

LESSON TEXT IS 40 DAYS AND ASCENSION

Differences Between Literalists in Bible Study and Modernists Are Pointed Out

By Teacher

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for March 22: The Forty Days and the Ascension. The Ever-Living Christ.—Luke 24:36-53.

By WM. E. GILROY, D. D. (Editor of The Congregationalist)

WHERE is heaven? Where is the right hand of God? Where is God's throne?

These are the questions that inevitably arise in connection with the story of Christ's Ascension.

Who can conceive of the glory of the God of this whole universe? Who can dream of the mysteries that lie in the "beyond"?

The other group, sometimes called "modernists," distinguishes the essential spiritual truth of Scripture from the mass of detail.

The latter group finds a human element in the Bible. In fact to many it would have seemed amazing that traditions should not have grown up around so wonderful a life as that of Jesus of Nazareth.

As a matter of fact there were in ancient writings many strange and miraculous stories told of Jesus that are not found in our New Testament.

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In excluding many stories of the miraculous in determining the limits of the New Testament as we have it today, did those who formed the canon include some things that might be called the "canon" of Scripture?

These are questions that Christian scholars have had to face with honest and open minds.

The truth is not and never has been, in danger. Full inquiry and discussion are the means of establishing truth, and of correcting error.

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Some have found in the story of the Ascension a reflection of an age when men believed that the earth was flat, and of the ancient idea of the upper air as peopled by spirits in successive stages, or strata, of heaven.

Some lay stress upon the fact that neither Matthew's Gospel nor John's makes reference to the story of the Ascension and that Mark makes only a brief reference (Mark 16:19) to Jesus being "received into heaven."

But this is clear. The New Testament, not only in a limited reference, which may, or may not, have been influenced by tradition, but in all its texture, proclaims the fact of Christ's eternal intercession.

His resurrection life is a life that unites earth and heaven. He not only came to reveal God, the Father, but He has lifted our earthly life into eternal communion with the Father.

Nor need the method of Christ's return to the Father trouble us. If God lifted up the divine Christ, before the eyes of the amazed disciples, just as our lesson says, it is no more wonderful than innumerable things that God is doing through the laws that men are gradually discovering.

It does seem a mistake, however, to base largely upon a single passage such hopes of a return of Jesus



TEXT: Luke 24:36-53.

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

Behold my hands and my feet that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet.

And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb.

And he took it, and did eat before them.

And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooves Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day.

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

And were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

in the sky, as have been constantly disappointed.

Only recently we have seen the sad spectacle of deluded people staking everything upon the coming of Christ, and the end of the world. Their conviction that they knew the day has not saved them from delusion.

We mis-read the story of the resurrection and the Ascension unless we are led to the living Christ.

The assurance that He lives and the manifestation of His life in us are the deepest things that religion has for us. If we have found Him, we need not trouble over speculative questions or about the times and seasons.

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All the regular weekly and Sunday services of this church will be resumed this week. Prayer and praise service on Thursday evening at 7:30. Then on next Sunday, morning and evening services as customary.

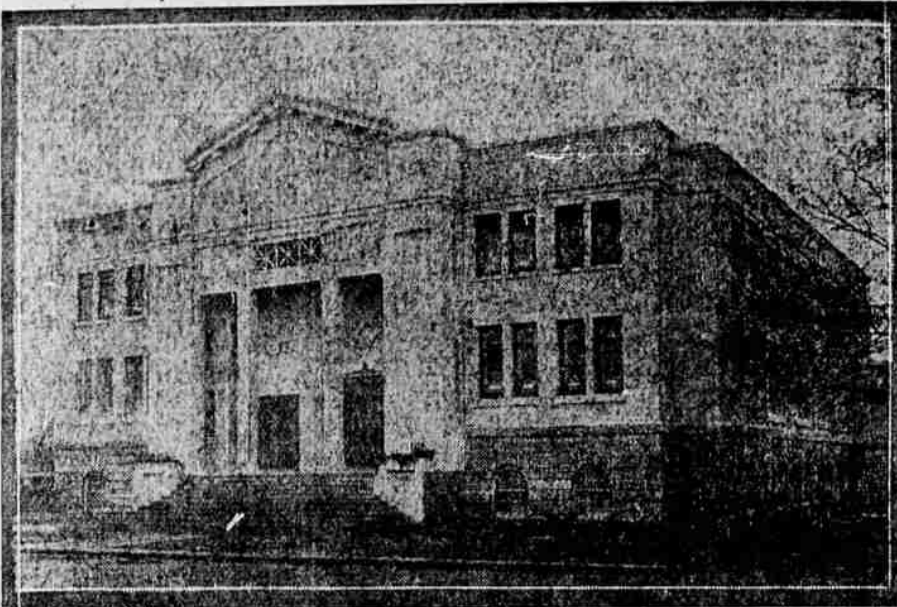
Oak and Eleventh streets. E. V. Stivers, pastor. If we hold up our attendance in Sunday school this Sunday, it is imperative that each member who is in the city be present Sunday. The absence of the students occasioned by vacation will deplete the attendance some. Let us make a special effort to attend. Sunday morning the special solo will be given by Miss Hazel White, the number being "Face to Face." The sermon Sunday morning by the pastor is on the subject, "The Tears of Jesus." The Sunday morning sermons deal with special events in the life of our Lord, leading up to the great Easter service. Sunday evening the choir will give the special number. The sermon-lecture Sunday evening, is the anniversary sermon of the ministry of Dr. Stivers. Nineteen years ago he preached his first sermon on March 23rd. Since that time he has delivered a special sermon each year on the Sunday nearest that date. Those who have heard him the six sermons preached in Eugene will know what to expect. The sermons are always filled with humor and are always en-

joyed by tremendous crowds. The subject this time, "The Preacher as a Fisherman" or "will a preacher swear?" Do not fail to hear this address. We extend a special invitation to the sportsmen of this city. We extend our usual invitation.

East Eleventh avenue at Ferry street. Morning service at 10:45 o'clock with sermon by the pastor, Frank Fay Eddy. Sermon topic: "A Saint and Two Heretics." This sermon will be a study of sainthood as illustrated by Joan of Arc in the estimation of Bernard Shaw and Mark Twain. The soloist at the morning service will be Kathleen Powell, contralto. The church school meets at the close of the morning service. In the Round Table class the subject of discussion will be the "Rise and Fall of First Civilizations" based on Winwood Reade's exposition in the "Martyrdom of Man."

507 Pearl street. Fred L. Hornshub, pastor. Mrs. Alfarotta Wood, assistant pastor. Miss Ivorita Wood, musical director. Services every Tuesday and Friday evening at 7:45. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Vivian Dennis, superintendent. We have a splendid corps of teachers and officers with classes for everybody from six years to 100 Sunday morning at 11. J. R. Conlee, dean of the Bible Standard Training school will preach. His subject will be "The Nine Gifts of the Spirit." Mr. Conlee has had 20 years experience as a Bible teacher, and is one of the best posted men on the Pacific coast on the doctrines advanced by the "Latter Rain" movement started in 1906, and is considered as an authority on the subject he will preach on. Everybody ought to

New Church Building is Formally Dedicated in Corvallis



This is the new Corvallis Christian church, designed to meet the needs of a college city. It was recently dedicated. Rev. Clarence W. Reynolds is pastor.

by many. Evangelistic services at 7:30 by the pastor. All are invited to any and all of these meetings.

BRAMWELL BOOTH SAYS WORLD IS IN BAD MESS AT PRESENT TIME

There is Hope for Christianity in Future, Head of Salvation Army Declares, However

By MILTON BRONNER (NEA Service Correspondent) LONDON, March 21.—The world is in a sorry mess—people are restless and unhappy—but the teachings of Christ bring healing and salvation and, therefore, General Bramwell Booth, head of the Salvation Army, today declared himself to me to be an optimist.

It is an important message because General Booth is an important man. As the head of a religious organization which pursues its unflagging activities all over the globe, he is in close touch with what men and women are thinking. And as the Salvation Army concerns itself especially with the humble and the lowly, General Booth understands what the mass of mankind are thinking.

From all over the world daily and hourly the reports come to him from his trusted lieutenants. The great organization, the great preacher, the kindly-faced, white-haired chieftain, who knows the world as a vicar knows his parish, said to me:

"I am of a hopeful spirit as to the future of Christianity or, as I prefer to state it, of Christ.

"There is no doubt that the world is still a prodigal; it has left the Father, cast off His restraints and

in the Lost Sheep will do little for Him unless it is inspired by holy love. "But I am an optimist. I move about the world, east and west. And do not see the Cross of Jesus uplifted and understood. Little known, understood, strangely doubted, I know it often is, but still there is radiance of love over multitudes. "But is not the depest question after all for each one of us this—whether there be for us in Christ a present conquering Saviour?" "I was struck today with the following words by Johnson Ross—no historic research, no exposition of the doctrines of an old world teacher removes the burden of the friendship of my sin-stricken soul in a universe ruled by a Holy God. It by your scholarship you so make to live again the classic scenes in which the Nazarene moved and taught, that I am aware conscious of the long centuries that divide Him from me; then of the more if you would secure the abiding of my faith in Him, you must let me see how He can still reach me, and stand for me; how the wings of His gracious personality can be stretched to cover me." "It is because we of the Salvation Army do see how that can be, we see daily and hourly as the hands move around the dial of the clock, that those wings are outstretched to cover the most needy, that the progress of our work continues to be one of the greatest spiritual facts of the world's history."

WOMAN AVOIDS AN OPERATION

Awful Pains and Misery Relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Lima, Ohio.—"I want to tell you how your medicine has helped me. For weeks I suffered with awful pains from inflammation and I was in such misery that I had to bend double to get relief. I could not be touched or jarred, had awful pain all over my abdomen and could not touch my feet to the floor. It was impossible for me to straighten up and the pains never ceased. I took treatments for some time and finally was told I would have to have an operation. I do not believe in operations and I had read so much about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that I told my husband I would try it before I gave up. I soon began to feel that it was doing me good. The awful misery began to leave me, also the backache. I have a good appetite and am gaining in weight. Taking this medicine was the best thing I ever did. I feel like it has saved my life and I do not hesitate to say so to my friends. It has saved me from a dreaded operation and I am still taking it."—Mrs. ERNEST THURMON, 824 North Pine St., Lima, Ohio.



At The Churches Sunday

First Baptist. Corner of Eighth and Pearl streets. Charles E. Dunham, pastor. Arab Hoyt Rae, music director. Bible school meets at 9:45. W. H. Lord, superintendent. Morning worship 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach the sermon. Arab Hoyt Rae will sing as usual. A ferrety solo, "Lead Kindly Light" (Liddell). At 3 p. m., Mrs. Demarest will give an address in the armory. The intermediate young people's societies meet in the auditorium of this church at 9:15. At the same hour the senior young people's societies meet in the post room of the armory. The closing service of the evangelistic campaign will be held at 7:30. Do not miss hearing Mrs. Demarest in this last sermon. Our regular prayer and conference meeting will be held on Thursday night at 7:30.

Central Presbyterian. Corner Tenth and Pearl. Rev. A. H. Saunders, minister. Prof. John H. Siefert, choir director. Mrs. Beth Davis Cleaver, organist. Sunday school at 9:45, under the leadership of H. A. Soules, general superintendent. Good music, reverent Bible study, and warm, happy fellowship are outstanding features in this part of our church work. Let us enroll you as one of our regular attendants. Morning worship at 11 o'clock, the pastor's theme being "The Use of Life." The quartet will sing "Come Weary Soul" (Gilbert) and Mr. Jones' solo will be the other of our special musical numbers at this service. In the evening our people will participate in the Demarest revival services at the armory. There will be no Christian Embassy this evening, but the Westminster League will meet at 8:30 for the usual service. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Our mid-week service brings a blessing to all who attend. Topic for consideration "The Mission of Christianity," discussion led by the pastor. A cordial welcome awaits those who attend our services, and we will be glad to have you make this your church home if not now affiliated with some other.

Church of God. Third and Monroe street. Mamie Hiscoper, pastor. Bible school 10 a. m. E. A. Fegles, superintendent. Classes for all ages. Preaching 11 a.

m. The pastor will speak on the subject "How to have a successful revival." Young people's meeting 8:45 p. m. All young people invited. Rev. Clinton Chapman of Rainier, Ore., will preach at 7:30 and each evening during the week. Rev. Chapman will preach the old time gospel in an interesting way. Be sure and hear him. The singing will be a part of the revival. So come and bring your friends.

Corner Sixth and Pearl. Overl Skilbred, pastor. Sunday school every Sunday 9:45 a. m. All in American and a graded school. The Bible class is anxious to have a full number on the Acts. Services Sunday 11 a. m. in Scandinavian. Vocal solo by T. G. Kaarbus. The sermon will be based on John 6, 52-55 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, ye have not life in yourselves." The circuit meeting of the state of Oregon will be held at Silverton, 24-26 in other words, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. The congregation and the Ladies' Aid must send two delegates each, and in addition you are urged to go as many as get off. The St. Johns Lutheran congregation of Silverton invites you. Rev. Linde is the pastor of that congregation, and he loves the Eugene people, so just come along. The meeting opens on Tuesday morning at 10:30. Our congregation will also decide Sunday morning if the evening service shall be postponed so as to permit a union service with the Bethesda Lutheran congregation in Danebo.

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theme, and the Board will make its annual canvass in the afternoon. The work of the year is passing under review and the responsibilities for the new church year is in the foreground. With the steadily increasing population in Fairmount district and Eugene, this coming year promises to be the best the church has ever experienced. The Endeavor meets at 8:30 and all are invited. The Bible school is doing excellent work and meets at 9:45. All are welcome to all the services.

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