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FEAST DAYS OF A PEOPLE

LESSON TEXT — Leviticus 20:7, 8; 23:4-6, 15, 16, 24, 27, 28, 34, 39-44.

GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad—Psalm 126:3.

God wants His people to enjoy their religious life. Being in fellowship with Him is not something to dampen one's spirits, but rather to give joy and enthusiasm full liberty. Even with Israel in those early days when Christ had not come and they had only the promises and types of His coming, He arranged for regular religious feasts or festivals which brought the people together to worship Him.

One can well imagine the delightful fellowship as friends, acquaintances and especially relatives from various places went up to the feast together. Personal joy was heightened by the great spiritual joy which they shared.

The obvious lesson for us is that we who know Christ and have peace and liberty in Him should enjoy our Christian anniversaries to the full in a manner well-pleasing to Him. We need such occasions to renew our faith, to quicken our joy, and to cause us to remember God's grace and His blessings.

The first of the assigned Scripture passages does not directly relate to the feasts of God's people but rather speaks of:

I. The Holiness of the Lord (Lev. 20:7, 8).

God is holy and His people in their earthly walk are to show that they have been sanctified by Him. This involves a separation from worldly practices and an eagerness to do the will of God.

Keeping the statutes of God should be the delight of His people, not a burden or a trial. There is real liberty in conformity to law. Holiness makes for freedom and fruitfulness.

Now we turn to the consideration of the feasts of the Lord. In selecting the verses two of the feasts were omitted, so we shall include Leviticus 23:3, 9-12 with the others assigned.

II. The Feasts of the Lord (Lev. 23:3-6, 9-12, 15, 16, 24, 27, 28, 34, 39-44).

This is one of the great chapters of the book of Leviticus presenting both practical and prophetic teaching. The holy "feasts" and the "set times" of Israel (which we shall consider under the one heading of "feasts") were for their spiritual instruction and edification, but they also reveal God's prophetic purpose for both Israel and the Church.

1. The Sabbath (v. 3). This is not strictly considered one of the feasts but a set time—a holy convocation to be held after six days of labor. It is the type of the rest that God has in mind for His people. (See Heb. 4:1-11.)

A word of admonition is in order regarding America's awful disrespect for and misuse of our day of rest—the Lord's day. Is it not time we did something about the desecration of Sunday?

2. The Passover and the Unleavened Bread (vv. 4-6). These could be considered separately but they are closely related. The Passover spoke of the Lamb of God who was to shed His blood on the cross, even as it pointed back to redemption by blood on that dark night in Egypt (Exod. 12:12, 13).

The unleavened bread speaks of holiness. This is not the result of "servile work" (v. 8), but a showing forth of faith in the offering of fire.

3. The Firstfruits (vv. 9-12). Just as the one sheep was waved before the Lord as the earnest of the harvest, so Christ in His resurrection is the firstfruits of them that sleep in the grave. (See 1 Cor. 15:20-23.) Note that it was waved "on the morrow after the Sabbath" (v. 11), which is the resurrection morning—our Sunday. What a blessed thought!

4. Pentecost (v. 15, 16). Fifty days after the feast of firstfruits came a new meal offering; two wave loaves are presented before the Lord. This new meal offering speaks of the believing people of Christ, and so it came to pass that it was on Pentecost that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church (Acts 2:1-4), just fifty days after the resurrection of Christ.

5. Trumpets (v. 24). This looks forward to the day when God shall call His people Israel in the latter days. This will bring them together for the great day of

6. Atonement (vv. 27, 28). On that day Christ shall take away the sin of His people (Zech. 13:1), and they shall be prepared for the crowning and joyous feast of

7. Tabernacles (vv. 34, 39-44). This was the great feast of ingathering of the products of the year. Israel then dwelt in booths to recall their days in the wilderness. It was a time of full rejoicing, when sorrow and crying were put away. It is the type of Israel's ultimate restoration and full blessing.

Such are the feasts of the Lord, delightful and faith-stimulating for Israel and for us!

RURAL CHURCHES

Monroe Friends Church
Robert P. Miller, pastor

9:30 — Sunday school.
10:30 — Morning Service. Theme: "How Is Your Sight?"

7:00—Evening Service.

Wednesday, 7:00 p. m.—Prayer meeting. "The Christian who battles and runs away will fight the same battle another day."

Antioch M. B. C. Church
Jake Hostetler, Pastor

Located 3 miles west and one-half mile south of Decatur.

Sunday school—9:30 a. m. Homer Brubaker, supt.

Morning Worship Service—10:30 a. m.

Evening Service—7:30 p. m.

We cordially invite all to come and hear Rev. David Seimens, Missionary to South America. Rev. Seimens will speak in the morning and evening services. He has traveled extensively and is now Foreign Missions Secretary of the Missionary Church association. In the evening service, Rev. Seimens will show pictures of his work in Ecuador, South America. Don't fail to enjoy with us the ministry of this man of God in word and in picture. Remember the hours, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. February 3.

Willshire Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, Pastor
Willshire

9:15 a. m. Sunday school. Fred Myers, supt.

10:30 a. m. Class meeting. Charles Samples, leader.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

St. Paul

9:15 a. m. Sunday school. Eddie McFarland, supt.

10:15 a. m. preaching service.

2:00 p. m. Service at Adams County Home.

7:15 p. m. Evangelistic service. Winchester

9:30 a. m. Sunday school. Merri Essex, supt.

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

7:15 p. m. Thursday, prayer meeting.

Monroe Methodist Church
E. O. Kegreis, Minister

9:30—Morning Worship. Special music by the choir. Sermon: "Only an Atom!"

10:35—Church school classes for all ages.

6:15—Youth Fellowship. Chisty Rich, leader.

7:00—Evening service. Special music. Sermon topic: "Holding Out."

Tuesday 7:00—Boy Scout Troop 65 in the annex.

Wednesday 7:00 — Mid-week prayer service.

Wednesday 8:00—Choir.

Thursday 7:00—The Women's Society of Christian Service. Leader, Mrs. Charles Hinton. Hostesses: Mrs. Amos Lehman, Mrs. Lor Burkhart, Sr., Mrs. Raymond Crist, and Mrs. Eva Brewster.

Pleasant Valley Wesleyan Methodist Church
Lee Tilden, pastor

9:30—Sunday school.

10:40 Worship service.

7:30 Wednesday. Prayer meeting. "Test Our Welcome."

United Brethren in Christ
Rivarre Circuit
Paul Graham, pastor

Mt. Zion

Prayer meeting. Wednesday evening.

Sunday school 9:30.

Class meeting 10:30.

Pleasant Grove

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Sunday school 9:00.

Preaching 10:00.

Mt. Victory

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Sunday school 9:00.

Class meeting 10:00.

Back-To-Work Move

Halted By Pickets

La Grange, Ill., Feb. 1—(UPI)—Two automobiles were overturned today at the strikebound electro-motive division of General Motors Corp. as an estimated 2,000 CIO pickets massed against an attempt of war veterans to lead a back-to-work movement.

No injury was reported.

The pickets, members of the United Automobile Workers union, guarded the five entrances of the plant after it was reported that two World War II veterans would lead 100 production workers back to their jobs.

A company spokesman estimated the number of pickets at only 350, but police said approximately 2,000 blocked roads and ended the effort of "a few workers" to go back to work.

Office workers and officials with passes issued by the union have gone to work as usual since the CIO union called a strike against GM last Nov. 21 for a 30 percent wage increase. More than 7,600 have been idled at the La Grange plant, which makes Diesel engines for locomotives.

Lt. Anton Paulus of the Cook county highway police said the pickets, some wearing American Legion caps and uniforms of both World Wars, allowed most employees with passes to enter the plant.

Two office workers whose cars were overturned were identified as Don Winslow, Western Springs, and Harry Butcher, 27, La Grange, a discharged serviceman.

Mt. Tabor Methodist

R. J. Hicks, Pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. The annual election of officers of the Sunday school will be held at close of session. Reports of treasurers of all funds of Sunday school and church will be given for the last

year.

This will be a meeting when all members of the church and Sunday school are invited.

Special Services
And Meetings Of
Churches In AreaAirport Manager
Sells One Plane

Robert McComb, local airport manager, reported today that he had sold his 1946 Aeromac plane to a Wabash manufacturing company. He still has another plane at the airport for tutoring purposes.

MINISTER PLEADS

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said he ate heartily, slept soundly and "showed absolutely no signs of remorse."

Stipe previously had been adjudged sane by Dr. G. J. Stuart, Grand Rapids psychiatrist, and two other consulting physicians who conducted extensive tests on the minister after he was charged with attempted murder.

Defense attorney John Vanderwal said he would request a different set of psychiatrists to examine Stipe and prosecutor Bolt concurred.

Bolt requested the Michigan state sanity commission to appoint a board of psychiatrists to examine the minister which is mandatory under state laws for persons charged with murder.

Meanwhile, Rev. Stipe, whose salary was \$60 week bmt who obtained a moderate estate through serving as a real estate agent, today turned over his estate to his second wife, "whom I love tenderly."

Defense attorney Vanderwal said the pastor owns two houses and two lots in addition to "substantial" war bonds and postal savings accounts.

VICTORY CLOTHING

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ty garage on Monday. The garage will not be open Saturday and Sunday, he stated.

LEGION DEMANDS

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ing office, said it could not be fully effective in less than a year or possibly two years.

Stipe said VA's handling of insurance was confused, that incompetent help had been used to process mail; and that VA activists had been scattered "all over Washington and New York."

Stipe told the PCC unity delegates they had accomplished what had been intended and he hoped "the harmony would live forever."

"From now on," Chiang said, "The heavy task of rebuilding the nation rests not on the Kuomintang alone, and much less on me as an individual. This tremendous burden will have to be borne by all of you here as well as by the people of the entire nation."

"I will work sincerely for peace and solidarity and I urge the nation to follow the road of unitification and democracy," he asserted.

Stipe cited a backlog of 102,830 unprocessed applications for GI education; 20,411 pending claims for waiver of insurance premium; 18,847 undisposed death claims; and 287,000 unanswered letters.

RENE WSEARCH

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bers, radioed a routine progress report from over Sinclair, Wyo., at 2:40 a. m. (MST) yesterday and was not heard from again.

The plane had been flying from Seattle to New York and made its last stop at Boise, Ida., where it picked up Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bender, en route to their home in Sheffield, Ill., after their wedding two days before. It had been due in Denver at 4:20 a. m. (MST).

A heavy fog hit the mountain top and strong winds whipped the faces of anxious persons waiting at the foot for news of the plane and possible survivors. The Cheyenne weather bureau estimated that temperatures were about eight below during the night on the peak.

In addition to the benders, the passenger list included Robert S. Prie, New York and Chicago socialite, H. R. Clover (2315 E. 13th St.) Vancouver, Wash., Mrs. E. H. Blake, Richland, Wash., and William Petracek, New York.

Walter P. Briggs, veteran airline pilot, was captain of the ship. First officer was Harry M. Atlass and the stewardess, Dorothy Parker. All were based in Portland.

Names of the servicemen were withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

NAVAL OFFICER

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Nov. 13, 1941, in which Tokyo set up this code:

"1. In case of a Japan-U. S. relations in danger — east wind rain.

"2. Japan-U. S. S. R. relations — north wind cloudy.

"3. Japan-British relations — west wind clear."

He said all three code words were used in the Dec. 4 Japanese broad cast but the one referring to Russia was in the negative form—making it mean peace with Russia.

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Saford said that when he first saw the winds message it already had been decoded by Lt. Cmdr