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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for March 9

THE REIGN OF SAUL

LESSON TEXT—1 Sam. 15:10-22.
GOLDEN TEXT—Behold, to obey is
better than sacrifice.—1 Sam. 15:22.
PRIMARY TOPIC—A King Who Dis-
obeyed God.

JUNIOR TOPIC—A King Who Lost
His Kingdom.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-
IC—Saul's Successes and Failures.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP-
IC—Lessons From Saul's Reign.

In order to properly present this
lesson, a survey of chapters 8 to 15 of
1 Samuel should be made.

I. The People Demand a King (1 Sam. 8:1-22).

1. Their Reasons (vv. 1-5):

(1) Samuel was incapacitated by
old age.

(2) The unfaithfulness of his sons
whom he had appointed as his suc-
cessors. Samuel greatly blundered in
this, for the office of judge was not
hereditary.

(3) The desire to be like other na-
tions. Since the surrounding nations
had kings as leaders, they wanted a
king who would fight their battles.

2. Samuel's Protest (vv. 6-18). He
took the matter to the Lord in prayer
and the Lord instructed him to so-
lemnly point out to the people the
meaning of their action.

(1) The king would make slaves of
their daughters and make their sons
to serve in his army and do all kinds
of hard work on his farms and in his
house.

(2) He would take their lands, even
those inherited from their fathers, and
give them to his favorite officers and
servants. Not content with that, he
would take the tenth part of their
produce to give to his favorites.

3. Protest Disregarded (vv. 19-20).
Having made up their minds, they de-
liberately shut their eyes to the truth
and madly rushed into the experiment.

II. Saul Chosen as King (1 Sam. 9-11).

1. The King Pointed Out (9:1-10:16).
Saul was sent to search for his fa-
ther's asses that had wandered away.
While on this errand, Samuel found
him and anointed him. Saul and his
father were acting freely in this mat-
ter, yet at the same time God's pur-
pose was being carried out.

2. The King Chosen at Mizpeh
(10:17-27). Saul was chosen because
of his fitness. If they would have a
king, the Lord gave them the one best
fitted for their needs.

(1) A fine physique. He was head
and shoulders above the rest of the
people.

(2) Modesty. (3) Self-control. (4)
Military instinct.

The method of choice was by lot.
When the choice was made, part of
the people enthusiastically cried, "God
save the king." Others mocked and
refused allegiance.

III. The King Confirmed at Gilgal (1 Sam. 11).

Saul took advantage of the great
victory over the Ammonites to get all
the people to crown him king.

IV. Saul's Failure (1 Sam. 15).

This is one of the saddest pictures
in all history.

1. The Command to Saul (vv. 1-3).
He was commanded to utterly exter-
minate the Amalekites. The reason
assigned was their evil treatment of
Israel after they came up out of Egypt
(Exod. 17:8; Deut. 25:17).

2. The Disobedience of Saul (vv.
4-9). The commandment was carried
out only in part. Agag, the king, was
spared, and the best of the goods ap-
propriated.

3. Saul Rejected by God (vv. 10-25).

(1) Samuel cried to God (v. 11).
The news of this disgraceful affair
greatly disturbed Samuel, moving him
to cry unto God day and night.

(2) Saul's hypocritical pretense (vv.
15-16). This pretense carried a lie
upon its face. Though disturbed by a
guilty conscience, he tried to concili-
ate Samuel, but the very bleating of
the sheep and the lowing of the herds
betrayed him. He then tried to put
the blame upon the people.

(3) Samuel rehearses before Saul
God's dealing with him (vv. 17-23).
Samuel met his hypocrisy by bringing
him to squarely face his sin. God is
more concerned in having His subjects
render obedience unto His command-
ment than He is for them to offer unto
Him sacrifice.

4. The Judgment Upon Saul (vv.
26-35). For the presumptuous offering
of the sacrifice, the dynasty passed
from Saul's house, and for this act of
flagrant disobedience, the kingdom
was rent from him. He confessed his
sin and begged Samuel to still honor
him before the elders of the people.
Samuel forsook him and left him alone
to suffer in disgrace.

Holy Life.

"The serene silent beauty of a holy
life is the most powerful influence in
the world, next to the might of the
Spirit of God."

The Heaviest Burden of Man.
"The heaviest burden of man is the one
that lowliest bends its head."—Church
Bulletin.

All Are Worth While.
No one is useless in this world who
lightens the burden of it to anyone
else.—Dickens.

Mrs. Asa Candler Is Exonerated

Wife of Atlanta Millionaire Is Dis-
charged Following Testimony
of Chief Stoddard Under
Bond.

Atlanta, March 5.—Mrs. Asa G. Candler, Sr., wife of the Atlanta soft drink millionaire manufacturer, to-day was exonerated at a police court hearing of having been an occupant of a "dive," which charge grew out of a raid made by the police on an apartment in a fashionable residential section here in which Mrs. Candler, W. J. Stoddard and G. W. Keeling, business men, were arrested.

The identical charge against Keeling and Stoddard was also dismissed. Stoddard, however, was held under bond of \$300 for violation of the State prohibition law when he assumed responsibility for a small quantity of whiskey that the police found in a bottle on a table around which the three persons had been seated when the police made the raid.

"I can't see that the result of the public trial today has left me any-
thing to say in addition," Stoddard said in a statement after the trial.

The evidence of Chief Beavers him-
self disclosed the details of the mis-
erable conspiracy which is back of
this whole prosecution. The court's
judgment completely cleared Mrs.
Candler, Mr. Keeling and myself of
any suspicion of misconduct of any
kind whatever."

The police chief testified that "less
than a month" before the raid a
complaint came from the aged mil-
lionaire husband, Asa G. Candler, Sr.
On cross-examination he testified that
Forest Adair, well-known realtor,
asked him to take personal charge of
the raid.

"The chief has testified," defense
counsel told the court, "that Mr. Can-
dler made this complaint to him. We
have let that go in as evidence, al-
though it was hearsay. And now we
have the right to know who asked
the chief to make this arrest in per-
son."

"Well," Chief Beavers replied, "it
was Mr. Forest Adair whom I knew
to be a confidential adviser of Mr.
Candler. I will tell it all. Mr. Adair
called me and said that I would get
a telephone call and I would hear
the name 'Howell,' and that when I
heard that name I would know that
they were in an apartment together.
I was to investigate and make the
arrest."

The chief also testified that Mrs.
Candler had been "shadowed" by
Thomas H. Pitt, an employee of Adair
Realty Company.

It was also brought out that Mrs.
Candler was taken to the police sta-
tion after she had been identified by
Pitt in the apartment and after he
had demanded that she be treated
"like the rest of them."

None of these defendants testified
and no witnesses were put up in their
behalf.

Police Capt. A. J. Holcombe, who
assisted in the raid, testified that
he had been unable to locate "Mrs.
Kibler," the landlady of this apart-
ment.

The police head said that when he
reached the apartment he "asked
Mr. Stoddard how long he had been
going with Mrs. Candler, and he called
me to one side and said:

"Chief, she was my stenographer
for six years. I then asked him:
'Mr. Stoddard, did your wife ever get
after you about running around with
her?' and he replied: 'Well, yes,
chief, she has.'"

"That's not true," Mr. Stoddard
shouted.

"Isn't that what you said?" the
chief asked.

"No," Stoddard rejoined in an an-
gry tone. "That's not right, and you
know it's not right."

"Yes, it is, too," the chief insisted.
"You know I wouldn't lie for you or
anybody else. You also asked me
how long I had known about this, and
when I said that I had known about
it for about one month, you said that
you 'wished I had tipped you off.'"

A bottle, which Chief Beavers said
was taken in the raid and contain-

ed whiskey, was introduced in evi-
dence over the protest of defense
counsel. They insisted that the liquor
taken from the apartment in which
the defendants were arrested in no
way constituted "occupancy of a dive,"
which is the general term for sec-
tion 1,768 of the city code under which
the arrests were made.

Attorney Dorsey, representing Mrs.
Candler, asserted that "Atlanta has
many beautiful dives if this apart-
ment, 48 Juniper street, can be class-
ed as such."

Chief Beavers said that he kept

the complaint of Mr. Candler secret
because "I didn't want to do any
injustice to Mrs. Candler, Mr. Can-
dler or their families. I had been asked
to keep it secret until something
materialized."

The police official said that after
he received a telephone call on Febru-
ary 9, he took Capt. Holcombe and
went to the corner of Ponce de Leon
avenue and Juniper street and there
met Pitt. "He got in the car and
told us to drive up Peachtree and
back down Third street, where he
showed us Mr. Stoddard's car. He

said Mrs. Candler's car was at the tree street and they were in an apart-
ment," he testified.

For All the Family

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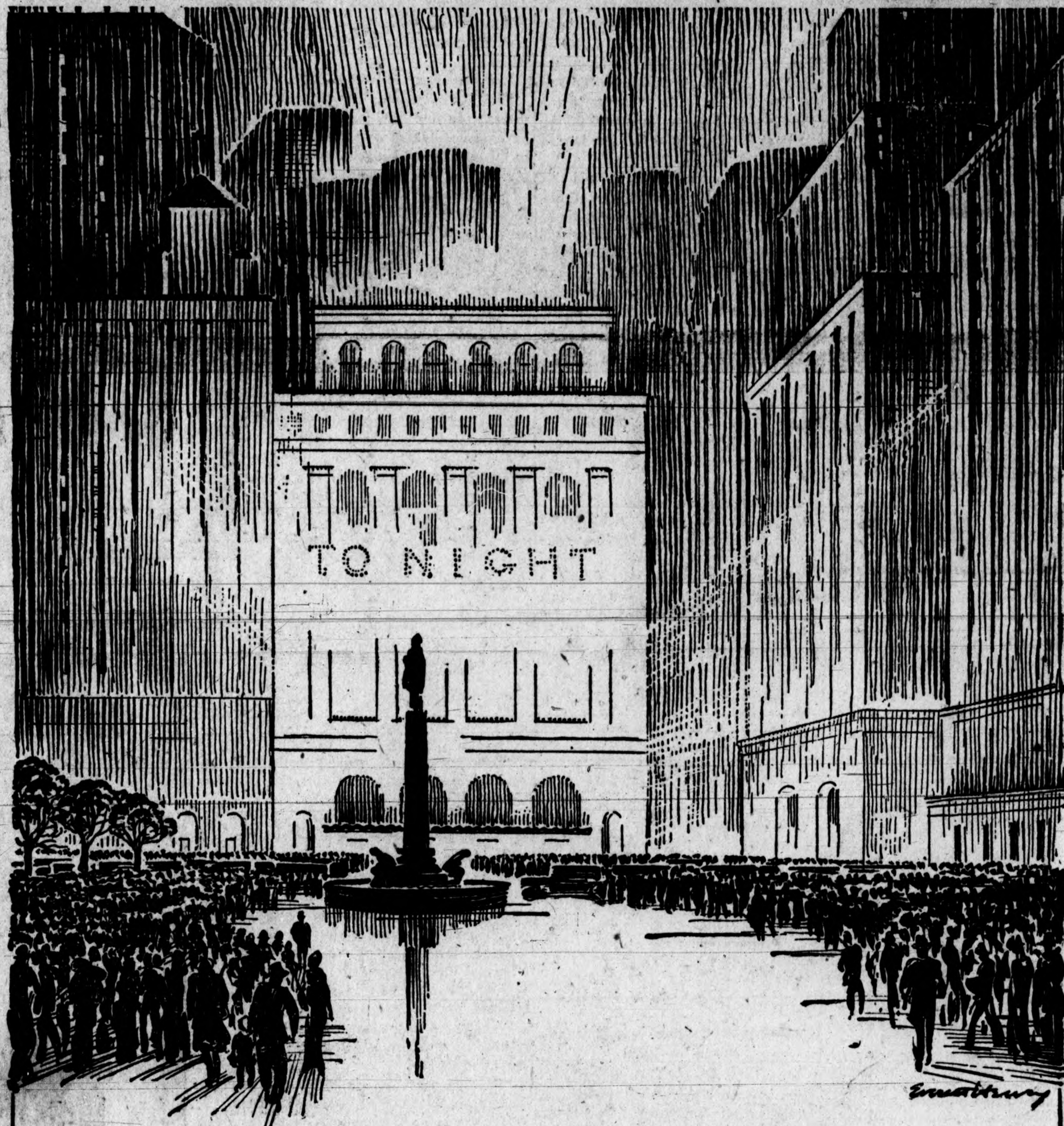
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