

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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A PSALM OF PRAISE

International Sunday School Lesson for June 23

Psalm 103:1-13.

Singing has a fundamental place in worship. The Psalms were the song book of the Hebrews, and at times the rendition was most elaborate. As the pilgrims went up to Jerusalem for the various feasts they would sing in worship en route. Selections especially used at such times were the Hallel, Psalms 113-118. In some churches in Scotland and congregations derived therefrom in America all songs are paraphrases of the Psalms. This 103rd Psalm is a special favorite for the communion table. Great choruses were used by the Hebrews in their worship in praise. Much was made of antiphonal singing, where two choruses would be used, answering the other or giving a chorus-like refrain at the end of each verse.

Only 13 verses are indicated for the lesson study but all 22 should be read repeatedly. In fact the omission of any verse from a song in our school singing gives an incomplete presentation of the poet's thought. This Psalm is one of the many that should be committed to memory. Note that there are many verses as in the Hebrew alphabet. If you want the names of those letters turn to Psalm 119, where they are given in each of its 22 sections.

Thanksgiving must be expressed by anyone who will take the time to think over the abounding mercies that are renewed each day. We should not take such recurring special benefits for granted but think back to the Source. The Psalmist has evidently been meditating over the many joys and privileges that were his. Then he breaks forth in this joyous song beginning "Bless the Lord, O my soul." He rightly calls upon his entire self to give praise to the Bestower of All,

Whom he calls by name. Much is lost in trying to maintain a cheerful mental attitude by forgetting the endless number of good things that have come our way. Such bounties help greatly in passing lightly over the distressing things which also are a part of our daily life.

Seven is called the perfect number. Read through these selected verses, again and you will find that many great reasons for rejoicing at the Throne of Grace. "Count your many blessings. Name them, one by one" and you will change from the minor key of complaining to the major, in which you will "Count it all joy." In your daily prayer life cultivate the habit of praise and thanksgiving, together with confession of sin, before you begin to ask the Lord for still more gifts.

Forgiveness is repeatedly indicated in this Psalm. Our sins, when sincerely confessed, are removed "as far as the east is from the west." Instead of destruction, that is justly ours, because of the wrong doings we have willfully persisted in doing, we are crowned with "lovingkindness and tender mercies." In place of the unrest of one who is unrelated to Jehovah we are satisfied in Him and we continue to live the hopeful life of youth.

Yes, the Lord is one Who must be held in fear by the wrong doer. His corrections are for the sake of chastisement rather than for punishment. A young person who has never been restrained is a menace to society and misery to himself. The gentleness of parents is a type of the attitude of God toward those who hold Him in honor and seek to live in accord with His holy will.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

The Chronicle does not necessarily endorse or commend all of Mr. Brisbane's views and conclusions. Its editorials are published as expressions of opinions of the world's highest salaried editor.

MONEY AND LOVE HOLMES, BRANDEIS DISSENT MODERN YOUTH NOBODY KNOWS THE FUTURE

In New York a man killed himself. The reason:

"I've lost my money."
In Chicago a young Englishwoman, 28, jumped to death from a twelve-story window. Her message:
"I love Ed Page, 12209 Astor street."

Shakespeare's "Men have died, and worms have eaten them, but not for love," is not true of women. Men die for money, women for love.

Justices Holmes and Brandeis of the Supreme court, are often together in the headline "Holmes and Brandeis dissent." Justice Holmes, 88, oldest man that ever sat on the bench, and Justice Brandeis, one of the ablest lawyers and one of the best men in the United States, are old fashioned Americans, taking freedom of thought and speech quite seriously.

Rosika Schwimmer applied for citizenship, and the Supreme Court rejected her appeal, because she is a pacifist, does not believe in war and says she would not fight.
She is past sixty, and could not fight much anyhow. Apart from that, Justice Holmes reminds his fellow judges that the Founder of Christianity was also a Pacifist.

There is no doubt that if Christ returned as an immigrant at Ellis Island, he would be rejected after brief inspection of his teachings.
You can hear the words of reproof, "What makes a rich man give all his money to the poor? Go back to Russia."

Those that deplore the tendencies of "modern youth," late hours, short dresses, wild dances, cocktails, and the rest, will be interested in an investigation and report by Chicago's Episcopal church.

Young people are wild, says the report, but the blame rests with the parents. Dr. Young, head of the Howe school of Indiana, says he is more worried about the parents than about children.

It is a fact that bootleggers' customers are the parents. Children despise the law, and parents set them the example.

Nobody knows what may be ahead of him.

Frank Presbrey, in his able book, just published, "History and Development of Advertising," quotes an old advertisement offering \$10 for the return of "one Andrew Johnson, who had run away from James Selby, a tailor, at Raleigh, N. C., to whom he was apprenticed."

That boy, when he ran away, didn't know he was going to be President Andrew Johnson of the United States of America.

And Thomas A. Edison, when he sat at his telegraph key, thinking about sending more than one message on the same wire at the same time, did not dream that his thinking would add tens of billions to the wealth of the world.

Richard E. Enright, for years head of New York police, says murderers should be put to work to support their families, instead of being sent to the electric chair.

Working and producing, the murderer would be more useful than lying in quicklime, outside the prison wall.

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The murderers would approve his suggestion, the thieves not.

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July 7—A. R. P. church, Rev. M. R. Wingard.

July 14—North Broad Methodist church, Rev. Edward Long.

July 21—First Presbyterian church, Rev. O. M. Abney.

July 28—St. John's Lutheran church, Dr. D. J. Woods.

Aug. 4—First Baptist church, Dr. L. R. Lynn.

Aug. 11—Broad Street Methodist church, Dr. Dudley Jones.

Aug. 18—First Presbyterian church, Rev. S. P. Bowles.

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The newsboy presently appeared with him was a much smaller boy—evidently a brother—not over five at the very most. This little fellow carried three or four papers under his tiny arm. Proudly he strode beside his senior, his eyes dancing with delight, at the trust reposed in him. I could not hear his words, but he evidently asked if he should deliver my paper; the big brother nodded, as any great personage might nod in approval of a subordinate.

The tiny boy dashed up my steps—seven of them, and it required effort for his short legs to accomplish the man-size elevations; how he swung and glowed and smiled in the sweet morning air, wholly oblivious to the spectacled eyes that watched him from

behind the lace curtain! With an expression of profound interest, he singled out one of the three papers and placed it carefully at the bottom of my door, just as near to putting it into my hand as possible; then he turned and sped away, laughing, as fast as those short legs could carry him.

His financial accomplishment could not have been over a half-cent gain—no, it was not that; the little fellow was in glee because he could do something good—something useful for somebody, and do it well. For him, the delivery of that newspaper was a super-accomplishment. Had I been fully dressed, I might have frightened him by rushing out and seizing the darling in my arms.

Do we grown-ups get a "kick" out of the worthy deeds we do for others, if any? Sometimes I have to study awhile, before I can recall any good deed I have done lately. I have not quite become "as one of these."

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