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LESSON

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Lesson for November 15

THE HEROISM OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Acts 21:12, 13. 27-34;

Romans 9:1-5.

GOLDEN TEXT—Greater love hath

no man than that that a man lay down

his life for his friends. John 15:13.

PRIMARY TOPIC—On the Castle Steps.

JUNIOR TOPIC—On the Castle Steps.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Taking Risks for Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Risks All for Christ.

We now come to the close of the third missionary journey of Paul. As he came to Jerusalem for the last time in his eventful life, he was warned by a prophet, Agabus at Caesarea, that if he went up to Jerusalem he would be bound and given over to the Gentiles.

Heroism of the highest and noblest type has characterized the followers of Christ in all times. Paul was not one to be deterred from what he believed to be God's will by the probability that he would suffer. Like all who follow the Lord Jesus Christ in truth he was J. Fearless, in Practice as Well as Theory (Acts 21:12, 13, 27-34).

Many there are who sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, I'll be what you want me to be," or smoothly repeat consecration vows, who are frightened away at the slightest difficulty, and who feel that they must have been mistaken about the Lord's will for their life at the first indication that his guidance would interfere with their comfort or convenience. No such cowardice or vacillation was found in Paul.

In the first place, he did not intend to have a holy purpose weakened by disheartening talk. How many young men and women have left a place of sacred meeting with God aglow with the purpose of serving Him in the foreign mission field, and then permitted an uninterested friend or relative or employer to talk them out of it.

In the second place we find Paul carrying through his purpose. When he came to Jerusalem he was counselled to enter the temple to take a Nazarite vow, and thus to satisfy his enemies. Some have commanded Paul for thus pacifying those who withheld him, others strongly condemn him for yielding. His purpose was good, but his act led to unfortunate results. An infuriated Jewish mob saw him in the temple and wrongfully accused him of defiling the temple by bringing a Greek into this holy place.

A riot ensues, and Paul would have been killed had not the Roman captain and his band rescued him. Was Paul afraid? He immediately turned his arrest into an unsurpassed opportunity to give a testimony and to make a defense of his ministry (See Acts 21:40-22:22). He admonished others to "be instant in season and out of season" (1 Tim 4:2); he practiced what he preached. He constantly urged faith in God, steadfastness in the midst of trials; he gave full proof of these things in his own ministry.

In all this he did not seek his own glory, or any honor for his own name. The Christian hero knows nothing of heroism for publicity's sake; he does not serve with an eye on the "grandstand." Paul was actuated by a deep and a genuine

H. Concern for the Salvation of His People (Rom 9:1-5).

The Christian worker who knows nothing of "great sorrow and unceasing pain" in his heart over the plight of the unsaved does not follow in the Pauline succession, nor does he know the heart of the Man of Sorrows.

Paul surely did not wish himself separated from Christ, but was so deeply moved that he said he "could wish" it—if it were not wrong—in order to save his brethren.

Do we need a revival of compassion in our churches, and in our own hearts, a yearning over the multitudes about us who are as sheep without a shepherd?

A Deep Firm Faith

No one is happy who has not a deep firm faith in some ideal far beyond this world, in some law of majesty, beauty, goodness, harmony, superior to the apparent, meaness, ugliness, evil discord of the present dispensation. How difficult it is to live the life of the spirit thoroughly, to be permanently interested in the eternal things, the durable relations! That is why many of us are not happy. The soul needs a refuge from things that pass like a show, to some reality about them and beneath them. This I feel with all the force I have. John Addington Symonds.

Opportunity

You never miss an opportunity of giving innocent pleasures, or helping another soul on the path to God, but you are taking away from yourselves forever what might have been a happy memory, and leaving in its place pain or remorse. Frances Power Cobbe.

## Jerusalem Riots Reveal One Patriot's Heroism

Turbulent "City Of Peace" Runs True To Type Today — Exciting Story Of Mobbing Of Apostle Paul—Passionate Patriotism Of The Jew.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

I have been in Jerusalem when every strategic street corner held a group of British soldiers armed with riot sticks, standing ready for an expected outbreak, such as is so vividly portrayed in the passages which are today's Sunday School Lesson. For months past, the old "City of Peace" has been witnessing scenes like this. Jerusalem in tumult runs true to type.

This is a purely oriental scene that we study today. Nowhere else are the passions of mobs so quickly aroused and over such apparently trifling incidents. The excitable oriental temperament of Jews and Arabs is hard for a westerner to understand. With contemporary bloody riots dotting the news from Asia, Europe and America, we must pause to consider the unreasonableness of mobs. They always represent the lowest level of their members. They are an abdication of reason and fairness and justice. I have seen many riots and revolutions, and I know that, whatever their motive, they always give expression to the baser passions of mankind. The Anglo-Saxon way, of recourse to law and to arbitration, is the more civilized way.

An Old Mob Scene

Only one who knows Jerusalem as I do can understand how quickly a mob may be gathered, on the slightest pretext. The outcry against Paul soon ran through all the narrow streets of the city. All Jerusalem was in confusion—and bent on killing Paul.

He was dragged out of the temple, and through the streets, amidst a shower of stones, such as he himself had once complacently watched, as they were directed against the martyr Stephen. Despite the pain and the blood, I am sure the old hero had sweet thoughts of the identity of his experience with that of Jesus, as he heard the throaty crowd cry "Away with him!"

But Rome was violently on the march. Like their British successors, the Roman soldiers were ready for mob outbreaks. So they rushed roughly into the melee, sparing no heads in the process, and rescued the prisoner. They did not know what the fuss was all about, but they could not have the "pax Romana" disturbed.

Bruised, battered and bleeding, Paul might have been expected to be concerned chiefly over his own deliverance from death. Not he. The hero of the cross was one of those world-serving souls who lived for greater objectives than his own welfare. No craven "safety-first" motto for him. His life ambition was to preach the Gospel of Christ. So as he was being hurried into the Castle of Antonia for safety, he got permission to speak from the stairs to the mob below—and preached a sermon!

One Patriot's Passion

They might kill him, but Paul loved his people to the end. His passion for his own Jewry is shared today by multitudes of Jews. In a passage from his letter to the Romans, which is part of today's Lesson, he flames forth into an extreme expression of this devotion.

There is a Jewish question abroad in the world today, thanks largely to Hitler and to Zionism; and it is restraining and sobering for Christians to read Paul's words of loyalty. Here was a man willing and eager to "give his life for his people." Matt. 10:37. Christ's challenge to all Christians. Are we going to meet this challenge?

We cordially welcome you to these services

Church of the Nazarene

Paul Brandyberry, Pastor

9:15 a. m.—Sunday School. Mr. Earl Fuhrman, superintendent.

10:10 a. m.—Worship Service. Sermon theme: "The Conditions for a Revival."

6:15 p. m.—Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor meetings.

7:00 p. m.—Evangelistic Services. Sermon theme: "Dead or Alive?"

6:00 p. m.—Monday—Father and Son Banquet.

10:30 p. m.—Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday—Friday—Evangelistic services.

3:00 p. m.—Saturday—Mission and Meeting.

The public is invited to attend the Evangelistic services which will be conducted this week, and which will merge into the Decatur "Eight-Day" reaching Mission, beginning with November 15th.

First Methodist Episcopal Church

Herman R. Carson, Minister

Church Notes

9:30 A. M. Opening of Nursery, Childrens Church and Meditation Period in the Senior Worship Service. We continue the Covenant Campaign and will call the names

of pastors of our Church during the period 1900-1912. The Pastor will speak on "The Mediator Of The New Covenant". Special music will be provided by the Girl's Chorus, under the leadership of Mrs. Dan Tyndall.

10:35 A. M. Church School study classes under the supervision of Mr. Walter Krick. Dismissal at 11:15 A. M.

6:00 P. M. Senior Epworth Leader

Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream to drift; We have hard work to do, and loads to lift; Shun not the struggle; face it: 'tis God's gift.—Malibie Babcock.

gue devotional meetings. Frederick Carson, leader.

7:00 P. M. Evening Service. Pastor's subject, "Unexpected Light," another message on the sermon series, "Covenant-Keeping Men".

A cordial welcome awaits you at these services.

Presbyterian

George O. Walton, Minister

9:30 a. m. Sunday School. Mr. W. R. McCoy superintendent.

10:30 Morning worship. Sermon by Rev. Walton.

6:00 p. m. Young Peoples Society.

At this meeting the young people will serve a light lunch, after which new officers for the organization will be elected. Plans will be made for an intensive study of the life of St. Paul.

Monday night a laymen's banquet will be held for the laymen of the Presbytery of Fort Wayne. All men from the local church who wish to attend the banquet are asked to call 130 and transportation will be provided. The banquet will be held at the Bethany presbyterian church. Rev. W. McCay of Elkhart will be the speaker.

There will be a meeting of workers committee of the Sunday School and church at the Manske Wednesday evening.

A Father and Son banquet will be held at the church Friday evening November 20.

First Baptist Church

Horner J. Aspy, Minister

9:30 A. M. Bible School. Mr. C. E. Bell, superintendent.

10:30 A. M. Junior Church. Mrs. Frank Young, superintendent.

10:30 A. M. Morning Worship. At this service the pastor will speak.

"The Ministry of Sharing."

6:00 P. M. The Young People's Chorus will rehearse.

7:00 P. M. Evening Evangelistic Service. The pastor will bring the message following the special music.

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