

Sunday School Lesson

January 15. Lesson 11—Sin—1 John 1: 5 to 2: 6. Golden Text—If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John 1: 9, 10.

ANALYSIS

I. THE PURITY OF GOD. ch. 1: 5.

II. AN IMAGINARY CONVERSATION ON SIN. ch. 1: 6-10.

III. THE REMEDY FOR SIN. ch. 2: 1-6.

INTRODUCTION—Sin is the darkest feature in human life; and its evil effects have been felt in every age, and by every person. According to the Bible, sin is not merely a wrong done to a fellow man, but concerns God. "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned." Sin stops all fellowship with God, and brings sorrow and death. "The wages of sin is death." But the great truth of Christianity is that Jesus came into the world to bring forgiveness and freedom from evil. He was revealed to take away sin.

I. THE PURITY OF GOD. ch. 1: 5.

V. 5. The teaching of John was directed against certain teachers who were saying that it was possible to be a follower of Christ and yet make no serious attempt to overcome the evil of the heart. Sometimes the words seem to be self-contradictory. They are certainly paradoxical. On one side he says that every one is a sinner, while again he proclaims the sinlessness of the Christian with equal firmness.

In order to urge this fellowship with God, described in v. 3, John defines the nature of God. Here he gives the first of two definitions of God. This one, "God is light," is the main fact in the earlier part of this letter; while the second one, "God is love," appears more prominently in the latter part. The gladness with which we greet the morning sun, the sweetness of the colors of light, the zest in spring, the clear knowledge which comes by it, these and many more such things as are contained in "his figure of light." God as light is the pure, holy, lovely one. It is the habit of this writer to repeat his truth in a negative form, and so he says, "In him is no darkness." Such is the God, therefore, with whom we are to seek fellowship. He is pure light.

II. AN IMAGINARY CONVERSATION ON SIN. ch. 1: 6-10.

V. 6. Light is meant to be used by the human eye. God desires to be known. But there is a terrible enemy, which is sin. Now follows what we may call an imaginary conversation on sin, where the excuses are brought forward. These are set aside while over against each error is set a positive truth. The first statement is that we may have fellowship with God and yet walk in darkness. There were people who said that morality was not a part of religion, but it mattered little what we did if only we were enlightened. All those who define religion in terms of ceremonial or emotion, come under this charge. John states that every one who thus separates righteousness from religion is a liar.

V. 7. The reverse of this is given. If we walk in the light, that is, seek righteousness, we get two blessings: (1) We have fellowship with our brethren. The Christian faith is social and courts fellowship. Sin is dark and seeks solitude. (2) If the light, shining in the soul, shows up the evil there, God will also send the promises of his Son; God forgives.

V. 8. The second conversationalist says, "We have no sin." He denies the fact of sin. It is only a seeming incident, a mistake, an element in the progress of men. The fall was a step upward, he would say. But if we say this, we deceive only ourselves.

V. 9. Sin cannot be denied, but it may be forgiven, if we appeal to Jesus.

V. 10. The third person says, "We have not sinned." He is willing to admit that others have sinned, others have broken God's law; but he does not see any evil in his own heart. He is personally free from sin. He, however, who says this, makes God a liar, for the scriptures tell us that we have all sinned, and the entire plan of redemption is built up on this fact.

III. THE REMEDY FOR SIN. ch. 2: 1-6.

V. 1. This chapter continues the thought of fellowship with God. The closing verses of ch. 1 revealed the universal sinfulness of the race. The conclusion might be drawn that what is so general, or inevitable, must also be pardonable. Why condemn men for that which he must do? Against this John protests most emphatically.

V. 2. However, though sin is to be

condemned, yet there is a remedy. Jesus Christ, who is righteous, is our advocate with the Father. This is the same word that is translated Comforter in John 14: 16; 15: 26, and here it sets forth Jesus as one who is pleading for us at God's right hand. He is not only our advocate, he is also our substitute. He is High Priest and victim.

V. 3. Fellowship is now described more fully. First in terms of knowledge. We cannot have fellowship with one whom we do not know; and we come to know God as we keep the commandments not only those of the Old Testament, but chiefly those which Jesus has left. All genuine acquaintance implies sympathy. We must accept the ideals of those whom we wish to have as our friends. "He must show himself Godlike who desires to see God."

V. 4. The opposite of this is now denied.

V. 5. This same idea of fellowship is now repeated with the additional quality of love. It is by love that we come to know the secret of the divine nature. He that dwells in love, dwells in God.

Thus in all this passage, John has shown that the highest of all blessings is fellowship with God; yet sin has come to interrupt this fellowship and it can only be restored as we come to Christ and plead for his forgiveness, and strive to do his will.

Hot Dishes For Winter Dinners

These chilly winter days and nights sharpen the appetite for flavorful puddings. The following recipes demand nothing that it not likely to be on the average pantry-shelf. Despite their somewhat unusual combinations of ingredients and flavors, they are inexpensive and simple to make:

Almond Pudding

1 pound powdered sugar.
2 tablespoons flour.
4 cupful cold water.
1 1/2 cupful shortening.
2 whole eggs.
4 egg yolks.
1 pound blanched almonds.
1/2 cupful sugar.
6 apples.

Cream.
Cream the shortening with the powdered sugar. Beat in the whole eggs. Then work in, one at a time, the egg yolks. Mix in the flour. When well worked add the pulverized almonds. Knead together with the hands for at least 15 minutes. Grease a glass baking-dish and spread the bottom and sides with the almond mixture, leaving enough to cover the top. Peel and slice the cooling apples. Boil until tender in the water and 1/2 cupful of sugar. Mash slightly and pour into the centre of the lined baking-dish. Cover the top with a sheet of almond paste. Bake in a moderate oven for 1 hour. Serve with heavy cream. This pudding can be served twice, once hot and once cold. Therefore the recipe is for 2 rather than for 4 servings.

Date-Nut Bread Puddings

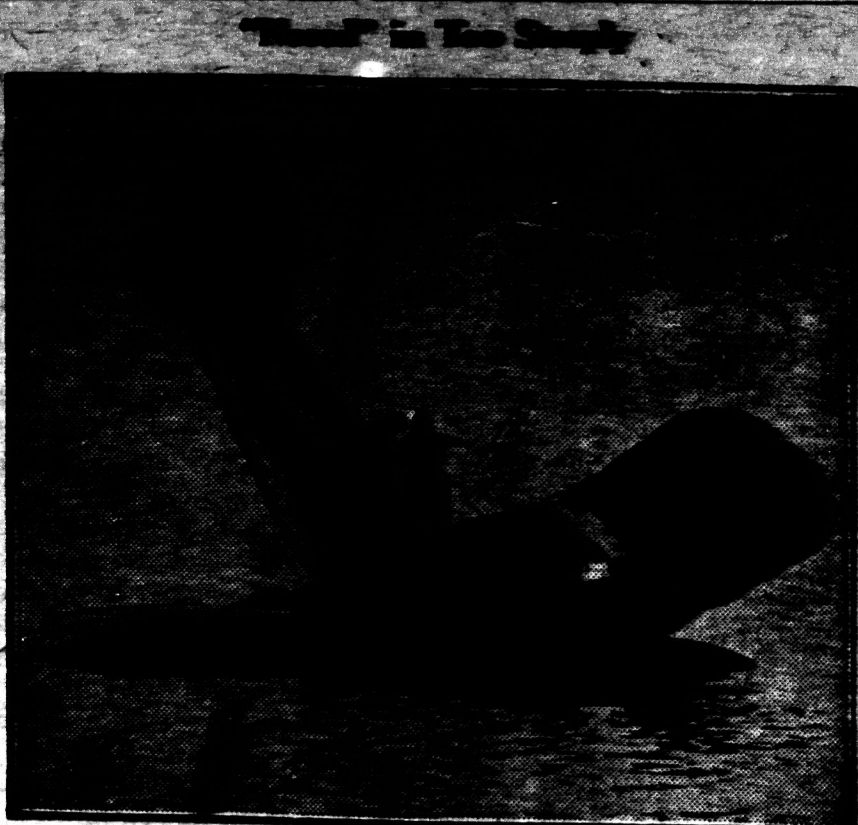
1 loaf stale bread.
Salt.
2 tablespoons butter.
1/2 cupful sugar.
1/2 cupful chopped dates.
4 cupfuls milk.
3 eggs.

1/2 cupful chopped nut-meats.
Cut the bread into small cubes and combine with the dates and nut-meats. Mix together the sugar, salt, milk, and well-beaten eggs. Pour over the bread mixture and then turn into a greased baking-dish. Dot with the butter and bake uncovered in a moderate oven for about 45 minutes or until nicely browned. Serve hot.

Marmalade Pudding

2 eggs.
1/2 cupful milk.
1/2 teaspoonful baking powder.
1/2 cupful chopped suet.
1/2 cupful powdered sugar.
1/2 cupful butter.
1/2 teaspoonful vanilla.
1/2 cupful orange marmalade.
1 1/2 cupful bread crumbs.

Beat 1 egg. Add the milk, baking powder dissolved in 2 teaspoonfuls of hot water, suet, orange marmalade, and bread crumbs. Mix thoroughly. Turn into a greased mold. Cover and steam for 2 hours. Makes 4 servings. To make the sauce, cream the powdered sugar and butter; place in a saucepan in hot water. Add the well-beaten yolk of the other egg. Stir until the mixture thickens. Just before serving fold in the stiffly beaten



WHEN MENDEZ CRASHED IN THE WATER AT COLON. Mendez of the Colombian army, flying the Dicaute from New York to Bogota, Colombia came to grief when trying to land.

egg white and vanilla.
Ginger Pudding.
1 egg.
1/2 cupful shortening.
1 egg.
1/2 cupful milk.
1/2 cupful granulated sugar.
1 teaspoonful baking powder.
1/2 cupful flour.
Salt.
1/2 teaspoonful ground ginger.

Cream the shortening and sugar. Add the beaten egg and milk. Mix well and sift in together the flour, baking powder, pinch of salt and milk. Mix well and thoroughly. Turn into a greased mold. Cover and steam for 2 1/2 hours. This makes 4 portions. Serve with hard sauce flavored with vanilla.

Two Women

Now happy go the rich fair-weather days

When on the roadside folks stare in amazement

At such a honeycomb of fruit and flowers

As mallow round their threshold; what long hours

They gloat upon their steeping hollocks,

Bee's balsam, feathery southernwood, and stocks,

Fiery dragon's-moeth . . . and lemon plants in bushy

shades.

Shagged Elan's hands with fine green finger-tips.

Such old sweet names are ever on their lips.

As pleased as little children where these grow,

In cobble patterns and worn gowns they go.

Proud of their wisdom where on gooseberry shoots—

They stuck eggshells to fright from coming fruits

The brake-billed rascals; pausing still to see

Their neighbor owls saunter from tree to tree.

Or in the hushing half-light mouse the lane

Long winged and lordly.

—Edmund Blunden, Poems.



He: You evidently think money grows on trees.

She: Well, it comes from the sap usually.

Candidates don't carry out their campaign promises; they kick them out if they're elected.

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Paris boasts the unlust restaurant in the world. It accommodates five persons. At that, it probably looks big and cavernous to anyone brought up in a breakfast nook.—Border Cities Star.

Barn Swallow Was Cave Dweller Until He Became "Europeanized"

Coming of Early Settlers Meant "Housing Reform" for Him. Says Ornithologist—Chimney Swifts Follow "Trend" of Man

The coming of the white man to North America was followed by a change in the habits of many of its birds, according to Edward H. Forbush, former Massachusetts state ornithologist and an authority on wild life, in an article prepared for the Associated Press.

"The barn swallow originally was a cave dweller," says Mr. Forbush. "It's nests were built in caves such as the Swallow's Caves at Nahant, Mass., or in chasms such as Purgatory Chasm at Newport, R.I. When the first settlers came, when eastern North America was mostly covered with a vast, dense forest growth, places where barn swallows could breed must have been few and far between.

Barns Better Than Caves

"But when the settlers began to build open sheds and barns with rough timbers and tight roofs, and to cut away the woods, to cultivate the soil and grow grass for their cattle, the condition of the country became far more favorable for swallows, and safe nesting places multiplied accordingly.

"The swallows soon took advantage of these opportunities and their numbers increased accordingly.

"The cliff swallow or caves swallow builds a mud nest. She makes bricks without straw," but the barn swallow works dry grass into the mud, and so makes a more durable nest. Moreover, as it is open at the top, it must be placed under safe shelter, and to

house further safety it often is fastened on a projecting beam or wall.

"Tree swallows (and also barn swallows) like to line their nests with feathers. If we take a bunch of feathers into the air where swallows are nesting, we may see a pretty sight. The swallows come to catch them as they float on the wind, giving an exhibition of their wonderful skill in flight.

"They are so eager for feathers that one has been seen to snatch a hen's feather held in the hand of a child.

Chimney Swift Was Cave Dweller

"Before the white man came, the chimney swift nested in giant hollow stumps of the primeval forest. As the forests were cut they took to the settlers' chimneys. This remarkable bird builds a nest of sticks or twigs cemented to the chimney and to each other by the bird's own glutinous saliva.

"When the swifts are ready to build, you may see a small flock charging into the top of some tree, seizing twigs in their bills or feet, and breaking them off by main strength and the impetus of their flight and carrying them to the chimney. Each bird is placed with great deliberation and intelligence.

"If heavy rains come the nest cannot be completed, and often eggs are laid in a unfinished nest. When the nest is built, a severe rain may dissolve the saliva that attaches it to the chimney then down goes the nest and all to the fireplace or to the bottom of the shaft."

What Use Bird Havens

Hunters Have Good Goose Shooting in Essex County, Ontario, This Fall

Credit given to Jack Miner who owns and maintains the Jack Miner Sanctuary in that county, which has attracted geese to that vicinity.

Hunters who at one time were Jack Miner's enemies in Essex County because he wouldn't allow them to shoot on his property are now his best friends, because this fall very few hunters haven't killed a wild goose in Essex County outside of the Sanctuary—and have proven that Jack Miner's argument that sanctuaries for game birds throughout the continent only increase the hunters' chances, because they attract the birds to that locality and allow the hunters good shooting around the outside. Whereas, if it weren't for the Jack Miner Sanctuary in Essex County there wouldn't be any geese to be seen there, let alone shot.

Also the Sanctuary keeps birds from becoming exterminated because no game hogs can kill them all as they fly to Jack Miner's home for safety when shot at too much outside of the Sanctuary.

Thus enemies and friends of Jack Miner's who have tasted wild geese in Essex County this year owe their thanks to Jack Miner because there wouldn't be any geese there if it weren't for him.

The United States Government, seeing the success of the Miner Sanctuary and many of their representatives having visited there, that Congress has passed what is known as the "Norbeck Bill," which lays aside one million dollars to establish sanctuaries in each state of the United States, run on the same principle and copying the well-known Kingsville Sanctuary.

The Kingsville Board of Trade and merchants of the little town give Jack Miner full support as the birds have made Kingsville known all over the world and attract thousands of people to the town, which never would come there were it not that Jack Miner's home and sanctuary are located in its suburbs.

It is probably too late now for the news reels in the movies to take a film of a man holding a skein of yarn for a woman while she winds it up into a ball.—Detroit Free Press.

Not in His Line

A distinguished musician was waiting upon one day in his study by a rather seedy-looking stranger, who said to him, with what seemed to be genuine emotion:

"May a humble brother musician claim your sympathy for one moment? I don't ask you to give me anything, but will you lend me a dollar, or two? You can command ten dollars a lesson, or as much as you choose to ask, while I think myself fortunate if I can get a pupil now and then at a half-dollar a sitting."

"My friend," said the other, touched by this appeal, "perhaps I can help you better than by lending you money. What is your branch of music?"

"I give lessons on the violin."

"Well, we will see what you can do. Here is a violin. I will sit down to the piano, and we will play a duet."

He whipped a fine violin out of its case, handed it to the stranger, seated himself at the piano, and placed a sheet of music before him.

The caller raised the bow across the strings, leaned forward, looked at the composition, and shook his head.

"Sharpe?" he said. "Sharpe? I never play in sharps!"

The distinguished musician took the violin from him, replaced it in its case, and coldly remarked:

"My friend, what you need is a job as night-watchman in a soap-factory."

"Will you get it for me?" eagerly asked the caller.

"These Dunes Are Haunted"

O Death, come over the hill for me, Up from the hollows, up from the sea—

Over the sweet, familiar land, Over the blanched and blowing sand

Where yesterday I with spendthrift breath

Raced the lean, salt wind, O Death! Follow the path of my pounding feet

And find me here in my narrow sheet.

So soon? So soon? Ah, tarry an hour: Go down the dunes for the brave sand sower.

Sea-colored, sky-colored, brittle blue, And mark the place where its wan roots grew.

Lay it here where my lips may press A word on its petaled bitterness,

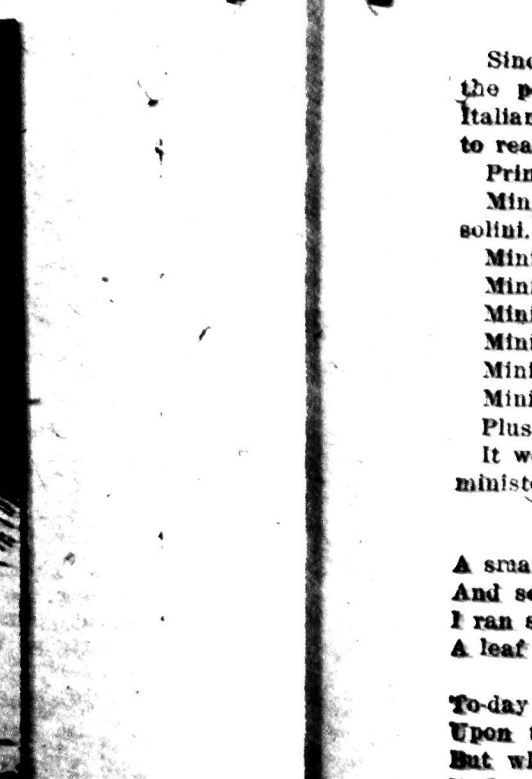
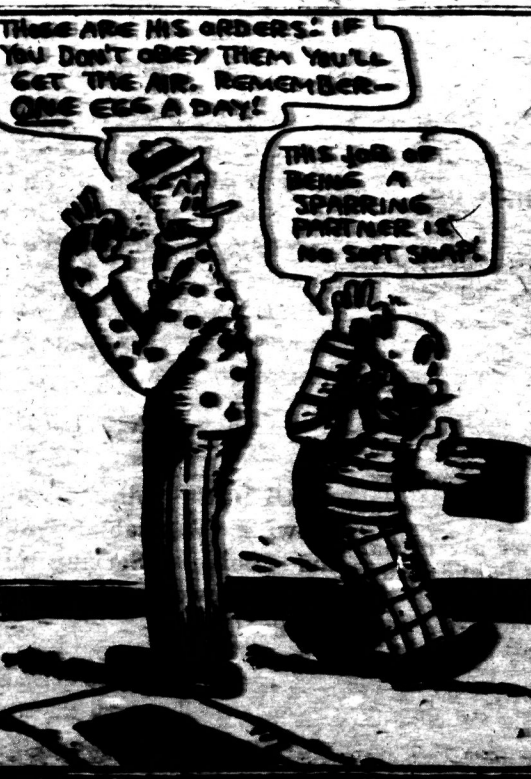
And let me whisper that where I go Will only be over a dune or so.

—Martha Ostenso.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

The raising of sheep is carried on extensively in the Falkland Islands, at the southern end of South America.

MUTT AND JEFF—Bud Fisher



Industries Serves Trade

British Exhibits Pecks for Twelve

London.—Trade by students of business of the most reliable coming commercial sense. The number of buyers of the world who are attracted to attend the fair. This fact gives an announcement in London records have been broken of space by the fifteenth British India will take place in Birmingham from February 1925. The London compelled to include building in its space Birmingham, with the square feet all engineering had to arrange 600 feet of outdoor where such exhibiting machines, road agricultural buildings and other heavy shown.

From the International greatest interest of buyers who intend to attend November there were more than 200 per cent of such notices the same date last year of buyers, so far as is in advance, seemed with pottery and iron goods, furniture, plumbing and high-grade tools used in the profession. Next in interest came jewelry, toys and leather goods, foodstuffs and novelties in fact.

At Birmingham shown in electrical is developing at an in Britain and while lead the world, after general engineering and a particularly fine electrical and economical conditions.

Decrease in While much is published press about the rationalization and formation in many important industries, the conference some extraordinary to the length to which and cheap mass production ready goods. The prices to be exhibited reductions and it is the will be heard about reduction costs in cents.

Some of the articles will be priced at one ureas asked for the article in 1920, while long list of goods on the 1923 quotation, seem to be especially cles made, or mainly pressed steel.

As in former years, to be most numerous the United States, Italy, Spain, and India more interest than of interest in the fair as the American quality goods steadily.

The Right of the

Senator Borah in Review (London): The thing sacred in all and that is the individual capabilities, possibilities, and no government does not found its right this principle or this worth defending. If for a day or a decade life of one individual, for ever passed when ment can long endure, gressed too far to ena crush the average man pit from which he em He will have his say he should have his say.

Il Duce

Since Mussolini has the portfolio for the Italian Cabinet list should read:
Prime Minister—Mussolini.
Minister of Foreign Affairs—Mussolini.
Minister of Interior—Mussolini.
Minister of Colonies—Mussolini.
Minister of War—Mussolini.
Minister of Marine—Mussolini.
Minister of Corporations—Mussolini.
Minister of Aviation—Mussolini.
Plus six other cabinet members.
It would be difficult to ministerial crisis in the

CORRECTION

A small brown bird descended lightly on a I ran so fast to pick it. A leaf was all I found!

Today I saw a leaf drive Upon the snow—it never But when I got right it flew away a bird!

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