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The Sabbath School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

First Quarter Lesson March 16 1902 THE ETHIOPIAN CONVERT.—Acts 8: 29-39.

Study Verses 26-40. Read Isa. 53.

GOLDEN TEXT.—With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.—Rom. 10: 10.

HISTORICAL SETTING.

Time.—A summer in A. D. 35-37, soon after the last lesson.

Place.—Judea, in the uncultivated region southwest of Jerusalem, toward Gaza, which is near the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, or at old Gaza itself.

AN EXAMPLE OF PROVIDENTIAL GUIDANCE.—Vs. 26, 27. Doacon Philip has done a good work in Samaria. And the angel of the Lord. Whether he appeared in visible form, or by inward communication, or by vision, is a matter of small consequence. In any case it was a real messenger bringing a real message from God. Spake unto Philip go toward the south. This would lead him directly across the different roads from Jerusalem to Gaza and to Africa. That goeth down from Jerusalem. Jerusalem was on high land, and any road toward the coast must be a descending one. Unto Gaza. A Philistine city, and one of the oldest cities in the world. Which is desert. That is, wild pasture lands, uncultivated, and thinly inhabited.

And he arose and went, he met, by the ordering of Providence, a man of Ethiopia. Ethiopia was a vague term for the land south of Egypt. An eunuch. A chamberlain or a servant of the bedchamber. Such persons, deprived of family ambition, were supposed to be capable of peculiar devotion to the interests of their masters. Of great authority a potentate, a man of power Under Candace, the name of an individual, but of a dynasty, as Pharaoh in Egypt and Caesar in Rome. Queen of the Ethiopians. The kingdom of Meroe, was governed by Queens in the time of Augustus. Charge of all her treasure. He was at the head of the financial department of the kingdom.

Note 1. How God's providence guides us and compels all things to work together for our good, and for the progress of his cause.

Note 2. Even in the deserts, the loneliest places, we can find something to do for God.

Note 3. All Philip's previous life, his acquaintance with the Scripture, his experience, his reception of the Holy Spirit, his faithful work, were preparations for the work God now wanted him to do in sending the gospel to Africa.

Note 4. The progress of the gospel in breaking down barriers; first in the case of the Samaritans, and now of this African eunuch.

SEEKING THE LIGHT THROUGH RELIGIOUS MEETINGS AND THE SCRIPTURES.—Vs. 27, 28 Through great meetings of religious people. Jews were scattered over nearly all the world, and doubtless had a synagogue in Candace's capital. This man, being devout and religious had been drawn to the true God whom the Jews worshipped, and had come to Jerusalem for worship. Having tested of the stream, he sought the fountain. He wanted more light, and he traveled a long distance, at great expense, that he might obtain it.

Through the scriptures. At Jerusalem the Ethiopian treasurer must have heard a good deal concerning the Christians. It was natural that he should go first to the Jewish leaders, and they would misrepresent the Christians to him. Still the very air was full of discussion of the Scriptures relating to the Messiah. Hence he had turned to the particular passage in Isaiah, and was studying the question as he was sitting in his chariot. He was reading aloud as was the custom.

THE ETHIOPIAN FINDS AN INTERPRETER.—Vs. 29-31. Then the Spirit said, by some inward impulse, influencing not merely his feelings, but his judgment. And Philip ran thither showing the eagerness of his obedience. And while running beside the chariot he overheard him read the prophet Esaias. Greek for Isaiah. Understandest thou what thou readest? How can I, except some man should guide me? The passage was a very difficult one for a Jew to understand. It seemed almost impossible to put together the idea of Christ as a sufferer, as despised and alain, and the promise that he should be a gracious king, triumphing over the world. And he desired (besought) Philip. This is stronger than merely asking him.

NEW LIGHT ON OLD SCRIPTURES.—Vs. 32-35. The place of the scripture. The section which he was reading contained the follow-

ing passage, which was its central theme. The passage is quoted from Isaiah 53: 7, 8 He was led as a sheep to the slaughter. He unresistingly went to his sacrificial death. The chapter from which these verses are taken contains no less than eleven distinct references to the vicarious character of Christ's sufferings. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away. His judgment—the judgment (justice) due to him. A fair trial was not accorded to him. Who shall declare this generation? His generation cannot be declared, for (1) his divine nature is incomprehensible. It is eternal. (2) His human nature, as conceived by the Holy Ghost, is beyond the reach of man to declare. (3) His spiritual generation, the multitude of the faithful, in number as the sands of the seashore, are known only to God. His life is taken it was done by violence. Of whom speaketh the prophet thus? The earlier Jewish authorities all understood chapter 53 of Isaiah to refer to the coming Messiah. Of himself. The Ethiopian may have been acquainted with the tradition that Isaiah was placed between the halves of a split log and sawn asunder. Then Philip, began at the same scripture. Which was fulfilled in Jesus, and has been fulfilled in no other. And preached unto him Jesus. He placed Jesus in his life, death, and character, beside the picture of the Messiah which the prophets had painted, and all could see that the picture was a portrait of Jesus.

THE ETHIOPIAN CONFESSES CHRIST IN BAPTISM.—Vs. 36-39. See here is water. This was saying "I believe in Jesus, I accept him as my Saviour, and I wish to confess him by baptism." Without doubt Philip had told him about baptism as the Christian way of acknowledging Christ. If thou believest, etc. It is believing with all the heart which is the condition of a profession of faith. I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. He believed in him as his Master and his Saviour. Such faith, leading to love and obedience, is salvation. He commanded the chariot. He ordered the chariot-driver to stop, and the whole retinue would see what took place. He baptized him. Without waiting further to instruct him, or delaying for a public ceremonial.

Note the steps in the progress of a soul from darkness to light.

1. He was deeply in earnest, and went on a long, dangerous, and costly journey to find the true religion.

2. He did this against many influences that held him back.

3. He went to the religious people and meetings where he thought he could learn about the true God and his service.

4. He read the Bible carefully to learn the way.

5. He was not discouraged because he did not find the light.

6. He accepted the help of one who knew the truth from experience.

7. As soon as he saw that Jesus was the true Saviour, he accepted him with all his heart.

8. As soon as he felt that he was a true disciple he desired to confess Christ by baptism. Confession strengthens the character and confirms the choice. No better, no simpler, no more beautiful or expressive way of confessing Christ has ever been found, or even imagined, than that of baptism.

9. Then he went on to his home, to use all his influence and wealth for making known the gospel to his countrymen. There is a tradition that this minister of Candace, whose name was Judich, preached the gospel, on his return to Ethiopia, with great success, and that his royal mistress was among his converts.

THE PARTING OF THE WAYS: EACH MAN TO HIS WORK.—Vs. 39, 40. The Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip. Whether he left the eunuch suddenly, under the impulse of an urgent monition from above, or was miraculously taken away does not matter. And he (the eunuch) went on his way rejoicing. In his conscious possession of Christ and his salvation. Nothing else in the world could bring so much joy. But Philip was found at Azotus. Implying that he was carried into the city. Here he preached, and then in all the cities along the Mediterranean coast till he came to Caesarea, where he made his home. Here Paul and Luke called upon him several years later. He had four daughters who prophesied.

A Reluctant Letter.

The editor of a great Sunday school paper tells in a recent publication how he was led to Christ. It is now nearly fifty years ago. A young man with whom he had been on intimate terms of friendship for years was converted. His friend was so much interested in religion at the time that a word would have brought him into the

new life, but that word was not spoken. The two young men separated, but kept up a regular correspondence. Not one line about religion was written for years. At last, however, the young man who had come out from the world and begun to serve God became deeply convinced that it was his duty to write to his friend and urge him to give his heart to God. It was a difficult task. Had he been writing to a stranger it would have been easier. But to exhort his most intimate friend to come to Christ was no easy task. He did not know how the message might be received, or what effect it might have on a friendship which he esteemed most highly. But at last he did it. He made his appeal strong and plain. The letter was full of manly, affectionate, tender, humble solicitude. It went to the heart. Before his friend finished reading it he was on his knees before God, weeping over his sins and pouring out his soul in consecration to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

That was a wonderful letter. It was long delayed. It was reluctantly written. But God was in it. That letter won a soul for Christ. One of the most eminent and successful Sunday school workers in the world, a minister of the Gospel, a chaplain in the army, and a Christian who has led hundreds into the service of Christ and made his mark for good on this generation, are among the fruits of that reluctant letter. But the entire harvest will not be known until it shall have been unfolded in the revelations of eternity.

Sown With Cannon.

Near Blair Castle stands a high, rocky crag named Craigiebarns, which for a long time looked grim and bare in the midst of beauty, and its owner thought how much prettier it would look if only trees, shrubs, etc., could be planted in its nooks and crannies. It was considered impossible for anyone to scale its steep and dangerous acclivities, and no other way was thought of to get seed sown.

One day Alexander Nasmyth, father of the celebrated engineer, paid a visit to the grounds. The crag was pointed out to him, and, after some thought, he hit upon a scheme. In passing the castle he had noticed two old cannon. He got a few small tin canisters made to fit the bore of the cannon and filled them with a variety of tree, shrub and grass seed. The cannon was loaded in the usual way, and fired at the rock from all sides.

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At the present time the formerly unsightly rock is one of the chief beauties of the estate, and the story of the transformation is always related to the visitor and never fails to arouse interest. The novel system of sowing might well be followed in many parts of the country, and, doubtless, it will be when the facts are better known among gardeners. For lesser heights a catapult would serve as well as a cannon for throwing the packets of seed.—London Mail.

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