

International Sunday School Lesson

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General Topic: Jesus invites all people.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 14:15-24
15. And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17. And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come: for all things are now ready.

18. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21. So the servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23. And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Come: for all things are now ready." Luke 14:17.

INTRODUCTION

"Our Lord spoke this parable (of the Refused Banquet) as a reminder that even those who talk about the Kingdom (ver.15) are not always willing to receive it. The interest gathers around two main points - the amazing hospitality of God, the amazing indifference of men." - J. E. M. Ross.

"The source of their indifference is not a hardened heart, wilfully bent upon refusing the mercy of God; not a determination to sin; it is the deadening effect of lawful possession of the good things of this life that is pointed out." - The Study Bible.

THE HEALING OF THE MAN WITH DROPSY ON THE SABBATH

Luke 14:1-6.

"Of the seven miracles of mercy on the sabbath day in the ministry of Christ, four are recorded by Luke this being the last of the four (4:28-39; 6:1-11; 13:10-17). The Pharisees had invited Christ to dinner that day with the "watch" means "watching on the side (shyly) insidiously, with evil intent." A. T. Robertson.

"In regard to the question of these lawyers and Pharisees regarding the legality of healing on the Sabbath day, the Lord answers them with a question which is so stated that it answers itself, and puts the questioners hopelessly on the defensive. Literally, the sentence should read thus: "Whose ox or ass of you shall fall into a well and he (the man) will not straightway draw him up on the Sabbath day?" There could be but

one answer. But as this answer they would not give, they did what alone was possible. "They held their peace"; for they would not assent and they would not be convicted; and the truth, which did not win them, did the only other thing which it could do, exasperated them the more; they replied nothing, hiding their time." - R. C. Trench. Christ is always right. His opponents are always wrong. It behooves us to take care that in all questions which he touched upon, we are with him and not against him.

CHRIST WARNS AGAINST AMBITION AND EXCUSIVENESS

Luke 14:7-14.

As the Lord Jesus looked about the room in which the feast of that Sabbath day had been spread in the Pharisee's home, he noticed how the guests "chose out the chief seats," or, as Moffatt's translation reads, how "they picked out the best places." To these guests jostling one another for the chief places, he remarked that the wise conduct on such an occasion would be for the guests to at once take the lower seats, and then, if they deserved higher seats, the host would come down to them, inviting them to go up higher. "If you are constant!" pluming yourself on your own performances and on your high reservations of praise and what not at all men's hands, depend upon it your humiliation will not tarry. You will be disappointed, superseded, overlooked, overstepped, and overridden absolutely every day. Demand nothing for yourself and you will be constantly surprised how praise and promotion will pour upon you, and that, at the most unexpected times, and from the most unexpected people." - Alexander Whyte.

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER - Luke 14:15-24

V.16. "But he said unto him, A certain man made a great supper; and he bade many." The word here translated "supper" means the principal meal in the day not necessarily the evening meal. It was the chief hour for appeasing hunger; it was the chosen time for fellowship and rest. And all these features of the supper table, idealized long since in psalm and prophecy, made it very expressive for our Lord of the rich and varied blessings of his kingdom, v. 18. "And they all with one consent began to make excuse." There is no positive sin ascribed to the refusing guests; their fault is that of preoccupation and indifference. Their private affairs cannot wait, they think; so the host must wait for them in vain. The simple excuses are suggestive. There is property, which speaks of land and pride and ambition; there is the new team of oxen telling of business and industry; and there is the bride, warning us how home and comfort may affect to lower levels the life of the soul. Generally, they suggest that things in themselves innocent may make a man lose the best when the issue is the direct call of God to the individual." - George Christy. "The real truth was they had no heart for that invitation. All their treasure, and consequently, all their heart, was elsewhere." - Alexander Whyte.

V.21. "And bring in hither the poor and the maimed and blind and lame." "The great Giver of the heavenly feast bids to his table the spiritually sick, the spiritually needy. The people who knew not the law,

the despised and the outcast, these should enter into the Kingdom of God before the wise and the prudent." - R. C. Trench.

"CONSTRAIN THEM TO COME IN." Luke 14:23.

"Constrain them to come in, that my house may be filled." In the idea expressed by the word "constrain" there is no thought of compulsion, but rather of persuasion. "The giver of the feast expects that these homeless dwellers in the highways and by the hedges will hold themselves so unworthy of the invitation as hardly to be persuaded that it was intended for them, will not be induced to enter the rich man's dwelling and share in his magnificent entertainment." R. C. Trench. "Jesus came offering to men these supremely sinners' friend, and a righteousness possible even for the most depraved; and he found no appetite for these benefits, no eagerness to come to the feast which he had spread." - A. B. Bruce. "The parable rings with the limitless goodness of God. His kingdom is for the hungry who appreciate it, not for the satisfied and selfishly occupied who prefer other things. It has nothing in it of merit or desert, only of need. The kingdom of heaven is for those who have need; all missions and missionary work are in this story. God

wishes to see men happy, to have no vacant places at the table of his love." George Christy.

"YET THERE IS ROOM" Luke 14:22
"The remark of the servant, 'and yet there is room,' and the master's continued insistence that 'my house may be filled,' are significant data of the gospel and a challenge from the real Master. And when we turn from those who will not accept him, while we go everywhere - 'streets and lanes, highways and hedges' - we are to give special attention to the especially needy, the poor, maimed, halt, blind (of ver. 13 and 21.) figuratively speaking. It is a call to the apostolic church to love Jerusalem and preach to the Gentiles; for us a call to the evangelization of the heathen, unprivileged, so far as the gospel is concerned.

Mrs. G. C. Taylor was called to her former home in Iowa last week by a message announcing the severe illness of her father. Her stay there will be indefinite and will depend on the condition of her father's health.

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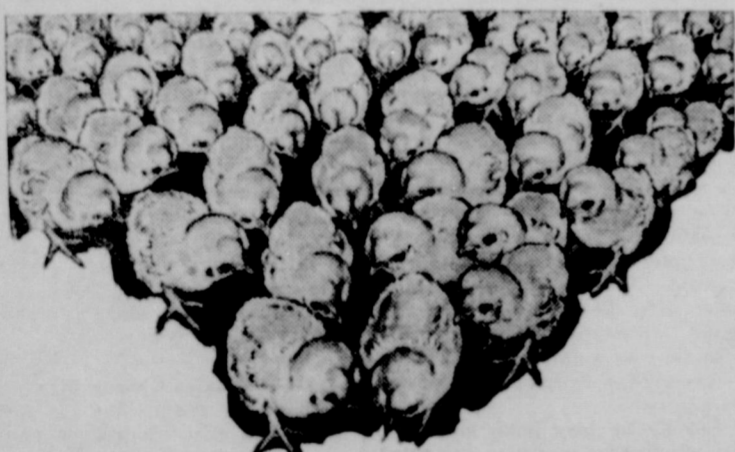
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For County and District Clerk: E. V. RUSHING (re-election)
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Commissioner Precinct No. 1: J. M. W. ALEXANDER
County Treasurer: ROY B. EZEEL
For State Senator, 31st District: CURTIS DOUGLASS

Panhandle Press
Ochiltree County Herald—During the past twenty-six years, approximately 7,000,000 boys and men have been connected with Scouting...

JODOK—
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But, if I were going myself, I do not know where I could tie myself off to where I could do any better...

Giver is forcing us to quit it and treat this great country as it should be treated, and we are beginning to heed his admonition, which is shown by the fact that we are now organizing erosion prevention zones or districts and are planning better ways for tilling the land so that it cannot blow away...

The Household
By LYDIA LE BARON WALKER
EVERY mother has to be a first aid nurse even though she be a decided amateur in the work...



Dry Weather
By LEONORA WOODWARD
IT WAS an old, old story to Mrs. Murray. She hadn't kept a rooming house just off Tenth avenue for ten years without learning a thing or two...

RIGHT TO THE POINT
Flattery is what we think about our selves.
It is a poor rule that works no good either way.

As I told you last week, our dust storms are not killing anybody as the floods and whirlwinds and severe cold and earthquakes are doing in many other localities in distant states...

The "Good Lord" gave us this great level country with its rich, deep soil and without trees and rocks, which conditions make it one of the finest farming countries imaginable...

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Governor's Aide To Publish Song Book
Dallas—"Seven Song," a book of verse by Pat Moreland, secretary to Governor James V. Allred...

Scientists Will Meet During Time of Texas Frolics
Gonzales Tex., April 2—Sp—The Centennial celebration field meet for scientists will be held at Palmetto state park near Gonzales on March 26, 27 and 28.

When you receive a dun, that means you are thought to be honest. If it weren't so, you'd be sued.
Meaning? Pupil (during lesson on creation)—But my father says we're descended from apes.

Mother's Aid
It is expected, of course, when there is anything which simple remedies do not relieve, that a physician will be summoned...

Graphic Term
"Aligotering" is a term used to describe the appearance of a paint film that has cracked into large segments, resembling the hide of an alligator.

Household Vermin
Fresh paint is one of the most powerful weapons that can be used against household vermin. Many insects will not remain in the proximity of paint...

Whales Charge Men
Three fishermen had a desperate fight with five whales off the coast near Stonhaven, New Brunswick. While a whale became entangled in the heavy anchor chain, five other whales came to the surface...

Largest Push-Cart Market
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