

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 5

ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL.

LESSON TEXT—1 Kings 18:30-39.
GOLDEN TEXT—Jehovah is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Prov. 15:29 R. V.

Following the lesson of last week we have (ch. 18:1-16) the interesting account of Ahab's search for Elijah and of the prophet's meeting with Obadiah. Verses 5 and 6 suggest the severity of the drought in the land. Ahab's accusation, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel," is replied to by Elijah's challenge regarding a contest between himself, the representative of Jehovah, and the king's prophets representing Baal, (vv. 17-25). In accordance with the stipulations the prophets of Baal accepted the challenge and most miserably failed (vv. 26-29). The place of this dramatic contest was Mt. Carmel (see map) and the time probably B. C. 906.

I. Elijah's Preparation vv. 30-35.
On Carmel's crown now swarms a countless throng
With one brave soul to stand for God
Against millions in the wrong.
—George L. Taylor.

Elijah gave the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 priests of the groves (v. 19) every advantage possible that he might the more clearly unmask their error and make more signal their defeat. Their frenzied cries and self-injury continued fruitlessly until 3:00 p. m. Then Elijah announces the details which were to remove all possible doubt as to whose champion he was or who is to answer his petition. (a) He calls the people together (v. 30) drawing them nigh to God and challenging their undivided attention after the confusion produced by the priests and their consternation over their defeat. (b) He constructs the altar (vv. 30-31). Any true and lasting reformation must begin at the altars of God. Restore one in the heart, the home and church and there will return to all unity and strength. Note Elijah's insistence upon an undivided nation, as suggested by the "twelve stones." While any lasting reformation must begin in the individual heart, still if it is true and genuine it will work itself out in the nation. "Israel shall be thy name." The "prince that prevails with God," who had wrought for their fathers, who answered Jacob's prayer, is now about to answer Elijah. This altar was not constructed as a monument to departed one, nor for the ornamentation of the house of God. It was in God's first cathedral and for his glory alone. On this altar Elijah placed his sacrifice.

Again Israel is to prevail over its enemies, this time those within, not those from without. (c) He covered the altar (vv. 33,34) e. g., poured water upon it to remove all possible accusation of fraud or trickery. The trench "as great as would contain two measures of seed" (v. 32) is equivalent to six gallons. Three times water was taken from the spring, still flowing at this place, and poured upon the altar, twelve jars in all again symbolizing the twelve tribes.

II. Elijah's Prayer, vv. 35,37. The great prophet even could only secure through prayer his desired blessing though its purpose was "that this people may know that thou Lord art God." His prayer was: (a) Addressed to God; (b) Grounded upon experience, that of "Abraham, Isaac and Jacob;" (c) It was for one purpose, the honor of that name; (d) It was to sanction his act in calling forth the drought upon Israel as a punishment for the sins of princes, priests and people; (e) It was founded upon the word of Jehovah, to corroborate and to affirm the works done "at thy word;" (f) It was for the conversion of the people, that their hearts might be turned back to Jehovah once more.

Elijah, the man of faith, staked his all upon the Word of God, he gave himself up wholly to the plans and purposes of God, and relied explicitly upon the covenant-keeping God.

III. God's Power, vv. 38-40. We are confident Elijah had never seen fire fall and that he must have realized the awful catastrophe involved if it did not fall. Yet he fearlessly makes his plea and the fire fell. It was not an accidental stroke of lightning, God, the creator, worked upon the laws of nature, his servant, and wrought confusion to his enemies. It would be a strange God and father who could not use his own laws and creation to produce a moral effect.

The abundance of proof was that not only the offering, but the water and the very stones of the altar were consumed. Risking all, all is won.

What we need everywhere is men who will follow in Elijah's steps in order that the fire of God may come upon us. There remained no longer any doubt, God is God, Baal is a sham. So they "fell on their faces," yet in spite of the victories of God men today refuse to render unto him like obedience and worship.

Compare in this connection the fire of God's holy spirit which came upon the apostles and believers at Pentecost and the resultant convicting power convincing the people of Jerusalem that the crucified Christ was the son of God.

New Sports Sweater for Fall



No outfit is quite complete in these days without a sweater of some sort. And there is a wide and varied choice in sweaters, for they are claiming more attention than ever before in their history. There are finely woven sweaters of silk, in gay colors, which one sees at the afternoon concert, at the country club, on the beaches and the golf links, and in any other outdoor meetings of fashionables. There are sweaters considerably like them, made of artificial silk, usually in more vivid colorings than the all-silk variety. Then there are the practical wool sweaters, similar to that shown in the picture, and belonging to the same class. The new models are carefully designed to the end that they may embody just the right style. In the example pictured here, for instance, it will be noticed that the sleeves are well shaped and finished with a cuff and button. The patch pockets leave a turnover flap, and the new order of things in belts is recognized. The collar may be turned up close about the neck if required. Because this is a sweater for real comfort in cool days it is rather heavy. Its usefulness begins with fall, and continues to the coming of another summer, for it reinforces the too light wrap in the depths of winter. It is an excellent model to choose for the young girl to wear to school during the autumn months, and nothing could be better designed or arranged for sports wear. Sweaters of wool stand the rough handling which they are likely to get from young people, and continue to look none the worse for it. Now that they are made in beautiful colors and with so much attention to style, the field of their usefulness is wonderfully increased.

Three New Models for Fall



Of all things, millinery requires careful choosing, and, after it is bought, the hat requires careful placing on the head, if it is to fulfill its destiny. According to an old millinery maxim that destiny is to improve the appearance of the wearer. "You must look better with your hat than without it"—that is the exacting test to which each new mode is to be subjected. The three new models for fall, which appear here, are types that will repay a little study on the part of those who consider things before buying them. They include a small turban, a turban with extension crown which forms a halo brim, and one of the graceful wide-brimmed hats to which fashion is extending welcoming hands. Quite a number of these wide-brimmed hats are shaped with brims turning upward at the back. This has brought in the underbrim trimming again and it is not confined to wide-brimmed shapes. Short, curling ostrich plumes fit into the trimming of the underbrim in the most graceful way. The small turban is made of corded silk, and would be equally effective in panne velvet. The material is covered with corded tufts and serves for the covering of the hat and for its trimming. The edges are finished with a silver tinsel braid which has the effect of needlework. It looks like close-set overcast stitches, and needlework decoration is a feature of the new fall millinery. The turban with extension crown is made of black velvet and white chiffon. A bead work ornament trims the front and is made entirely of white beads. The soft and graceful brim of the third hat bespeaks for it, and for many others of the same character, first place in the favor of young women. It is made of velvet in black or one of the dark shades of fashionable colors. The trimming is of white fancy ostrich and looks like a bit of fireworks, done in frost. It throws its sprays in front of the eye of the wearer with an abandon unknown to ornaments hitherto. But it is strong in the knowledge that it is less in the way of vision than many a veil.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

SPIRIT DESTROYS HIS HAPPY HOME

Wife Never Had Best of Temper, But Spiritualism Sends Her Amuck.

LEFT HIM 22 TIMES

Muttered at the Sink Because Water Didn't Run Fast Enough to Suit Her, Says Exasperated Husband.

Detroit, Mich.—Twenty-two times in the last fifteen years Mrs. Helen Ward has packed her clothes, the family pictures and china and quit her job as the wife of John F. Ward, a middle-aged druggist and violin maker.

Twenty-one times John Ward laid aside his pestle and mortar or a partly finished violin, as the case might have been, and sought out his wife to plead until she returned and put back into their places the china and family portraits.

A few days ago, in a dingy back room of his drug store, with a partly finished violin across his knees, he told the story of how his home, his business and seven years of his life had been wrecked. "It was seven years ago," he said slowly, "that a woman entered my home with this spiritualism tomfoolery. I tried to stop it, but I was too late.

"Mother took it up and wouldn't drop it. "She never had the best of a temper, but we got along fairly well until she was medium-stricken. After that—oh, well! temper is a weak word after all.

Spirits Bad-Tempered. "The deeper mother got into spiritualism the uglier she became. She never seemed to get an amiable spirit. It wouldn't have been so bad if she had. I think it was either 'Black Hawk' or 'Red Eagle,' departed Indians, whose spirit possessed mother. I've seen her, when she had 'em, mutter at the sink because the water didn't run fast enough to suit her.

"When I protested she would fly into a rage, pack the china and family pictures and quit. Often it took two weeks to find her. When I did, sometimes she was sorry and ready to return. At other times she was ugly and I had to coax her.

"Once I thought she was nearly cured. A daughter by my first wife attended a seance. The next day she



She Smashed Vases Valued at \$150, While the Officer Looked On.

was possessed of the spirit of her departed mother. Her stepmother didn't like that a little bit and the powers she summoned from below or above made the other spirit retreat over the divide.

Smashed the Vases. "Two or three years ago, when the tight skirt had its inning, mother made one. After she put it on she came downstairs, twisted herself before the mirror and said, 'How do you like it, John?'

"It's all right, mother," I answered, 'but put your foot on the chair.' She did, and then I said, 'You will make a display, mother, when you get on a street car.'

"That night when I went upstairs after closing the store, mother, her clothes, the pictures and the china were gone. I found out where she was, but she wouldn't return. She had placed the china and several hand-painted vases at a friend's, and I got a writ of replevin to get them back.

"When the officer went to serve the writ mother was there. What could he do with the spirit of Black Hawk backing mother that night?

"In addition to breaking up our home it has taken money to keep mother traveling with the spirits of redskins and doctors who died a hundred years ago.

"Mother has had to tip Caesar, Brutus and those other fellows who are conductors on the transcendental trains, or maybe they're in the subways; I've forgotten, though mother told me once, I've paid the bills; I need money now, but—no, I don't believe that mother had a good time out of it."

THIEVES ABDUCT RED-GARBED FLEAS

Bible Also Included in Plunder Taken From Home With Martial Insects.

Hartford, Conn.—If two curious and unusual burglars who ransacked the curio room in Herbert Randall's home bring forth fruits meet for repentance he thinks they will return an old Bible they took, whatever disposition they may make of two red-robed fleas they included in their booty. The Bible was printed in Greek, and was more than a century old. The fleas were considerably younger—and dead.

"The fleas were dressed in red uniforms," said Mr. Randall. "I bought them from an old lady in Seattle who



Ransacked the Curio Room.

made a living dressing fleas in martial array. They reposed in little boxes against a background of white cotton, and I often observed them through a microscope. Their martial spirit had long since fled, but I hope they come to life and take vengeance on the thieves."

When no one was at home two men were seen to enter Mr. Randall's house at noon and leave an hour later. They carefully piled up a quantity of silver, but left it intact. They likewise spurned a gold and pearl necklace and numerous gold pins. They made their selection almost entirely from antiquities and curios, of which Mr. Randall has a large collection. The only modern article they took was a new suit of clothes.

One of the most valuable objects missing is an antique Roman gold pin, which was presented to Mr. Randall in Venice by an Italian woman of rank. They removed and left behind a topaz stone which was set in the pin. Many rare Greek coins, a cameo pin bought in Scotland, a unique diamond pin and an old gold watch are among the missing articles. Mr. Randall places his loss at \$1,000.

THEY "GUY" HIS TIN HAT

Whiting Built It Himself, for Himself to Wear on His Own Head, So It's His Own Affair.

Bangor, Me.—William H. Whiting of Jonesport, a seacoast village town in Washington county, doesn't care if he is caught out in the rain while wearing his new hat. It is made of tin and has a band of copper. In general build and dimensions it conforms to the 1915 model worn by fashionable young men. Mr. Whiting concluded that straw was too flimsy, wool too hot, and Panama too costly, so he went to his own tinshop and from the thinnest tin that he could find built for himself this novel hat. It shines gladly in the sunlight of the morning, reflects the glory of the sunset, and echoes musically in the rain.

The only thing about it that makes Whiting any way nervous is that some day it may attract a bolt of lightning. People "guy" the hat, but Whiting merely observes that it's his own hat.

COWS TRAVEL FAR TO MOURN

Wander Seven Miles to Spot Where Calves Were Killed in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia.—Employees at the cattle pens at Paoli freight station were puzzled the other day when they found two stray cows near the pens when they reported for work. The cows were lowing and wouldn't be driven away.

When F. H. Bernheisel, a cattle dealer of Newton square, arrived, he said that the cows were the mothers of two calves found trampled dead when a car containing a herd consigned to him was unloaded at Paoli. The calves were buried soon after the unloading and Bernheisel's employees drove the herd to his farm. The two mother cows got away from the pasture during the night and made the seven-mile journey to their "babies" at Paoli in darkness.

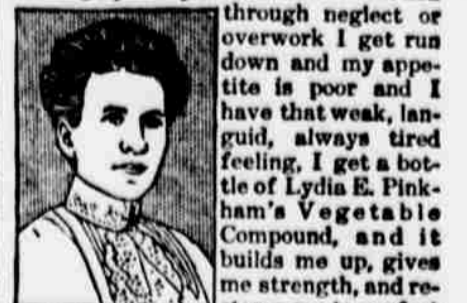
Inventor Has "Invisible Submarine."

Denver, Colo.—Patrick Keenan of this city has applied for a patent on what he characterizes as an "invisible submarine." Keenan's idea is to clothe the portions of the craft above water with mirrors so that they will reflect the color of the waves.

WOMEN WHO ARE ALWAYS TIRED

May Find Help in This Letter.

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A party meeting up with Lige remarked:

"Lige, I understand that you are suing your wife for divorce?"

"Ya-as sir, boss; I done gone and sued her."

"Well, Lige, upon what grounds are you bringing your suit?"

"Boss, it's jist like dis: She bin run'd off wid 'nudder nigger 'bout fo' years and I jist made up my mind to quit her."

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