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LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER, 1932

Course B—Ages 15, 16 and 17

Concert Recitation for November

(Ether 12:12)

“For if there be no faith among the children of men God can do no miracle among them; wherefore, he showed not himself until after their faith.”

First Sunday, November 6, 1932

Uniform Lesson

Subject: “The Priesthood.” (See Superintendents’ Department for outline.)

Second Sunday, November 13, 1932

Lesson 34. The Lord Uses Human Instruments.

Text: Mormon 9:31, 34-37; Ether 12:22-41; Sunday School Lessons, No. 34.

Objective: To teach that the Lord’s servants, being human, are not perfect; yet the Lord’s purposes are being fulfilled through them.

To teachers: This is a day of criticism. An age of cynics. They scoff at all authority—in government, in business, in the Church. An impressive lesson can be given today to encourage a spirit of respect for men who occupy places of responsibility, especially in the Church. Let them read the apologetic words of Mormon wherein he declares his weakness in writing; yet he gave to the world the Book of Mormon. Furthermore the Savior of the world, 400 years after His crucifixion, came and visited this humble servant of the Lord. And so the query: Suppose we succeed in finding mistakes in construction or in use of words in the Book of Mormon, should we delight in having found these errors? Are we bigger for having discovered them? Does it pay to cultivate a critical attitude toward the noble efforts of good men?

Our Church authorities, all down the line, are selected from all walks of life. No matter how educated or uneducated, how polished or how unpolished they may be, when the Lord places them in authority and bestows His Holy Priesthood upon them, what should we do to help them? What attitude should we take

toward them? What if the sacred Book of Mormon had been discarded on account of faulty grammatical construction? If you can develop a spirit of tolerance, respect, and sympathy toward every man and woman who is called to “do things” in this Church, you will have performed a needed service to your young people. And point out that this attitude should begin right in the home, in the ward, in the Sunday School, in the Sacrament Meeting, and extend all along the line to the presidency of the Church.

Third Sunday, November 20, 1932

Lesson 35. Operation of Secret Combinations.

Text: Ether 8:1-23; Sunday School Lessons, No. 35.

Objective: To teach that no member of the Church need, or should, join a secret order.

To teachers: Explain to the class that the lesson deals with an incident among the Jaredites on this continent.

Moroni has pointed out that from the beginning Satan has set up a counter movement to the work of the Lord, in an endeavor to break down righteousness. Satan knows that wickedness likes secrecy; that is why he employs it. Let the class read how this secret combination worked among the Jaredites, just as it did through the Gadianton robbers among the Lamanites and Nephites. In both cases it brought about the destruction of government, and finally of the whole social order.

Today we are trying to teach respect for law and order; yet the country is full of secret combinations that conspire to destroy government, property, people’s rights, security and happiness. The Lord has set up His Church, which is a complete answer to our needs. It requires our time, money and talents. The more we put into the Church, the greater will be our reward and our glory. A Latter-day Saint cannot afford to join secret orders for two reasons: (1) It compels him to divide his time, and hence gives him less opportunity to develop in spirituality. (2) The objectives are in conflict. A man who becomes enthusiastic in secret orders soon finds himself indifferent toward his church duties.

Activity in the Church brings the biggest reward, the other robs us of that joy. We cannot serve two masters.

Fourth Sunday, November 27, 1932

Lesson 36. The Power of Faith.

Text: Ether 12:2-21; Sunday School Lessons, No. 36.

Objective: To show that obedience to the Lord's Commandments will develop our faith and our spiritual powers.

To teachers: This lesson recites how faith has been shown by men and people during the many dispensations. Let the class discuss the fruits of that faith in each instance. Add to the incidents mentioned, the works of faith among the founders of this Church, among the Pioneers, among our missionaries.

Let the class tell, too, how prayer, pay-

ment of tithing, fasting, observance of Word of Wisdom, all develop faith. Let them relate incidents to prove the point. Then finally, why do we want faith? What purpose does it serve? Joseph Smith is credited with the statement that the Lord can teach us more in five minutes through His Holy Spirit than we can learn in any other way in a life-time.

How can that be true?

Of what use is it to us to know these great hidden truths? Of what use is light to the individual?

Let the lesson develop a desire to do the things in the Church that will develop faith, which, in turn will open our eyes to the glorious truths which come from the Source of our light.

RALLY DAY, OCT. 23RD—MAKE IT A RED LETTER DAY

Laman

By Vernald Wm. Johns

You were a scion born, of Israel's line,
Two thousand weary years and more agone,
A prince in God's nobility;
Proud wilfulness in that long distant age
Betrayed your blooded royalty,
And shut you from the light, your heritage.

Two thousand years—enough to test your boast—
In waning strength you've roamed from coast to coast,
Now Joseph's prodigal brought low,
The vision of life's beauty fading in your soul;
How little, Laman, did you know
That vain and wilful pride exacts extremest toll,
That it, destroying what it feeds upon,
Would sap your strength, leave you a fallen son.

Bronzed wanderer from beauty and from God,
Read well your history, mark where you trod
In your mistakes unflinching,
And, as you scan the sacred pages' tale of hope,
Behold your opportunity.
With true humility your guide enlarge your scope
Of usefulness, return to truth and grace,
Obedience shall redeem your fallen race.

Those laws divine by which you fell
Shall raise you back into your just domain;
No longer stray, but walk now straight and well
To life more full, your right with Ephraim.