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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Third Quarter—Lesson III. – July 19.

THE ARK BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM.—2 Sam. 6:1-12.

Read 2 Sam. 6:1-23. Compare Psalm 24. Commit Verses 11, 12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.*—Psa. 84:12.

THE ARK AT KIRJATH-JEARIM.—For seventy years the ark had lain in partial neglect. The sons of Eli had carried the ark from Shiloh into a battle against the Philistines. But God did not reward wickedness in that way. The Philistines captured the ark, but the Lord would not permit them to retain it. Their idol Dagon fell before it. The people were smitten with severe sickness wherever the ark was sent. Finally it was restored to Israel, and sent to Kirjath-jearim, where it had remained ever since.

The ark was a chest of acacia wood, two and one half cubits (3 feet 9 inches) in length, and one and one half cubits (2 feet 3 inches) in height as well as width, plated within and without with gold. The lid was of solid gold, and was called the mercy-seat. Upon it were two golden figures of winged cherubim, with their wings stretched out over the ark and their faces turned toward one another. Within the ark were deposited the two tables of stone engraved with the ten commandments. The ark also contained Aaron's rod that budded and a golden pot of manna. It belonged in the holy of holies, the innermost room of the tabernacle, and was to be visited only by the high priest, and by him only once a year, the day of atonement.

It was the most sacred symbol of the true religion. It was the sign and expression of the divine presence in Israel. The tables of the law within the ark were the covenant of God with his people. They were to keep his law, and then they should be his people. The mercy-seat over the law revealed God as ready to forgive transgressions whenever there was repentance.

The neglect of the ark and its separation from its place in the tabernacle at Shiloh, with one high priest following Saul and another David, shows to what a low and divided state religion had fallen in Israel under Saul.

THE ARK ON THE WAY TO ZION.—Vs. 1-8. *Again*, after the great assembly for his coronation. *David gathered together*, after consultation with the leaders. *Thirty thousand*, representatives of the whole people. *And David arose, and went....from Baale of Judah.* Baale is an ancient name for Kirjath-jearim. *Whose name is called Lord of hosts.* The Lord of all the forces in the universe. *That dwelleth between the cherubim*; i. e., the abiding manifestation of whose presence was from between the cherubim on the mercy seat over the ark. From this place he spoke at times; here atonement was made once a year by the high priest, the type of Christ. *And they set the ark of God upon a new cart.* Probably from a remembrance of the way it was brought from the Philistines to Kirjath jearim. *Brouhht it out of the house of Abinadab*: in whose son's care the ark had been placed 70 years before. *That was in Gibeah.* An eminence near Kirjath-jearim. *Sons*, descendants. *And David and all the house of Israel played on all manner of instruments, &c.* David's exhortation was carried out, "Let all the people praise thee." *And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor.* The place is unknown, but probably it was not far from Jerusalem. *Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God*, to steady the ark and keep it from falling. *For the oxen shook it*, by stumbling in the rough road. *And the anger of the Lord was kindled*, that feeling which makes him hate sin and compels him to punish it. All that was loving and good in God was aroused against the act. *And God smote him there*, as with a flash of lightning. *For his error*, which to him was a crime. It consisted in touching the ark, which, as the symbol of God's presence none could look at, much less lay hold of it, without peril of life. *And there he died.* The reasons for this severity were. His act was a violation of an express statute which required that the ark should be carried by Levites. Uzzah, who had long had charge of the ark should have been familiar with the law forbidding to touch it. Uzzah stood in a representative position. What he did was public, in the sight of all the people. It was a flagrant violation of God's command, and would lead to greater neglects, and thus the sacredness and teaching of the divine institutions of religion would be lost. *And David was displeased.* With the breaking up of his plans, with the failure of his hopes; most of all, with himself, because he had neglected to learn of God the right way to do a good thing. *And David was afraid of the Lord.* He had rejoiced greatly, but had not been reverent enough.

Practical Suggestions. It is not uncommon, even in our day, to do good things in a wrong way. We seek to right our wrongs by doing other wrongs.

We need to be taught a lesson of reverence. There is such a thing as godly fear. This godly fear, this reverence, is violated often by the religious. There is justice in the criticism of Matthew Arnold, who complains of theologians that they talk about God as though he were their next door neighbor, and they knew all about his affairs.

Neglecting God's word leads to disobedience to God's commands.

THE ARK IN THE HOUSE OF OBED-EDOM.—Vs. 10, 11. *So David would not remove the ark.* He feared lest he might make some other mistake. *Carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom.* A Levite belonging to the family of Kohath, who was appointed to have charge of the tabernacle and ark. It was three or four miles from Jerusalem. *Continued....three months.* Long enough for the Israelites to learn their lesson. *And the Lord blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.* This would show to all Israel that the ark itself brought blessing. The death came from disobedience. Another lesson was taught. The ark of the Lord had been in the house of Abinadab 70 years, and we do not read of any particular benediction falling upon that house. The reason must have been in the difference between the two homes and the spirit with which they received the ark.

The Ark of God in the House. True religion in the home, cherished and kept alive by family religious services, is always a great blessing. It binds the family together in unity of spirit. It cultivates a loving, happy, unselfish spirit. It sanctifies and makes pure all home labors and joys. It brings God's blessing upon all we do. Religion brings outward and temporal prosperity. Religion in the home or the community is a blessing. Churches and institutions of religion are essential to the highest prosperity.

THE ARK ON MOUNT ZION.—V. 12. *And it was told King David*, etc. The fact that God blessed the place where the ark was, impressed David that while it was dangerous to disobey God, it was the greatest blessing possible to have near him the ark of God and his manifest presence. *So David went and brought up the ark of God*, assembling the tribes once more. *Into the city of David with gladness.* A full description of this is given in 1 Chronicles, chapters 15 and 16. It was the greatest day of David's life. It was felt to be a turning point in the history of the nation. The ark was borne on the shoulders of the Levites, amid the greatest enthusiasm. One Psalm written for the occasion is given in 1 Chronicles 16:8 36. It is placed among the psalms in Psalms 105, 96 and 106. But especially the 24th Psalm is supposed to have been sung as a marching chorus when the procession was entering Jerusalem, where David had prepared a tabernacle for the ark. Seven choirs of singers and musicians, so Josephus tells us, preceded the ark on this occasion.

PRACTICAL HINTS.

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OUR MOTTO.—*If God be for us who can be against us.*

The Sacredness of Motherhood.

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The first years of the child's life must be given largely to his physical nurture. Good teeth, good stomach, sound flesh, stout muscles, steady nerves—these are the instruments of this present life, and it is of the utmost importance that these be secured to the child. And they do not come in a haphazard, matter-of-course way. They need the direct, personal supervision of the mother. She can buy for money the service of cook, parlor maid, or seamstress; she can delegate to the childless, for the time being, her society duties, and she can intermit for a brief season her own intellectual pursuits, rather than trust to hired service her baby's physical nurture.

But it is not to the physical needs alone that the mother must so closely devote herself. The spirit begins to assert itself almost with the first breath, and along with the work of nurture must be taken up the work of guidance. Especially should her care be given to forming, in infancy, the habit of personal purity. It belongs to the mother, not to trust or to guess, but to know that her child is safe from malaria that infects the moral atmosphere, and assails childhood through nurse or playmate, or later, through the printed page. It is a hard thing to require of the mother that she shall devote herself so closely to her child? Let her remember that motherhood is her business now! She has had her school life, she has had society, she has had literature, she has had wife hood—now she is a mother, pledged by the sacredness and the infinite import of this new calling to self abnegation, to the highest good of the child to whom she stands as creator and providence! And, besides how short is the time of this close devotion of the mother! Only a few years, and so quickly flown, and the self-dependent life of the child begins, and then the mother may go back to her queenship in society, all the more a queen; or she may take up her books, or her pen, enlarged and enriched in nature by the deep experience of motherhood.

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The Sacredness of Fatherhood.

REV. A. H. LEWIS, D. D.

God has absolute power to give life. All creating centers in Him. He has conferred infinite honor and infinite responsibility on man, by giving him power to re-create and perpetuate his kind.

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It is a sad commentary on this ignorance and indifference that men lead in social purity, regardless of their higher duties and holy responsibilities. They furnish the money which creates the commercial power of this evil. Enough will be offered upon the altar of lust in this city to build many churches and relieve thousands who are in discress. The fires of animalism turn the forces which belong to pure fatherhood to bitterness and ashes. The history of social vice is the history of depraved manhood. Under the false and cruel "double standard" of morallity which has shielded men and trampled on women, men have been the greatest sufferers as well as the greatest sinners against themselves, their sisters and the God of purity. There are now at least three fallen men to every fallen woman. In the sight of God these men are lost ones, quite as much as the women are. Prostituted manhood and outraged fatherhood are among the darkest stains in the history of the social evil. To call it the degradation of manhood would be more appropriate. To claim that it is a necessity for the protection of virtuous womanhood against the animalism of men is an insult — to all manhood and fatherhood.

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