

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 20

RIOT AT EPHEBUS.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 19:23-41.
GOLDEN TEXT—The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.—1 Tim. 6:10.
Teachers ought to have good maps and keep before the minds of their classes both the ancient and modern names of the places Paul visited. Paul resided at Ephesus nearly three years, A. D. 53 to 56. The events of this lesson occurred about three years after our last lesson in Acts.

I. The Missionary Work of Paul (vv. 1-10). How long Paul remained at Antioch after his second journey we do not know, but having passed through the "upper coast" he came to this city of Ephesus, which was an important city and a great mission field. In Revelations 2 and 3 is a list of the churches which he evangelized from this center. It was a great and effectual door for him (1 Cor. 6:9; read also Acts 20:17; 2:35). In this city Paul found a religious guild of 12 members (see vv. 2, 7), whose religious experience needed the enrichment of the Holy Spirit; a like need is ever before the Christian church.

II. The Miracles Wrought by Paul (vv. 11-20). Ephesus was a center of magic and witchcraft, and special power was given Paul to work miracles which confounded the magicians in this, their stronghold. The Gospel proves its power most and best by transforming the characters of men. Deeds of love and service are the best proofs of Christianity, and these are the things which awaken heathen nations to seek after the Christian religion. But such deeds are often imitated as in this case. (See v. 13.) However, only the real spirit of Christ can work the true workings of the Gospel, and thus the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified in Ephesus. Imitation is often the sincerest form of flattery.

III. The Mob's Attack Upon Paul's Work (vv. 21-41). The first result of Paul's work was the burning of the books of magic (vv. 18-20). Many who had been dupes of the magicians ceased their secret practices and declared their wrongdoings in this public manner. Literally, book after book was thrown into the fire, much the same as in Florence Savonarola had his "bonfire of vanities." Paul's wonderful success had to have its testing before he left. The Gospel "way," the way of salvation, of true living, is sure to create a stir sooner or later. Preach the Gospel faithfully and fully, and it will stir up any community. It is not necessarily a bad sign when things begin to be disturbed. It may simply indicate that the fire is getting hot. The good results of revivals do not hurt business, but they do hurt the devil. So that "big business" was intensely stirred up in the city of Ephesus. Demetrius, their leader, uttered a striking and truthful commendation of Paul (v. 26), although it was entirely unintentional. (See 1 Thess. 1:9-10). Demetrius does not seem to seek to controvert the preaching of Paul, or that it did not square with the word of God, but rather that it would "interfere with financial considerations. The modern world is full of descendants of the Ephesian silver smiths,—politicians and business interests which defend the saloon, and fairly respectable citizens who receive rents from such business, or from immoral or unsanitary properties, and who cry out against any reform which interferes with trade and money making. There are many today who are very enthusiastic religionists if they can coin money out of it or get into an office.

At this theater meeting (Paul was not present, vv. 29, 31) Demetrius appealed (1) to wealth, (2) to religion, (3) to the honor and fame of the city, and (4) he also made an esthetic appeal. (vv. 25, 26, 27). The Jews put forward one of their number, Alexander, to make a defense unto the people, and to show that they were not in sympathy with Paul and his companions in their preaching against the worship of Diana or that as Jewish Christians they did not maliciously hope to destroy the worship of Diana and the business interests of that city. Their effort, however, only stirred the mob to a larger shout, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians," which lasted for two hours.

Those who yell the loudest think they are sure to prove their point, though in such a way the point does not stay proved. Paul combines fearless courage and humble common sense, and, while he felt would appeal to the mob (v. 30), he refrained. The mob must soon awaken to the madliness and spirit of Paul's soul. It was the town clerk who interfered (v. 35-41) and by skillful management quelled the excited mob. He was the temple keeper and showed that the worship of Diana was so settled in Ephesus that no company of Jews could overthrow it, and that they did not have any real cause for violence.

He also emphasizes the fact that the image of Diana, their chief god, had been miraculously sent to them by Jupiter. He called attention to the fact that Paul had not committed the wrong of which he was charged.

ATLANTIC CITY SEEN FROM AN AEROPLANE



This photograph of Atlantic City, taken from one of the aeroplanes of the aviation section of the New York naval militia, shows the winding inlet, the yacht pier and the baseball grounds at the popular seaside resort.

CHILDREN INVEST IN BRITISH WAR LOAN



In nearly every school in England the children are being taught the value of saving money. The boys and girls are encouraged to invest in the government war loan. The photograph shows how the pennies are collected. In most cases the headmaster of the school makes the collection. The little ones line up, and first the girls and then the boys turn in their money.

HELPING THEIR WOUNDED PRISONER



An official photograph from the British on the western front showing a British Tommie giving a wounded German, made captive, a drink from his canteen.

PRISONERS BACK OF THE ENGLISH LINES



German prisoners taken in the first days of the battle of the Somme and held back of the English lines. The photograph shows the British trenches and dugouts.

ARABS WHO FIGHT TURKS



This is a view of Arabs in a typical encampment near the Red sea, where they have rebelled against the Turks, and are making headway in their fight for Arabian independence.

TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

A recent publication of the Dominion department of immigration shows that only 144,789 immigrants arrived in Canada during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1915. From Great Britain there were 42,276, as compared with 142,622 in the previous year, and from the United States 59,790, as compared with 107,530 in 1913-14. The problem of immigration after the war is already being discussed in Canada and Great Britain, and plans are under consideration for the settlement of returned soldiers on the vacant lands of the Dominion of Canada as well as of other overseas countries of the British empire.

The word "and" occurs 46,527 times in holy scripture—10,984 times in the Old Testament and 35,543 times in the New Testament. As a race, the tallest people in the world are the Bororos, of the southwest of Brazil. They average 6 feet 4 inches in height.

DISCOVER LOVE IS TOO STRONG

Trial Separation of Artistic Los Angeles Couple Proves to Be a Fizzle.

PRETTY WIFE UNHAPPY

Finds Protection of Matron's Name of Little Value—Mop Friends Are Unreliable and Hubby Looks Good.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The "trial separation" of two members of the Los Angeles artist colony, pretty little Layla Lama, the "Ariadne" in Clawson's painting of that name, and the "idyl" in many other paintings which San Francisco and Los Angeles painters have produced, and her husband, R. W. Widner, an artist, has fizzled out. The attractive Mrs. Widner is tired of it. The couple agreed to separate for a period of from three to six months, due, it is said, to the husband's jealousy of attention from his wife's dancing master, and her suspicion of a woman who called up her husband frequently on the telephone. He was to go to Chicago and stay there unless she sent for him. This, says Mrs. Widner, is the way it worked out.

"He wanted to come back at the end of two weeks, and by that time I'd made up my mind that there wasn't going to be any permanent separation in the Widner family, but I was determined to stick out the three months, at least. They are now up."

"Things might have been different if they had turned out the way you read about them. The divorcee, for instance, is always supposed to revel in 'freedom.'"

Matron's Name Didn't Help.
"Her matron's name is supposed to save her from the annoyances that beset the unmarried girl, but she is supposed to have all the privileges of the latter."

"It certainly wasn't that way with me. I never was so tied down in my life, even before it leaked out that our separation was premeditated."

"Lots of places I wanted to go I couldn't, because I didn't have anybody to take me. You can't always get even your most agreeable men friends, you know, every time you happen to want them."

"I thought this part of it would be different after the first couple of weeks, but it got worse instead of better."

Didn't Like Being Grass Widow.
"Then there are lots of other little things that are hard to explain. I didn't realize that it would be so, of course,



"Lots of Places I Wanted to Go I Couldn't."

but when it was supposed that my husband and I had just simply separated I found that I didn't like the way people treated a 'grass widow.'

"Then when the 'trial separation' became known I was in such an indeterminate status that it was worse than ever."

LAD IS TEASED, USES GUN

Boy, Who Was Mountaineer, Made Jibing Onion Weeders in Ohio Scatter.

Kenton, O.—A real Kentucky mountaineer of fiction type—6 feet 1 1/2 inches tall and weighing 160 pounds, although only fourteen years old—awoke the quiet settlement of Alker on the Scioto marsh, the center of the greatest onion raising district in Ohio, when he started a cannonade that sent the natives to the trenches.

He was Charles S. Hale, who hails from Greensburg, Ky., and who came to Hardin county to weed onions.

The youth bought a gun and threatened to shoot the hats off any one who opened their heads to him. He says the other weeders were teasing him. The trouble came when officers tried to arrest him. The bullet hit Harvey Porter. Spectators scattered. The lad was sent to the Lancaster industrial school.

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Musical?
Bacon—I understand your new neighbors are musical.
Egbert—Are what?
"Musical."
"Who said that?"
"Oh, I heard it. Is it not so?"
"Well, I reckon he likes to fiddle, and the wife likes to yell, if that's what you mean."

Record Catch of Fish.
What is said to be the largest single catch of fish ever landed at a port in this country was brought into Gloucester, Mass., on the 11th inst., by the trawler Easthampton. Post officials make that claim after comparison of available records. The trawler got 400,000 pounds off Sanbro Bank, near Halifax, N. S., in less than two weeks.

Just a Trifle.
Here is a ridiculous little gift which may come in handy for slipping into an envelope with a cheery letter for a youngster, an invalid friend or some one who just naturally appreciates a good laugh. It is a small bookmark made with a half-inch colored satin ribbon and on each end is attached a small doll of wool. It may be black wool or white wool, and it is tied in tassel style, with colored cotton for eyes, nose and mouth. The whole "doll" is not an inch long. Try one of these bookmarks with a bit of ribbon and some left-over embroidery silk or cotton.

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