

LESSON

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PAUL IN ATHENS AND CORINTH

LESSON TEXT—Acts 17:22-34; 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25.
MEMORY SELECTION—For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—1 Corinthians 3:11.

History repeats itself, in spiritual things as well as in secular events. The experiences of Paul at Athens and Corinth are peculiarly applicable to our day, for here he encountered the very problems which face (and have apparently stopped) the church today.

The cities were not far apart in miles, and they were both pagan, but they differed widely in their cultural and commercial development.

Athens was the home of a godless culture. Corinth was a prosperous commercial center known throughout the world for grossly licentious living.

What did the gospel accomplish in such cities? We shall soon see. I. Godless Intellectuality Meets the Gospel (Acts 17:22-34).

Paul was alone in Athens. He had been separated from his companions Silas and Timothy (Acts 17:14), and was to wait there at Athens. While he waited he looked the city over and found it wholly given to idolatry (v. 16). This was no idle observation of a scientific mind, for it caused Paul's spirit to stir in him.

It is a bad sign when a professed Christian can live in the presence of sin and false worship and not be deeply moved by it.

Paul did something about it! He went into the great daily gatherings of philosophers and gave them some solid Christian philosophy to work on. They were curious to know more, and when the opportunity arose, Paul preached the sermon on Mars Hill.

He found them superstitiously religious, but religion does not save. They even feared lest they had forgotten some god, so one altar was "to the unknown God" (v. 23). This gave Paul his opportunity, for he declared the one true God—unknown to them—as the answer to their question.

The intellectual felt superior and had an idea that God needed him, a kind of snobbery which is as current in 1946 as it was in Paul's day. How effectively he disposed of that attitude appears in verses 24 and 25. They needed God, and without him they could not draw a breath!

Moreover, the pagan intellectual then as now would swell with pride as he thought of the race and people to whom he belonged. They were superior — a master race. Paul declares God's truth that all men are of one blood, and that the nations are in his hands (v. 26).

What they had to do, and what the godless intellectuals of our day need to do, is to seek God in humble repentance and faith; then lives can become fine and noble and useful (vv. 27, 32-34).

II. Sophisticated Immorality Meets the Gospel (Acts 18:1-4).
To Corinth Paul came (evidently still alone) without friends or funds. Like all well-bred Jewish boys, he knew a trade. He was a sail maker and tent maker. Rather than have the ungodly men of Corinth hinder his preaching by the criticism that he was doing it for money, he supported himself.

The minister who is eager for rich financial return, and who is willing to accept the gifts of the ungodly that his work may prosper, has closed the door for his testimony to many who do not believe. In fact, one wonders whether he has any real testimony to give.

In this wicked city, given over to vice and fleshly pleasure, Paul made his way to the synagogue and began to preach Christ. He reasoned and persuaded and won some for the Lord as he continued with them for a year and a half (Acts 18:11).

Paul's letter to the Corinthians reveals the struggle of the believers at Corinth to maintain moral standards and spiritual warmth in such a city, but it also clearly indicates that the gospel of Christ is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 1:16), even in the midst of sin and corruption.

III. The Gospel Meets Sin—and Is Victorious (1 Cor. 1:22-25).
The wisdom of this world—for which Athens stood in a special way—becomes foolish in the eyes of men, as it is already in the sight of God, when it stands up against the gospel (read vv. 18-21).

The preaching of the cross, which looks foolish to the worldling (v. 23), is the wisdom and the power of God, and by it men are saved. Whether Jew or Gentile, whether seeking signs or wisdom, whether "up-and-out" by way of pagan intellectualism or "down-and-out" by way of immorality—no matter what man's race, or his problem—the answer is in the gospel which we are privileged to teach and preach, for it is the gospel of "Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" to all who are called by him.

RURAL CHURCHES

St. Luke Reformed Church
Honduras
H. M. Meckstroth, pastor
9:00 worship service.
10:00 Sunday school.
2:00 Catechetical instruction.
7:30 young people's meeting.
Beulah Bertsch, leader.

Calvary Evangelical United Brethren Church
F. H. Willard, minister
Morning worship, 9 a.m.
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Union Thanksgiving service Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church, with the Rev. William C. Feller of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church preaching.

Willshire Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, pastor
Willshire
9:30 a.m. Sunday school, Luther Funk, supt.
10:30 a.m. class meeting, Oatis Strickler, leader.
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, thank offering service, Rev. Lawrence Delinger, speaker.

St. Paul
9:15 a.m. Sunday school, Edlie McFarland, supt.
7:00 p.m. preaching service.
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, prayer meeting and Bible study, Robert McBride, leader.

Winchester
9:30 a.m. Sunday school, Meri Essex, supt.
10:30 a.m. preaching service.
7:30 p.m. Thursday, prayer meeting, Fred Zurcher, leader.

Monroe Methodist Church
E. O. Kegerreis, minister
A gospel team from Taylor University will be present to lead in Evangelistic services Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Services will be held at 7:15 each evening.
9:30 — morning worship led by Taylor University gospel team. Message by Rev. Paul Zook.
10:35 — church school classes for all ages.
6:00 — youth fellowship.
Monday 7:00 — board of education meeting in the church annex.
Tuesday 6:30 — father and son banquet.
Wednesday 7:00 — Thanksgiving service.

Union Chapel Church
Evangelical United Brethren
D. H. Pellett, pastor
Unified morning services: Sunday school; Thurman I. Drew superintendent, 9:30.
Morning worship, annual cash day and holy communion, 10:15.
Special music by the choir, sermon subject, "Worship."
Christian Endeavor for young people and adults, 7:00.
Special Thanksgiving service Wednesday, 7:30.
Choir rehearsal following the services on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.
You are always welcome at this church, in the heart of the community with the community at heart.

United Brethren in Christ
Rivarre Circuit
Paul A. Graham, pastor
Mt. Zion
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Preaching, 10:30 a.m.
Christian Endeavor, 7 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Mt. Victory
Sunday school, 9 a.m.
Class meeting 10 a.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 1 p.m.

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Pleasant Grove
Sunday school, 9 a.m.
Class meeting, 10 a.m.
Christian Endeavor, 7 p.m.
Revival services begin Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. The Monroeville girls' trio will conduct the song service, and the pastor will be in charge of the preaching services. We anticipate guest speakers the first week. All are invited to attend.

CHURCH NEWS

Pleasant Grove
The Pleasant Grove United Brethren church will conduct revival services, beginning Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The song service will be conducted by the Monroeville girls' trio. The pastor, the Rev. Paul A. Graham, will be in charge of the preaching services and guest speakers will assist during the first week. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend each night.

In the Adams Circuit Court
November Term, 1946.
November 9, 1946.
State of Indiana vs.
County of Adams)
Alvin D. Baker, Plaintiff
Annot Baker, Defendant
Franklin O. Baker, Defendant
Opal Baker, Defendant
Harvey S. Baker, Defendant
Augusta Baker, Defendant
Charles E. Baker, Defendant
Mary Baker, Defendant
Mildred Belitz, Defendant
Wilson Belitz, Defendant
vs.
Bertha Elzey, Defendant
Emmerson Elzey, Defendant
Lola B. McConne, Defendant
The plaintiffs in the above entitled cause have filed their complaint therein together with an affidavit that the defendants, Bertha Elzey, and Emmerson Elzey, are non-residents of the State of Indiana; the plaintiffs' cause of action being a suit in partition of the following described real estate in Adams County, Indiana:
The west half (1/2) of the southwest quarter (1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-eight (28) North, Range Fourteen (14) East, in Adams County, Indiana, containing Eighty (80) acres, more or less.

Notice is hereby given the said defendants, Bertha Elzey and Emmerson Elzey, that unless they be and appear in the Adams Circuit Court, Decatur, Indiana on the 18th day of January, 1947, the same being the 54th judicial day of the November Term of said court, and answer or demur to said complaint, the same will be heard and determined in their absence.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said court, this 22nd day of November, 1946.
Clyde D. Foustner
Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court,
Nov. 22—29—Dec. 6

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Decatur
Methodist Circuit
Homer Studabaker, Preacher in charge
Mt. Pleasant
Sunday School 9:30, Norval Fuhrman, Supt.
Morning Worship 10:30. Special service for children.
We shall assemble ourselves together at 7:30 for a Union service and grateful for joy, with an endless thanksgiving, special numbers from each church. This will be our Thanksgiving service.
Beulah Chapel
Sunday School 10:30, Donald Shady, Supt.
Morning Worship 9:30.
Prayer service Wed. evening.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Adams County, Indiana, will until the hour of 2:00 P. M. Monday, December 2, 1946 receive sealed bids for furnishing the following equipment for the Surveyor:
New, one-half ton pick-up truck, equipped with 4.50 x 16 tires, and dual windshield wipers, for immediate delivery.
All bids must be accompanied with cash or certified check in the amount of 10% of the price bid.
The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
By order of the Board of Commissioners of Adams County.
Thurman I. Drew,
Auditor Adams County, Indiana
Nov. 22—29

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Blue Creek Township, Adams County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of said municipality at their regular meeting place, on December 3, 1946, will consider the following additional appropriations which said officers consider necessary to meet the extraordinary emergency existing at this time.
Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon.
Tuition Fund No. 25 — \$275.00
Special School Fund No. 23 — 500.00
Ora E. Patterson
Trustee of Blue Creek Twp.
Nov. 22—29

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals for widening and for resurfacing on certain highways described below, will be received by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission at his office in the State House Annex, Indianapolis, Indiana, until 11:00 A.M., Central Standard Time, on the 16th day of December, 1946, when all proposals will be publicly opened and read.
CONTRACT M-2780—Bids are invited on cement concrete widening and bituminous resurfacing of approximately 16.06 miles in the Fort Wayne and Greentfield Districts, Adams and Jay Counties.
Proposals may be examined at the office of the Commission in Indianapolis, Indiana.
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
OF INDIANA.
John H. Lauer
Chairman
Nov. 22—Dec. 6

Red Cross Office To Be Closed Saturday

The Red Cross office in this city will be closed Saturday as Mrs. Ruth Hollingsworth, executive secretary, will attend the district Junior Red Cross institute in Muncie. Other Red Cross executives who will attend the institute, which opened today, are Miss Grace Coffee, Junior Red Cross chairman, and Miss Rose Sprunger of Berne. The annual enrollment of schools and children in the junior division of Red Cross is now underway in

Psi Iota Xi Rummage Sale

Friday Aft., Nov. 22 from 1 p. m. Saturday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Opposite Court House on So. 2nd New Fortney Shoe Repair Bldg.

the county. Last year Adams county set a record with 100 percent enrollment of the schools.

CIO REELECTS

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whit about resolutions." "The answer is that our unions must become more and more powerful in membership and must become an aroused membership to make it perfectly clear to Senators Taft and Ball that we will not stand for that kind of legislation."

The resolutions were approved. "We will not permit the reactionary open-shop employers of America and their legislative spokesmen to substitute for democratic labor relations laws the

law of the jungle," the anti-labor legislation resolution stated.
Jack Altman, vice-president of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, and Van A. Bittner, chairman of the resolutions committee, engaged in a brief verbal battle over the foreign policy resolution.
Altman failed to win permission to offer amendments to the resolution which he claimed was conflicting and not strong enough in parts. He said that the criticism of fascism "was not enough."

CITES PROGRESS

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Heller, French Quinn, Robert Cole, Mel Tibble, all of Decatur; W. H. Soldner, Van Wert, Ohio; John E. Deahl, Harry Beitel and George

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4,000 At Open House
Nearly 4,000 persons attended the open house held at the plant Thursday, it was reported today by public relations officials of the company.
School children of Adams county, Wren and Willshire, Ohio, were guests in the morning, while the doors were thrown open to the general public in the afternoon and evening.

Sale of Real Estate

The undersigned commissioner, by virtue of an order of Adams Circuit Court made and entered in a cause for partition between Mary Martha Jaeger (now Mary Martha Miller), Raymond Hobrock, Charles O. Hobrock, Gustav H. Theodore Hobrock, Louise Oetting, Franklin Hobrock, Palmyra Theodore Heuer, Herman Heuer, Emma Heuer, Frederick Henry Franz, Florence Heuer, Helen Heuer (now Helen Miller), Naomi Hobrock, Lena Hobrock, Louise Hobrock, of Gustav H. Hobrock, Louise Hobrock, wife of Theodore Heuer, Herman Oetting, Colin Hagerman John, and Carl Nahrwald, heirs, and being cause No. 17540 upon the Civil Docket of said court hereby gives notice that on

Saturday the 7th day of December, 1946

between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day and if not sold on said day between said hours of each succeeding thereafter until sold, he will offer for sale to the highest and best bidder at private sale at the law office of Ferd L. Litterer at the South Second Street, Decatur, Indiana, and for not less than the appraised value thereof, the following described real estate in Adams County in the State of Indiana, to-wit:

The northeast quarter of Section three (3) in township twenty eight (28) north, range fourteen (14) east, excepting therefrom a strip of land forty (40) rods wide by eighty (80) rods in length out of the southeast corner of said quarter section heretofore conveyed by Frederick W. Christensen to Henry Hobrock, leaving 146.51 acres more or less, being forty (40) rods and south and eighty (80) rods east and west.

The said real estate will be sold subject to the rights of tenant now occupying the dwelling house on said real estate.

This farm consists of good level black land and is well situated about 25 acres in woods; timber therein is estimated to be worth \$3,000.00; good 8 room house with cellar under the house; chicken well; barn 40x30; machine shed and corn crib combined; 1/4 mile from the Fueling Lutheran Church and School and 1/2 mile north of Decatur.

Terms of Sale: The purchaser of said real estate is required to pay at least one-third of the purchase price on day of sale and balance of the purchase price upon delivery of deed to the purchaser for the real estate purchased together with an abstract of title to the real estate purchased brought down to date showing a title free of liens except taxes for the year 1946 which are due and payable on year 1947. The sale of said real estate will be made subject to approval of the Adams Circuit Court.

Ferd L. Litterer
COMMISSIONER

PUBLIC SALE

I, the undersigned, will sell at Public Auction at my residence, 10 miles west of Van Wert, Ohio, on Route 30, 3 miles northwest of Conroy, Ohio, on

Wed., Nov. 27, 1946

Beginning at 12:30 p. m., EST.

2 HEAD OF HORSES

Good team of work horses, will weigh about 3200 pounds.

17 HEAD OF CATTLE

Jersey and Holstein cow, 1 years old, giving 4 gallons milk daily; March 1; Guernsey heifer, coming 3 years old, fresh, giving 4 milk; Guernsey cow, 6 years old, giving 3 gal. milk, fresh; Guernsey heifer, coming 3 years old, giving 3 gal. milk, fresh; March; Guernsey heifer, coming 3 years old, giving 3 gal. milk, fresh; April; 2 Guernsey heifers, will be fresh in spring; Black cow 1 old, giving 3 gal. milk; 3 good white face heifers, will do to breed; 2 Guernsey heifers, coming 1 year old; Black heifer, coming 1 year old; Holstein heifer, coming 1 year old; Good white face bull, coming 2 years old; Black bull, coming 2 years old.

50 HEAD OF HOGS

4 Sows, bred; 7 bred gilts; 20 good shotts, weigh 50 to 100 lbs. each; 2 Spotted Poland China male hogs, big enough for sale; 17 pigs, weigh 10 lbs. each.

FARM MACHINERY

Ohio hay loader, in good shape; International side delivery; Superior drill, 10-hoe; Superior beet drill; McCormick Deering harrow, 5-ft. cut; 2 good corn planters; 3 cultivators; McCormick Deering disc; McCormick-Deering fertilizer drill; 3 butchering knives; scalding barrel; good wagon; hay ladders; wagon box; harrow; set of work harness, like new; 2 plows; McCormick-Deering collars, and miscellaneous articles not mentioned.

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