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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON III. JANUARY 19.

MAN'S FIRST SIN.
Gen. 3.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Everyone that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin."—John 8:34.

POINTED SUGGESTIONS

By Rev. D. W. Snider.
It may be worth while, if one is to profit by the study of this lesson, to placard certain openings to speculative discussion, saying, "No Thoroughfare." How many have committed spiritual suicide who have attempted the passage no man can say. Many have made their escape by turning backward. They found "No Thoroughfare."

The "backyard" lies against the opening to a discussion as to whether God is the author of sin. It also lies against the opening to a discussion as to the relative peccability of man and of woman. "No Thoroughfare" is also placarded against the opening to a discussion as to whether moral evil can be accounted for by preferring it to a brute force.

There is enough in the lesson to give us concern and to keep the thought busy and to put both conscience and will into exercise without waste of time upon the endlessly controversial and insoluble. "Temptation," says George Adams Smith, "is the one constant—the one immediate certainty before us all."

One outstanding fact in the study of man's first sin is that he was created "innocent." Man had power, capacity, possession, happiness, with innocence. That open-faced, radiant and most sweet quality was his—innocence. And mark it well, ignorance cannot be spelled out of innocence. The devil likes to make them synonymous, but the old lion must be choked in the attempt.

When innocence gives way shame appears. That change is great enough to demand a cause. At bottom that cause is disobedience. The "why" of disobedience is the history of a temptation. Temptation involves a tempter. But all that is merely a paraphrase of the lesson-story. At the same time, it is more than that: it is man's conscious approval of the truthfulness of the inner facts of that story.

The tempter of the forbidden, the one who seeks to create in another the desire to disobey (which desire may ripen to an act) is serpentine. Temptation is a glittering-eyed, stealthy, fascinating, sinuous, circling thing. God, evidently, would have men strong in conscience and character when innocence is to be maintained in the presence of temptation, for strength is proven by resistance.

Yielding to sin is weakness. The tempter of Eve lied when the suggestion was made that knowledge would be power. "Eve was not made a god, but a sinner by eating." And notice that the lesson-story makes the tempter the master of suggestion. He affirms nothing. He denies nothing. He merely questions, insinuates questions. Subtle tempter. "Now the tempter was more subtle than any beast of the field."

Man's attempt to conceal his sin, born of the fear of the consequences of his sin and the shame of his defiled conscience, is inefficient and unworthy. He seeks to hide himself from God, and he can't. He seeks to cover his shame, and he fails.

One of the deepest teachings in the lesson is that which reveals the mercy of God and the need of it when the Lord God made coats of skins. It meant the slaying of beasts and the shedding of blood. Only suffering and sacrifice can cover sin. "From the first sin to the last track of the sinner is marked with blood."

Sin is contagious. Sinners run in couples, also, too often in gangs. What kind of a crowd ("bunch" is the word sometimes used) do you associate with? With whom do you take to them and of what they bring to you.

The tree of life is reserved in the paradise regained. There are those who shall eat of it. See Rev. 2:7.

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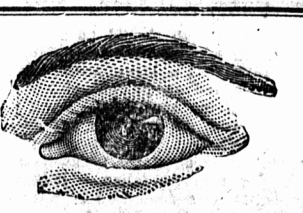
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