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Boxt of the Lesson, Gen. xviii, 22-33-Mem www. Verses, 23-26 - Golden Text, Gen. will, 25-Commentary by the Rev. D. M.

The text of this lesson and the title, Sod's Judgment on Sodom," are somewhat perplexing. The proper text for the the is in the next chapter, and it seems me that a better title for the text assigned would be "Abraham's Intercession For Sodem." I will not take up the leswerse by verse, as is my custom, but thing the topic assigned will gather some bepful lessons from the whole story in the two chapters xviii and xix.

XVIII, 1-21. The Lord's visit to Abram and communion with him. The intilest of the visit of the three heavenly s, Jehovah Himself and two angels, to Abraham, his providing food for them and Seir eating it under the tree is in many ects the only one of the kind in the Bi-It is true that in the days of his hueffiction He dined in many homes, and mafter His resurrection did eat with disciples (Luke xxiv, 42, 43), but be the He became man this is the only in ce of such intimate fellowship as a with man. It reminds us of the felbrabin that must have been in Eden and will dwell with them (Rev. xxi, 3). But we have a privilege now, which seems be enjoyed by very few, of the constant person and fellowship of the Lord Jesus w. iii, 20; John xiv, 23; II Cor. vi, 16). we would only determine to be wholly , and only and always His, presenting bodies unreservedly as a living sacrihe, He would certainly accept and fill The Lord's question, Shall I hide from aham that thing which I do? reminds that it is written, "Surely the Lord d will de nothing, but He revenleth secret unto His servants, the proph (Amos iii, 7). And His own words In John xv, 15, "I have called you friends. It all things that I have heard of my Fa har I have made known unto you," show bow intimate He would like to be XVIII. 22-33. Abraham's intercession

Sodom. The angels have passed on to dom, and we shall meet them in the met section, but now Abraham is alone the Lord, and feeling his own unthiness he yet ventures, though he be dust and ashes (verse 27), to plead with the Lord to spare Sodom. While we wait for the coming of the Lord both matter and wicked all die and are often out of this world in the same discyclone, earthquake, shipwreck, hup or what not, but the upright have dominion over others in the righteous can never perish (John iii, 16). The destroying of verse 23 can only refer beir being cut off in the overthrow of the city. So Abraham pleads for the sake
of the righteous whom he hopes are to be
common there that the city may be spared.
The thinks there may be 50 and asks and neives. Fearing there may not be so my, he comes down to 45, then to 40, Sen 30 and 20 and finally to 10 and renoves the assurance that if there are 10 an in Sodom the city will be The sequel proves that there was some righteous man to be found (II Pst. fi, 7, 8), and while he would pass in set of our churches today, perhaps in all, sen his own children had not much con-Sance in him. On the power of inter-musion consider the pleading of Moses sim. xiv, 19, 20), and remember that Her was spared (xix, 21). On the other hand, note that wickedness may become percent that the intercession of a Moses wa Samuel may not avail, nor the preswas of a Noah, a Daniel or a Job suffice be deliver (Jer. xv, 1; Ezek. xiv, 14, 20). Ox Lord Jesus is not represented as intesceding for sinners (John xvii, 8), though wer liveth to make intercession for His own (Heb. vii, 25). Verse 33 says the Lord went His way, and Abraham returned to his place. Separated for a little outwardly but not in heart. What a word that is in Thess. iv, 17, which shall be fully true all believers soon-"forever with the XIX, 12-23. The rescue of Lot. What a

matrast between their ready acceptance of Abraham's invitation and the angels' prefmance of the street to the house of Lot paix, 1-3)! Is there anything in our hearts whives or home or business that would make the Lord or the angels desire to stay utside? In verses 12 to 14 consider how nsistent the life of Lot must have been Mat his testimony should only cause his dildren to mock at him. In verses 15, 16, - the earnestness of the angels as they mile Lot and his wife and daughters by the hand to hasten their escape. In verses I to 20 see Lot's perverseness and lingerbe and evident clinging to Sodom, but hewas saved for Abraham's sake (verse The angels went into Sodom; so we ment go where sinners are if we would much them. They did not mince matters, int spoke very plainly of the coming de-muction. We should speak as plainly as the Bible does of hell and everlasting punment, and the lake of fire and brimstone, and the worm that dieth not. The angels whed hard to save a very few, and they a peor specimens. We cannot estimate value of one soul. If we had only the Stil Testament record, we would not think let a righteous man. Therefore judge sething before the time until the Lord

XIX, 24-29. The judgment upon Sod-m. The Lord Jesus believed that fire ad brimstene came from heaven and de-myed Sodom and all her people and that Lot's wife became a pillar of sait (Luke sail, 20, 32). He also believed that there a deluge in the days of Nonh and int Jonah was three days and nights in be belly of a fish (Luke xvii, 27; Math 40.) We should have no fellowship ah these who think they are wiser than bees and teach that these things are not tree (Gal. i, 8, 9; II John ix, ii). In the es referred to in Luke avii our Lord duly teaches that when He shall come ok in His glory the conditions of affairs meanth shall be about as they were bethe deluge and in Sodom. It is also sinly taught that as Noah was safe in eark before the delage came, Lot out of dom before the fire, Hahab out of Jeri before the destruction, so all true beall be revealed in Jaming fire (he. navi. \$1; Lake xxi, \$6; Hev. (il. 10).

verses 27-29 consider Abraham dwellin peace and safety and fellowship th Jehovah at Hebron. Learn now to well with God and in God and have nothto do with Sodam except to rescue posHOW TO MAKE RUGS.

Three Methods of Fashioning Cheap Ar

Cut the carpeting, after it has been thoroughly cleaned and dried, into narrow strips across the width. Threefourths of an inch is the right width. Then draw the strips through the hands a few times to fray the edges somewhat. They are then sewed together by joining the selvages in a strong overcast stitch and wound into balls the same as all carpet rags are when prepared for the loom.

In this second method the strips are cut lengthwise of the width, the same size as the other, and then fringed a quarter of an inch on each side. Thus a fine nap is formed when the rug is woven, but when we consider the waste of good material and the tedious work necessary we conclude that it does not pay. In sewing these strips together care must be exercised in lapping the ends neatly, so that they will not show when the rug is woven. Then form into

balls The third method of making rugs of this material may recommend itself to some, as it does not need sending to the weaver, but instead brings into requisition the sewing machine. The strips are cut lengthwise the width and a little wider than in the other methods; tney are then fringed on each and stitchgests to us the coming days when the ed through the center on stout cloth, the sernacle of God shall be with men, and size of the rug you wish to make. In order to look nice and wear well, the strips must be sewed very closely together. Some think it easier to fringe the edges after the strips are sewed in place than before.

These rugs need a fringe 3 or 5 inches in width for each end in order to give them a finished appearance.

How to Make Corned Beef Hash.

A pint of cooked corned beef chopped fine, a pint of cold boiled potatoes chopped fine, a tablespoonful of butter, a teaspoonful of onion juice, a cup of stock or water, 3 dashes of pepper. Mix the meat and potatoes together; put them in a frying pau, add the stock, butter, onion juice and pepper; stir constantly until it boils. Serve on buttered toast.

How to Care For Caparies.

Keep the canary scrupulously clean. The cage should be strewn every morning with clean sand or fine gravel. Fresh water must be given every day, both for drinking and bathing-the latter being in a shallow vessel and during the molting season a small bit of iron should be put in the water for drinking. The food should consist principally of summer rape seed—that is, of those small blown rape seeds which are obtained from plants sown in the spring and which ripen during the summer.

A little chickweed in spring, lettuce leaves in summer and endive in autumn, with slices of sweet apple in winter, may be safely given, but bread and sugar ought to be generally avoided. Occasionally a few poppy or canary seeds, and a small quantity of bruised hempseed may be added, but the last very sparingly. During the winter the cage should never be hung in a room without a fire, but even then, when the air is mild and the sun shines bright, have the window open. The cage should never be less than 8 inches in diameter and a foot high, with perches at different heights.

How to Make Flannel Cakes.

Twelve ounces of flour, a quart of milk, 3 eggs, 2 teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful of salt. Mix the baking powder, salt and flour together, stirring in as much of Bodid pray for them at the cross, but He the milk as will make a stiff batter. Beat it smooth, adding the remainder of the milk and the eggs, well beaten. Bake on a griddle.

> How to Disinfect a House. One of the commonest household disinfectants is crude carbolic acid, which consists of a mixture of pure carbolic and cresylic acids, and is of a reddish brown color. Its strong, tarlike odor renders it a not disagreeable deodorant, but its insolubility in ordinary water, which is in inverse ratio to the amount of cresylic acid present, is, in a sense, a considerable drawback. It mixes, however, much more freely with hot water, and for all practical purposes the solution thus produced is sufficiently useful. Patients in some cases object to the smell, and some other disinfectant is to be resorted to. Its inexpensiveness renders it acceptable in public institutions, offices, railway stations. A refined preparation known as crystalline carbolic acid is more expensive, but of much more easy application; it mixes readily with warm water, so that a saturated solution is readily made,

How to Make a Dainty Veil Case.

Cut a strip of either white or blue linen 10 inches long by 14 wide and fold it exactly in half. On the side that lies uppermost embroider with Turkish floss, in the color that best suits the linen. Press the work carefully, fold the linen again and mark scallops round all the edges. Work the ends through with thicknesses of cloth, but let the two long ends be scalloped each by itself so as to form the opening through which to admit the veils. Cut the edges with sharp scissors, that they may show no careless ends of thread, and when you have again pressed the linen the case will be complete.

How to Select Gress and Ducks. Geese and ducks should be young. Both should have white, soft fat; yellow feet and tender wings. The windpipe abould be brittle, breaking easily when pressed with the thumb and ha-Wild and tame are usually easily distinguishable. Tome ducks have thick, yellowish fret, while wild ones have feet of a reddish tings. The canvasback is distinguished from the others by the feathers of the head being short and smooth, and the head and neck of a deep chestnut color. The bill is entirely greenish black, while that of the red d is dull blue.



No. 18.—Geographical Enigma. 12-38-13-31-27 is one of the planets. 14-17-52-24-32 is one of the United States 44-36-54-1-60-35-40-10-6 is one of the United States.

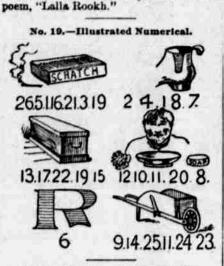
4-30-39-37-41-9 is a county in Mississippi. 54-30-29-46-16 is an isle in the Atlantic

83-15-42-51-47-3 is a city in Australia. 34-49-25-6-13-8-56 is a province in Europe. 45-23-51 is a river in Europe.

7-48-35-55-50 are islands in the Atlantic 9-28-52-19-20-43-11-52-19 is a town in Ice

14-30-21-2-51 is a county in Washington. 22-43-51-11-28-13-18 is a city in Massachu-

53-20-26-19-48 is the capital of one of the Whole, of 56 letters, is a part of Moore's



No. 20.-Positive and Comparative. Example-An article of food and a car penter's tool. Answer-Ham, hammer. 1. A young person and a means of ascent. 2. To discolor and a man of a certain oo

cupation. 3. A cover for windows and a cover for

4. To chafe and an article brought from the tropics.

5. A song and a perfume. 6. A charm and a schoolbook. 7. A kind of food and a relative,

8. A kind of medicine and a support.

No. 21.-Rhombolds. Across-1. A walk in a church. 2. Transparent drops of fluid matter. 3. Weary. 4. Pertaining to dew. 5. A kind of rampart, Down-1. A letter. 2. A pronoun. 8. Stationed. 4. The couch of a wild beast. 5. A mistake, 6, Withered, 7, Father, 8, An exclamation. 9. A letter.
Across—1. A genus of sea animals. 2.
Acting in revolt. 3. The evil one. 4. Pur-

port. 5. To resist. Down-1. A letter. 2. A conjunction. 3 A color. 4. To encourage. 5. A bar for raising weights. 6. The twelfth of an inch. 7. To cut short, 8. A musical note. 9. A

No. 22.—In the Farmer's Field.

Farmer Brooks' fence was getting a trifle weak in places, but he was in haste to finish his hoeing, so neglected the fence, hoping it would be all right until after haying, when he would have more time to at tend to it. One morning, however, he found the fence broken down, and in one of his mowing fields he found the following:

1. A great pile of hay. 2. An animal mother. 8. Moisture. 4. Sorrow. 5. A cupola.

6. Disturbance. 7. A kind of drink. . A poem. 9. A woman.

No. 23.-Anagram In Rhyme. Come to this quiet, peaceful nook. Where pious men, with sacred book, Will point to earth, and then above THE MIRAGE here, but there, true love.

No. 24.—Questions on the "Ologies."

1. I have spent some years in studying the mountain peaks and chains of the earth and have become an acknowledged authority thereon. Name this science in which I excel. 2. I am a physician and have during the

last 10 years studied closely the structure and diseases of the skin, hoping to obtain the professorship of what science? 3. I spent last year in Europe looking up

ancient ruins and relics. What is the name of my favorite science? 4. I am especially inclined to that science

whose name was first used by Herbert 5. While I was pursuing my college course, being particularly interested in the

study of the doctrine of the structure of the human body, what was my favorite "ol-6. I recently purchased at a bookstore valuable book on that part of physiology which treats of life in general or of its diff

ferent forces. How shall I catalogue this

7. What is that science which relates to the smallest of microscopic organisms which are active agents in fermentation?-Good Housekeeping.

What Makes the Tide.

So many ships are making knots All through the ocean wide. Of course the sea gets tied up lots, And that's what makes the tide

Key to the Puzzler.

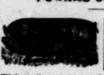
No. 10 .- Riddle: Bunyan-bunion. No. 11.-Reversals: 1. Sloop, pools. Grub, burg. S. Net, ten. 4. Tar, rat. 5. Room, Moor. 6. Dray, yard. 7. Rail, liar. No. 12 -A Dissection: Rake, cake, reel, real, leek, meal, cel, keel, creek, rack, lake No. 13.-Word Squares

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lug oase watch. No. 14.—A State Puzzle: NEW TO IL K CALLY O RETA

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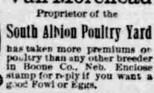
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