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ISAAC'S TESTIMONY TO GOD

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 26:19-33.
GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is the Lord, God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.—Psalm 72:18.

A man of peace in a war-torn world may seem to be a bit out of place, but he assuredly is not if the peace he has and promotes is the peace of God.

Our world has seen anew a demonstration of the awful results of the philosophy that might makes right. Violence and bloodshed have been man's way of asserting his supposed or assumed rights. One could hope that we are now ready to recognize that we need a new viewpoint, that patience and meekness are not weakness, that kindness and love are Christian virtues worth emulating and cultivating.

That result can come only if men will recognize Christ as the King of their lives and nations will receive His Word as their law. Let us proclaim His truth and the gospel of His grace anew, and win all we can to Him.

Isaac was a man of peace. He was a rather ordinary man, one of the common people, but his life is both interesting and instructive. He had come through varied experiences of victory and defeat before the time of our lesson. Fearing a famine, and apparently not trusting God at the moment, he had gone down from the promised land to the country of the Philistines, there re-digging the wells which his father Abraham had dug. The result was that he prospered. Ere long, however, envy on the part of his enemies taught Isaac that one may expect.

I. Strife in the World (vv. 19-21).

Isaac had prospered, but he was still out of the promised land, and while he was in the land of Philistines he could expect no permanent peace.

We are in the world. We long for peace, and would throw all our influence and service into the cause of bringing a righteous peace to the troubled peoples of the world. But let us not be misled by that desire into the support of unscriptural and impossible peace programs. This world is a sinful world, and as long as that is true, there will be strife and war.

Our business in such a world is to preach the gospel of grace, winning men to Christ, that they may become men of good will. Isaac was such a man, willing to yield even what seemed to be his right, rather than cause contention.

Undoubtedly there are times when one must defend his name and his possessions, but all too often those who do "stand for their rights" have wrecked homes, churches, and nations, and have gained nothing but an empty victory.

The peace of this world is temporary. Is there then no real abiding peace and joy?

II. Joy in God's Fellowship (vv. 22-25).

When Isaac came up into Canaan, the land which God had promised to him, he found real peace and an abiding joy in renewed fellowship with God. Even so, the Christian man and woman who will step out of a spiritually destructive fellowship with the ungodly world and come over wholeheartedly into the spiritual Canaan of full consecration and separate living, will find true peace and satisfying communion with God.

III. Testimony in Right Living (vv. 26-31).

These men were wicked men, even speaking falsehood in their claim of friendship toward Isaac (v. 29). Now that they perceived that God was continually blessing Isaac in spite of their repeated injustice toward him, they decided it would be well to make a covenant of friendship with him. Even those who follow the way of war and aggression cannot deny the effectiveness of true Christian testimony.

Observe also that by his patience and kindness, Isaac ultimately made friends out of his enemies. It is better to turn enemies into friends than to beat them, and have them enemies still." And so this man with the patient, self-sacrificing spirit brought peace not only to himself, but to those about him, because he believed and trusted God. "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov. 16:7).

IV. Blessing in Service (vv. 32, 33).

The thing to do when the selfishness of others is about to cause strife is to go and "dig another well." If we will do that, we will find that God has been there ahead of us and prepared a rich flow of fresh water with which we may refresh and encourage ourselves.

Isaac's men said, "We have found water," and he then named the place Beersheba, which means "the well of the oath," referring undoubtedly to God's fulfilled promise to bless him. He had found the way of peace, fellowship and blessing, because he had gone God's way.

RURAL CHURCHES

Antioch M. B. C.
3 Miles West, 1/2 south of Decatur
Jake Hosteller, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Preaching service 10:30 a.m.
Evangelistic service 7:30 p.m.

Our purpose: To make the community a better place in which to live, by preaching Christ and Him crucified. We cordially invite you to worship with us in any or all of these services.

Willshire Circuit
U. B. Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

10:30 a.m. Class meeting.

8:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting

St. Paul
9:15 a.m. Preaching service.

10:15 a.m. Sunday School.

8:00 p.m. Tuesday, prayer meeting

Winchester
9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

10:30 a.m. Preaching Service.

8:00 p.m. Thursday prayer meeting

Monroe Methodist Church
E. O. Kegerreis, Minister

Morning Worship 9:30 Service
in charge of group returning from
Epsworth Forest Institute.

No evening services.

Mid-week service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Rivarre Circuit
Gilbert A. Eddy, Pastor
Mt. Victory
Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Cloyce Crozier, supt.

Class meeting 10:30 a.m., Gregg Knitter, leader.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Pleasant Grove
Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Warren Harden, supt.

Class meeting 10:30 a.m., Fred Bittner, leader.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Mt. Zion
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Jim Beabout, supt.

Worship service 10:30 a.m., sermon by the pastor.

U.B.C.E. services 7:30 p.m., Aline Beabout, president.

Note: There will be no evening services in the field because of the Y.P.M.B. assembly at the United Brethren camp ground at Rockford, O., afternoon and evening services, Junior camp, leadership training and camp meeting begin on April 13. Everybody welcome.

Decatur Methodist Circuit
Homer Studabaker, Minister
Mt. Pleasant
Sunday School 9:30, Norval Fuhrman, supt.

Beulah Chapel
Sunday School 9:30, Edward Arnold, supt.

Morning worship 10:30, a service you will not want to miss.

Pleasant Valley
Sunday School 9:30, Jacob Borne, supt.

Evening service 7:45, the men's quartet from Murray Christian church will sing. A great service.

Union Chapel Church
United Brethren in Christ
D. H. and Celia Peletti, Pastors

Sunday school 9:30, Thurman L. Drew, superintendent.

Morning Worship, Holy Communion 10:15.

Christian Endeavor, Youth and Adult 7:30.

Evening Worship Subject, "The Glory of Our Faith."

Prayer Service Wednesday 8:00.

Pleasant Valley
Wesleyan Methodist Church
Noel H. Winterholter, pastor

Sunday School, 9:30.

Morning Worship, 10:30.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 8:00.

The morning worship service will conclude my ministry at Pleasant Valley.

There will be no evening service this Sunday evening, due to the Monroe Camp Meeting.

Let the church help you. Come to church Sunday.

All men are invited and urged to attend the Men's Union Prayer Service, Monday 8 p.m. at the Nazarene Church.

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Polio Increases In County in Illinois

New Insecticide To Be Used At Rockford

Rockford, Ill., Aug. 10.—(UP)—DDT, the new insecticide controlled by the army, today was approved for use in Rockford and other sections of Winnebago county in an effort to control an increasingly serious flare-up of infantile paralysis.

At a meeting of the Rockford city health committee last night, city health commissioner N. O. Gunderson said that the national infantile paralysis foundation in New York was rushing three specially-equipped trucks and three pumps to the Rockford area. The equipment left New York today, he said, and would be in use by Monday.

Gunderson said that the use of DDT constituted the first time that the powerful insecticide would be used by the army against poliomyelitis, although it recently had been used by the army against malaria-bearing mosquitoes in the Pacific. He said that the experiment was being conducted by the U. S. public health service on the theory that flies are transmitters of polio.

Sixteen new cases of infantile paralysis were reported yesterday for Winnebago county, bringing to 62 the total since July 1. Nine fatalities have been recorded.

Gunderson said that the number of cases reported was not sufficient to be correctly termed an epidemic, however.

Picnics, festivals and dances all have been cancelled in Rockford since the outbreak, and the city recently was declared "off-limits" for army personnel stationed at nearby Camp Grant.

40 Servicemen Die

In Railroad Wreck

Sections Of Crack Passenger Crash

Michigan, N. D., Aug. 10—(UP)—Rescue crews with acetylene torches cut through the tangled and twisted steel wreckage of a railroad coach today in an effort to remove the bodies of an estimated 40 servicemen killed in the crash of two sections of the Empire Builder, crack passenger train.

The bodies were enmeshed in the buckled steel plates of an observation car and the locomotive of the train's second section which smashed into the car, telescoped and then exploded.

Ten persons were known to have been injured seriously; others were bruised, cut and shaken. Some were burned.

The accident occurred about 7:30 p.m. (CWT) last night when the first section of the train stopped about a half mile from the small Michigan depot because of a "hot box" on the locomotive.

Before flares could be put out to warn the second section, it plowed into the rear coach, a combination pullman-observation car. It split the coach down the middle.

The engine's boiler exploded on impact and searing steam scalded those already dying. The pullman ahead of the observation car was derailed.

Michigan, a small town of 500, had no facilities for first aid, ambulances and help came from as far as Grand Forks, 45 miles distant, Devils Lake, Lakota and other cities.

Military officials took charge and said no names of the dead would be announced until the next of kin had been notified.

Col. Fred Mann, Jr., of the Devils Lake state guard, said that the bodies of 40 servicemen were in the car long after midnight. All the dead were believed to be servicemen.

One woman was pinned alive in the wreckage, Mann said. She had lost consciousness and rescue workers frantically tried to clear the wreckage to remove her.

"Workers are finding it difficult to remove the bodies because they are surrounded by twisted iron and steel," Mann said.

The two sections of the train, loaded to capacity with from 450 to 500 passengers in each, mostly servicemen, left Chicago at 11:15 p.m. (CWT) Wednesday, bound for the Pacific coast.

Approve Building Of Elkhart Plant

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 10—(UP)—The WPB today approved construction of a \$5,410,000 factory for the manufacture of washing machines in Elkhart. The district production urgency committee approved plans to expand the La Porte plant of the Allis-Chalmers manufacturing corporation.

Secret Agreement At Yalta Revealed

Agreement On East Prussian Disclosed

Washington, Aug. 9—(UP)—President Truman has revealed a third secret agreement which the late President Roosevelt made at Yalta.

In his radio speech last night Mr. Truman said that the decision to give Soviet Russia part of East Prussia, including the warm-water port of Königsberg, was agreed upon at Yalta by Mr. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Premier Josef Stalin.

The communiqué on the Yalta conference, however, made no mention of that agreement. It was not until last week, in the Potsdam communiqué that the terms were made known.

A month after the Yalta conference, it was revealed in the American press that Mr. Roosevelt had agreed to support Russia's request for separate votes for the Ukraine and White Russia at the San Francisco conference.

The then Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., finally confirmed the report and revealed at the same time that the United States had withdrawn its counter-proposal for three votes.

The growth of the project was

ing little war correspondent.

The library now has become just a small portion of the memorial to the Hoosier columnist, killed by a Japanese sniper at the pinacle of his journalistic career.

Revised plans call for a Mammoth park, memorial cemeteries, college endowments and other ambitious proposals.

Richard Condon, head of the publicity firm bearing his name, visualizes a lake-studded park near Dana. Pyle's body would be brought from Le Jima and enshrined there along with bodies of unknown soldiers from each of the 48 states, or from all the United Nations.

There are other features of his master plan—such as symbolic Allied nation in the war and a murals depicting the role of each giant book containing the names of U. S. soldier killed in action.

Condon has set up offices at nearby Terre Haute and plans to begin a six-weeks nationwide campaign Aug. 22, with a special appeal for \$1 from each American serviceman.

The growth of the project was

credited to Vernon F. McMillan, Terre Haute mayor, who suggested that the Dana committee turn their campaign over to the New York firm. McMillan said citizens of Terre Haute were every bit as fond of Ernie as were the people of Dana and felt that a library was too modest a memorial.

John Busse, chairman of the original movement, thinks the

plan represents a lot of money for a modest fellow like Ernie. "But if it grows larger, it isn't our fault," he added.

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