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So Much For So Little

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The little boy at the candy counter, deciding how to spend his penny, transports us back to the day when the quantity received for the amount spent was greater than now. A penny's worth of candy then was sufficient to satisfy the Saturday night appetite for sweets. And maybe some would be left over for enjoyment the following day.

Most of us are earnestly desirous to receive merchandise equal in value to our expenditure. Consequently, much time and energy is spent to get our "money's worth." Special sales, bargain days, and close-outs are sought after in the determined effort to get all we can for as little as we can. All of this struggle relates to the material and temporal values of life.

There are items of worth that reach beyond time's fleeting moment. Their duration is eternal. Their cost is so little and their value is priceless. Among them, and at the fore-front, is the Sunday school.

Who would deny that the Sunday school offers so much for so little? What are some of those priceless values offered by the Sunday school and that cost so little?

1. The Sunday school offers so much when it provides a place of worship for every member of the family. "A class for every age" is so often stated we almost forget its significance. Inherent in this is the developing of a feeling of "family togetherness." Where this experience is realized, broken homes and motherless children are no problem. What value could we place upon any organization that brings families together for worship and binds their hearts together in devotion to God and elevated living?

2. The Sunday school offers so much when it teaches the Word of God. It is taught that the scholars may come to know the Lord as their personal Saviour. Its holy Word, pertinent accounts, and timeless messages give evidence of its origin and guidance to its students. The teachers are not paid and the students are not charged, but the Word is taught. Scholarly aids are employed only to illustrate the text. The text is the Bible and it is the final authority for every question and the solution to every problem.

3. The Sunday school offers so much when it leads to salvation through repentance and God's redeeming love. The Sunday school offers Christ to all who will come and receive him. Heavy hearts may be lightened, frustrated lives may be salvaged, extinguished hopes kindled, and lost joys regained through Christ, our Lord. Salvation is the product in stock and the goods dispensed in every true-to-the-Bible Sunday school.

4. The Sunday school offers so much when it establishes a bulwark against the flood of delinquency. For the fifteen million and more boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen, who have no form of religious

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The Way Of Revival

by T. L. Cuyler, D.D.

Two things are very often true in regard to the beginning of genuine revivals. One is that they come in direct answer to fervent prayer, and another is that they often start from the efforts of a very few persons.

During the forty-five years that I had a pastoral charge, there occurred several very delightful seasons of revival; two of them deserve special mention. The first one took place in the quiet town of Burlington, New Jersey. My congregation was very small, and the work was very discouraging. I preached as pungently as I was able, but no visible results seemed to follow. One day the wife of one of my church elders came to my study and told me that her son had been awakened by the plain, loving talk of a young Christian girl who had brought some work to her husband's shoeshop.

I said to the elder's wife, "The Holy Spirit is evidently working on one soul; let us have a prayer meeting at your house tonight." We . . . spent the afternoon in drumming our small congregation together, and when I came to her house it was packed to the door.

I have attended thousands of prayer meetings since then, but never one that had a more distinct resemblance to the Pentecostal meeting in the "upper room" at Jerusalem. The atmosphere seemed to be charged with a divine electricity that affected almost every one in the house. Three times over I closed the meeting with the benediction, but it began again; and the people lingered until a very late hour, melted together by a baptism of fire.

That wonderful meeting was followed by special services every night. The Holy Spirit descended with great power, my church was doubled in numbers, and I learned more practical theology in a month than any seminary could teach me in a year. That revival was an illustration of my statement that a good work of grace often begins with the personal efforts of one or two individuals. That Burlington awakening began with that little girl and the elder's wife. We must never neglect "the day of small things."

The other remarkable revival to which I referred was in my Lafayette Avenue congregation in Brooklyn. It began on the first evening of the week of prayer. The Young People's Association of our church met at my house on that Monday evening, and it was the most terribly cold evening I have ever known in Brooklyn!

The house was full, and the prayers were intensely fervent. Some conversions gladdened us on the spot. The great work of grace begun that evening went on with undiminished power for five months. We received over three hundred new members, of whom about one hundred were heads of families.

The Memorial Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn was organized by our people as a memorial of that wonderful

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