

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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THE LAW IN JESUS' DAY

LESSON TEXT—Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 5:17-19; Mark 10:17-22.
MEMORY SELECTION—Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill.—Matthew 5:17.

Jesus Christ is the believer's final authority. He is both our Saviour and our Lord. He is our teacher, our guide, our pattern in all things. It is therefore of the highest importance that we know his attitude toward the Old Testament laws, and that is just what we are to consider in the lessons of the next three months under the general title, "Jesus Interprets Old Testament Laws."

Our introductory lesson tells us of the origin, interpretation and application of the law, then we go in later lessons to consider the Ten Commandments in the light of the teachings of Jesus.

It is appropriate to point out that, far from being outmoded, the Ten Commandments are really the basis of all moral law. They need a diligent restudy and re-emphasis in our day of disregard of moral standards.

1. The Law—Given by God (Deut. 6:4-9).

Our God is the one true God who is to have the complete and constant devotion of all. The fact that so many men have ignored him explains the awful depth to which the world has fallen.

This one and only true God has given through his servant, Moses, the fundamental moral law for the government of man, and he is to give diligent attention to it at all times.

Religion in the household (v. 7) should include the teaching of the Word, and the easy natural discussion of spiritual things in all the varying circumstances of home life. Blessed are the parents who make it easy for children to talk about the things of God as naturally and unaffectedly as they discuss the other phases of life which interest them.

The law of God should go with his people into their daily occupations (v. 8), not in any formal or stilted way but as the normal expression of their love for him. It should be evident to all who enter the home that the Lord is loved and honored (v. 9).

II. The Law Fulfilled by Jesus (Matt. 5:17-19).

The law of God is eternal, never to be abrogated, never set aside. Christ himself, although we might properly say that he was in reality the lawgiver and thus had power and authority over the law, indicated his purpose in coming to be that of giving the law its full meaning, not of destroying it.

One could wish that those who profess to be his servants might have the same measure of regard for God's law. If they did, they obviously would not be so ready to ignore it, so quick to change it or explain it away, and far more ready to accept with their Master every "dot and tittle"; that is, even the minutest detail of his Word.

It is a mark of greatness "to do and teach" the law of God (v. 19), and of pathetic smallness to break his commandments and to teach others to disobey God. Some of the supposed great men of this world are mighty small when they are measured by God's yardstick.

The one who recognizes Christ as the fulfillment of the law will go on in consistent living. In his strength and by his grace we are to obey every moral precept.

III. The Law—Applied to Man (Mark 10:17-22).

The moral law, which is God's law, is good and in its keeping man finds guidance for his life. Apart from Christ, however, he finds himself unable to keep the law.

The gospel of the grace of God in Christ Jesus takes us a step beyond the law, and it is a great step for here we meet and follow the one who is greater than the law, the giver of eternal life.

Obedience to the commandments brings a man up to the very entrance upon that life, but to enter in he must have more than the "things" of the law; he must have the person who is "the door" to eternal life.

The young man who came to Christ was rich. His mind was obsessed with things. He had made it his business to observe the law, and had done well (v. 20), but his soul was not satisfied. He thought one more "thing" that he could do would accomplish his purpose.

The general attitude of the man was commendable. He sensed his lack of the vital something which would remake his life. He came to the right one—the Lord Jesus—with his question.

His failure to go beyond the things of the law to a faith in Christ, however, showed that he loved his possessions more than he desired to follow the Lord.

RURAL CHURCHES

COUNTRY CHURCHES
Mt. Tabor Methodist Church
C. C. Conn, Minister
Bible school, 9:30.
Morning worship at 10:30.
Subject, "Blindness Healed".
Thursday evening Prayer meeting at 8:00.
Come with us and we will do you good.

Willshire Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, Pastor
Willshire
9:30 a. m. Sunday school, Fred Myers, Supt.
10:30 a. m. Preaching service.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting, Chas. Samples, leader.

St. Paul
9:15 a. m. Preaching service.
10:15 a. m. Sunday school, Edna McFarland, Supt.
8:00 p. m. Tuesday, prayer meeting and Bible study.

Winchester
9:30 a. m. Sunday school, Merl Essex, Supt.
10:30 a. m. Class meeting, Fred Zacher, leader.
8:00 p. m. Children's Day program. This program will include a demonstration of a two week's Bible school with recitations, songs and musical selections.
All are welcome.

Monroe Methodist
E. O. Kegerreis, Pastor
9:30 a. m. Morning Worship.
The Lord's Supper will be observed. Special music by the choir.
Sermon: "The Bread of Life."
10:30 a. m. Church school classes for all ages.
6:45 p. m. Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p. m. Evening service.
Wednesday 7:30. Mid-week Prayer followed by choir.

Union Chapel Church
United Brethren in Christ
D. H. and Celia Pellett, pastors
Unified morning services, starting with Sunday school at 9:30.
Mr. Thurman I. Drew, Superintendent.

Morning worship, sermon "Dependence Day," 10:1.
Christian Endeavor for young people and adults, 7:30.
Evening worship, subject, "Addition," 8:00.
Prayer service Wednesday, 8:00.
Choir rehearsal following the services on Sunday evening and on Wednesday evening.
You are always welcome to this church in the heart of the community, with the community at heart.

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed
H. H. Meckstroth, pastor
9 a. m. Worship service.
10 a. m. Sunday school.
7:15 p. m. the people of the St. Luke's congregation are invited to the Christian Endeavor meeting at Vera Cruz. The Rev. Virgil Snyder of Craigville will give an illustrated talk. Paul Kauffman will be the leader.

Thursday, 8 p. m., the girls guild will meet at the Albert Dick home.

Decatur Methodist Circuit
Homer Stubbaker, Minister
Mt. Pleasant
Sunday school 9:30; Norval Fuhrman, Supt.
Morning worship 10:30; class for all ages.

Pleasant Valley
Children's service 8 o'clock.

United Brethren in Christ
Rivarre Circuit
Paul A. Graham, pastor
Pleasant Grove
Worship service 9:00.
Sunday school 10:00.
Prayer meeting Wed. evening.
Mt. Victory
Sunday school 10:00.
Worship service 11:00.
Prayer meeting Wed. evening.
Mt. Zion
Sunday school 9:30.
Class meeting 10:30.
Evening service 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wed. evening.
The pastor expects to be with the churches on July 7.

Two Divorce Suits Are Filed In Court

Two new suits for divorce have been filed in Adams circuit court here. In the one, Marie H. York asks for a divorce from Paul E. York, charging cruel and inhuman treatment, in that while intoxicated he struck and beat her. She asks custody of five children, aged 17, 14, 12, 10 and eight. They were married May 17, 1928 and separated July 2, 1946. The plaintiff, who resides at 936 Harrison street, asked for a temporary restraining order. John L. DeVoss is her attorney.

The other was filed by Wilma Ross against Richard Ross, charging that he deserted her on August 21, 1943, leaving her without sufficient funds to pay current bills and that he told her to get a divorce. The complaint states that they were married October 3, 1942, separated on August 21, 1943, and have not cohabited since June 26, 1946. D. Burdette Custer is plaintiff's counsel.

MASSING in a giant demonstration in New York City to "fight Britain's tyranny in Palestine," the mob, shown below, flaunts a banner carrying the British colors with a swastika on it. At the same time the crowd was demonstrating in New York, four members of the Jewish agency for Palestine called on President Truman at the White House in Washington. Left to right, the group, shown at right before the executive mansion door, includes Louis Lipsky, Rabbi Abba H. Silver, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Nahum Goldman. They have been advised by Truman that the U. S. had not been consulted on the measures adopted by the British government. (International)



Special Services And Meetings Of Churches In Area



Youth For Christ

A county-wide Youth for Christ rally will be held in the Berne band shell Saturday, July 13 at 8 o'clock. The speaker will be John A. Huffman, New England's popular radio pastor who broadcasts over Boston's largest independent station and directs Las Alas del Alba, the Spanish "Wings of the Morning" program carried over CMQ, Cuba's largest network of stations to Latin America. Mr. Huffman also directs the Boston Youth for Christ rally held in historic Park street church of Boston every Saturday night.

A special feature of this rally will be the showing of sound moving pictures, "The Man who forgot God," which will bring a stirring challenge to all.

In case of rain the rally will be held in the First Mennonite church.

The public is invited.

Leigh Bowen Quits FSA Position Here

Administrator Quits Because Of Health

Leigh Bowen of this city has resigned his position with the farm security administration and Donar Norquest, who has been the acting supervisor, has been appointed supervisor for the three counties, including Adams, Jay and Wells.

The area office is located in the K. of C. building and Miss Winifred Kitson of this city has been named office manager.

Mr. Bowen served 11 years with the FSA. Prior to opening the office in this city he had headquarters in Allen and Whitley counties. He resigned his position because of ill health, he stated.

Mr. Norquest served three years in the army and was stationed in China until the end of the war. He served here during the time that Mr. Bowen took a leave of absence.

Wall's Bakery Is Reopened Today

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Wall today announced the reopening of their bakery in this city, after it had been forced to close for three days because of the flour shortage. A limited supply has been received, they stated, and the bakery will keep open until the supply is exhausted.

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PEACE PARLEY

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600,000 in reparations from Italy, that payment be made over a period of seven years, that the payment come out of current production except for the first two years, that reparations be drawn from various sources, and that Russia supply on commutal terms materials normally imported by Italy, payment for same being made by deducting the value of the goods delivered.

Byrnes and Bevin agreed that Italian assets on the Soviet-occupied zone should not be considered in the reparations field, and that warships of the Italian navy should be distributed as war booty, not reparations.

The sources from which the Italian reparations were to come were suggested by Byrnes in his new American proposal. They were Italian war equipment, Italian assets in Russia, and the liners Saturnia and Vulcania to be reconditioned in Italy at the expense of the Italian government.

Molotov refused to accept the Vulcania and Saturnia, claiming they were useless for passenger traffic.

HUGE CROWD

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side the park and airport. The display covered more than an hour of varied types of fireworks, including a mock tank battle, scores of sky-rockets and air bombs and a replica of the American flag as a finale.

Hundreds witnessed the event from porches and lawns in various sections of the city, since they were able to see the aerial portions of the display.

SAFE, SANE HOLIDAY

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works by individuals, the chief stated. Only one complaint was received by the city police, the chief stated, and this when an adult succumbed to the temptation to ignite some firecrackers which he had received from a mysterious source. He was at the Legion Memorial park when the incident occurred and neighbors complained.

One Hurt Today
A belated celebration at the city dump in Hanna-Nuttman park resulted in one injury this morning, however, when Robert Lee Gage, 16, of 728 North Fifth street, was injured in a firecracker explosion. The youth said he had found an unexploded firecracker there. When he ignited it a splinter was driven into his cheek. He was taken to the Adams county memorial hospital for treatment.

Practically all business was suspended in Decatur throughout the entire day yesterday, with only taverns, confectioneries and a few other retail stores remaining open. Most taverns closed last evening. Police reported the celebration orderly, with no arrests on the docket today.

Fort Wayne Youth's Body Is Recovered

Fort Wayne, Ind., July 5—(UP)—Services were arranged today for Vincent McClintock, 18, Fort

Wayne, whose body was recovered from Hamilton lake near Angola yesterday. The youth drowned last Sunday.

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daughter are two grandsons. One son preceded her in death. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Sunday at the Rich home, and at 2 o'clock at the West Missionary church, three miles west of Berne, with the

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Rev. Oscar Elcher of the Zwick funeral home residence Saturday morning.

NOTICE

I will be out of my office June 30 to July 7.
Dr. Gerald J.

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