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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOMORROW

BY J. E. GILBERT, LL. D.

GOD CALLS ABRAM.
(Gen. xii: 1-9.)

Introduction.—According to the commonly received chronology, the events of our present lesson were a little more than four centuries after the flood, studied last Sunday (B. C. 2349 to 1921). Of this time the Scriptures make only a brief record. The genealogical tables of Noah's sons give the deluge the merit of reminding the people of the post-diluvian race feared a similar calamity which it sought to avert by building a tower about which they might settle. But this scheme was contrary to the plan of God who would have the earth re-populated (Gen. ix, 1). He therefore confused their language so that it was impossible for them to remain in one community. Thus the people began those migrations which have continued until the present time. The early distribution revealed a disposition, possibly under Divine guidance, to form three great races whose peculiarities are now recognized by ethnologists.

Command.—(Verse 1) This interpretation of Providence, designed for the good of man, (Acts xvii, 26) did not arrest the downward movement. Judging by the historic fragments of those times, the religion of pure theism held by Noah, was laid aside by the idolatry, and idolatry was introduced. But in the midst of the universal darkness there was one whose views of God were more exalted than those of his contemporaries. This was Abram, of the stock of Shem, whose home was in Ur of the Chaldees. (Gen. xi, 31) We are not told whether he gradually apprehended the unity and spirituality of God, or whether it was suddenly revealed to him. But he was selected to be the leader in a new religious movement, and, as a preliminary, was commanded to separate himself from his kindred.

Promise.—(Verses 2 and 3) The Almighty seldom calls men to new lines of action without presenting a reason and a motive. In commanding Abram to leave his native land He promised that which would appeal to his highest nature and awaken his liveliest hopes. That promise was in three parts, (1) It offered a personal blessing, one that should enrich his own life and establish his name in honor. (Gen. xxiv, 35) what every man desires; (2) The promise declared that, from Abram, should come a great nation, that is his posterity should be numerous and should form a separate political community. (1 Kings iii, 5) and (3) Through Abram and his seed the other nations should be blessed. (Gen. xxiv, 13) Or, more briefly, in the removal of Abram from the land of his fathers God proposed to raise up a people for the good of the world. There was a race-wide purpose in the command.

Defense.—(Verse 3) One other point needed to be covered to gain the hearty assent of this man to leave his idolatrous kindred. (Josh. xxiv, 2) Difficulties, and possibly enemies, will be encountered in taking up an abode among strangers. It was a day of selfishness and strife. Men had not learned to live for each other and to build a brotherhood for mutual good. Besides, to go with a religious conviction and with a national hope might provoke controversy. Well might Abram hesitate in such an undertaking, choosing to abide in present safety rather than

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UNDER THE MAPLES.

A youth and a maiden stood under the maples. The youth was holding the maiden's hand, and his eyes and the moonlight were looking down into her upturned face. Her chin had dangled from his strings, and her hair, yellow as the moonbeams, clung about her neck in riotous ringlets. Her eyes were blue and wistful, but her lips were as silent as the night.

The youth's voice was low and trembled, as though his heart were had tried to swallow, was lodged in his throat.

In babyhood these two had played together; in childhood they had wandered hand in hand, across the violet-dotted fields and along the clover-petted lanes. In each other's hearts they had grown, and to each the future without the other, seemed unlivable.

But the youth was about to depart for a far country, and they were standing together under the maples for the last time, perhaps for years—perhaps for ever.

Jason was a sojourner on the border land between youth and manhood. He was ambitious, visionary, perhaps—and the quiet country town seemed to possess no encouraging possibilities.

Stories of vast wealth wrested from the rocks of Alaska had proven fascinating to him and he had determined to seek for riches in the frozen Klondike.

"I will return to you some day, my Princess Mildred," he said, "I will return to you with love in my heart and gold in my hand and will build for you a palace of marble in the midst of a thousand acres."

At this Mildred smiled sadly and glanced up at a star in the heavens.

"That is the North Star, Jason," she said. "Every night I shall look at it with a wistful heart as it hangs suspended, like love's undying taper, over the ice-bound northland, whence my love has gone. All other stars change place, but the Polar Star is constant as an everlasting light."

She pinned a violet on his coat and he kissed her wistful eyes.

Then he said "Good-by" and she stood quite still and watched his retreating figure as it passed down the road and out of her sight. Thus Jason started on his search for wealth; thus Mildred began her years of waiting.

The brown cottage faced the country road in the edge of the village. It stood in a little cluster of trees, and from the south only the gable and one chimney could be seen through the heavy foliage. In the north a climbing rose, clinging to the pillars of the porch, and the blossoms peeked between the leaves and through the open door at their likenesses within.

A pathway, wandering amid the shadows and the perfume from the porch to the fence, which stood pale and gloomy, in front, stopped at the gate where Mildred stood of evenings in the dusk and the twilight.

Beyond the gate, the road stretched, to the right, over the arid hills into the wilderness; to the left, into the heart of the village, past the four stores, the postoffice, the tavern, the meeting house, and on to the fields again, and the hills, and the woods and the sunset.

As the darkness deepened, the fields grew more and more indistinct to the woman's vision, and the road seemed to end in a mist which grew ever nearer to her.

But through the mist a star shone brightly—the Polar Star. And Mildred watched it with wistful eyes and smiled sadly. "He will return to me with love in his heart."

But after two years in the Klondike Jason found himself one morning in a crowd of desperate, disappointed men, who cursed their way aboard ship and returned to Seattle with tales of hardship, discouragement and failure in the search for the hidden wealth that would not reveal itself to their hungry eyes.

Poisoned by contagion from that baser element in whose company he had been thrown during those two years on the ragged edge of civilization, Jason drew out his recollections of his Princess Mildred and spent the next few months in idle dissipation in the cities on the coast.

Without ambition, hopeless and despondent, he lay, one night, amid sea and yellow verdure on a vacant lot, gazing upward at the sky. Among the million glittering lights that dotted the azure arch he saw but one—the Polar Star.

Suddenly, like a long dead memory, there came to him the picture of a girl

GEORGE EDSON CAUGHT

The Negro Who Shot and Killed His Brother, John Edson, in Boguemo.

George Edson, a negro charged with the murder of his brother, John Edson, was captured by Deputy Sheriff Reiser, P. J. McLomere and George Jones at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The deputies found Edson in a house near the corner of South Perry and Julia Streets. The negro offered no resistance.

A few weeks ago Edson and his brother John Edson, got into a dispute in Boguemo about 50 cents. George Edson claimed that his brother owed him 50 cents and when he asked him for the money John Edson said he did not have it but would try and get the money for him in a few days. George Edson was angry and without a moment's warning he pulled a revolver and fired a bullet into the shoulder of his brother. The bullet struck him in the shoulder. George Edson escaped and nothing more was heard of him until his arrest yesterday.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—COUNTRY CONVENIENTLY REACHED

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In order to carve out a homestead for those entitled to the same, and by consent of all parties interested, the house and lot at the corner of Perry and South Streets, known as the K. C. Tompkins residence, lot fronting about 135 feet on Perry and running back 200 feet to an alley, will be sold today by the Executor at the Artesian Basin at 12 o'clock Titles believed to be perfect.

NEWS OF THE COURTS

Case Against Mr. W. W. Hill Was Not-prosecuted—Other Cases in City Court.

The case of W. W. Hill, charged with carrying a concealed pistol, was called in the City Court yesterday morning. Solicitor Lomax advised the verdict of the jury in the Hill case Thursday, the State would agree to not prosecute the case against W. W. Hill, charged with carrying concealed pistol, and it was so entered on the docket.

The following other cases were disposed of in the City Court yesterday: Alex Bibb, assault and battery, plea of guilty, fined \$50.

Alex Bibb, carrying concealed pistol, plea of guilty, fined \$50.

Jeff Moore, grand larceny, plea of guilty.

Willie Lowmes, grand larceny, not guilty.

Daniel Ellis, assault to ravish, guilty.

Mary Jane Henry, assault to murder, not guilty.

Mary Jane Austin abusive language, continued.

T. B. Buckner, assault and battery, continued.

Dave Maltersham, gaming, continued.

Joe Moss and Will Smith, grand larceny, guilty.

Prince Edwards, assault to murder, continued.

The Recorder's Court.

In the Recorder's Court yesterday afternoon Frank Leach and William Johnson were fined \$2 and costs for fighting.

Robert Owens was charged with assault and battery on his wife, Susan Owens. The Chief announced that they were hard working, well-to-do negroes and at his suggestion had settled their trouble out of the court. He was discharged.

John Floyd was up again for being drunk and was given ten days.

Charles Washington took a bootblack chair and refused to go away when told, using some very profane language. He paid \$10 and costs for his impudence.

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