



SCRIPTURE: James 1-2; Matthew 25:34-46.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 7:15-27.

## Religion in Practice

Lesson for October 26, 1941

SUNDAY'S lesson takes us to one of the practical Christian preachers of the New Testament. Please open your Bible to the Epistles of James, and read especially the first two chapters. James was a man of great faith, but he realized, as we must realize, that faith is best expressed in works.

Then read Matthew 25: 34-46, and for the devotional lesson, read Matthew 7: 15-27.

When you shall have read these passages, you will then be ready for the consideration of religion in everyday life.

## A Cup of Cold Water

WHAT, someone will be asking, can I do to show my desire to be of actual service, in the name of Jesus. Jesus tells us He says that whosoever shall give a cup of cold water in His name is doing the will of God.

We live in a world that poignantly waits for a cup of cold water. I have just returned from another trip through Europe. I was there in 1946, and I felt then that life in Europe had reached the last possible expression of need. But this past summer I was startled to witness a still greater need.

The question that immediately came to mind as I observed conditions in Germany and England and other countries this past summer was this, What can we do to meet such need? And the answer was at hand—give them what you have, in the name of Jesus.

## Doers of the Word

JAMES makes much of practical religion in everyday life. He tells us that we are to doers of the word, or hearers of the word. And here he means the Word of God—the will of God.

Is there a misunderstood boy in your block? Is there a girl in your class at school who suffers from some bitter criticism? This lesson would suggest to every Christian boy and girl to go in sympathetic understanding to such neighbors and help them to overcome these handicaps. Thus we become doers of the will of God.

## Living Our Religion

WHAT we are determines what people think of our religion, not what we say about our religious life. James tells us in Sunday's lesson that faith without works is dead. It is that very truth that our generation so much needs to get hold upon.

We have many perplexing situations in our world. Racial differences, differences regarding capital and labor, and so forth and so on.

How are these problems to be solved? By resolutions? We know that many very pious resolutions have been adopted concerning these problems, but still the problems remain.

One Christian in any given community who applies the teaching of James to everyday life will start a train of events that will add up to the solution of any problem, social, economic or what not. We must translate our beliefs into action.

## The More Excellent Way

JAMES goes on to assure us that when we undertake faithfully to live our religion, we may confidently claim the promise of God that if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth liberally unto all men and upbraideth not.

The conclusion of the whole matter, therefore, is to face life as we find it, taking into account the actual facts, and boldly and confidently tackling the job in the assurance that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is always sufficient for any and every situation.

The more excellent way of the Golden Rule is the answer to the whole matter. But the Golden Rule is impotent until it is translated into action.

And the best of it all is that it actually works. When someone asked Morrison what Christianity was doing for China, he replied: "Christianity is changing China into a community of God." That is precisely what this lesson will do for your community, if you apply its teachings to life as you find it.

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## RURAL CHURCHES

St. Luke Evan. & Reformed Church Honduras  
H. H. Meckstroth, pastor  
9:00, Worship service.  
10:00, Sunday school.  
Nov. 2—The annual Thankoffer-  
ing Service for the Women's Guild and the Girls' Guild with Rev.  
Franklin Fesperman, as speaker.

Rivarre Circuit  
U. B. Church  
L. A. Middaugh, pastor  
Mt. Zion  
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m., rally day service.  
2:00 p.m., rally day program  
continues.  
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Pleasant Dale  
9:00 a.m., Sunday school.  
6:30 p.m., Christian Endeavor.  
7:30 p.m., preaching service.  
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Mt. Victory  
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Union Chapel  
Evangelical United Brethren  
D. H. Pellett, minister

Sunday church school 9:30;  
Thurman I. Drew, superintendent.  
Divine worship 10:15, sermon  
subject "The Kingdom of Christ."  
The morning services are unif-

Youth Fellowship, Rose Merriman, president, 6:45.

Adult study in Revelation, 6:45.  
Evening worship, subject, "The Current of Grace," 7:30.

Prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30.  
Choir rehearsal following the  
Sunday and Wednesday evening  
services.

The public is cordially invited  
for worship and Christian fellowship.

Mt. Tabor Methodist Circuit  
Clifford C. Conn, minister

Pleasant Valley  
Mr. David Cook, supt.

Worship service at 9:30.  
Sunday school at 10:30.

Mt. Tabor  
Mrs. Austin McMichael, supt.  
Sunday school at 9:30.

Worship service at 10:45.

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Pleasant Valley  
Mr. Donald Byerly, supt.

Sunday school at 9:30.

The pastor appreciates the  
response of our people and the work  
of our laymen committee in our  
present church program.

Beulah Chapel  
Mr. Donald Shady, supt.

Sunday school at 9:30.

Special service of worship at  
10:30.

God called His people "co-workers."  
We should all strive to merit  
that title. Meet the Lord at His  
house.

Monroe Methodist  
W. L. Hall, Minister

Morning worship, 9:30.

Church School, 10:30.

M. Y. F. 6:45 Merle Kuhn, leader.

Evening service, 7:30.

Mid-week service, 7:30 followed  
by Choir practice at 8:15.

Sunday, Nov. 2 will be observed  
as "Veterans' Day."

The W. S. C. S. Study Group will  
meet for its second study period,  
Tues. Oct. 28, all day.

The day will be observed in con-  
nection with the "Week of Prayer."

Pleasant Mills Baptist Church  
Albert Swenson, pastor

9:30 Sunday school.

10:30 preaching services with  
sermon by the pastor.

"Let us not forsake the assem-  
bling of ourselves together." Heb.  
10:25.

United Brethren in Christ  
Willshire Circuit  
Winchester (CST)

9:30—Sunday school Fred Zurcher,  
Supt.

10:30—Sermon by pastor and  
Holy Communion.

Thursday 7:30—Prayer Meet-

ing.

St. Paul (CST)

9:15—Sunday school, Ed Mc-

Farland, Supt.

7:30—Christian Endeavor, Arn-

old Martin, leader.

Tuesday, 7:30—Prayer and  
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Duane A. Reahm, pastor

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## CHURCH NEWS

## First Baptist

A famous Cathedral sound film, "Journey into Faith," will be presented at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. This is a professional film and the public is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

## Pleasant Dale

A movie, "It's the Brains That Count," will be shown at the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, near the Kirkland high school, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. A general invitation is extended to the community to attend, particularly the young people.

## Rivarre Circuit

9:30 a.m., Sunday school.

10:30 a.m., rally day service.

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