

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 23

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PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

LESSON TEXT—John 17:11, 20-23.
MEMORY TEXT—And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee, Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.—John 17:11.

The voice of the Son of God lifted in audible prayer! What could be more sacred and more blessed? He who had by act and example taught his disciples loving service (John 13), and had spoken to them words of comfort and assurance (John 14-16), now prayed for himself, for them, and for us.

While he spoke most intimately with the Father as his only begotten Son, he prayed aloud that his disciples might hear his prayer and join with him in it.

This prayer is often called the high-priestly prayer of Christ, and rightly so, for here the "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5) spoke as "the High Priest of mankind who begins his sacrifice by offering himself to God with all his people" (Gode).

First we find that he prayed for himself as he spoke of

I. Salvation Finished—Then Glory with the Father (vv. 1-5).

He looked up and said, "Father," that was all. No struggling, no pleading, just the recognition of his own divinity, his intimate and unique Sonship to God. Throughout this entire prayer the same close relationship is found. It was not as if he would pray "Our Father," but "Father."

Jesus was the Son of God. Yes, he was and is God. He and the Father are one in blessed eternal, infinite unity. But as he is in the Father, we who believe are in him. So the poet well says:

"Near, so very near to God,
Nearer I cannot be,
For in the person of his Son
I am as near as he."

This divine Redeemer, who laid down his glory when he came to earth (Phil. 2:7, 8) to be a Saviour, was now ready to take up that glory again. He spoke of the work of salvation as completed—for in his obedient soul the death on the cross which was just ahead was already accomplished.

Now he was ready for the Father to glorify him even as he had glorified the name of the Father. That prayer was answered, and Christ now sits at the right hand of the Father in heaven. What a glorious Saviour we have!

His prayer was soon turned to those who had believed in him. They were precious to him, for they were given to him by the Father.

II. Out of the World—Then Kept by the Father (vv. 6-11).

There is something powerfully assuring to the believer to read the words of Jesus which declare that these who had believed on him had been given to him by the Father. They belonged to the Father, and he gave them to the Son. They kept the Word of God, and thus they knew the Son as the manifestation of the Father's name. What could be more certain for time and eternity!

Note that they were taken "out of the world"—that does not mean that they left this earth. They lived here as we live here, but they were delivered from that evil world power which opposes God.

Some professed Christians who find their greatest delight in fellowship with the Christ-rejecting world had better read carefully here, for it appears that the one who is truly in Christ is not "of the world."

These disciples had to remain in the world (though they were not of it) and they needed to be kept. Now that the earthly ministry of Jesus was to be brought to a close, he tenderly placed them anew in the Father's mighty hand. Again we say, what could be more blessedly secure than that!

We must note that our Lord had a special interest and prayer for his own. Verse 9 obviously does not mean that he is not interested in all mankind. He died for them (John 3:16). But here his prayer was for his own, and in that prayer the world was left out. That makes us feel still more assured in him. He, the blessed Son of God and only Saviour, prayed for me, for you!

The closing words of verse 11 reach out into the third petition of our Lord, as he prayed for their

III. Unity in Christ—Then Testimony to the World (vv. 20-23).

The verses between the foregoing division and this one (vv. 12-19) are important. Our Lord was concerned about the hatred of the world for those who had received the Word of the Father, and yet he would not have them taken out of the world. They were to be his witnesses—even as we are to be in our day. They must remain in the world, but being one in Christ and sanctified through the truth, they were to be kept for God and used by him.

RURAL CHURCHES

Willshire Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, pastor.
Willshire
9:30 a.m., Sunday school, Luther Funk, supt.
10:30 a.m., preaching service.
7:30 p.m., prayer meeting, Oatus Strickler, leader.

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

Winchester
9:30 a.m., Sunday school, Merl Essex, supt.
10:30 a.m., preaching service.
7:30 p.m., evangelistic service. Revival now in progress. Huntington College Gospel Volunteers are with us in many of these meetings and are doing a splendid work. All are welcome.

Union Chapel Church
Evangelical United Brethren
(Dent School House)
D. H. Pellett, minister
The morning services are unified.

Sunday school, under the direction of Therman I. Drew, supt. 9:30. Divine worship, Rev. Clyde Rothrick, blind evangelist, 10:15. Reverend Rothrick has a thrilling life story of his conversion after losing his sight, and then his acceptance of the call to the ministry. He will be with us for this one service only. Be sure to hear him.

Youth Fellowship, 7:00.

Adult Study in 1 John 3, 7:00.

Revival services, sermon subject, "Redeemed," 7:30.

Revival services will continue each evening until Easter with the exception of Saturday evening. The music will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chase supported by the choir. The pastors will bring the gospel messages. You are cordially invited to attend. The weeknight services will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Mount Tabor Methodist
C. C. Conn, minister.
Mrs. Austin McMichael, supt.
Sunday school 9:30.
Morning worship 10:30.
Prayer meeting at the parsonage 7:30.

Spring means new life in nature. Show yours by your attendance at church as well as your other services to God.

St. Luke Evan. & Reformed Church, Honduras
H. H. Meckstroth, pastor.
9:00 Worship Service.
10:00 Sunday School.
2:00 Catechetical Instruction.
7:30 Christian Endeavor, Miss Lucille Beavers, leader.

Monroe Methodist Church
E. O. Kegerreis, Minister.
9:30 — Morning Worship. Sermon "The Love of God." Special Music.

10:25 — Church School classes for all ages.

6:30 — Youth Fellowship, Marie Rowden, Leader.

7:30 — Evening Worship.
Monday 7:30 — Special Prayer Service in preparation for Passion Week.

Tuesday 7:00 — Troop 65 Boy Scouts.
Wednesday 7:30 — Mid-week prayer followed by Choir.

Thursday 7:00 — Evangelistic visiting.
Friday 7:00 — Evangelistic visiting.

United Brethren in Christ
Rivarre Circuit
Paul A. Graham, Pastor
Pleasant Grove

Sunday School 9:00.
Praying 10:00.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30.

Mt. Victory
Sunday School 9:00.
Class Meeting 10:00.
Christian Endeavor 6:45 P.M.
Prayer Meeting Wed. Evening.

Mt. Zion
Sunday School 9:30.
Class Meeting 10:30.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30.

Revival Services: The Evangelistic Meetings will continue over this week-end. The attendance and interest for these services has been very good. The hour of service is 7:30. The public is invited to attend each night.

We will have as our guests in the services this Sunday, Mar. 23, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ware of Huntington, Ind. Mrs. Ware is Professor of music at Huntington College and Mr. Ware is a talented tenor soloist and violinist. They will help in the Worship Service at Pleasant Grove in the morning and in the Revival Service at Mt. Zion in the evening. Come and get acquainted with them and enjoy the music.

According to the Cigar and Tobacco Journal, published in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, the total number of cigarettes smoked in 1929 amounted to 24.9 for every man, woman and child in the United States. Now this figure, according to the same authority, has increased to 2,000.

CHURCH NEWS

First Christian

The First Christian church of Decatur will start a new program for its members. Instead of having the usual Sunday school followed by the church session, the two meetings will be held simultaneously, according to the Rev. E. E. Isenhower, pastor.

The combined services will continue until further notice, Rev. Isenhower stated. The new service will start at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

The Sunday school part of the services, called junior church, will be held during the regular Sunday morning sermon, and Fred Schrider, superintendent, will be in charge.

The Rev. D. D. McCall, of the northeast district of Christian churches, will be the guest minister Sunday and will deliver the sermon, Rev. Isenhower announced.

Inmate Kills Nurse, Escapes With Baby

Crazed Girl Inmate Sought In Illinois

Geneva, Ill., March 21. (UP)—A crazed teen-aged girl who killed a nurse and ran away with another woman's baby was sought throughout northern Illinois today by police who feared for the child's life. Authorities said the girl, Theresa Jenkins, 18, unmarried Chicago negro, went berserk a few hours after she learned that she was not pregnant.

Police said Miss Jenkins, an inmate at State Training School for girls, beat the nurse, Miss Ida Swanson Isaacson, 63, to death last night with the top of a swivel stool. Throwing ether-soaked rags over the nurse's body, she ran to the nursery, scooped up another inmate's baby and escaped unnoticed. Kane county state's attorney Charles G. Seidel said it was possible the girl's frustrated mother had motivated the kidnapping but

said he believed she just went berserk and thought the child somehow might help her escape. He said the girl was mentally deficient and might "throw away" the seven-week-old child, if it impeded her flight.

Miss Jenkins, committed to the institution as a juvenile delinquent in November, 1935, was paroled a year later. She was returned Wednesday after she appeared at the Cook county hospital at Chicago, and told authorities she was pregnant. A physician at the institution examined her yesterday and told her that she was not pregnant. She was being held for a psychiatric examination.

The nurse's body, tied hand and foot, was found by power plant employees called to the infirmary by telephone, apparently by the slayer before she fled.

After fleeing the institution last night, Miss Jenkins appeared at a nearby home and asked that a cab be called. She wore a stolen nurse's gown and coat, and said she was a nurse. The baby was ill, she said, and must be taken to Chicago immediately.

Her nurse's uniform was ill-fitting and the women who answered the door were suspicious. They refused her request and the girl fled, joining a young white girl who had waited for her on the sidewalk.

The two women, Mrs. Richard Barney and a cousin, Vera Joshtel, Chicago, told police they followed the two girls downtown, a distance of about a half mile, before they lost sight of them.

The identity of the second girl mystified police. School authorities said a roll call showed that Miss Jenkins was the only missing inmate.

Rev. James Meadows At Marion Sunday

The Rev. James Robert Meadows, Decatur, editor of Victory Prayer Band magazine, will be the principal speaker at a one-day revival service to be held at Marion Sunday at the Church of Faith, 27th and Meridian streets.

The service will start Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Meadows is the founder of Victory Prayer Bands.

Trade In a Good Town—Decatur

Blind Evangelist



The Rev. Clyde Rothrick, blind evangelist, of Coldwater, Mich., will tell his life story at the Union Chapel Evangelical United Brethren church, (Dent school house), Sunday at 10:15 a. m.

The evangelist tells in an interesting and stirring manner how he lost his sight when a young man in the west and how God has blessed him and kept him through the years. He says, "There is no such word as can't within the realm of reason, for the man who walks and talks with God."

He will have with him in the service his Braille Bible, Braille writer, slate, stylus and other things including his giant English Saint Bernard leader dog, "Major."

The public is invited to attend this service, which is the opening service of a two weeks evangelistic meeting, closing with the Easter Sunday services. Rev. Rothrick will be here for this one service only and the pastors, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chase in charge of the music, will continue during the two weeks.

Trade In a Good Town—Decatur

NOTICE OF GUARDIAN SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE ADAMS CIRCUIT COURT FEBRUARY TERM, 1937 STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF ADAMS
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF CHALMER C. SCHAFER NO. 1493

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the Adams Circuit Court, the undersigned as guardian of Chalmer C. Schaffer, will at the law office of Fred L. Litterer located at Number 144 South Second Street in the City of Decatur, Indiana on Friday the 11th day of April, 1937 between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. in a public sale at private sale and from day to day thereafter until sold, offer for sale at private sale, the following described real estate of his said ward in Adams County in the State of Indiana, to-wit:

Outlot number one hundred four (104) in Joseph Crabbs' Addition to the town, now city of Decatur, as the same is designated on the recorded plat of said addition, in Plat Book No. 1 at page 25 in the office of the Recorder of Adams County, Indiana.

Said sale will be made subject to the approval of said court and on the following terms and conditions, to-wit: One third of the purchase price cash in hand on the day of sale and the balance upon the approval of said sale by said court and the delivery of a guardian's deed to the purchaser conveying said real estate to the purchaser together with an abstract of title for said real estate.

Daniel B. Schaffer, As said Guardian
Fred L. Litterer, Attorney.
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