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Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

GRANDMA

Mrs. Cucumber Green had been four years old for quite a while, she thought, but really it was not so very long. Only so much had happened in that time.



She Had a Little Pail.

There had been so many games, many plans, so much housekeeping. When Mrs. Cucumber Green did her housework she called herself Jane Eckler. Her family called her Margaret.

"Jane," Mrs. Cucumber Green said, "we must clean house today. Number Four Green Lane looks a sight, a perfect sight."

Mrs. Cucumber Green changed her voice then and answered for Jane: "Yes, ma'am, that we must surely do. The house does look a sight. What with the children playing so hard, blessing their little hearts, and musing things up so, the dreadful little things, we must put everything to rights."

"Today would be a good time for house-cleaning," Mrs. Cucumber Green said.

"As good as any," Jane Eckler answered.

No Mrs. Cucumber Green put on an apron which she wore when she was "pretending" she was Jane Eckler. She had a little pail and in it was dry water.

Dry water, of course, is water which is not wet. And as Mrs. Cucumber Green's mother was afraid she would catch cold if she used wet water, she always used the dry.

She dipped her rag into the pail and wrung out the "pretend" water. Then she scrubbed the windows of the doll house and put everything in order.

Of course she had to send the children out to play when she did this, and she put them on a big chair which she drew up beside the chair where Grandma sat.

Grandma always made the children so happy. Sometimes as Mrs. Cucumber Green was being very busy she would hear Grandma talking to the children.

There were some grown-ups who wouldn't do that. They would only speak to your children when you were with them. But Grandma could be heard every now and again saying: "Well, Allie Baa, I hear you went out street with your mother this morning. I hope you got the very best of oranges for us."

Then Grandma's voice would change so as to sound like Allie Baa, and Allie, in Grandma's "pretend" voice would say: "Yes, Grandma dear, the very best. The man said they were very fine, the finest in town."

Grown-up people came to the house who sometimes would say to Mrs. Cucumber Green's mother: "How well your mother looks—she doesn't show her age at all."

That seemed so very silly to Mrs. Cucumber Green. Grandma was one of the youngest people in the whole world—and never could Mrs. Cucumber Green quite understand how she happened to be her mother's mother. It could have been the other way around just as easily.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of the Evening School, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

Lesson for July 12

THE GOSPEL IN ANTIOCH OF PISIDIA.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 13:13-42. GOLDEN TEXT—"Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people."—Isa. 55:4.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Telling Strangers About Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Barnabas and Paul in Antioch, Pisidia.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Early Victories of Foreign Missions.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Paul's Preaching and its Effects.

I. In the Synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia (vv. 13-16).

From Paphos Paul and Barnabas, with their companion Mark, went northward to Perga. Here Mark, for some reason, perhaps because of hardships, went back. He was ready to go again when they started on their second journey, but Paul would not give his consent (Acts 15:38-39). Before Paul's death he testified in Mark's favor for he had found him profitable to him for the ministry (II Tim. 4:11). From Perga they went to Antioch in Pisidia, and here they entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day. From this we see that though Paul was sent to the Gentiles, he did not depart from the order of beginning with the Jews.

II. Paul's First Recorded Sermon (vv. 17-41).

This sermon is worthy of careful study. In its analysis we find four parts:

1. Historical (vv. 17-23). In this section we see how Paul, in a conciliatory way, led them gradually through a series of changes in which God had dealt graciously with them, finally giving them Jesus, His Son.
- (1) God chose and exalted the people (v. 17).
- (2) He delivered them from Egyptian bondage, and led them through the terrible wilderness (vv. 17-18).
- (3) He destroyed the Canaanitish nations, giving their lands to the Israelites (v. 19).
- (4) He gave them judges as their deliverers when distressed by surrounding nations (v. 20).
- (5) After they had selfishly chosen a king, He rejected the dynasty of Saul, and chose David, a man after His own heart (vv. 21-22).
- (6) Finally it was God who from David's seed raised up unto Israel a Savior, Jesus. This demanded proof, which is given in the next section.
2. Apologetical (vv. 24-37). That this Jesus is the seed of David, and therefore the promised Messiah, he proves by three lines of argument:
- (1) The testimony of John the Baptist (vv. 24-25).
- John disclaimed all power as their deliverer, and pointed to Jesus as such.
- (2) The prophecies of Scripture were fulfilled in their rejection and crucifixion of Jesus (vv. 26-29).
- (3) By His resurrection from the dead (vv. 30-37).

Having proved Jesus to be the seed of David, he proceeds to follow the doctrinal teachings growing out of such proof.

3. Doctrinal (vv. 38-39). The great doctrine derived from this proof is justification by faith, the very marrow of the gospel.
- (1) The ground of justification is by Jesus. He took our place as a sinner that we might have His place as sons (II Cor. 5:21).
- (2) Who are justified? Those who believe in Him.
- (3) From what is one justified? All sins. The one who believes in Jesus is freely forgiven. His sins are all blotted out. This is the missionary message for all times. May we strive to get our pupils to believe on Him.
- (4) Practical (vv. 40-41).

The application of this sermon was a warning lest the judgment spoken of by Habakkuk should fall upon them.

III. The Effect of the Sermon (vv. 42-52).

1. Many of the Jews and proselytes asked to hear these words again (vv. 42-49).

Almost the whole city came to hear the Word of God the next Sabbath. This great crowd incited the jealousy of the Jews.

2. Open Opposition (vv. 50-52). This jealousy could not long be restrained. It broke out in open opposition. The persecution became so violent that Paul and Barnabas were expelled from the city. This persecution was answered by Paul's rejection of the Jews and his turning to the Gentiles.

Honor the Teacher

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TEXT—Teachers of good things.—Thrus 2:3.



Rev. C. H. Benson.

There is no more important work than that of teaching. Jesus Christ chose to be a teacher and He is addressed as such no less than sixty times in Scripture. His disciples constituted His first teachers' training class and at the end of their three-year course He commissioned them to "teach all nations." The early church was a teaching church and to teachers rather than preachers it was indebted for its early conquests.

There are few converts for which a faithful Sunday school teacher is not in some way responsible. Statistics tell us that the most of our conversions are between the ages of twelve and sixteen, when it is not the parent or the pastor but the teacher whose life lies nearest the scholar. The testimony of many a young convert has been summed up in the following words: "First I learned to love my teacher, then I learned to love my teacher's Bible, then I learned to love my teacher's Savior." Even when the scholar is converted after leaving Sunday school it is not improbable that some teacher and some teaching had previously prepared the soil for the good seed of the evangelist.

There is no more permanent work than that of the religious teacher. The days and hours that Christ was training His disciples were not spent in vain. Think of Peter, James and John, and the other members of that great Sunday school class and what under God they were permitted to do. Joseph and Daniel had nothing better to prepare them for life than a pious mother's teaching, but that was sufficient to make them the prime ministers of the greatest nations of the ancient world. When the books are opened at the last day it will be found that the great men and the good men have owed more to the training of some praying mother or some conscientious teacher than to anyone else.

But there is nothing spectacular about teaching. Filling an inconspicuous place without garb or distinction, the Sunday school teacher plods away week after week in her quiet and unostentatious manner. Religious teaching is very much like planting trees in the orchard. The one who plants and cultivates does not always remain to see the fruit of his labors. But to say that this work is too slow and too servile to be fruitful would be to say that the winter sun is too distant and too deliberate to usher in the heat of summer. The apples of tomorrow are gathered from the seeds that we plant today and the nation of the future will be built by the teachers of the present.

Inconspicuous as is the work of the teacher, the reward is most spectacular. There is no greater nor grander reward promised in the Bible. "They that be teachers (the optional word for 'wise' is 'teachers') shall shine with the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever. Nothing in our knowledge can rival the blinding brilliance of the shining sun. In the fullness of its glory the light of the sun is equal to 600,000 full moons while the brightest part of an arc light appears as a dark spot against its dazzling surface. And this majestic illumination that the earth receives is but an infinitesimal fraction of its splendor. The sun is so far away that an airplane could not reach it in a lifetime—so far that not more than one-two-billionths of its radiant heat and light finds its way to our remote earth. The ancient pagans worshiped the sun in recognition of its central supremacy, but in eternity the work of the teacher will be accorded the honor and praise of the greatest and grandest objects of God's creation.

Astronomers have recently discovered in the great nebulae of Andromeda, a stupendous universe a million light years away, containing a multitude of stars ten thousand times the size of the sun. Vast as is our own universe it is evident that there are others whose magnitude and majesty are well nigh incomprehensible. Yet the writer of the inspired Word in magnifying the mission of the Sunday school teacher likened the brilliance and permanence of his work to the greatest things of which the mind could conceive.

Labor on, O faithful teacher. Thy work shall yet be crowned. Suns upon suns, systems upon systems in all their majestic magnificence shall not out-rival thy eternal glory!

Converting Others

The Spirit never makes men the instruments of converting others until they feel they cannot do it themselves; that their skill in argument, in persuasion, in management, avails nothing.—Charles Hodge.

Consecration

Consecration is not something done once for all, but is a maintained habit of the soul. A consecrated day is framework ready prepared, in which God alone has to act in us, and through us.—Adolphine Monod.

Porridge Brings Forth Argument

Porridge is passing as a staple article of diet in Scotland. It is giving place to ham and eggs. The Scottish board of agriculture, inquiring into the causes for this change in the national diet, is informed that ham and eggs for breakfast has become popular and the housewife will not be bothered to put on porridge as well. An eminent professor has declared porridge is an injurious diet, and tends to the development of rickets. On the other hand, the medical officer of health for Edinburgh is positive that while porridge may be troublesome to prepare, it furnishes ample compensation in the good foundation which is thus laid for a heavy day's work. The professor's condemnation of porridge, it seems, results from experiments he made upon puppies. They were fed on porridge and became rickety. Against this it is asserted that the puppies were kept in cages, got no exercise or fresh air and sunshine. If one regards the shepherd's collie, however, it is claimed that it provides a standing testimonial in the lower animal kingdom to the virtues of a porridge diet. From the day it is weaned it is fed on porridge and milk—very often the leavings from the plate of the shepherd.

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Trial by Jury to Be Instituted in Japan

Japan is going to introduce a system of trial by jury. Preparatory to making this departure the Department of Justice has various measures under way, including the sending abroad of many judicial officials to study the system in other countries. Many of these officials are already in America and England inspecting the manner in which jury trials are conducted. Two courts each for trial by jury will be established in Tokyo, Osaka, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Kagoshima, Nagasaki, Nagoya, Sendai, Sapporo and Niigata and one each at other law court centers. Each of these special courts will have a lodging place for juries to be housed during trials. Establishing the new courts and building the lodging houses involves quite an item of expenditure, in addition to which will be the cost of a good deal of propaganda to let the country understand the system.

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