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Sun. Oct. 18: Great Men of the Bible: What Moses teaches us. Ex. 34: 28-35; Matt. 17: 3, 4; Heb. 3: 1-5.

DAILY READINGS.

- M., Oct. 12. To rise above humble birth. Ex. 2: 1-10
 T., Oct. 13. To give up our own way. Ex. 2: 11-14
 W., Oct. 14. In the school of humility. Ex. 2: 15-25.
 T., Oct. 15. In the school of reverence. Ex. 3: 1-6
 F., Oct. 16. In the school of opposition. Ex. 5: 1-11
 S., Oct. 17. In the school of rebellion. Ex. 32: 6-14.

Moses stands out as one of the greatest men in all history. To study the life of a good man is to raise one's ideals, and to increase one's zeal after what is of real worth. The life of Moses is brim full of deeds which are deserving of imitation, and over which it will do us good to ponder.

We may mention some of his traits of character; but his life must be kept in mind, and thought over, studied over, and imitated before his life has accomplished its mission for us.

A man of humble birth, reared at the king's court is apt to be a haughty man. Moses was not. His name is symbolic of meekness and humility. "Pride", some one says, "Looks downward seeing only how far it is above what is below; humility looks upward and sees how far it is below what is above." Moses, far from glorying in his rapid rise, and with boastful self-confidence setting out to be the leader of Israel, looked upward; and, seeing how great and strong and powerful a man should be who would undertake the great task of delivering Israel, felt his weakness and dependence upon God.

Throughout his dealings with a rebellious people he was patient, and moreover he was faithful. How prone we are to set about a task, and then give it up, if it proves difficult and disagreeable. Moses, with great fortitude and confidence in the I Am, went on year after year working for a rebellious and unappreciative people. God give us some of Moses' grit.

But perhaps greater than all other characteristics of Moses was his confidence in God and his fellowship with him. Patience and wisdom and grace for his difficult work came to Moses as he communed with God. His face shone as he came down the mount with God's laws in his hands, but he knew it not. God in the heart shines out through the face, but the consciousness of the fact lessens its power for good. Long contemplation of the divine glory caused the face of Moses to glow even as the sun shining on opaque bodies causes them to appear luminous. Thus may we be so imbued with the Master's spirit that all with whom we associate may take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus.

SOME BIBLE HINTS.

Few Christians realize that they may talk with God as really as Moses did. If they realized this, there would be more shining faces than there are (Ex. 34: 29).

The fact that Moses felt himself inadequate for his work was one evidence that he was fitted to do it, so long as he knew that God was adequate for it (Ex. 3: 11).

When men come to understand God's majesty, and come truly to serve him, they will fear human majesty as little as Moses did (Ex. 5: 1).

Obedience to God is the best rule for a strong body and a long life. It will double the value of any gymnasium (Deut. 34: 7).

SUGGESTIVE THOUGHTS.

Moses was perhaps the greatest man in history, because he dared place the greatest reliance upon God.

Each third of Moses' life—each forty years—was seemingly disconnected from the rest of his life. Each was necessary to the rest. So will God bind together our lives, if we will let him.

Moses' one sin shut him out of the promised land, just as one sin may shut us out of our promised land.

But Moses, at the time of Christ's transfiguration, was seen standing in the promised land. The next life has compensations for the sins as well as the sorrows of this life.

A FEW ILLUSTRATIONS.

There are many bondages waiting for a Moses to break them. Intemperance is one bondage, political misrule is another, greed of gold is another.

The Ten Commandments written on stone have been the stone foundation of the world's laws and civilizations.

Moses made his life concrete; he put it into divine institutions. That was like making a trust fund of it for posterity.

What was Cyrus Field compared with the vast electrical power that since his death has pulsed through the Atlantic? What was Moses to the great forces he set in motion? God can make vast results flow from small lives.

TO THINK ABOUT.

Is my life a free conduit for God's power?
 Am I doing anything for God that requires daring.

Am I trying to free any one from bondage?

A CLUSTER OF QUOTATIONS.

God made his grave to men unknown,
 Where Moab's rocks a vale unfold,
 And laid the aged seer alone
 To slumber while the world grows old.

Thus still, whene'er the good and just
 Close the dim eye on life and pain,
 Heaven watches o'er their sleeping dust
 Till the pure spirit comes again.—Bryant.

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"Moses, the patriot fierce became
 The meekest man on earth,
 To show us how love's quickening flame
 Can give our souls new birth.

"Moses, the man of meekest heart,
 Lost Canaan by self-will,
 To show where grace has done its part,
 How sin defiles us still!"

—C. E. Daily Companion.

Seek the Ideal.

The strength of your life is measured by the strength of your will. But the strength of your will is just the strength of the wish that lies behind it. And the strength of your wish depends upon the sincerity and earnestness and tenacity with which you fix your attention upon the things which are really great and worthy to be loved. This is what the

apostle means when he says, at the close of his description of a life which is strong, and inwardly renewed, and growing in glory even in the midst of affliction—"while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen." It is while we look that we learn to love. It is by loving that we learn to seek. And it is in seeking that we find and are blessed.—Henry Van Dyke, D. D.

Have You To-day?

Have you and I to-day
 Stood silent as with Christ, apart from joy or fray

Of life, to see by faith his face?
 And grow, by brief companionship, more true,
 More nerved to lead, to dare, to do
 For him at any cost? Have we to-day
 Found time, in thought, our hand to lay
 In his, and thus compare
 His will with ours, and wear
 The impress of his wish? Be sure
 Such contact will endure
 Throughout the day; will help us walk erect
 Through storm and flood; detect
 Within the hidden life sin's dross; its stain;
 Revive a thought of love for him again;
 Steady the steps which waver; help us see
 The footpath meant for you and me.

—George Klingler.

South Dakota.

At Liberty class, Elkhorn conference, a C. E. society has been organized. Quite an interest is manifested, the members all being willing to do their share in helping on the good work. Since the organization the active membership has been increased by four members and the associate membership by nine. The officers are president, Mrs. Elsie Benson; vice president, Myrtle Kiester; treasurer, Robert Welch; and secretary, Sherman Benson.

Led by Example.

From Japan comes the story of an exposition of Christianity from a man who obtained a Bible which he read with much interest. When he had finished, he said: "This is a fine thing in theory, but I wonder how it would work in practice!"

On the train on which he was traveling he noticed a lady who, he was told, was a Christian. He watched her attentively, to see how she would act, and said: "If I can see anything in her conduct like this Book, I will believe it."

Before the day was over he had seen so many little acts of unselfishness on her part, and so much thoughtfulness and consideration for the comfort of her fellow-passengers, that he was deeply impressed, and the result of that railway ride was that he went to his home determined to make the Bible the guide of his whole life, and become a true and consistent Christian.

It may be that we are in the same position as the Japanese Christian; that our every word and deed are watched by some one who is leaning toward the Christian life, but who is still in doubt. Is it not a solemn thought? Surely, we should be ever on the watch lest we should prove stumbling blocks in the path of such a one.—Parish Visitor.

Reckoning.

Out of the earthly good which thou hast given,
 The beauty and the blessedness which be,
 How shall I gather up and take to heaven
 "Thine own, with usury?"

How shall I give thee back the morning splendor,
 Purple of folding mists, and sunset glow?
 What answer at the judgment shall I render
 For thy white fields of snow?

What reckoning wilt thou ask me for the roses,
 The lilies of the field, and goldenrod?
 The treasure of thy woods when spring uncloses
 How shall I give thee, God?

Set thou thy hand upon my spirit, sealing
 Thy parables of sun and flower and frost,
 That in thy day of reckoning and revealing
 Not one of them be lost

Wrought is my heart by holy transmutation,
 Bloomed in my soul for other souls to see,
 Let me give back the beauty of creation—
 Thine own, with usury.
 —Mabel Earle, in C. E. World.