

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson V. May 5, 1918.
 Jesus Sets New Standards of Living.
 Mark 10: 1-31.

Commentary.—I. Sacredness of marriage (vs. 1-12). The question of the Pharisees as to the lawfulness of a man's act in putting away his wife led Jesus to state the principle which prevailed in the beginning and had never been abrogated, that marriage was to continue during the life of both parties to the contract. Divorce was allowed in the time of Moses only because of the hardness of the heart of the people. The husband should "leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife," and nothing should put asunder what God had joined together. It is a reproach to any nation or state to allow divorces to abound. If God's plan was fully followed, divorces would be unknown.

II. Christ and the children (vs. 13-16). It is probable that Jesus was in some house giving instruction (v. 10), and several who esteemed Jesus highly as a teacher, brought their children to Him (Luke 18: 15), to Him "that he should put his hands on them, and pray" (Matt. 19: 13). It was a Hebrew custom for the patriarchs to lay their hands upon the heads of their children in blessing them (Gen. 48: 14), and these parents who brought their children to Jesus expected large results from His putting his hands upon them. As Jesus was discoursing upon matters of importance, and the disciples thought the bringing in of the children into His presence would be a serious interruption, they sought to keep the parents away; but Jesus opened wide the way for the children to be brought to Him and did for them more than their parents could have wished, for he took them up in his arms and blessed them.

III. The rich young ruler (vs. 17-22). Was gone forth—Jesus had been in a house in Peraea, honoring children by blessing infants and showing the way into the kingdom. He was probably setting out toward Jerusalem. There came one—He was a ruler either of a synagogue or a member of the Sanhedrin (Luke 18: 18), and was rich. Running—This act of running showed the young man's eagerness to speak with Jesus. Orientals are not given to haste except upon urgent business. Kneaded to him—In reverent acknowledgment of Christ's spiritual authority. Such homage was not paid to Jewish teachers. Good Master—This was not a mere formal mode of address, but was sincere and courteous. What shall I do—The young ruler had the idea that he must perform some extraordinary act to receive his heart's desire, inherit eternal life—He had honor, wealth and authority, yet his soul was not satisfied. He realized that his satisfaction would be in having eternal life. 18. Why callest thou me good—Jesus wished the young ruler to realize

whether he was calling him good as a matter of courtesy or was recognizing him as a divine teacher. None good but one, that is, God—Jesus did not deny either his goodness or his divinity. He wished to draw his questioner on to a right view of his own divine character. If God alone was absolutely good and Christ was good in the same sense, then Christ was divine, 19. They knewed the commandments—The ruler had been trained in Jewish doctrines and in the law. Jesus here gives simply an outline of the Ten Commandments. 20. All these have I observed—He was a moral young man and had high regard for God's law. He asked another question, "What lacketh yet?" (Matt. 19: 20). The mere outward observance of the law had not met the deep longing of his soul.

21. Jesus beholding him loved him—He saw before him a young man of excellent qualities and of great promise, striving for something better than he then possessed. He loved Him and desired to help him. One thing thou lackest—Because Jesus loved the young ruler, he told him exactly where the difficulty was, even though it would give the young man pain. His observance of the law did not bring peace to his soul. There was one thing that stood between him and eternal life, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor—The young man was rich and he loved his riches. His wealth was his idol. He could more easily give up everything else than this. God demands of us a full surrender. Our withholding anything from God shows that we do not trust Him fully and do not consider Him our highest good, treasure in heaven.

22. In contrast to the treasure the young ruler had on earth. There was a better use for his wealth than to hoard it. By meeting this condition the young man would have found the true riches. follow me—He would not be in a position to follow Jesus until he had taken the cross which was presented to him. 22. sad—"Sorrowful" (Matt. 19: 22); "very sorrowful" (Luke 18: 23).

IV. Danger in riches (vs. 23-27). 23. how hardly—With what difficulty! that has riches—it is difficult for those who have riches to refrain from trusting in them, and they who trust in riches cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 24. astonished—A truth, new to them, was being uttered by our Lord, children—A term of endearment, how hard is it—the measure of the difficulty is set forth in the next verse. 25. it is easier, etc.—It has been thought that "the eye of a needle" is the small gate in a large one, used only by people and not large enough for beasts of burden; but it seems more reasonable to take the proverb literally, as expressing, not the difficulty, but the impossibility, of one entering the kingdom of God while he trusts in riches. 26. no man can be saved—it seemed to the disciples that the hindrances to entering the kingdom were many and almost insurmountable. 27. with men it is impossible—Man cannot change his own heart. It requires the transforming power of divine grace to change the affections and

ambitions. God can so renew man's nature that his heart will not be set upon his wealth, of which he considers himself only a steward, and he will use that wealth in relieving the needy and in carrying forward the work of the Lord. Even so every wrong disposition can be removed, and the new creature, in Christ Jesus, will be entirely at home in the kingdom of God.

V. Rewards of discipleship (vs. 28-31). Hearing the words of Jesus with regard to the conditions of discipleship, Peter, speaking for the other disciples, as well as for himself, declared that they had left all and followed Him and asked what they should have (Matt. 19: 27). Jesus clearly showed them that in leaving all for His sake they would be abundantly rewarded. The benefit would not come from the mere leaving of these things, but from leaving them for Jesus' sake. The value of what one receives, who has left all to follow Jesus, will be a hundred times greater than what he left. They who leave all for Jesus are richly provided for here with homes, with fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters in the Lord. The Master made known the side that seemed unfavorable, as well as the favorable side. Persecution would be their lot if they would fully follow the Lord, but they would be blessed in the midst of it (Matt. 5: 10, 11). These promises had to do only with the present life. The young ruler had inquired how to secure eternal life, but in rejecting the conditions, he lost the hundredfold in this life, besides that eternal life for which he longed. We can not estimate the value of eternal life. In the kingdom of glory many who were looked upon as of small account in the present life will be "first," and many of those who were looked upon as superior here will be "last" there. God's estimate of character is absolutely right.

Questions—What did Jesus say about divorce? State His attitude toward children. Who came running to Jesus? What question did He ask? Give Jesus' answer. What was the attitude of Jesus toward him? How did the young man receive the directions which Jesus gave him? In what way does wealth hinder entrance into Christ's kingdom? What question did Peter ask Jesus? What promise is given to those who leave all for Jesus' sake?

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Topic—The cost and rewards of Christian service.

I. Man sensible of his need.

II. Destitute of true riches.

III. A warning to others.

1. Man sensible of his need. The rich young ruler was an inquirer after the most momentous matter that can engage the attention of man. To come to Jesus was a noble, manly act. Here was a young man with his life before him, with a soul not yet stained by the evil which is in the world, standing in the presence of him who knew what human life might include, and what the soul is worth, and who could tell him how to enlarge the one and embelle the other, and who took a tender, loving interest in him.



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"Fine! But I'dinna like that," said the old soldier, pointing to the name on the entrance.

"Why?" replied the colonel. "What's the matter with that?"

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For every mile a trench over 6,000,000 sand bags are needed. One man can fill a bag with earth and lift it to place 25 times in a night, when all the work of repairing trenches is done. It would take a battalion eight months to do this work.

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Passing of London Landmark.

Another fine old London landmark, St. Olave's church, in Southwark, is to be closed. It derives its name from Olaf, the Christian Viking of whom Longfellow sings in stirring strain, writes a London correspondent. But England possesses churches with Danish associations of a different kind. When these pagan seafarers invaded England and were caught, the ancient English used piously to flay them and nail their skins to their church doors. In the College of Surgeons are three grim relics of the sort, one taken from a church at Hadstock, Essex; a second from Copford in the same county; and a third from the north door of Worcester cathedral.

Prehistoric Man Found.

The remains of a prehistoric man have been found near Mexico City, buried under three meters of volcanic lava. It is supposed they are at least 10,000 years old as the oldest records of Mexico make no mention of an eruption of the volcano Ajusco.

"Advice doesn't cost anything," remarked the Wise Guy. "No, not unless you try to follow it," added the Simple Mug.

No news is good news, but by the same token you can't convince a man that no luck is good luck.

MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS

Dairy Produce—

Butter, choice dairy	10 1/2	9 1/2
Margarine, lb.	10 1/2	9 1/2
Cheese, new large block	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, fancy, lb.	10 1/2	9 1/2
Maple syrup, gal.	10 1/2	9 1/2

Dressed Poultry—

Turkeys, lb.	10 1/2	9 1/2
Fowls, lb.	10 1/2	9 1/2
Milk-fed chickens	10 1/2	9 1/2
Ducks, lb.	10 1/2	9 1/2
Geese, lb.	10 1/2	9 1/2

Fruits—

Apples, bkt.	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, bob.	10 1/2	9 1/2
Vegetables—		
Asparagus, big bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Beets, bag	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, pack	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, new, bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Carrots, bag	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, pack	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, new, bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Cucumbers, each	10 1/2	9 1/2
Celery, Cal. bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Cabbage, each	10 1/2	9 1/2
Lettuce, 2 for	10 1/2	9 1/2
Onions, 7-lb. bag	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, basket	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, green bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Parsley, bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Parsnips, bag	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, pack	10 1/2	9 1/2
Potatoes, bag	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, Irish, seed	10 1/2	9 1/2
Radishes, bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Rhubarb, bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Sage, bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Savory bunch	10 1/2	9 1/2
Spinach, pack	10 1/2	9 1/2
Turnips, pack	10 1/2	9 1/2
Do, bag	10 1/2	9 1/2
Tomatoes, lb.	10 1/2	9 1/2
Watercress, 6 bunches	10 1/2	9 1/2



Toronto Cattle Markets

Receipts: 47 cars—479 cattle, 570 calves, 1,084 hogs, 11 sheep.

Export cattle, choice	13 00	12 1/2
Export cattle, medium	12 00	11 00
Export bulls	9 25	11 00
Butcher cattle, choice	10 75	12 00
do, medium	9 00	10 00
do, common	7 25	8 00
do, cows, choice	9 25	11 00
do, medium	8 00	9 00
do, canners	6 00	7 75
do, bulls	8 75	10 00
Feeding steers	9 00	10 75
Stockers, choice	9 00	10 00
Stockers, light	7 75	8 50
Milkers, choice	8 00	125 00
Springers, choice	8 00	135 00
Sheep, ewes	14 00	16 00
Bucks and culls	7 50	11 00
Lambs	19 00	22 00
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