

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, A prophet among the Exile, for Sunday, April 4.

1. What other prophets are linked with Ezekiel in the history of the Hebrew people?

2. What did Ezekiel try to achieve?

3. What were some of the difficulties Ezekiel was called on to meet?

4. How responsible to a non-Christian is a Christian friend?

5. In what respects are a vast majority of people in captivity today?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson. A prophet among the Exiles, Ezekiel 1:1-3; 3:11; 3:17-21; 4:1-6 for Sunday, April 4.

This lesson deals with the great hearted pastor, who shepherded the Hebrews in the land of Babylon after they were carried off into captivity.

V.1. "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God." The hour of the greatest need is the hour of divine presence and divine strength.

V.2. "In the fifth day of the month which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity." Disobedience to God and his word ends in captivity and death.

V.3. "The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans, by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was upon him." The word of God was present to show what to do and the hand of God was present to enable him to do it. If we obey the word we will feel God's hand.

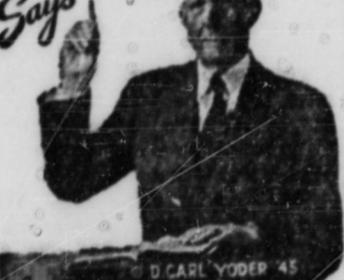
V.11. "And go, and get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear." The duty of the prophet is to speak in the name of the Lord, whether the people will heed or not." Thus saith the Lord" needs to ring out over the life of every generation. The only true authority is divine authority.

V.17. "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word of my mouth, and give them warning from me." A particular function of the prophet is to serve as a watchman or sentinel, who stands on the watch to observe, and to warn others in case of danger. Ministers are God's mouth pieces to the children of men.

V.18. "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning nor to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; then same wicked man shall die in his iniquity.

V.3. The iron pan of this verse may represent the kind of shield behind which the besiegers discharged their arrows.

OUR PREACHER Says



but his blood will require at thine hand." Our responsibility is not that men should do right, but that we ourselves should do right by warning them against evil and encouraging them in righteousness. At some time or some area of human activity we are assigned as watchmen, commissioned by God to speak in behalf of truth and against evil.

V.19. "Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." It is not enough for a man to turn from his wicked way an outward reformation, but he must turn from his wickedness, from the love of it and the inclination to it, by an inward regeneration.

V.20. "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will require at thine hand." It must be made clear God is nowhere represented as causing nations or men to do evil acts which they are also represented as doing of their own accord and with evil intent; and God is nowhere represented as the author of sin in such sense that he causes an innocent mind to sin. There is need of much watching and praying for it is possible for a godly man to go wrong.

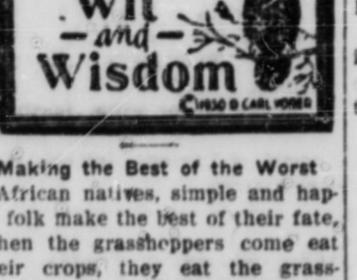
V.21. "Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." Here is one place where a child of God must be at his best—namely in giving clear warning of the consequences of evil; only by doing this is a man who knows the truth himself saved.

V.22. "Thou also son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray on it the city, even Jerusalem." This is a symbol by which the siege and destruction of Jerusalem was portrayed.

V.2. "And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against round about." All the apparatus of a besieging army is to be represented in miniature as the people observed.

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