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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By REV. P. H. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 23

DANIEL IN THE DEN OF LIONS.

LESSON TEXT—Daniel 6.
 GOLDEN TEXT—The angel of the Lord searcheth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.—Psalms 34:7.

I. Daniel the Prime Minister of the Medo-Persian Empire (vv. 1-3).
 Daniel's sterling worth brought him to the front and kept him there. The new king was quick to discern his merits and to give them recognition by placing him at the head of affairs in his kingdom.

II. An Occasion Sought Against Daniel (vv. 4-9).

(1) The Reason of—Envy. To have this foreigner placed over them aroused the jealousy of the presidents and princes of the empire, so they set about to have him removed. The presence of envy shows inferiority. One never envies those below him. It is hard to forgive those who have outstripped us and left us behind in the race of life.

(2) The Failure (v. 4). Daniel's official record was blameless. Not even an error could be found of which they could accuse him. Though he was without fault he had to suffer. Those who excel in any line are sure to suffer in some way. It is true in business, the home, the school, politics and religion.

(3) The Wicked Plot (vv. 5-9). Not being able to find any fault, they trumped up a charge against him on the ground of his foreign religion. They were not careful about the method employed; just so their end was attained.

III. Daniel's Noble Confession (vv. 10-13). Though Daniel knew that the wicked decree was signed, he knelt before God three times a day as usual. He went quietly about his affairs, attended to his regular devotions, because he trusted God. There is always a marked silence about heroism. Weak men bluster, but strong men have little to say. Daniel continued his usual habit of prayer, even though it was a violation of the civil law, because he knew that God's law was first. When the laws of earth conflict with the laws of heaven there is but one thing to do; that is, to obey God rather than man.

IV. The Foolish Decree Executed (vv. 14-17). The king was greatly displeased with himself (v. 14) and diligently sought to deliver Daniel, but he was helpless (v. 15). The proud ruler was a slave. Laws which change are not self-condemnatory, foolish, positively wicked. The king was weak for fear of others, which is utter wickedness. Daniel was cast into the den of lions (v. 16) and a double seal placed upon the den (v. 17). They were not content with the king's seal alone, which shows that one rascal will not trust another. The king's words, "Thy God, whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee," to Daniel were a poor excuse, but they were the best that he could offer to his conscience.

V. Daniel Delivered (vv. 18-23).

(1) The King's Sleepless Night (v. 18). Doubtless Daniel was more comfortable in the den of lions than the king in his palace. His quietude is a picture of the safety and peace which are the portion of those who trust God and do his will. This is a sample of what faith can do. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth thee."

(2) The King's Question (v. 20). In the morning the king called to Daniel in the den of lions saying, "Is thy God able?" This is always the question of the unbelieving heart. The believing heart says, "Our God is able."

(3) Daniel's Answer (v. 22). "My God has sent his angel." Angels are God's ministering spirits. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." (Psalms 34:7.) Many times no doubt our lives are preserved because we are guarded by God's angels. Not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father, and the very hairs of our heads are numbered, so we ought to expect the mouths of the lions to be shut against us.

(4) Daniel Removed From the Den (v. 23). There was no manner of hurt upon him. The reason was that "he believed in his God." The same reason is why the garments and hair of his companions were not even singed.

VI. Doom of Daniel's Accusers (v. 24). They were cast into the den of lions "and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den."

Daniel's God to Be Feared. VII. Darius' Decree (vv. 25-27). He decreed that in all parts of his kingdom men of all peoples and tongues should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel.

VIII. Daniel's Prosperity (v. 28). Though Daniel's enemies perish, he goes higher and higher in the kingdom, even continuing into the reign of Cyrus. In all our trials and testings we should not be moved, for there is a righteous and just God in heaven and nothing can occur without him. Man's schemes shall even continue to praise him.

Serial No. 018071.

Notice for Publication Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Alliance, Nebraska, August 4th, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that Margaret Graham, of Alliance, Nebraska, who, on December 28, 1916, made Homestead entry, No. 018071, for NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 17, E 1/2 NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 18, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 19, Township 22 North, Range 46 West of Sixth Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Alliance, Nebraska, on the 10th day of September, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: William H. Archer, George S. McNurlin and Ansel Cloe of Alliance, Nebraska, and Thomas Squibb, of Hemingford, Nebraska.

T. J. O'KEEFE, Register. 36-51-847-8348

LEGAL NOTICE

The defendants, Margaret E. Constable, E. S. Ormsby, Trustee, American Investment Company of Emmetsburg, Iowa, beneficiary, and Frank E. Alley, receiver of American Investment Company of Emmetsburg, Iowa, will take notice that on August 23, 1917, Calvin L. Hashman filed his petition in the District Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska, against you, and each of you, the object and prayer of which petition is to cancel and satisfy of record a certain trust deed or mortgage in the sum of \$450.00, dated April 18, 1887, and recorded in Book 1, of the Mortgage Records of Box Butte County, Nebraska, at page 302, executed by John G. Clifford to the Defendants, E. S. Ormsby, trustee, and American Investment Company of Emmetsburg, Iowa, beneficiary, and duly assigned to the defendant Margaret E. Constable, upon the following described real estate: the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 25, North of Range 49, West of the 6th P. M.; for the reason that said mortgage has been paid and satisfied in full but not released of record; further that same is barred by the Statute of Limitations; further that plaintiff has exercised open, notorious, exclusive and undisputed adverse possession of the above described land since November 23, 1899, and that no demand for the payment of said mortgage or any part thereof have been made and nothing has been paid upon said mortgage since said date, and to clear and quiet the title and confirm the possession of the plaintiff in and to the above described real estate and to forever enjoin and bar each and all of the above named defendants from asserting or claiming any right, title, mortgage lien, or interest in or to said real estate above described or any part thereof. You, and each of you, are required to answer said petition on or before Monday October 15th, 1917, and if you fail to so answer, plaintiff will take decree as prayed for in said petition.

CALVIN L. HASHMAN, Plaintiff.

Burton & Reddish, his attorneys. 39-51-850-8351

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of Floyd E. Watson, Deceased.

Notice to all persons interested in said Estate is hereby given that George W. Watson, Administrator, of said Estate will meet the creditors of said estate at the County Court Room, in the City of Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska, on the 12th day of January, 1918, at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of hearing adjustment and allowance of claims against said estate. All persons having claims or demands against said estate must file the same with said court on or before January 12th, 1918, or said claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 24th day of August, 1917.

IRA E. TASH, County Judge. 39-51-849-8350

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA.

That street guttering be within thirty days from the publication of this resolution constructed at and along both sides of all the streets and avenues or parts thereof embraced within that part of street improvement district number 10 of said city abutting upon and adjacent to the following lots and parcels of land, to-wit: Lots 1 to 12 inclusive, Block 9; Lots 7 to 18, inclusive, Block 10; Lots 10 to 21 inclusive, Block 15; Lots 1 to 12 inclusive, Block 16; Lots 1 to 12 inclusive, Block 21; Lots 7 to 18 inclusive, Block 22; Lots 7 to 17 inclusive, Block 27; and Lots 1 to 11 inclusive, Block 28, all within the Original Town of Alliance, Nebraska. Said guttering is to be laid in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 200 of said city and all other ordinances regulating the construction of same and under the regulation of the committee of the City Council on streets and alleys.

W. E. ROUSEY, Mayor. Attest: T. P. ROLFSON, Clerk. (SEAL) 40-51-8612

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L. A. BURSON, Harrisburg, Nebraska. 42-31-8633

Serial No. 017858.

Notice for Publication Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Alliance, Nebraska, Sept. 13, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that Emma S. Crawford, of Angora, Nebraska, who, on April 10, 1916, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 017838, for Lots 1 and 2, and S 1/2 NE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 22 North, Range 50 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Soldier's Widow's final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Alliance, Nebraska, on the 30th day of October, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: Leo De Carnine, of Angora, Nebraska; Frank Boon, of Angora, Nebraska; Bert Hutchinson, of Angora, Nebraska; Glenn Gentle, of Alliance, Nebraska.

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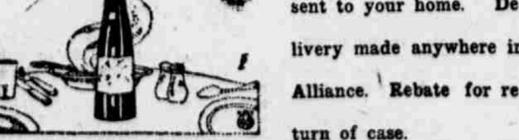
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