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THE SUPREME BOOK.

Sun., Apr. 25. Topic—The Bible, the World's Supreme Book. Deut. 6:1-9.

Daily Readings.

M., April 19—Its inspiration. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.
T., April 20—Its nourishment. 1 Pet. 2:1-3.
W., April 21—Its standards. Ps. 19:7-14.
T., April 22—Its truth. John 12:44-50.
P., April 23—Its prophecies. 2 Pet. 1:16-21.
S., April 24—Its message. 1 John 1:1-10.

A Bible Meeting.

Ask every member to bring to this meeting a copy of the Bible. Use these Bibles much in the course of the meeting. Have great passages from different parts of the Bible read in concert, or with alternate verses read by the society and the leader. Choose for this reading passages not very familiar to the members, such as Job 28, 1 Kings 8:22-30, Ps. 47, Isa. 35, Prov. 27:1-12, Eph. 4:1-8, Jas. 2:1-10; but of course these are only samples; you will not use all of them.

Also vary the meeting by calling for the concert repetition of passages which the members know by heart. At another time call for favorite Bible verses. Use only hymns about the Bible or based upon familiar Bible passages.—C. E. World.

Thoughts in Brief for Young Members.

1. "The Bible is supreme in spiritual power; no other book so reaches and holds the spirit of men."

2. "The Bible is supreme in its influence in the world; it is the greatest force in moulding nations."

3. The Bible is supreme in that it reaches the lessons of life, the life that now is, and the eternal.

4. The Bible is supreme in teaching us the relations that exist between ourselves and our fellowmen.

5. The Bible is supreme, for it shows us who is our neighbor, and how we should always treat him.

6. The Bible is supreme in literary thought and beauty. In it are the most beautiful pictures of life.

7. The Bible is supreme in history, in philosophy, in science, in literature, and in achievement.

Inspiring Points from Eloquent Pens.

1. Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the Book widens and deepens with our years.—Spurgeon.

2. There is no book like the Bible for excellent wisdom and use.—Sir M. Hale.

3. The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering and the most comfortable way of dying.—Flavel.

4. A loving trust in the Author of the Bible is the best preparation for a wise and profitable study of the Bible itself.—H. C. Trumbull.

5. I know the Bible is inspired because it finds me at greater depths of my being than any other book.—C.

6. The Gospel is not merely a book, it is a living power a book surpassing all others. The soul can never go astray with this book for its guide.—Napoleon.

7. All the distinctive features and superiority of our republican institutions are derived from the teachings of Scriptures.—Everett.

For Answer in the Meeting.

How is the Bible different from all other books?

How does the Bible help you in your life?

How can we exalt the Bible in our society?

How do you read the Bible?

What helps for Bible-study do you most enjoy?

What parts of the Bible help you most?

Why should we commit much of the Bible to memory?

How can we help others with the Bible?

How is the Bible a factor in our national life?

How can we grow in Bible knowledge?

How can we put more of the Bible into our prayer meeting?

Why should we read the Bible every day?

Seven Reasons Why I Believe the Bible Is the Word of God, Therefore the World's Supreme Book.

1. It meets the needs of human life. Under all circumstances man can go to the Bible and find help. The Bible fits perfectly into human experiences.

2. Its wonderful unity. The Book was written by about forty men separated by time, culture, training and language. Yet the book as a whole makes an impression of unity upon the mind of the student.

3. It is superior to all other books. No other book is so widely or repeatedly read. It is immortal among books. But few books outlive their authors.

4. Its influence upon the world. "By their fruits ye shall know them" is a safe rule of judgment. Note the people and countries who follow its teachings.

5. The character of those who accept it. A proposition, or principle, may be accepted or rejected because of the character of those promoting it.

6. It reveals the way of salvation. The soul's greatest question, "What must I do to be saved?" is answered, then Christian growth is also taught. Read carefully the Acts and the Epistles. No book can treat of more exalted themes than God, Christ, sin, man, salvation, and righteousness. "Study to show thyself approved."

7. Man unaided could not have produced the Bible. "I know that no man made the roses. I know that no man painted the sunset or the evening skies. In the same way I know that no man, or set of men, unaided,

have produced the Bible. It points to God as certainly as the flowers or the heavens."

The Bible the World's Supreme Library.
1. This library is in two sections, the Old Testament, and the New Testament. The Old Testament contains thirty-nine volumes, or books; the New Testament contains twenty-seven volumes, or books.

2. The Old Testament has five divisions; law, five books; history, twelve books; devotion, five books; Maj. Prophets, five books; Min. Prophets, twelve books.

3. The New Testament has five divisions: Biography, four books—life of Christ; History, one book—Conversion and early church; Special Letters, fourteen; General Letters, seven—instruction of Christian living and growth; Prophecy, one book. Read II Tim. 2:15.—C. E. Quarterly.

Thoughts About the Bible.

Every Christian Should read some book on the history of the Bible, telling how the Bible came down to us through the manuscripts, translations, and versions. It is a wonderful story of divine providence.

Bring together a little library of books about the Bible—commentaries, Bible helps of all kinds, tributes to the Bible, stories based upon the Bible incidents. Have a Bible shelf in your library.

Read the Bible by large passages at a time—whole books at a sitting—if you want to gain its full influence in your life. It is thus you would read any other book.

Let us bring the Bible more into our prayer meetings by thoughtful quotation and comment. We cannot do this without much thought. Meditation upon the daily Bible Readings is most helpful here.

It is good to take a Bible verse and make it the keynote of a week or a month. Try to practice one verse at a time, and make it a power in your life.

Bible-marking is the best way to make the contents of the Bible your own for ready reference. If you will mark every helpful passage you meet in your reading, mark it with some initial indicating its subject, very soon your whole Bible will lie open to your need.

What you have committed to memory of the Bible is your Bible for the night, your Bible for crowds, your Bible for emergencies. How large is that Bible?

Bible References.

God's Word—Ps. 12:6; 119:9, 50; Mark 12:24; Luke 8:11; Eph. 6:17.

It Endures—Ps. 119:89; Isa. 40:8; Matt. 5:18; 24:35.

It Is Inspired—Jer. 36:2; Ezek. 1:3; Acts 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:16.

Its Place—Deut. 6:6; Rom. 10:8; Col. 3:16.

It Is Light—Ps. 19:8; Prov. 6:23; 2 Pet. 1:19.

Its Power—Jer. 5:14; Acts 19:20; Rom. 1:16; Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12.

A Rule—Prov. 29:18; John 12:48; Gal. 1:8; 1 Thess. 2:13.

—C. E. World.

THE JUNIOR PRAYER MEETING.

Topic for April 25. A Story About Two Debtors. Luke 7:40-43.

For the Juniors to Answer.

To whom did Jesus tell this story?
What kind of man was Simon the Pharisee?

What kind of life had he probably lived?
Why do you suppose he gave a feast to Jesus?
How did he treat his guest?

What was the story that Jesus told?
 Do you suppose the two debtors were real people that Jesus knew?
 Why did He tell the story?
 What question did He ask of Simon?
 What answer did Simon make?
 How much do you think Simon loved Jesus?

How did he show love for Jesus?
 Do you suppose he invited Jesus to his feast because he loved Him, or just from curiosity to see and hear Him?

How much need of forgiveness had Simon?

Why do you and I need forgiveness?
 How can we show Jesus that we are sorry for all our wrong-doing?

How can we show our love to Him?
 How can we know that He has forgiven us?

What did He say about forgiveness?

The Children's Part.

Let the children repeat Bible verses about forgiveness and love, and let them tell of some of the people to whom Jesus talked about forgiveness, and what He said to them. Have many verses about love repeated also, and let the children tell how we may show our love to Christ.

For the Superintendent.

This is a story that can be told more effectively by the superintendent. Tell it early in the meeting, and make it a word picture, in some such manner as suggested below. Then let six Juniors read the story in the Bible words as suggested in the daily readings. Now call for Bible verses on forgiveness and love, for answers to questions, or for thoughts of their own on the topic. Try to impress upon them the thought that we all stand greatly in need of God's forgiveness, and that the more we realize our need, the more we love Him "who forgiveth all our iniquities," the more ready we shall be to show our love by having a forgiving spirit.

An Object-Talk.

Take to the meeting a purse containing some pieces of paper on which the words "good works," "righteousness," "fair play," "goodness," "church-attendance," and so on have been written, one clause or word on each piece of paper. Tell the Juniors that we are all debtors to God; all have sinned. How shall we pay Him? Open the purse and take out one of the slips. Can we pay Him with our good works, our righteousness, our church-attendance? Speak a word on each point. Then when the purse is empty refer to the words of Luke, "When they had nothing to pay." We have nothing to pay. When we see that, God pardons us. Then we can love Him like the woman of the story, and serve Him as long as we live.

R. P. A.

AN ILLUSTRATION.

For the Superintendent or a Junior.

A young girl stood before the coffin of her dead mother. As she looked at the still face she felt the tide of sorrow rise in her heart. She remembered that she had often disobeyed, often caused her mother pain. Now it was too late to make good the error. Her mother was dead. We should break the alabaster box of ointment on the living rather than cover with flowers the coffin of the dead. If we love much we should show our love in some way, by kindness, by gentleness, by willingness to obey and to help. If God has been good to us, we must try to be good to others. R. P. A.

Bible References.

All Men Sinners—Ps. 14:3; 53:3; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8. God's Forgiveness—Ps. 103:3; Matt. 6:14; Mark 3:28; Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:9. Love to God—Ps. 31:23; 2 Thess. 3:5; 1 John 4:19. Proving Our Love to God—John 13:35; Rom. 12:9; 1 John 4:7, 11, 12; 3:17; Acts 20:38.

Daily Verses.

1—Jesus in a Pharisee's house.. Luke 7:36
 2—An alabaster box. Luke 7:37, 38
 3—What the Pharisee said. Luke 7:39
 4—A question Jesus asked. Luke 7:40-42
 5—Simon's answer. Luke 7:43
 6—Which loved Him most?— Luke 7:44-50
 —C. E. World.

JUNE 22-24, 1915.

The Fifth General U. B. C. E. Convention Meets at Freeport, Mich.

Where is Freeport?

It is on the Pere Marquette railroad, twenty-six and one-half miles southeast of Grand Rapids, and six miles south of Elm Dale.

How do you get there?

Those coming by way of Toledo, Ohio, come to Lansing, Mich., thence to Elm Dale.

Those coming by way of Chicago, come to Grand Rapids, thence to Elm Dale, and from the north on Saginaw division to Elm Dale. All change at Elm Dale.

Trains leave Elm Dale for Freeport about 8:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m. Auto conveyance can be procured at Elm Dale at any time, day or night.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR IN THE HOME AND IN THE CHURCH.

Christian Endeavor in the home.

What should be the benefit of Christian Endeavor in the home? Every Christian Endeavor is or should be a follower of Christ.

The daily endeavor should be to be Christ-like. What will that mean in the home?

It will mean peace and harmony among brothers and sisters, mutual confidence and love between parent and child.

It will mean that bickering, fault-finding, frowns and cross words will be eliminated from the home life.

It will mean that the pleasures and amusements of the young people will be clean and wholesome.

The temptation to indulge in things harmful and that would drag them down, will be resisted.

This in a home with Christian environment.

In a home where our Lord is not Master, where parents are unchristian, it may mean much more.

The quiet fulfillment of Christian duty, the reading of the Bible, the daily prayer, the earnestness of effort in meeting church requirements, may be the means, blessed of God, in bringing the family all to Christ. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," so the devoted life of a consecrated Endeavorer in a home may influence for good all of its members.

In the church.

Dr. Clark in his travels around the world has found Christian Endeavor a live issue everywhere. Missionaries in foreign lands have found it adapted to their needs, and everywhere the well-known monogram "C. E." stands out in all its brightness, no matter what the language or tongue.

The church finds it a live issue.

No pastor who is alert, progressive, and awake to the best interests of the church

will long be without a Christian Endeavor Society in his church.

It is called, and rightly, too, the training school of the church.

We need vim, enthusiasm, ardor in our church work. If we find this in our Endeavor Societies, they are important factors in church work.

In the Endeavor Society our young people should receive the training necessary to make them efficient workers in the church. Training in Bible study, in missionary interests, along temperance lines, in good citizenship. Trained to take part in church services, and stalwart young men, and noble young women should be the result of this training. But ever must be kept in mind, that the spirituality of the society must not be allowed to decline.

Faithfulness to the pledge and to "Christ and the church" will help us in the right way, and help us to be an honor to the church and our community. M. M. TITUS.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN VERSE.

The great Jehovah speaks to us
 In Genesis and Exodus;
 Leviticus and Numbers see,
 Followed by Deuteronomy.
 Joshua and Judges rule the land;
 Ruth glean a sheaf with trembling hand.
 Samuel and numerous Kings appear
 Whose Chronicles we wondering hear.
 Ezra and Nehemiah now
 Esther, the beautiful maiden, show.
 Job speaks in sighs, David in Psalms,
 The Proverbs teach to scatter alms;
 Ecclesiastes then comes on,
 And the sweet Song of Solomon.
 Isaiah, Jeremiah then
 With Lamentations takes his pen.
 Ezekiel's, Daniel's, Hosea's lyres
 Swell Joel, Amos, Obadiah's.
 Next Jonah, Micah, Nahum come,
 And great Habakkuk finds his room.
 Then Zephaniah, Haggai calls,
 Good Zechariah builds his walls,
 While Malachi, with garments rent,
 Concludes the Ancient Testament.

This is the way the Gospels run:
 Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John;
 Then comes the Acts, inviting you
 The apostolic church to view.
 The Romans and Corinthians are
 To cities sent renowned afar.
 Galatians and Ephesians then,
 Writ by the same inspired pen.
 Philippians and Colossians stand
 With Thessalonians near at hand.
 Timothy leads to Titus on;
 This brings us down to Philemon.
 The Hebrews then we gladly find;
 The book of James comes close behind.
 To Peter then our thoughts we give;
 With loving John we wish to live.
 Pious Jude will pierce the soul,
 And Revelation close the whole."

ONWARD.

March on, my soul, nor like a laggard stay!
 March swiftly on. Yet err not from the way
 Where all the nobly wise of old have trod—
 The path of faith made by the sons of God.
 Follow the marks that they have set beside
 The narrow cloud-swept track to be thy guide;
 Follow, and honor what the past has gained,
 And forward still, that more may be attained.

Something to learn, and something to forget;
 Hold fast the good, and seek the better yet.
 —A. T. Arnold.