

Sunday School Lesson

MARCH 13, 1920

JOHN'S PICTURE OF WORSHIP IN HEAVEN

(Rev. 7:9-17)

GOLDEN TEXT—Blessing, and glory and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. Revelation 7:12.—Golden Text.

Our lesson is a continuation of the vision of the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos. To him was revealed a new earth where there shall be no more sorrow or pain or death. A Celestial city with its water of life, in which there shall be no more night, for its light is the glory of God.

Dr. W. L. Watkinson says: We cannot by the most felicitous words convey any definite idea of the odor of flowers. If we wished to describe the scent of a strange flower, we should find that language failed to convey to another the impression that the flower has made upon us. A foreign naturalist informs us that he strove hard to get an idea of the songs of British birds; he inquired of those who knew bird music and carefully read ornithological works, yet all his efforts were fruitless; when at last he heard these singers, every song came as a surprise. We cannot by words give any idea of the sounds emitted by nightingales, blackbirds, or skylark. And we may be very sure that words must prove inadequate to express the sublime emotions of the soul. Our supernatural moments, soaring thoughts, lightning insights, and rapturous ecstasies of power and gladness defy expression.

Dr. Jowett in his little book, "The Silver Lining," thus delineates John's beautiful description of Heaven.

It is a life of rest.—I do not wonder that Peter in one of his books, when he had mentioned this word "rest," added the sentence: "Let us stay and suck that word as if it were a honeycomb." Now people have to labor very hard, and amid very strained circumstances, and find in the word a delicious consolation. I remember once talking with a fisherman who had lost his wife and two sons at sea. I asked her what she liked most to think about when she thought about the land beyond, and she said, "I like to hear the sea say, 'And there shall be no more sea.'" And when you go to very tired people, people who are not only physically tired but mentally worn, there is no word which appeals to them with such sweet significance as just this common word "rest." I said to one of my people the other day, as I stood by his dying bed, "Rest comes at length!" And the tired eyes lit up, and I knew the meaning of the expectancy that leaped into his hungry eyes. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat"; "there shall be no more pain."

It is a life of quest.—It is not a life of more passivity, but a life of glorious activity. First of all our quest is to be under the immediate leadership of our Lord: "He shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life." The unveiling of new things, the unveiling of new springs. When we have dropped the clay and the veil of the flesh, we shall stand out with immeasurably increased powers of perception and going with our Lord as our personal conductor among the wonders of the universe. We shall find splendors of glory, with our immeasurably intensified powers, we shall find countless kinds of new and unimaginable delights break out before us on every side.

It is a life of service.—I like that phrase which Swedenborg uses concerning the employments of Heaven: "There will be occupation but no labor." The worker is never tired! His activity is never toil! It is a life of uses, and every soul will have its individual enterprise.

And it is a life of wondrous communion.—First of all, it is communion with one another. I sometimes say to my people when they are telling me their sorrows and their troubles, and when neither the teller nor the hearer can find even the faintest clue, "You will explain it to me some day!" I say it as a glorious conviction that one of the joys and delights of the heavenly country will be the perfect understanding of the things that have bewildered us here. We shall get the clue, and we shall tell one another the story which down here we found a burden and a destroyer of our peace.

But pre-eminently, and above all other things, it is to be a life of fellowship with the Lord. "Forever with the Lord! Amen, so let it be!" "The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall tabernacle among them." It is a homely figure; it is the figure of a meeting-place of many tents, and our God comes and adds his tent to the number. He is one with us, one among us, allowing us to go into his tent, and coming into our tent.

a life of shared fellowship, a life of close intimacy in the things of the blessed.

Well, now, let us give a little time to thinking about these things. In twelve months' time some of us will probably be in the heavenly country. Surely it is well just to think a little about the glories and beauties of the land.

Mary Norri Blakesdale, writing in the "Christian Work," tells the same truth in the following words: "The Book of Revelation has a meaning for us, if we can take it as it was written in a time of great stress, to uphold God's people and keep them steadfast in their faith. Read it some day, when the gloom is deepest, when success in one quarter is balanced by failure in another, when treachery and apathy and blundering at home seem to nullify our most pathetic sacrifices; read it just as it stands, without trying to expound or understand. As you read the cloud will lift. Here are tumults of the nations, here are battles of the kings; the whole world seems turned over to the powers of evil. And yet steadily the plan unfolds. Out of the confusion of symbols and opening of seals the sound of trumpets and angelic voices, "woes" and destructions that overwhelm the whole world, we hear the undertone of God's great purposes and clear as a bugle call the notes of hope and triumph. The strong voices of mighty angels are pronouncing doom, and yet bringing hope. The visions roll up like great thunder clouds, "till of wrath and storm," but they pass swiftly at last, as the clouds part into a glorious sunset—into the beautiful vision of the New Jerusalem, the Holy City, shining with a diamond-like radiance which is the clear light of the presence of God. Here are "the new heavens and the new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness," a place prepared, where the glory and honor of all nations shall be gathered and all the tumults and miseries of this earth shall be purged away.

The New Home—Journeying the other day from Boston to Denver, I noticed in the car two boys. They were talking together, and I heard one of them ask the other, "Where are you going?" "Oh—out West!" was the answer. And I was sure the boy had no idea where "out West" was: whether it was a large place or a small place, or how he was going to get to it. But he evidently wasn't troubling himself about it! And I didn't wonder, when I heard him tell the rest of the story. His father had been "out West," wherever that was and had been making there a new home for the family. And now he had gone back to Massachusetts, where they had been living, and was taking the family with him to the new home "out West." There he sat, in the next seat to the boy, with his family about him. He looked as though he could take good care of them all. So the boy had nothing to fear or to worry about. It made me think of a beautiful text: the words of Jesus to his disciples. It is in the 14th chapter of the Gospel of John. Hear it! "I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you into my home; and where I am, there ye may be also." Jesus has gone to prepare a new home for his children. It will surely be a beautiful home, for he himself will live in it, and we may be sure that he will have everything beautiful about him. And he will make it beautiful, too, for those he loves.—Frank T.

POTATO PRICES DROP \$1 A BARREL IN HEAVY SLUMP (Frederick Gleaser.) An unexpected slump has occurred in the potato market, as a result of what shippers have had to reduce their prices at least \$1.00 per barrel. This week dealers have been paying as high as \$8 per barrel on the strength of reports that potatoes would go to \$10 a barrel and retail in New York city, and even at those high prices many farmers have not sold preferring to hold off for \$7, and in some cases as high as \$8 per barrel.

Shippers who yesterday were paying \$6 reduced their prices to \$5 per barrel today on receipt of advices by telephone and telegraph from Boston, and some were instructed to make no more shipments for the present at least, as the market in Boston and New York was said to be overloaded. The sudden break in the market will affect retail prices here, too, and the opinion was expressed this morning that no more potatoes would be sold this winter, at more than \$5.00 a barrel.

Strikes in New York and Boston which prevent shipments of seed potatoes from being handled, have caused all these seed potatoes to be thrown upon the market, and further declines were forecasted in a despatch from one Boston source.

The man with one idea is called a crank, but lots of men can plead not guilty. In life's melodrama the hero gets the applause, but the villain gets the coin.

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Employment Service of Canada

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR OTTAWA

Week ending February 21st, 1920. For release March 15, 1920.

Reports from employers to the Dominion Headquarters of the Employment Service of Canada, Department of Labour indicates that, disregarding loss of time due to strikes, there was a slight decrease in the volume of employment as compared with the preceding week. A slight increase in the volume of employment had been anticipated for the week of the 21st which the returns show was not realized. A further though slight decline was anticipated for the week ending February 28th. In comparison, however, with the volume of employment afforded by these firms for the base week (January 17th) a very substantial increase was registered.

The returns when analyzed by districts indicate reductions in the Maritime Provinces, the Prairie Provinces, Quebec and British Columbia. Individual increases, however, were reported by Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Ontario and Manitoba during the week ending February 21st. Prince Edward Island, Ontario and Alberta anticipated having increases for the week ending February 28th. All other provinces expected declines, making a net anticipated decline taking the country as a whole.

Reports for the week ending February 21st were received from 4,734 firms. These firms reported 672,096 persons on their pay rolls as compared with 672,619 persons for the week ending February 14th and with 683,753 persons on pay roll for the base week (January 17th). A decline, therefore, of 523 persons or one-tenth of one per cent, was reported during the week ending February 21st as compared with the returns for the preceding week. The same firms, moreover, anticipated having a further decline of 557 persons or one-tenth of one per cent for the week of February 28th. A decrease for the week of February 21st has not been anticipated since the returns for the week of February 14th indicated an anticipated increase of 462 persons or one-tenth of one per cent for the succeeding week. The returns for the week of the 21st as indicated above show that this increase was not realized. When the returns are compared with the base figures a substantial increase of 5,333 persons or one and three-tenths per cent is indicated.

Plus industries—those that registered net increases in the number of persons employed for the week of February 21st as compared with February 14th with their respective increases were as follows: Commercial and Mercantile, four-tenths of one per cent; Clay, Glass and Stone products, one and three tenths per cent; Metals one and one-tenth per cent; Pulp, Paper and Printing, one tenth of one per cent; Railway Construction, one and eight tenths per cent and Railway operation one tenth of one per cent. The increase in Railway Construction of 1,134 persons was the largest registered. A substantial addition was also recorded in Metals, Commercial and Mercantile, Glass and Stone products and Railway Construction anticipated having further though much smaller increases for the week of February 28th. Metals, Pulp, Paper and Printing and Railway Operation expected to have small declines.

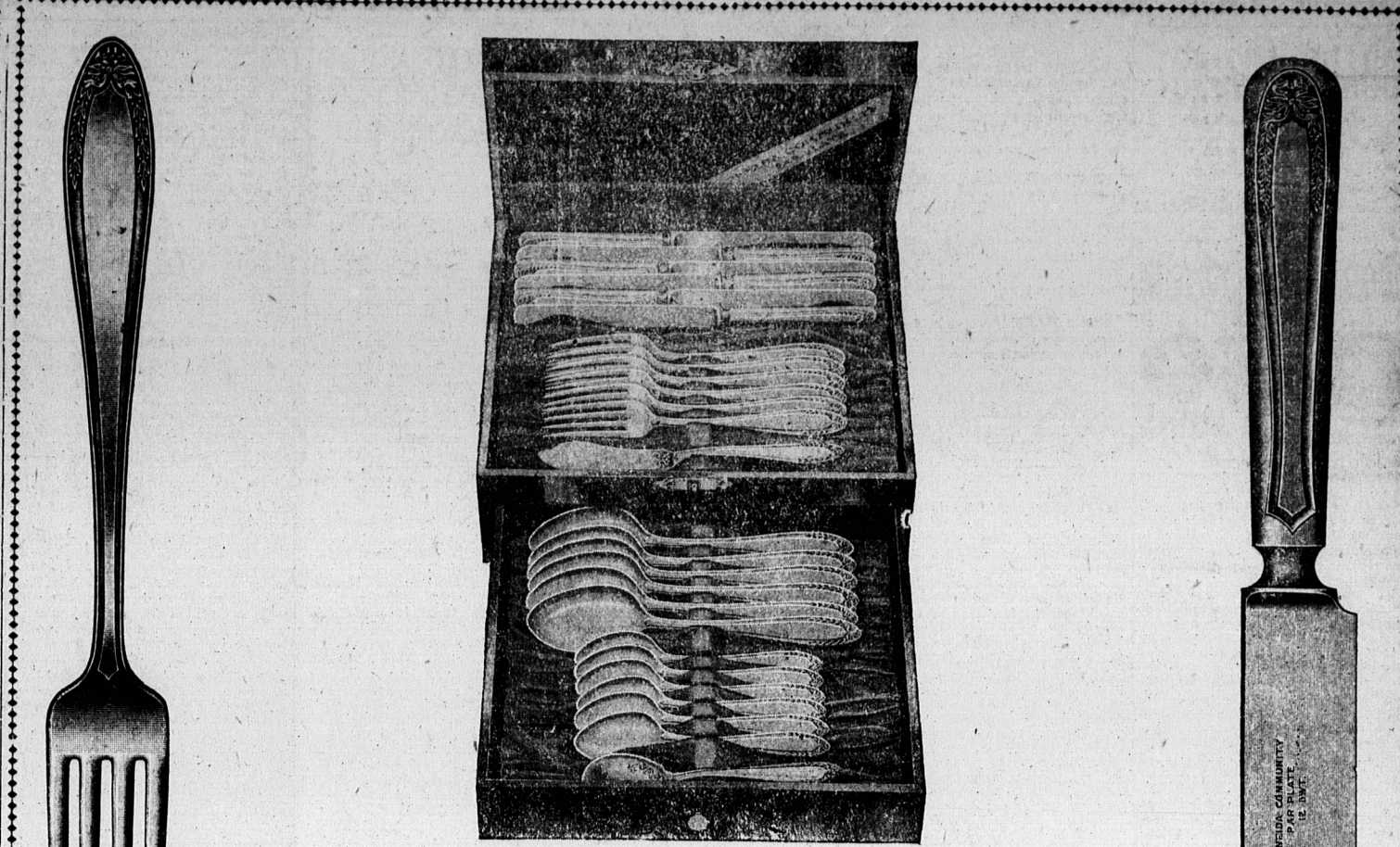
Minus industries—those that registered net decreases in the number of persons employed were: Building and Construction, two-tenths of one per cent; Lumbering, three and three-tenths per cent; Chemicals, seven-tenths of one per cent; Food, Drink and Tobacco, one and one-tenth of one per cent; Leather and Leather goods, four tenths of one per cent; Textiles, two tenths of one per cent; Woodworking, three tenths of one per cent; Quarrying and Leather goods, one and one-tenth per cent. Miscellaneous, five tenths of one per cent. There was also a nominal decline recorded in Vehicles. The decline in Lumbering (1,365 persons) during the week of the 21st was the largest recorded in the preceding week and represented continued curtailment of bush operations. Substantial declines were also registered in Quarrying and Mining and Food, Drink and Tobacco. The reduction in Quarrying and Mining may be attributed to unfavourable weather conditions for industries in that group, particularly in Alberta. For the week of February 28th further reductions were expected in building and construction, Lumbering and Leather goods. With the Food, Drink and Tobacco, the exception of the proposed reduction in Building and Construction, these anticipated declines were considerably smaller than those registered during the week of the 21st. Chemicals, Leather and Leather goods, Textiles, Vehicles, Woodworking, Quarrying and Mining, and Miscellaneous expected to have increases during the following week, those anticipated in Textiles expected by any of the groups.

In comparison with the figures for January 17th the base week, declines were registered in four groups only, Building and Construction, Commercial and Mercantile, Lumbering and Quarrying and Mining. All other groups showed increases, those recorded in Metals, Railway Construction, Vehicles, Textiles, Chemicals and Clay, Glass and Stone products being especially noteworthy.

Week ending February 21st. Maritime Provinces—The Maritime Provinces showed a decline of 28 persons to have been registered during the week of February 21st. A decline had been anticipated, but the actual reduction was not as large as had been expected. A further reduction of 15 persons or two tenths of one per cent was anticipated for the week ending February 28th. In comparison with the figures for the base week, January 17th, an increase of 623 persons, or one per cent was registered, all three provinces in this district showing additions. Increases were recorded in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as compared with the figures for February 14th, but New Brunswick showed a decline. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia anticipated having reductions during the week of the 28th and a small addition was expected in Prince Edward Island.

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Line them up. A grizzled chap in a captain's uniform came into the Press Barber Shop the other day. He saluted smartly and seated himself in the chair next to my own. "Haircut," he said in gruff tones. "How would you like it cut, sir?" the barber asked. The captain, who was baldish, answered, gruffer than ever: "Line up the hairs and number off to the right. Odd numbers each want half an inch. Dress smartly with bay rum and brilliantine. Then dismiss."



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