



SCRIPTURE: Daniel 1.
DEVOTIONAL READING: 1 Timothy 6:11-16.

Daniel Stands By His Convictions

Lesson for May 30, 1943

"A picture frozen on duty—
A mother starved for her bread—
Socrates drinking the hemlock—
And Jesus on the road."

SUCH a picture we have before us in Sunday's lesson. All you need to do to get this dramatic picture is to read the first chapter of Daniel. You will then feel anew the meaning of that cherished statement, "This conviction that convinceth."

BE AVE TO DO RIGHT

WE GET the first draught of this tonic in verses 8-9, 14-15, and 17. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank..."



He was brave enough to take a stand for what he knew was right. Which reminds me of the story of Henry Ward Beecher, when yet a small boy. A teacher in the school he attended asked a boy a question which he promptly answered. The teacher appeared displeased, and told the boy to sit down. He asked several other boys the same question, and got the same answer. Finally he asked Beecher, and Beecher gave the same answer, but refused to sit down when the teacher frowned at him. Seeing that Beecher was going to defend the answer, the teacher said, "Boys, you were all correct, but only Beecher was sure enough to stand his ground. I was simply trying to teach you the lesson that you must stand by what you know is right."

DARE TO STAND ALONE

DANIEL knew that he was taking an unpopular position, but he was willing to be alone so long as he knew he was right. He knew that the consequences would take care of themselves. That is the quality of character which America needs today in her youth.

It is easy enough to be popular, if you run with the gang; but remember this—the gang is always heading downhill. Daniel stood by his convictions when it was costly. In the final windup, he was the head man.

ENDURING INVESTMENTS

DANIEL, winning his point, made every hour count toward victory. He not only abstained from strong drink, but used his superior strength to serve the kingdom in such way that his talents were sought out and brought into larger fields of opportunity.

Standing by his convictions, he had won over those who at first were disposed to poke fun at him. By superb performance, due to clear thinking and high purpose, Daniel made enduring investments that paid off in big dividends. He did not do right for reward, but because he did right, the reward was inevitable. And so it will be with every young man and woman who purposes in his or her heart to do right.

GOD'S FAVOR

I WANT you to look carefully at verse 17. "God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams."

It is impossible to account for Daniel's fortitude apart from his implicit trust in God. Remember the incident of Daniel opening his window toward Jerusalem in prayer?

God never fails those who stake their all on him. He will not—cannot let them fail. It was because of God's favor that Daniel and his companions proved themselves ten times better than the young men who defiled themselves.

"Who sides with God must always win."

Scoffers Stay On

Even those who scoff at the Bible prefer to live in a culture in which the dominating ideas of the Bible have been influential.

The Bible is a very dangerous book—dangerous to all systems based on greed and prejudice and oppression.

RURAL CHURCHES

Union Chapel
Evangelical United Brethren
D. H. Pellett, minister
Dent School House
Unified morning services.
Sunday church school, Thurman I. Drew, superintendent, 9:30.
Holy Communion, sermon subject, "I Believe in the Word of God," 10:15.

Youth Fellowship, 6:45.
Adult Bible study in Acts, 6:45.
Evening worship, sermon by the minister, 7:30.
Choir rehearsal following the evening service.

Prayer service, Wednesday, 8:00.
Choir rehearsal following the prayer hour.

This church is in the community for God's glory and for your good; you will get most out of its services by attending regularly. You are always welcome.

Rivarre Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, pastor
Mt. Zion

9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.
7:30 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Pleasant Grove
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.
7:30 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Mt. Victory
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Preaching service.
7:30 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Mt. Tabor Methodist Circuit
Clifford C. Conn, Minister
Mt. Tabor

Mr. Donald Colter, Supt.
Worship Hour at 9:30.
Church School at 10:30.
Prayer Meeting Thursday evening 8:00 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the W. S. C. S. at the Bobo School House Sunday evening with a carry in supper at 6:30. This is for the families and friends of the organization.

Mt. Pleasant
Mr. David Cook, Supt.
Church School at 9:30.
Worship Service at 10:45.

This is the first Sunday in the new conference year; let us begin it right by being in our place at church.

Beulah Chapel
Mrs. D. C. Shady, Supt.
Church School at 9:30.
If we want to make this year better than last this is the Sunday to begin. We rejoice that over the Conference a substantial gain of membership was achieved.

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Pleasant Valley
Mr. Raymond Teeple, Supt.
Church School at 9:30.
The M. Y. F. will not meet this Sunday. Election will be held next Sunday at Pleasant Valley.

Monroe Methodist
W. L. Hall, minister
9:30, Morning worship.
10:30, Sunday school.
6:45, M. Y. F.

7:30, Closing program of the Daily Vacation Bible School. The public is invited to attend this program. This has been a community school in which thirteen different denominations were represented.

Wednesday, 7:30 Prayer meeting.
8:15, Choir practice.

Pleasant Mills Baptist
Albert Swenson
9:30 a.m. Sunday School with Donald Burkhardt, Supt.
10:30 a.m. Worship service. Sermon by the pastor.

United Brethren in Christ
Willshire Circuit
Duane A. Reahm, pastor
Willshire

Sun. 9:30 Unified Worship with sermon followed by S. S.
7:30 Evangelistic service.
Mon. thru Fri. 9:00 - 11:15 - Daily Vacation Bible School.

Winchester
Sun. 9:30 Sunday school.
10:30 Preaching Service.
Thurs. 8:00 Prayer meeting.

St. Paul
Sun. 9:15 Sunday school.
Mon. thru. Fri. 1:00 to 3:00 - Daily Vacation Bible School.
Tues. 8:00 Prayer meeting.

JAN SMUTS

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tions held Wednesday. Even the victorious Nationalists found it hard to believe that, with the aid of their allies, the smaller African party, they would hold a majority of five seats in the new parliament.

Actually, the working majority they will have will be only four, since one seat will be held by the speaker of the new house.

What the policy of Malan's new government will be was not clear. As in the case of most opposition parties everywhere, his leadership has been based on attacking the regime in power.

Although the Nationalist party won more seats than the United party, it did not get more votes. Twelve candidates, 11 of them in the United party, were unopposed.

In the remaining 138 contested seats, the United party obtained 524,230 votes, the Nationalists 401,834, the African party 41,885, the South African party 11,610, the Labor party 27,360, and the balance about 60,000.

Wentzel Duplessis, former secretary of the Nationalist leader J. B. M. Hertzog, attributed his

victory over Smuts in the standard constituency to suspicions of the older generation toward the liberal color policy of Jan Hofmeyr, who was deputy premier in the Smuts government.

Two Autos Collide In Alley Last Night

Arrest Geneva Man On Speeding Charge

An arrest and two minor accidents were reported this morning by city police from latest activities of the force.

Damage was estimated at \$950 when two cars crashed in an alley in the rear of 331 South Third street and then one careened into a nearby garage.

A car, driven by Kenneth Bauserman, 28, Monroeville, was enroute west and another operated by R. J. Christen, 20, Decatur, was going south when they collided about 7:05 p.m. Thursday. The latter vehicle plowed into a garage, owned by Tena Chronister, causing damage estimated at \$100. The accident was investigated by officer Robert Hill.

Robert Smitley, 32, Van Wert, O., reported to officer Roy Chilcote that a car sideswiped his in the 100 block on South Thirtieth street about 12:10 a.m. today and that the other driver failed to stop.

William Doherty, 22, Geneva, was arrested about 6:50 a.m. today by officer Chilcote on a charge of driving 50 miles per hour in the 30-mile zone on Thirtieth street. He will be arraigned in justice of peace court this evening.

Seek To Block Sale Of English Hotel

Indianapolis, May 28 — (UP) — The state today sought to block the sale of the historic English hotel, on the Indianapolis monument circle, to a New York insurance company which plans to replace it with a department store building.

Attorney general Cleon Foust appealed to the Indiana appellate court a Marion probate court order authorizing the sale. The court authorized the William E. English foundation to sell the hotel, once the gathering place of Indianapolis society, to the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York for \$2,100,000.

DECATUR STUDENTS

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commerce at the University of Notre Dame on June 6.

The latter three young men continued their college work following their services in the armed forces during the war.

Eugene Melch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Melch, completed his studies last January and will receive his diploma from Ball State Teachers college at the exercises next week.

The Indiana University list has not yet been released. The large

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SALE CALENDAR

MAY 29—Rev. M. O. Lester, 516 West Monroe St., Decatur, Indiana. Complete line of household goods, 1:00 P. M. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.

MAY 29—Katie Rhoades Heirs, Line St., Geneva. Administrator's sale household goods, 8 room house, Mr. & Mrs. M. C. Edwards (owners). Jeff Liechty, auctioneer.

JUNE 1—George V. Mellott, Bryan, O., night auction, Purebred Yorkshires.

JUNE 1—Mrs. Flossie Straley, 9 miles north on 27, then 1/2 mile west on E. A. Drage farm. Personal property. Lee McDuffee, LaOtto, Ind., auctioneer.

JUNE 2—Mrs. Harry McClure, 1 1/2 miles east of Pleasant Mills, 93 acre farm. D. S. Blair and C. W. Kent, auctioneers.

JUNE 2—Mrs. Delida B. Taylor, 1/2 mile east of Wren, O., and 2 miles south or 2 1/2 miles north of Willshire. General farm sale. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, Aucts.

JUNE 5—John Metts and Leo McAhren, at the John Metts farm, 1/2 mile south of Ossian, Ind., on road No. 1. 30 head of Guernsey cattle. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.

JUNE 5—"BOB" Moore, 606 East High St., Hicksville, Ohio. Beautiful Five Room, Completely Modern Home and Landscaped Grounds. 1:30 P. M. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann—Auctioneer.

JUNE 7—Godfrey Rauch, 514 North Jefferson street, Berne, Indiana. Household goods. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, auctioneers.



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Night Sale, Tuesday, June 1

6 O'clock P. M.

2 Tractors—Model H Farmal International Tractor, on fully equipped, used less than 6 months, good as new, California same; New Cub International Tractor, equipped with plow and mowers, never been used. 2 - 14" bottom heavy duty I. H. C. plow, rubber, good as new; single bottom I. H. C. plow, good condition. I. H. C. heavy duty hydraulic manure loader, new; I. H. C. tandem good as new; New John Deere side delivery rake never been used. New 3 section Spike Tooth Harrow; New I. H. C. pull type Corn Planter, complete never been used; John Deere back rake, New Tandem Cultipacker; Special Built Heavy Duty Dual Wheel Tractor, tilt top 7x12 bed. This is an extra good new trailer. Superior hole Grain Drill Fertilizer Attachment.

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TERMS—CASH.

Mrs. Flossie Straley

Lee McDuffee—Auctioneer
LaOtto, Indiana.

PUBLIC AUCTION
Household Goods—Office Furniture
516 West Monroe St., Decatur, Indiana
SATURDAY, MAY 29 — 1:30 P. M.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—Living Room Suite; WILCOX-GAY Combination Victrola Radio, Recordio and Broadcasting attachment; Musical Chairs; Coffee Table; Sewing Cabinet; End Tables; DRESSING TABLE; Dining Room Suite, Drop Leaf Table, 6 chairs, and Buffet; Cart; Sectional Bookcases, 4 sections; SETH-THOMAS Clock; Bench; Rose WILTON Rug 9x15, Rug Pad 9x15; Throw Rugs; Floor Lamps; Bridge Lamp; Twin Beds, complete with Springs and Mattresses Double Bed with Springs and Mattress; Vanities and Chest of Drawers; Baby Bed; 3/4 Bed complete; Army Cot; Kitchen Table and 4 chairs; and other articles.

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OFFICE FURNITURE—Large Office Desk, 7 drawers; Typewriter Desk; 18 Drawer Cabinet; 4 Drawer Vertical File; 2 Collapsible Cases; Large Paper Cutter; and other pieces.

TERMS—CASH.

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