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BIBLE SCHOOL LESSON

Sunday, December 11

By M. S. Briggs

Golden Text: "God having of old time spoken unto the fathers, in the prophets by divers portions and by divers manners, he hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son."—Heb. 1:1-2.

The Heroism of Service

The prophet is not necessarily telling of things which are to come to pass, though they did in many cases tell of the things which were to happen.

The prophet is one who speaks the divine will and tells the words which Jehovah gives to his people. When everything goes along like a song, it is easy to live the good and just life, but when everything seems to go crosswise, and nothing seems to fit in the place where it was intended to fit, then the mettle of a man is sorely tried.

When every one does the things which he should, things go nicely and there is no trouble, but when people do the wrong way, and do the things they should not, things are all awry and topsy-turvy.

As we sow so shall we reap, and when the people are avaricious and dishonest, are given to lying, and where no man's life is safe the wrath of the Almighty is sure to come as the people have brought it on themselves by their sinful actions.

When everything was going wrong, God sent word to the people by the prophets, saying that as they had sown to the wind, they should reap to the whirlwind, and it was even so. Israel was brought up out of Egypt, for a people peculiar to Jehovah, but they having lived in idolatrous Egypt for so long, and then when they came out of Egypt came to idolatrous Canaan where they still saw idols and continued to worship at the shrine of man-made images.

This was the great sin of the Israelites and the matter of idol worship was fostered and encouraged by political causes, and encouragement was given to this practice, that political schemes might be brought about.

Elijah Comes First

Elijah, the Tishbite, came out of the tall grass, and no one was looking for him, especially Ahab, king of Israel, and his first message was to the king, whom he said on account of his sins was to suffer with the rest of the people by a drought that was to continue until everything was dried up, and was only to end at the will of Elijah, and then he left until it should be fulfilled when Elijah at

the command of Jehovah should speak the word and the rain should come. This was for the teaching that the people should serve God and him alone. The people, after they had been chastised, were obedient for a while and after some prosperity they again forgot the Lord and wandered after mammon. The prophet Elisha and later Amos each giving good, sound counsel and warning the people against the sins which they were committing. But as sure as they sinned they had grievous times and had to pay penance for the wrong acts which they committed.

Micah, Hosea, Isaiah all came as a warning to the people to forsake their evil ways and return to the service of the one true God. There were times of refreshing from the Lord, when the people did the right thing, and then again there was the falling away. But the prophets did not meet with a very friendly reception, for they told the truth, and this was grievous for the rulers of the people to hear. Consequently, the prophets had a hard time in the delivering of their message to the people, although some heard them gladly, but the rulers would have none of the advice of the prophets and even had them stoned and many of them put to death. Still the prophets continued with their heroic mission as servants of Jehovah, warning the people of their evil ways and the penalty that was in store for them.

Each prophet had a ray of hope and sunlight which they held out to the people, telling them how they would be blessed if they would but return to the service of Jehovah. The prophets told the rulers that the people would be carried away, which in the case of Israel was literally wiping out of the nation, for when they were carried away and made captives they never did return. In the case of Judah, while they were carried away they were permitted after seventy years of captivity, to return and form a nation, but it was a difficult proposition for the people surrounding the land of Canaan were jealous of the return of the children of Israel and fought their rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

Still the destiny of God and man was again in the making of a people through whom should come the Christ, the Savior of the world. It was through great tribulations that the returned Israelites were able to even form a semblance of a nation, and with the wars which followed they were as many times bested as they were able to win decisive battles. So when the end of the old regime, the Kingdom of Judah and Israel, was come and the Romans were victors over the sinful nation, thought to be the very best there was in those days.

Light from the Darkness When the future looked just about

as dark as it possibly could, and sin and evil doings had left the people in an almost hopeless state, many were looking forward to the time when the redeemer should come, and of which we shall study the coming week. True, the Christ was coming, but the people were not looking for his coming in the way he did. They were looking for an earthly leader, who would again restore them to a pinnacle of power. The prophets had said that he should come as a little child and it was a great surprise to the people as well as the rulers when the babe was born in a manger of the stable connected with the inn at Bethlehem. It was not until Christ had grown to man's full estate and had performed many miracles and had been rejected by man and crucified and risen from the dead, and ascended to the Father from whence he had come, that the people began to see that he indeed was the one who should redeem all the Israel of God. Out of the darkness came the ray of hope like the sun out of the thick darkness of the cloud. The rainbow of hope is ever seen by mankind and little does he think that it is a promise and a token to the world of the goodness, long suffering and forbearance of the loving Father and that he is waiting ever ready to shower blessings on man more in abundance than he is able to enjoy. Christ is the hope of the world and the prince of peace. He will ever bless man if he will only come to him in faith, believing that he is able to cleanse all from their sins and to bless them and make of them a new creature. For did he not say, "He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

BATTLE RATE QUESTION

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Southern railroad leaders today started a battle before the interstate commerce commission seeking an adjustment of import rates and a further equalizing arrangement on export rates with eastern roads opposing their stand and advancing claims for a higher export rate on shipments thru the gulf.

Nearly 150 representatives of the various roads involved, which included all of the important eastern and southern systems, appeared at the hearing, presided over by examiner Boat. Aligned with the southern roads were a number of northern systems interested in gulf traffic, while several important western roads sided with eastern forces.

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INDUSTRIAL NOTES

The American People and Industries are working toward greater convenience, comfort and efficiency in all directions.

Lyman—Bids being considered for graveling here.

Holdrege—Firemen held annual banquet here recently.

Edison—New baptistry at Christian Church dedicated.

Scribner—Work progressing rapidly on new Milligan building.

Lyman—New sugar factory here in operation.

Creighton—Interstate Power Company rebuilding its lines between this place and Hartington.

Wymore—Farmers and business men here operating to secure cheese factory.

Albion—This town inspected by insurance companies with respect to fire hazards and rates.

North Platte—Western Public Service Company makes electric rate reduction.

Neligh—Interstate Power Company constructing transmission line from here which will complete connection as far as Petersburg with Sioux Falls.

Valentine—Improvements being made here by Interstate Power Company.

Shelton—First National bank to be organized here.

North Platte—Establishment of canning plant wanted in North Platte Valley.

Bladen—Large poultry shipments being made from this vicinity.

Pender—Thurston County's new court house dedicated recently.

Nebraska investment in manufacturing establishments increased during last 2 decades from \$65,000,000 to \$245,000,000.

Fremont—\$180,000 new Lutheran Hospital building under construction here.

Hastings—Swift & Company building down town produce station on south side of first street between Burlington and Lincoln Avenues.

Over two-thirds of food consumed on Nebraska farms is home produced.

Schuyler—Contract let for surfacing highway leading from Schlemmer farm one mile north from Lincoln highway.

Steinhilber—Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Company purchases plant here and is furnishing electric service at this place and Buchard.

Spencer—Northern Nebr. Power Company raising elevation of power dam on Niobrara river.

McCook—\$10,000 new city hall to be built here.

There is substantial increase in acreage of all wheat in Western Neb.

Fullerton—Stronger street lights being installed.

Ewing—Contract let for new bridge to span Elkhorn River here.

Cosad—\$20,000 bond issue voted for extension of water system here.

Herman—Post office building here being remodeled and enlarged.

Fremont—Odd Fellows Lodge erecting \$60,000 building here.

Hastings—Construction will begin soon on fourth large factory here in new industrial district on West 2d street.

There one farm for every eleven persons in Nebraska.

Blair—New fire truck purchased here.

Nebraska has 416,000 acres of wheat cover this year, increase of 15.3 per cent over last year.

Elimination of 10 to 12 dangerous railroad crossings on transcontinental highway through Nebraska planned.

Ellis—Main street here being gravelled.

Alliance—Over \$20,000 obtained from potato crop on 160 acres of Box Butte County land this year.

Lincoln—\$1,000,000 new Burlington station here officially opened.

Elm Creek—New steam-heating system installed in Elm Theater building here.

Brunswick—"Brunswick Enterprise" is new paper being published here.

Nebraska ranks second among states production of corn, wheat and sugar beets.

Sterling—Main street being gravelled.

Grant—New Perkins county court house dedicated recently.

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Claims on Road Fund Exceed the Gas Tax Receipts

Condition Is Said to Have Been Caused by the Early Completion of Highway Projects.

Unusually heavy expenditures from the state gasoline tax fund and the motor vehicle license fund during the past three months have brought both to the stage of exhaustion, and at the present time there are contractors' claims for work done, estimated to total half a million dollars more or less, which have been approved by the state engineer's office but are being held back in the code finance department because the money to pay them is not on hand.

The reason for this condition, as given by Finance Secretary Meeker and others at the capital, is that the open fall season in Nebraska with almost entire absence of stormy weather, has allowed the contractors to continue operations steadily and to finish up a good many projects which, under other circumstances, would have gone over until spring for completion. As a result, claims have accumulated so fast as to outrun the revenue coming into the treasury month by month from gasoline tax and motor vehicle license payments.

State Treasurer Stebbins' books will show a balance of about \$272,000 in the gasoline tax fund at the close of business for November while the license fund shows \$39,000 on hand. There are claims amounting awaiting payment to wipe out both balances and leave the state owing several hundred thousand dollars more.

All Used for Road Work.

The present depleted status of the gasoline tax and motor vehicle license funds is different from that which existed during the summer and fall of 1926. The \$2,000,000 combined deficit in the two funds at that time was due to the fact that the money on hand had been borrowed by the general fund to pay miscellaneous running expenses of the state. This time, the money has all gone into the channels for which it was appropriated, but the disbursements have been piling up faster than receipts would take care of them.

It appears from the records that approximately \$3,735,000 of gasoline tax money has been paid out in 11 months of the calendar year, while \$1,061,000 or thereabouts has been disbursed from the motor vehicle license fund. This does not include the estimated half million of claims now in the hands of the finance department awaiting payment, which represent completed work that the state engineer's office has approved.

As favorable weather still prevails over a large part of the state and highway operations are being pushed as rapidly as possible by contractors anxious to get through and get their money, it looks as though the gasoline tax fund and the motor vehicle license fund are both likely to stay behind for two or three months before a breathing spell comes when winter forces stoppage of work.

Exact Figures Not Revealed.

Finance Secretary Meeker, when questioned about the matter Wednesday morning declined to give the total amount of unpaid contractors' claims, but he admitted that there were a few hundred thousand dollars more of them in the department's possession. Mr. Meeker said he would prepare a statement and give it out to the press Thursday.

The whole trouble, it was suggested, arises from the fact that many contracts were awarded during the summer and early fall with the expectation that they would run over till spring; but on account of the weather being mild and favorable for highway construction during virtually the whole fall season, the work has progressed at a much faster rate than had been calculated in advance, which has caused the money to be paid out more rapidly than anyone anticipated.

Contracts have been awarded in 1927 for a total of about \$5,500,000. There were also a considerable number of contracts finished up during the early part of the year which had been carried over from 1926, thus adding materially to the total outlay. The federal government pays approximately half of the total construction cost. About \$3,000,000 represents the state's share of total expenditures for highway building for 1927. On top of this there is \$2,000,000 or more for maintenance, all of which the state pays. The state's total bill for highways this year, therefore, is in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000; and of that amount fully \$4,500,000 has been paid out already.

Huge Outgo in 3 Months.

Since September 1, payments for highway construction and maintenance combined have aggregated over two million dollars. The September expenditure was \$750,000, that for October about the same, and November payments were upwards of \$500,000.

The gasoline tax fund alone paid out \$579,000 in September, \$609,000 in October, and \$415,000 in November, or \$1,603,000 altogether. The rest of the money disbursed was from the motor vehicle license fund.

Gasoline tax revenue goes mainly for highway construction, but about \$1,000,000 a year is diverted from it to help meet the cost of maintenance. The state gets 30 per cent of motor vehicle license fees, amounting to about \$1,100,000 a year, and uses all of this for maintaining highways.

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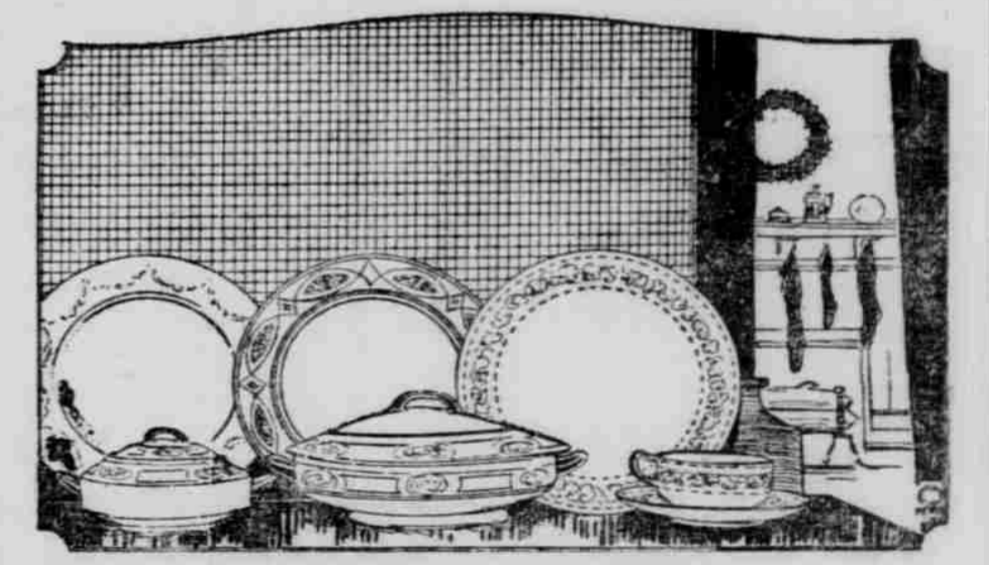
LEANS TO BIRTH CONTROL
New York, Dec. 4.—Birth control as a solution of the problem of over-population was urged today by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist church. Before a congregation that included John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the minister said that at present the world's population is being doubled every sixty years of less. "There is only one solution—the scientific control of birth rate. We should take the shackles of the physicians and tell the nation there is no hope for the solution of the population problem except in the scientific control of the birth rate. You cannot trust God to bring everything off all right if you let the earth's population double every sixty years, if we sow that, we shall reap starvation, unemployment, physical and moral decay."

ENDURANCE HOP COMES TO GRIEF
San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Rough air currents Saturday halted the attempt of Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith, Australian world war ace, and Lieut. George Poad, U. S. A., to set a new endurance flight record. The fliers were forced to bring their monoplane to earth at Mills field here two hours

RESUME GOLD SHIPMENT
New York, Dec. 6.—Shipment of \$1,000,000 in gold to England tomorrow was arranged today by the International Acceptance bank. It will be the first transfer of the metal to London since the exchange rate on sterling cables reached parity about two months ago.
Some surmise was expressed in banking circles here when the announcement was made. Also the recent advance of sterling exchange had carried the cable rate up to \$4.88 1/4. It was held in many quarters that the point at which the transfer of gold is profitable had not yet been reached.

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