

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 3

Lesson Title: "Jesus Christ, the First and the Last."
 Lesson Text: Rev. 1: 1-8, 17-20.
 Memorize vs. 4-6.

Golden Text: "Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore."—Rev. 1: 17-18.

I. "Fear Not."

Fear is one of the most difficult and dangerous things to overcome. It affects our health, particularly our digestion. It affects our character, particularly our initiative and action. It affects our hopes, particularly in sorrow and in disaster.

To everybody who has any temptation to fear there comes the admonition of the Gospel message, reiterated by John, the beloved disciple: "Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore." If you think of the prime causes of fear, you will see how Jesus meets every one of them. He never ignores any fear which comes to human life. He does not get rid of it by denying its existence. He has no false philosophy to bring to the children of men.

Every man has some pet fear. It lives with him in spite of his reason and of his faith. Sometimes it is as inglorious as the fear of the little child who was found crying in the middle of the night. His mother said to him: "What is the matter, Charles?"

He replied: "I was afraid when I grew up that I wouldn't have money enough to pay my taxes!"

What right has a christian to fear? No harm from God can come to him on ocean or on shore!

II. "The Churches of Asia."

The book of Revelation is a message thru the apostle John "to the seven churches that are in Asia." The seven churches mentioned are located at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. This is the section in which many thousands of the Armenians have been living, together with many thousands of Turks. The Armenian nation was one of the first to accept christianity. It is now sealing its testimony to christian things by the blood of countless martyrs, including men and women and even little children! He who studies world conditions at the present time cannot fail to be impressed with what is going on in this old Bible territory.

Suppose John were to write a letter to seven churches in your section today. What message do you think that he would give them? Look over the messages to the seven churches of Asia, as given in the first three chapters of Revelation, and see how they fit churches today. There is a timeliness and a modernness about the Bible which is almost startling. Human nature is practically the same today that it was in John's time. We need the same admonitions that were necessary for people then. The question is whether we have the grit to apply them to ourselves and to our own church.

III. "The Living One."

When John saw the mighty messenger who spoke to him, the Record says that he "fell at his feet as one dead." Then there came to John a great declaration as this messenger said, "Fear Not; I am... the Living one."

I like the declaration of the messenger; "I am the Living one." God is not dead! Luther was comforted in his time of danger and despair, when his wife asked him point-blank: "Is God dead?" And Sojourner Truth, the old slave woman, helped Lincoln

SUMMER ROMANCE ENDS IN ENGAGEMENT



An engagement of international interest has just been made known through the announcement of Mr. Chiswell D. Langhorne, of Mirador, Greenwood, Va., that his granddaughter, Miss Nancy Keen Perkins, is to become the wife of Mr. Henry Field, son of the late Marshall Field, Jr., of Chicago, Ill., and one of the heirs of the great Field fortune. The engagement of Miss Perkins to Mr. Field follows a romance of summer life at Bar Harbor, Me., where his brother, Mr. Marshall Field, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson have country places.

by saying to him: "God is not dead, Abraham! God is not dead!" Let us lay hold of this great truth. God has not forsaken or forgotten his world or his people. He has not lost control of the forces of peace and righteousness. As Browning sang:

"God's in his heaven,
 All's right with the world!"

Therefore take up your daily work with courage and hope. Speak hope-

fully to your brother. Keep at your appointed task; it is worth doing and worth doing well. Believe, in spite of battle and bloodshed, poverty and pretense, woe and wickedness,—believe that God still lives and is working out his plans. You are the servant of "the Living one." Because he lives, you shall live also! Because he lives, his kingdom is coming. It will conquer! Let us rejoice in the assurance and fact of a living God!

Household Hints

TURKEYLESS THANKSGIVING MENUS

The following vegetarian menu for Thanksgiving will be of interest to housewives in these high-cost-of-living times:

Cream of Chestnut Soup
 Celery Radishes Ripe Olives
 Vegetable Turkey Cranberry Jelly
 Caramel Sweet Potatoes
 Mashed Hubbard Squash
 Fruit Salad Nut Bread
 Pumpkin Pie Oranges Apples
 Coffee

Vegetable Turkey Recipe—Chop three cups nut meats quite fine and add three cups dry bread crumbs wet with milk, a tablespoon of butter melted in a little milk, one teaspoon sage, two teaspoons salt, then stir in six well-beaten eggs. Bake in well buttered tin twenty minutes. Serve hot with brown gravy.

Brown Gravy: Two cups boiling water, add six tablespoons peanut meal, season to taste, thicken to proper consistency with browned flour.

Vegetable Turkey—Two cups lentil, bean or peas puree, two eggs, one-half cup toasted bread crumbs, one-half-cup browned flour, two teaspoons celery salt, two teaspoons sage, one cup strained tomato, two cups nut meal or finely chopped nuts, one-fourth cup cream, juice of medium

sized onion, one teaspoon salt.

Cook the legumes (either lentils, peas or beans) until quite tender and dry. Make into puree by putting through colander. Beat the egg slightly and add the other ingredients in the order given. Then bake in a hot oven twenty or thirty minutes, or until nicely browned. If desired this mixture may be shaped with a paring knife or spatula to represent a fowl. Serve with cream sauce or brown sauce.

OTHER MENUS

Oyster Soup
 Roast Duck Stuffed with Apples
 Sweet Potato Croquettes
 Cauliflower Fruit Salad
 Nesselrode Pudding Coffee
 Escaloped Oysters
 Roast Chicken
 Mashed Potatoes Succotash
 Cranberry Jelly
 Pumpkin Pie Coffee

THE TABLE

Escaloped Sweet Potatoes—Parboil then peel; slice crosswise and pack in layers in pudding dish, seasoning each layer with butter, salt, pepper and a little sugar; cover thickly with cracker crumbs wet with cream; stick bits of butter in this coating, dust with salt and pepper; bake, covered, half an hour, then brown.

Honeycomb Cream—One pint milk, two eggs, four tablespoons sugar, four ounces gelatin. Beat yolks of eggs with sugar, add milk; pour this into granite sauce pan and stir over fire until it thickens, but do not let it boil; then add gelatine, stirring until thoroughly mixed. Let stand thirty minutes, then add whites of eggs beaten to a stiff froth; put into mold and let stand in cool place till set.

Prune Cake—One cup sugar, two eggs (one will do) one tablespoon shortening, one cup buttermilk or sweet milk (buttermilk preferred), two cups flour, one-half teaspoon soda (if sour milk is used) dissolved in milk; also teaspoon baking powder. Use any flavoring desired. Last thing, put in one cup chopped prunes and one-half cup nut meats cut fine and dredged with one-half cup flour. **Frosting:** One coffee cup confectionery sugar, white of one of the eggs used for the cake (you need not beat it,) two teaspoons orange juice, teaspoon butter.

FAMOUS AUTHOR DIES

SANTA ROSA—The tempestuous career of Jack London is over.

The famous writer and soldier of fortune died Nov. 22 at his ranch near Santa Rosa, Cal., of uremia, aged 40. His best known books are: The Call of the Wild, 1903; The Sea Wolf, 1904; White Fang, 1907; Before Adam, 1907; Martin Eden, 1909; Burning Daylight, 1910; When God Laughs, 1910; The Cruise of the

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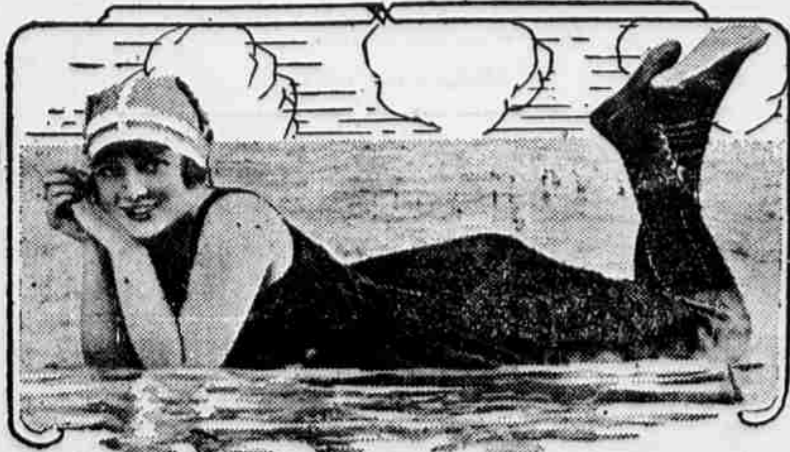
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