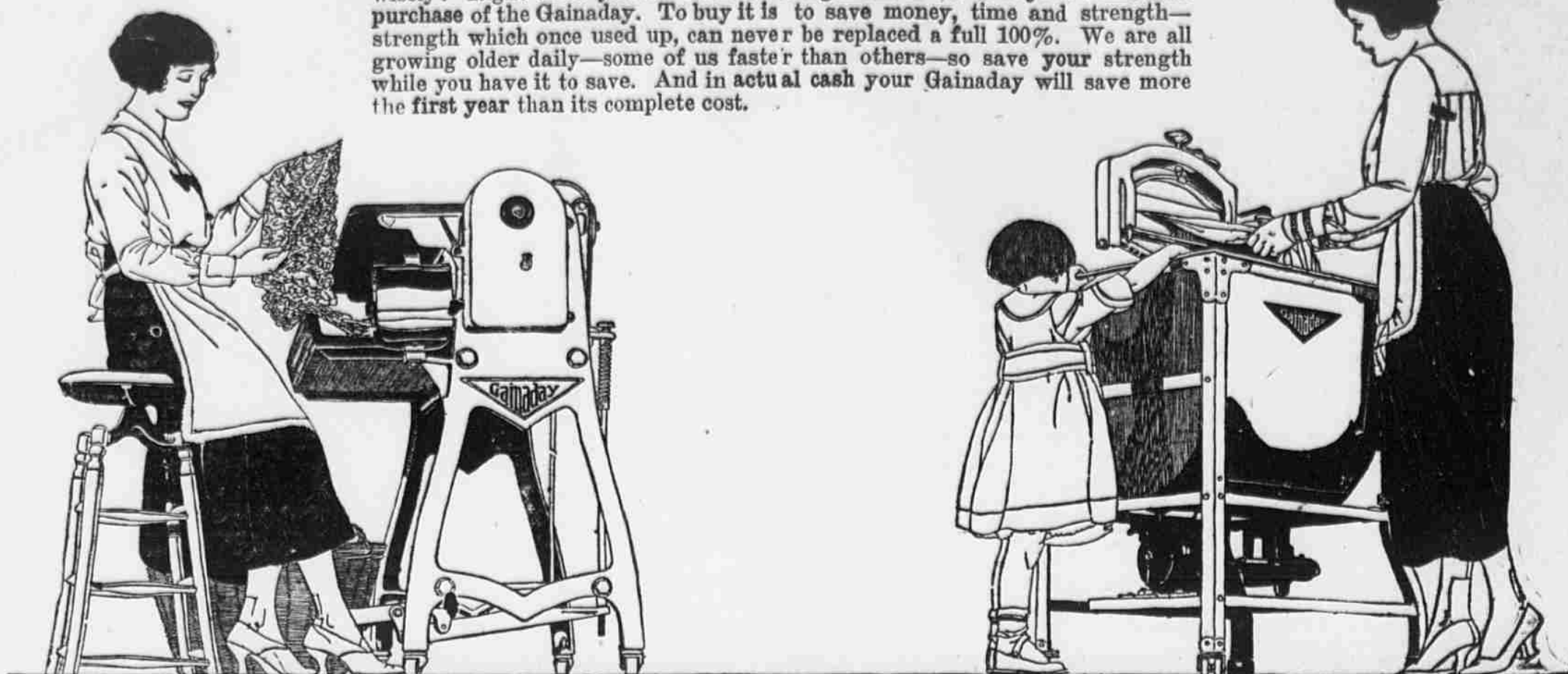
"The best way to cultivate love in your heart is to enthroned Jesus there—for He is love, and, where He is, love reigns."

#### Biliousness and Constipation

"For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, helping the system to do its work naturally," writes Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala.—Adv.

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### TYRONE A DESERTED VILLAGE

"Queen of the Mining Camps," in New Mexico, Has Suffered From Copper Market Slump.

Tyrone, queen of the mining camps of New Mexico, built at a cost of \$3,000,000 and given an artistic atmosphere through the influence of Mrs. Cleveland H. Dodge, is an empty shell.

A few short months ago 45 hundred men, women and children worked, lived and enjoyed life in what probably is the most beautiful mining camp in the world. Now the Phelps-Dodge corporation copper mines are closed, there is no ore awaiting shipment, no means of livelihood remaining, and stores have been closed. Inhabitants are leaving, the railroad has served notice that trains no longer will run.

Within a short time only a dozen men, guards for the mines and their expensive machinery, will be left. Even the Phelps-Dodge corporation general store has closed and the entire stock has been shipped to Douglas.

Tyrone boasts the most beautiful railroad station in the state, built by the mining corporation. Homes of miners are bungalows, not the usual shanty type of western mining camps. The camp was the pet of Mrs. Dodge, and largely through her influence a southern California plan of building was carried out.

Closing of the town, however, is considered only a temporary measure, according to company officials, who point out that the shutdown will continue just as long as the copper market remains in its present state of stagnation.

Opposition, adverse circumstances, do not put brains into men, but they draw out what is in them.

### 50,000 BUSHELS OF SEED WHEAT CERTIFIED FROM PURE LINE VARIETIES

Fifty thousand bushels of certified wheat will be available for seeding purposes in Ohio this fall, according to W. A. Hanger of Columbus, who is secretary of the Ohio Seed Improvement Association. Certified seed wheat is secured through the inspection at harvest time of fields which were sown to new strains and pure-line varieties developed at the Ohio experiment station.

The new varieties that have gained favor among Ohio farmers are Gladden, Trumbull, Portage and Ohio 127. The Gladden was developed from the old Gypsy, the Portage from Poole and the Trumbull and Ohio 127 from Fultz wheat.

To be certified, varieties must be free from cheat, cockle, rye and stinking smut and contain less than one-half of one per cent of other varieties. Fields sown with certified-grown seed may be certified the following year if the grain comes up to the standard. Through this process many Ohio counties are standardizing their varieties of wheat, growing only one or two varieties.

### SELECTED OAT STRAIN IS HIGHEST YIELDER

Ohio 6293, a selected strain of oats, has proven to be the highest yielder in a 12-year test at the Ohio experiment station. It has a yield for this period of more than 70 bushels.

No fertilizer was applied to the oats in this test, but the corn preceding the oats received 10 tons of phosphate manure and one and one-half tons of ground limestone. The variety has been grown in a 4-year rotation of corn, oats, wheat and cover.

Golden Ran, Silvermine, Improved American and Lincoln closely follow Ohio 6293, yielding an average of more than 65 bushels.

Other varieties in order of their yields are: Clear of Russia, Sixty Day, American Banner, Green Mountain and Big Four.

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