Sunday School Lesson . .

LESSON VIII

STEWARDS IN THE KINGDOM

Matthew 24, 25

Printed Text, Matt. 25:14-27

Golden Text: — "Well done, good and faithful servant." Matt. 25:21.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — Tuesday of Passion Week, A.D. 30.

Place — The Mount of Olives.

This lesson gives us a new conception of the infinite wisdom and knowledge possessed by Christ concerning the future. His prophecies have been fulfilled, and are being fulfilled throughout the age. The one fundamental theme running all through the Olivet discourse is the coming of the Son of man, as indicated by the recurrence of such phrases as "the sign of thy coming."

The questions asked by the disciples in this chapter have troubled the minds of men in every age. Jesus made a prophetic pronouncement concerning the characteristics of four different spheres during the long period between his departure and his return. Nothing has taken place during nineteen hundred years in these four spheres to contradict in any way the startling statements of the Lord. He predicted that "the end of the age" would be a time of disillusionment, of expectancy, of confusion in the minds of men, when multitudes would be looking for deliverance.

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Matt. 25:14. For it is as when a man, going into another country, called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability; and he went on his journey. 16. Straightaway he that received the five talents went and traded with them, and made other five talents. 17. In like manner he also that received the two gained other two. 18. But he that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19. Now after a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and maketh a reckoning with them. 20. And he that received the five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: lo, I have gained other five talents. 21. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22. He also that received the two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: lo, I have gained other two talents. 23. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24. And he also that received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou didst not sow, and gathering where thou did not scatter: 25. and I was afraid, and went away and hid my talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own. 26. But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter: 27. thou oughtest to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest. In this famous parable of the talents which might really be called "the parable of the lord and his servants," we should remember that a talent in those days was the equivalent of about twelve thousand dollars. We are not in the case of the man with five talents committed to him and in the case of the man with two is exactly the same. The reward of service is apportioned according to fidelity to opportunity, in the case of the faithful servant, first of all life was exposed; secondly, his talent was recalled; thirdly and finally he himself was cast out. The goods of the absent Lord are his revelation of God and of man, his provision for man's great need; his perpetual call; his mediation; his dynamic for paralyzed souls. We all have some of them committed to us; talents, five, two, one according to our ability and his choice; and these talents become our deposit.

Charm Founded Upon Kindness

The Only Kind of Charm Worth Bothering About Springs From The Heart, Beauty Columnist Writes

Deeply sincere kindliness is the foundation of real charm — the warm, glowing variety which puts others at their ease and makes the world a pleasanter place in which to live.

No matter how many books she has read or speeches she has listened to on how to be charming, no woman ever will be until she has a truly kind and understanding attitude toward the people she knows and those she meets. The only kind of charm worth bothering with springs straight from the heart. You can't strike an attitude of charm and be convincing.

The Really Charming Woman

Nor can real charm be turned off and on to suit the occasion or your particular mood, asserts Alicia Hart, beauty columnist. If you are a charming person, you are a kind person and, with rare exceptions, you are kind all the time. The really charming woman can no more help being kind than the woman without charm can help being cruel in little ways and sometimes in big ones.

Kindness, and therefore charm, come with understanding of the short-comings of human nature. And it's as great a mistake to see only the good side as it is to see only the bad. By all means see the good. But see the bad, too. And, instead of condemning, try to understand the why's and wherefore's of it.

Essential Metals

Of the 67 known metals about 12 are common and absolutely essential to modern industry. The British Empire is rich in them, her mines a treasure-chest for gold (South Africa, Canada, Australia); tin (Britain, Malaya); copper (Rhodesia); aluminum (Canada, Australia, India); manganese (India); nickel (Canada); lead (Australia, Canada).

Apart from these common metals there are many other known ones which are essential to war production. Radium, beryllium, palladium, cadmium, molybdenum, and many other such valuable metals are found within the British Empire.

Getting Careless With Gas-Masks

Few of the British Public Are Continuing to Take Precautions, Observer Notes

One of the most alarming sidelights of the war is the stubborn refusal of the citizenry of Great Britain to stay gas mask-minded, says an observer.

CAUGHT CONSIDERED RISKY

Back in September the average man in the blackout, who wouldn't have dreamed of going to work without a shirt, also carried a mask and for similar reasons. It was very risky and conspicuous to be with out one.

Now it's an undeniable fact that if the Nazis unbottle gas over London, most people are going to be caught without protection.

A survey of the principal London streets showed that only about one man in six carries a mask. You just couldn't tell about the women.

MAY CONTAIN ANYTHING

The snooper is constantly thrown off the scent by the females because they tend to use a combined handbag and carrier. Worse still, it's never certain that the official square box, snakeskin case, or paper bag does really contain a mask. A. R. P. wardens report that often there's nothing in it but sandwiches, lipstick and a library book.

QUEEN CARRIES MASK

Sometimes newspaper photographs show that even the King's mask is not always in evidence. But his heavy service mask is often carried by a member of the entourage or is parked within easy reach in an official automobile. Queen Elizabeth is never seen without her beige corduroy sack slung over the left shoulder.

World Cotton Output Lower

1938-9 Production Declines From Two Previous Seasons

The world did not produce nearly so much cotton in the 1938-39 season as in either of the two seasons immediately previous, and it did not consume nearly so much as in the season second previous, according to a review of the 1938-39 season contained in the twelfth Cotton Year Book of the New York Cotton Exchange just issued.

U. S. GREW LESS

Production of cotton by the entire world in the season of 1938-39 was roughly 25 per cent. less than in the previous season. World production dropped from 36,784,000 to 27,497,000 bales, a decrease of 9,277,000 bales. The greater portion of this decrease occurred in the United States, and was due partly to a reduction in acreage and partly to a lower average yield per acre. Abroad, smaller production was reported by China, India and also Egypt.

Decoy Is Used To Rescue Dog

Patrolman Allen Chester of Tonawanda, N.Y., believes he has a "sure-fire" method of rescuing ice-marooned dogs—simply send another one out on the ice.

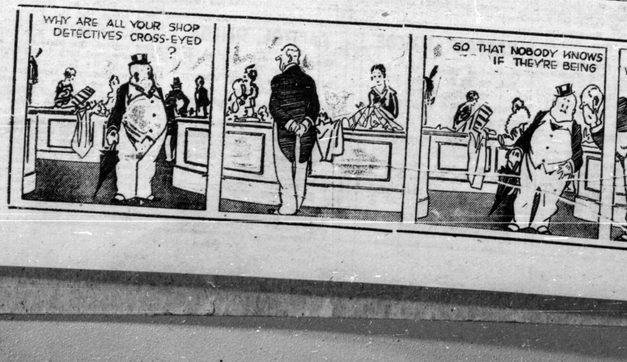
Unable to find means of transportation to reach a puppy struggling aimlessly in Niagara River last week, Chester attached a rope to another dog, then waved the animal out on the ice.

The decoy dog's appearance aroused the endangered puppy, which promptly struggled to firm ice. As Chester pulled the decoy toward shore, the puppy followed, barely able to wag its tail.

Canadians On The Ice In Battle Dress

The Canadian Expeditionary Force hockey team, which has been formed by Canadian soldiers now training in England, were so touched for time when they visited Empress Hall for a workout that they took to the ice in battle dress. Here one of the Canadians is "on the run" with a young figure skater as a partner.

POP—Indirect Watching



By J. MILLAR WATT

FARM NOTES

BOOST PRODUCTION

Urging Ontario farmers to strive for greater production to meet wartime needs, W. R. Reek, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, has warned the Ontario Agricultural Council that such increase could only be attained successfully by increasing yields on the land now under cultivation.

"Concentrate on good land and good seeds," he advised. "In this way you can increase production without breaking more land, thus avoiding the difficulty of trying to farm marginal lands."

VALUE OF MANURE

Manure is not in itself a balanced fertilizer, being very low in phosphorus, but it contains notable amounts of nitrogen and potash, and these are present chiefly in the liquid portion which too often is allowed to leach away. Apart from its value as a source of plant food, manure possesses other virtues. It improves the texture and moisture-holding capacity of soil and builds up the humus content, and also introduces the beneficial bacterial organisms which in the known and unknown ways promote favourable biological and chemical processes in the soil.

United States Best Customer

Bought Most Canadian Exports Last Year — Canadian Total For Year Increases 10.4 Per Cent.

Canada's domestic exports rose to $924,926,000 during the calendar year 1939, an increase of 10.4 per cent over the 1938 figure of $837,584,000, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

The United States was Canada's best customer, taking $380,392,000 worth compared with $270,461,000 in 1938, a gain of 40.6 per cent. The United Kingdom was in second place with $328,084,000 compared with $329,689,000, a decline of 3.4 per cent.

UNITED KINGDOM SECOND

Australia took third place with $32,029,000 compared with $32,982,000, followed by Japan with $28,168,000 against $20,770,000. British South Africa with $17,965,000 compared with $15,547,000. New Zealand $11,954,000 against $16,371,000 and British West Indies $11,751,000 compared with $11,011,000.

OTHER LEADING PURCHASERS

Other leading purchasers of Canadian products in 1939 with figures for 1938 in brackets: Norway, $10,904,000 ($7,854,000); Newfoundland, $8,506,000 ($8,403,000); Germany, $7,869,000 ($18,261,000); Netherlands, $7,357,000 ($10,267,000); Belgium, $7,261,000 ($9,555,000); France, $6,972,000 ($9,152,000); British India with Burma, $5,396,000 ($2,986,000); Brazil, $4,407,000 ($3,522,000); Sweden, $4,284,000 ($4,411,000); Argentina, $4,117,000 ($4,675,000); Ireland, $3,597,000 ($4,440,000); Mexico, $3,004,000 ($2,340,000); Straits Settlements, $2,782,000 ($2,445,000); China, $2,636,000 ($2,885,000); Italy, $2,251,000 ($1,745,000).

Ex-Kaiser Now 81 Years Old

Former Ruler Has 22 Grandsons Fighting With Nazis

Shadows of another war fell across observances of the 81st birthday of former Kaiser Wilhelm II, late in January.

The gay family celebration of other years was missing from Doorn Castle, where the former German ruler maintains formalities of his former court and watches, in exile, the progress of another generation of Germans at war with the Allies.

Hohenzollerns in Adolf Hitler's army provide part of his interest in the flagged pins he sticks in war maps to follow the campaign. He has 22 grandsons in the German army. Another, Prince Oscar, lost his life in the Polish campaign.

Rented News

Newspapers in Shanghai are often rented rather than sold. A paper is delivered first to a person who must get to work at an early hour. When he leaves his paper is collected by the boy and delivered to a second [illegible]. This procedure is carried [illegible] long that a week later the copy may be in the hands [illegible] reader situated hundreds of [illegible] outside the city.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

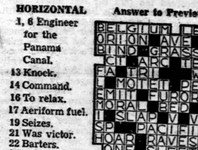
By William Ferguson

SCIENTISTS are still on the alert for any new animal that may exist, although it is generally believed that no important types of mammal remain undiscovered. New forms of reptiles come to light frequently, and one of the newest of these is the Willard rattlesnake, which grows no larger than 18 inches in length.

NEXT: Is there any power being created to keep the earth rotating on its axis?

NOTED ENGINEER

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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38 Company.
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How Can I?

BY ANNE ASHLEY

Q. How can I make a good soap jelly?

A. This can be made from the scraps of soap around the house. Dissolve these small pieces of soap in just enough water to cover them and add one teaspoonful of borax for each pint of the mixture.

Q. How can I prevent pies from overflowing in the oven?

A. Insert a short piece of uncooked macaroni in the top of the crust. This will stop the overflow. Do this at the start to prevent overflowing.

Q. How can I prepare a solution for chapped hands?

A. A good lotion for chapped hands is one part of aqua ammonia to two parts of glycerine. Add enough rosewater to obtain a slight perfume.

Q. How can I remove the odor from an empty medicine bottle?

A. Fill the bottle half full of cold water and add one tablespoon of dry mustard. Shake thoroughly, let stand for half a day, and then rinse carefully in cold water.

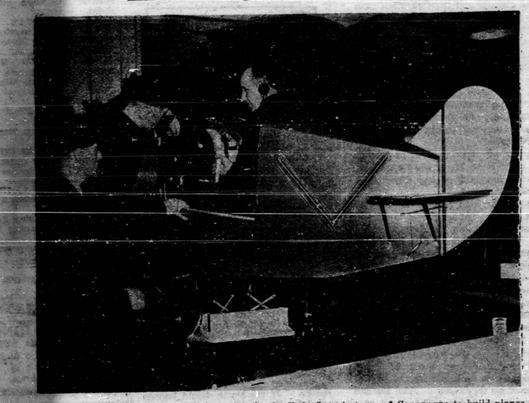
Q. How can I make easier the task of boiling eggs?

A. Try using an old flour sifter for boiling the eggs. Place the sifter containing the eggs in a kettle of boiling water. When the eggs are done, it will be easy to remove them.

Q. How can I clean jewelry?

A. A solution of one-half ammonia, and one-half water is excellent for cleaning jewelry. Then polish with a chamois.

Link Trainers Being Built at Gananoque For R.A.F.



A million-and-a-half dollars are being spent in the little Ontario town of Gananoque to build planes that will never fly. The money is being spent by the British air ministry on 200 Link trainers, the stubby, motorless "planes" used to teach young pilots of the royal air force the intricate problems of piloting the modern fighting planes of the R.A.F.

Have You Heard

An Englishman and a Frenchman were arguing over whose country owned the finer navy. They asked the old Irishman in the corner to settle the argument. "The Irish have the best navy," he said. "In Heaven's name, where is the Irish navy?" said the other two. "And what a fool I'd be to be telling you when you might be a couple of spies," said the Irishman.

"Some men thirst after fame, some after love and some after money."

"I know something they all thirst after."

"What's that?"

"Salted peanuts."

A passenger on board ship found that he had left his toothbrush in the washroom. Returning to recover it, he found a man using it.

"Hey!" he exclaimed in amazement, "that is my brush you are using!"

"Oh," replied the man apologetically, "I'm so sorry. I though it belonged to the boat."

Doctor: "Why do you have the 7652 tattooed on your back?"

Patient: "That's not tattooed, doctor. That's where my wife ran into me with the car when I was opening the garage doors."

A professor at a famous seminary was addressing the students on to take their departure. He had been verbose and prosy.

"Finally, gentlemen," he concluded, "remember that when you go out into the world you will find themselves face to face with a lot of people who have lost their [illegible]

[illegible] was attending a meeting of the Henpecked Club. Suddenly the door opened. His wife stepped in, grabbed him by the collar, shook him until his teeth rattled, and exclaimed: "What do you mean by attending this club? You're not henpecked."

What Science is Doing

MAY REPLACE INSULIN

Discovery of a substance which in laboratory investigation has reduced blood sugar in rabbits and monkeys and in a few cases in diabetic individuals, is announced by Dr. J. B. Collip, head of the Biochemistry Department at McGill University.

The substance, prepared from a pituitary tissue, is given by the mouth. If proven effective, it would eliminate the mental discomfort and physical suffering caused by repeated injections of insulin in the treatment of diabetes.

6,000 TIMES BRIGHTER

Using an odd camera which now makes round stars into square ones William H. Christie has determined the brightness of 18 globular star clusters.

"All the stars in the clusters are hotter and more brilliant than our sun," says the Mount Wilson observatory astronomer.

"The total brightness of the smaller clusters is 6,000 times that of the sun, and that of the larger is 800,000 times.

"Despite their brilliance, only two clusters are near enough to be seen with the naked eye.

Machine Tricks "Poker Faces"

A machine with an uncanny ability at getting behind a "poker face" and telling what's going on there, was demonstrated to a group of about fifty Western Ontario policemen last week by Dr. D. J. Wilson of the Psychology Department of the University of Western Ontario.

Some of the officers outsmarted the machine, others had their secret thought bared.

If there is a name for the apparatus it is not "lie detector," Dr. Wilson explained. It is only one of several instruments all of which are used in the so-called lie detectors of the United States, to measure emotional response.

Canadian National Railways Revenues

The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending February 7th, 1940, were $4,369,296, as compared with $3,163,696, for the corresponding week of 1939, an increase of $1,205,597 or 38.1%.

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SCOUTING . . .

The formation of Anti-Rumor Patrols" is one of the original wartime activities of the Boy Scouts of Trinidad and Tobago. They aim to nip any false and alarming news in the bud, as a contribution toward maintenance of a steady morale on those islands.

A clubroom for overseas and other Scouts in His Majesty's forces has been opened at Imperial Boy Scout Headquarters, London. The club is open daily from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and meals are obtainable at all hours. A special welcome is extended former overseas Scouts.

An X-ray machine was the last valuable contribution of the Scouts of Montreal to the equipment of the Children's Memorial Hospital. The apparatus was purchased by the Montreal Scout "Good Turn Fund." For some years a Cub Pack and Scout Troop for the young patients of the hospital have been carried on by Montreal Scouters.

Scouts and Scout leaders of the Canadian West who regularly travel long distances to attend meetings have their long-distance brothers in New South Wales. A lady Cubmaster at Lockhart, N.S.W., cycles 28 miles each week over the bush roads to take her Cub Pack meeting. Six Walgett Patrol Leaders wheeled 114 miles to attend a Patrol Leaders' Training Course, then wheeled the same distance home.

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

Q. How should one regulate his tips, and know whether to give a tip of a dime or a dollar?

A. Tipping must be regulated by the contents of one's purse. It is really vulgar to be ostentatious and overdo it. When a person earns say $30 or $40 a week and goes around giving fifty cent and one dollar tips, he should have a guardian.

Q. When giving an informal dinner, isn't it all right for the hostess to say, "Just sit anywhere you wish?"

A. No. This is very confusing. It is too much like playing the old game of "musical chairs." The hostess should designate where each guest shall sit.

Q. Would it be proper for a young young woman to sign a business letter, Miss Alice Jones?

A. Yes, but the Miss should be enclosed in parenthesis.

Q. Is it all right to sign a valentine?

A. Yes, if you wish, though many people prefer leaving the identity of the sender to the imagination of the one who receives the valentine.

Q. When children are eating at the same table with adults, should they be served first, last, or in regular rotation.

A. Serve the children in same rotation as the adults.

Q. What is the meaning of the abbreviation, "N. B."?

A. This is from the Latin nota bene, meaning "note well."

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