

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR APRIL 19.

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP.

LESSON TEXT.—Luke 14:25-35.
GOLDEN TEXT.—"Whoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 16:25.

While this discourse is recorded only by St. Luke, still there are many things mentioned here to which our Lord made reference on other occasions. Last Sunday's Easter lesson made a break in the sequence of lessons we have been following, and shall follow for several succeeding Sundays. Leaving the chief Pharisee's house wherein he criticized both host and guests, "great multitudes" followed our Lord. Turning, he uttered some of the severest and yet the most wonderful words that ever fell from his lips, as we shall see if we follow all of this part of our lesson series.

Multitude Rebuked.

I. A Caution, v. 26. On another occasion, John 6:26, Jesus rebuked the multitude which followed him. This multitude who pressed about him did not realize what was involved in a true following. They were influenced by the psychology of the crowd, and did not count the cost. Jesus does not mean that our discipleship will lessen our love for our kin (Eph. 5:25, 28-31; 6:1-4), but as compared with our love for him it is aversion. See Matt. 10:37; Phil. 3:7, 8; Ps. 73:25, 26. Aversion is to turn aside, and the Master told us that those who shall turn aside thus shall have an abundant reward, see Mark 10:28-30. Jesus Christ must be supreme in a Christian's affections. He who freely gave his own self (John 3:16, Phil. 2:8) has a right to demand a like devotion to himself, and as men have approached nearest to such a consecration he has exalted them. The Cross means the shame, sorrow, pain and death of self and all that lies in the pathway of loyalty and devotion to him. II Tim. 3:12, Acts 14:22.

II. A Challenge, vv. 27-32. (1) The instruction, v. 27. As if to make this caution more solemn, Jesus sets before the multitude the manner of his approaching death and the condition of discipleship. He here lays down the first declaration of the severe terms of discipleship, but explains the meaning of his words. There is a new meaning of this passage suggested by the Revised Version of v. 33, "so likewise" is rendered, "so therefore." Our Lord does certainly insist that those who build a tower or conduct a war must count the cost; so, likewise, they who follow him. But by this change the opposite thought is suggested, viz., that those who follow him must do so whatever the cost may be. (2) The illustrations, (a) The builder of a tower, vv. 29, 30, and (b) The King at war, vv. 31, 32. Too often we present to men what is to be gained by Christian discipleship. The gain does outweigh the cost, but as wise builders we must present the cost side of the transaction.

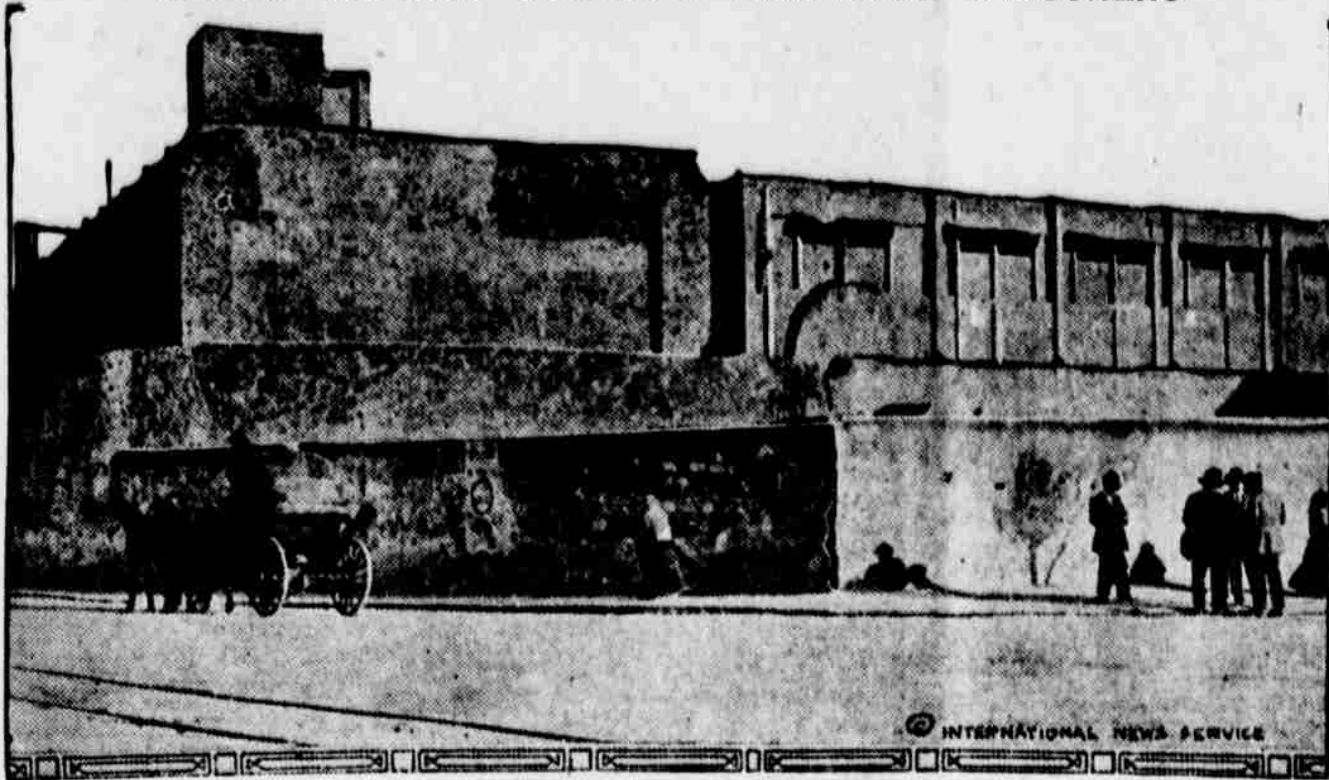
Homely Illustrations.

III. The Conclusion, vv. 33-35. We have already indicated the conclusion towards which Jesus was leading with terrific logic, and by looking back to the first verse of the lesson we see what it was he was seeking to impress upon the minds of the thoughtless multitude. Again the Master uses one of those homely illustrations gathered from the common experiences of life which he employed so frequently to amplify or to drive home a great truth. There must be quality as well as devotion to this discipleship. Salt preserves from corruption, seasons insipidity, freshens and sweetens. These qualities are referred to abundantly by Scriptural writers. Salt is highly prized in the East. The natural man is presented also as being corrupt, Gen. 6:11; 8:21; Ps. 14:2, 3; Eph. 2:1-3. The remedy for this is the active presence of his disciples among their fellows. The true disciple is like salt with a good savor. On the other hand, salt that has lost its savor is not even fit for a dung-hill, but is thrown out and trodden under foot of men. So our Lord sets aside that disciple of his who has lost his usefulness. This expresses our Lord's contempt and scorn of those who lack, not merely a certain kind of character, but those whose profession and appearance would indicate a better expectation.

This lesson presents the severity of the claims of Jesus. Irresistibly he drew the multitudes to himself. Witness the crowd following him as he leaves the house of the ruler. But he paused and by his teaching sifted them, and seemingly made it difficult to follow him.

What is the purpose of discipleship? It means co-operation. The work of the King is to build and to battle, so the disciple must wield both sword and trowel. He must set aside his interests and devote himself and all of his strength to the work and the warfare. We must not, as has been intimated, allow ourselves to imagine that these sayings of Jesus conflict with his tender words about the home or of men coming to him for rest (Matt. 11:28-30). The ultimate end of discipleship is that the surging restlessness of the multitude shall indeed find rest in him.

WHERE HUERTA CONFINES PROMINENT PRISONERS



This is Boem prison in Mexico City, the ugly and grim building in which General Huerta imprisons the most important of his enemies who fall into his hands unless they are at once put to death.

MISS MATTIE R. TYLER



Miss Mattie R. Tyler, aged seventy years, a granddaughter of former President Tyler, is here seen entering the White House, where she pleaded with President Wilson to help her regain the post office at Courtland, Va. She was postmistress there for 17 years, supporting herself and a sister on the annual salary of \$650.

SENATOR SHIVELY



Senator B. F. Shively of Indiana, acting chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, recently made a speech in the senate in defense of the administration's policy in regard to Mexico.

A Poser.

"What is the Latin word for potato?" asked the village trustee. "Why," said the would-be school teacher, "potatoes were brought from Virginia by Sir Walter." "Answer my question if you can!" said the trustee sharply; "and if you can't, say so!" And he subsequently told everybody in the village how he "stuck him."—Fuck.

SCHNECTADY, NEW YORK, UNDER WATER



Many cities and towns in the northern part of New York suffered severely during the recent floods. This photograph shows how the people of Schenectady were compelled to make use of boats in the streets.

HOME OF NEXT WHITE HOUSE BRIDE



This is the McAdoo residence on Massachusetts avenue, Washington, to which in all probability the secretary of the treasury, after his marriage to Miss Eleanor Wilson, will take his bride.

Come Again, Reggie!

Reggie—So, by way of breaking the ice, I remarked that the weather was very cold.
Henry—Well, and what did she reply?
Reggie—She said, "The recurring phenomena of heat and cold are so frequent and so familiar as to be matters too negligible to engage my interest, Mr. Risky."
Henry—That's all?—Judge.

The Camphor, Quick!

Margaret and Van were breakfasting together late one morning. Van was hungry and Margaret fractious. "Van, how can you eat so much?" demanded Margaret, irritably. "Oh, I'm a Van, you know," returned he good-naturedly. "I can carry a good deal."
"Yes," retorted Margaret, "you're a regular carry-van."—Indianapolis News

Good Cheer Aids Digestion of Food

Dyspeptics Can Make the Rest of the Family Happy by Using a Laxative-Tonic.

The temper of the family and the good cheer around the table depend so much on the good digestion of each individual present that the experiences of some former dyspeptics who overcame their trouble should be of interest to those now suffering in this way.

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SCOURGE IS STILL DEADLY

Claims of a "Cure" for Consumption Have Not Been Verified by Scientific Authorities.

In spite of the statements of a number of individuals who have recently claimed that they have found a "cure" for consumption, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, the highest authority on this disease in America, declares that there is no information at hand to justify the belief that any specific cure for tuberculosis has been discovered which deserves the confidence of the medical profession and the people. Backing up these statements, the United States Public Health Service declares that outside of the three essentials in the treatment of consumption, namely, rest, fresh air, and good food, "There is no drug known, however, rare or expensive it may be that has any curative action in this disease, and all remedies advertised as such are to be avoided. Patent cough medicines are harmful; radium, X-rays or electricity in any of its forms have no special value in tuberculosis of the lungs. No serum has yet been found that will cure it, and there is no plaster or poultice which has any effect in the disease itself."

Brainless Town?

Bill—Do you believe that fish make brains?
Jill—Certainly do.
"Well, they tell me every man who has gone in the fish business in your town has failed."

Probably Will.

"Another Chicago woman has murdered her husband for treating her brutally."
"That ought to be a lesson to him."

A man's good opinion of himself isn't going to fool St. Peter.

Putnam Fadeless Dyes will last until the goods wear out. Adv.

The barking dog seldom bites the cautious man.

Have You a Bad Back?

Whenever you use your back, does a sharp pain hit you? Does your back ache constantly, feel sore and lame? It's a sign of sick kidneys, especially if the kidney action is disordered, too, passages scanty or too frequent or off color. In neglect there is danger of dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease. Use Doan's Kidney Pills which have cured thousands.

An Indiana Case

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We Must Have It.

Pessimist—The cost of living is terrible.
Optimist—But it's worth the price.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

To Have and to Hold.

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