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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Third Quarter-Lesson VII. — AUG. 14.

ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA.

Acts 5:1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.*—Gal. 6:7.

A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF THE EARLY CHURCH. The Holy Spirit filled the people and brought forth the heavenly fruits of the Spirit. The apostles did many marvellous works. They preached the Salvation of Christ and the new kingdom with great power. Daily there were added to the church of those who were being saved. There was a wonderful manifestation of benevolence. Every one was ready to help others. Rich and poor were together. The rich gave bountifully. Among those who sold their possessions was Joseph Barnabas, son of exhortation or consolation, the word having both meanings probably on account of his remarkable powers of exhorting the people and administering to them consolation (Acts 11:23). He was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, and according to tradition one of our Lord's 70 disciples. We can easily see that a church of such a character would make rapid advances, and hasten on the day of the Lord's victory over the world. But Ananias and Sapphira can do more mischief in the Church than all atheists.

This Story is Recorded, because it was true. The Gospels are a record of truth. If they should falsify by concealing a disagreeable fact, we could not trust them where we most needed certainty. There is not only a warning, but also a ray of hope and consolation from this story. For if the early Church had been pictured as a pure angelic company, without spot or stain, we in later days would find only despair in the vision. But if our Lord had a Judas among his disciples, and yet Pentecost followed for the rest; if the early Church had an Ananias and Sapphira, and yet went on multiplying and conquering, we too can labor on in hope and assurance although a Judas and an Ananias may be numbered among modern disciples.

The Crime. Vera. 1-4. But. But marks the transition from Barnabas to Ananias. "It is like a blow in the face." The little word "but" is the hinge on which great issues turn. Barnabas is a light at the pier-head, streaming outward through the night, marking for the mariner the way of life; Ananias, dying with a lie on his lips, buoys a rock where many have perished, and warns the wayfarer from the place of doom. Though the two men are not alike good, both examples are for us alike useful. Where there is light, there will also be shadow; where God builds a church, the devil builds a chapel by its side. Ananias, means, favoured by the Lord, or the Lord is gracious. Sold a possession. The word may signify either lands or buildings, or any kind of property. He sold it ostensibly to give to the poor.

Ananias partly, perhaps, persuaded that this new sect had before it a great future, and wishing to secure his own share in its coming prosperity; partly, perhaps, moved by genuine admiration for its pure saintly life,—voluntarily threw in his lot with these Nazarenes, and by a seemingly noble act of self-denial, claimed the position among them which was ever promptly given to those saintly men and women who had given up lands and gold for Christ's sake. Doubtless they wished to seem as devoted and pious as the other disciples of property. I once heard a man of property in the church complaining that others gave so liberally, for it compelled him also to give. Kept back part of the price. While at the same time they professed to be bringing the whole sum into the common fund. His wife also being privy to it. This is mentioned to show that she was a willing accomplice in the intended fraud. It argues an extreme hardness of heart when two persons, united by the tenderest bonds, plan a lie together, and engage to support each other in carrying it out. Laid it at the apostles' feet. The indications are that this was done at and as part of a religious service.

The Sins in this transaction, were deceit, open, deliberate, wilful lying, both in word and in deed. Hypocrisy, pretending to be a great deal better than they were. Pride or vanity, an inordinate desire to appear well. Avarice, holding property at the expense of their virtue. Distrust of God. A kind of sacrilege, since the sin was especially against God, in a devotional meeting and in a place consecrated to God.

Keeping back a Part of the Price. Men often fail now of becoming Christians, because they are guilty of this bringing "a part of the price." They will obey some of God's laws, they will do some of his good works, they will avoid some sins, but not

all. They bring a part of the price, and ask God to accept it as the whole. But Peter said, Why? The question is one of stern reproof. It is not merely, Why has Satan tempted you? Why hath Satan filled thine heart? They were filled with the Holy Ghost, so that there was no room for Satan. Ananias was filled with Satan, so that there was no room for the Holy Spirit. The fact of temptation is no excuse for the sin. The sin was their own. They stumbled over the very stairway to glory. To lie to the Holy Ghost. The lie was both an acted and a spoken one (ver. 8). They lied to the Holy Ghost, not merely because they lied to the church, which was the body of Christ, but because the offering was made, not to the apostles, nor to the Church, but to God, and the act was thus a direct falsehood addressed to him. A man lies to God when he uses his profession as a member of the Christian Church for an instrument of self-interest. This sin of lying unto God may be committed by the offering of insincere prayers. While it remained (unoffered to God), was it not thine own? It then belonged to thee. It might innocently have been retained. All this shows that this community of goods was purely voluntary. And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? At thy disposal. Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? We are not responsible for suggestions which Satan addresses to our heart; he addressed evil suggestions to Christ (Matt. 4:3, 6, 9). Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. The expression is not to be weakened, as if it meant only that Ananias lied not so much unto men as unto God; but that his sin against men was nothing in comparison with his sin against God. Man did not discover the sin, but God revealed it. The sin was a blow at God's kingdom, at the salvation of men. And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the Ghost. It was no stroke of apoplexy, the result of sudden terror and amazement. It was occasioned by no shock to the nervous system. The death was the direct act of God, and in no sense the act of Peter and the apostles. Very probably they were as much astonished as any one. Had Peter done this act he would have been a murderer subject to the law of the land. It has been said "Many miracles of mercy had already been wrought. This is the one only miracle of judgment." But this was really a miracle of mercy to the young Church and to the people, although of judgment to the guilty ones. And the young men, the more active and strong. Wound him up, wrapped him round. And buried him. In a hot climate like that of Palestine, burial had to take place at once, and the graves (caves with niches) were always open. Burial was probably hastened somewhat in this case, and the body interred without the honors—washing, anointing, etc.—ordinarily paid to the dead. It was about the space of three hours after, when his wife came in—to the assembly. Perhaps under the shock of the death of Ananias they had not dispersed. And Peter answered unto her. He replied, as some think, to her salutation, to her looks or thoughts. Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? Was it for so much—namely the sum given him by her husband—that ye sold the land? The lie which they had agreed upon comes glibly from her lips. Yea, for so much. The lie in action leads to a lie spoken.

God were in the temperance work, so week and feeble sixty years ago, but now growing in such importance that the boulders of the parliament buildings on the hill were being threatened with a sure submerging that would wipe iniquity from our fair Dominion of Canada. The report on purity in literature, art and fashion was presented by Mrs. Todd. One year ago she was recommended to secure the best legal advice on the best way of suppressing impure literature. A number of American papers are prohibited, but the startling discovery is made that not from over the line alone, but right in our midst the hydroheaded monster of impurity has appeared on Canadian soil. "We were shocked," she said, "on discovering that nowhere in the statutes of Canada could be found a law that would reach and punish those who were dealing out moral death to our boys and girls." Mr. John Charlton M. P. has been asked to introduce a bill during the present session of parliament. He cordially consented and under the championship the bill has been incorporated into the criminal law and will prove a strong weapon. The department desires to return grateful thanks to Mr. John Charlton for his invaluable services so freely given and declares that the thanks of every true woman in Canada should be his. In concluding her report Mrs. Todd said:

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Miss Phelps related an account of her visit to the home of a Methodist minister where an immoral paper was sent to the little son with a note asking him to send in a list of other boys' names.

Rev. Mr. Timberlake of the Eastern Methodist Church extended greetings to the convention and was followed by Mr. Carson of Montreal who extended the greetings of the Dominion Alliance. Both gentlemen in short addresses expressed their heartfelt sympathy in the work being carried on by the W. C. T. U.

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