



Men Who Dared To Stand For God

Lesson for June 6, 1948

A FIERY furnace, and a lion's den. These are the tests to which Sunday's lesson will put our hero about whom we studied last Sunday, this young man Daniel. Three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, will undergo the test of the fiery furnace, having been convinced by Daniel's example that God is trustworthy. And Daniel will spend the night in the den of lions. You will need to read chapters three through six to get the full story.

DANIEL IN THE DEN OF LIONS

THE sixth chapter must be read to have an adequate background for this study. Daniel had been chosen as the first of three presidents to rule over 120 princes who should govern the kingdom. The other two presidents and the princes could find no fault in this Hebrew, save that he believed and observed the law of his God. So, they conspired against him by persuading the king to issue a decree that no person in the kingdom was to make a petition to any God or man for 30 days, save to the king, on the penalty of being cast into the den of lions. This decree was issued by Darius, and Daniel's enemies reported to Darius that Daniel was opening his window three times a day, praying to his God. Darius was greatly troubled, but had to stand by his decree, and Daniel was cast into the den of lions. Darius spent a sleepless night, and hurried to the den at dawn to know about Daniel. Daniel replied, "O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me."

DARIUS REWARDS DANIEL

CONVINCED that Daniel's convictions had been miraculously rewarded by God, Darius ordered the other two presidents and the princes, together with their wives and children, thrown into the lions' dens. They were all destroyed by the lions.

Then Darius issued a decree to all the nations and people of all languages that dwell in all the earth. Hear this decree:

"Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and steadfast forever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end." So Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and of Cyrus, the Persian.

COURAGE TO PUT GOD FIRST

LOOK now at the other test of faith—that of the three Hebrew children, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had made a golden image, 90 feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up in the plain of Dura. On a certain day, when he was going to establish his state religion, he ordered every subject to fall down and worship this image.

But Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the image. Nebuchadnezzar was furious when he heard of their refusal. He summoned them into his presence, and warned them of their fate if they further refused to worship his gods. They answered him frankly that they would not bow down to the image. He ordered them thrown into the fiery furnace.

They decided that death was more honorable than apostasy. The men who cast them into the furnace fell dead!

UNSEARED AND UNSINGED

BUT THE three Hebrew children walked in the flames, unseared and unsinged! The king was astounded. The people were amazed. They had witnessed what the God of all the earth can and will do.

Then went forth the decree: "There is no other God that can deliver after this sort." Thus we have the golden text for Sunday's lesson:

"Be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

And what happened in the long ago when man dared to stand up and trust in God will happen today and every day.

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RURAL CHURCHES

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

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

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

Monroe Methodist
W. L. Hall, minister
June 6 will be "Visiting Day" for the Monroe church and Sunday school. The pastor will be on vacation.

6:45 the MYF will meet with Mr. Homer Winterregg in charge. Mr. Winterregg is charge lay leader. He will conduct the mid-week service also.

Pleasant Mills Baptist
Albert Swenson, pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday school, Donald Burkhardt, supt.
10:30 a.m. Worship service. Sermon by the pastor.
"Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times."

United Brethren in Christ
Willshire Circuit
Duane A. Reahn, pastor
St. Paul

9:15—Preaching service.
10:00—Bible school.
Tues. 7:30—Prayer Bible study.
Winchester

9:30—Bible school.
10:30—Preaching service.
Thurs. 8:00—Prayermeeting.
Willshire

9:30—Bible school.
7:30—Evening evangelistic hour.
Wed. 8:00—Prayermeeting.

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

Mr. Donald Colter, supt.
Church school 9:30.
Class meeting in charge of class leader 10:30.

M. Y. F. at Pleasant Valley 7:30. This is the time for election of officers. Plan to be there.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. These are exceptionally fine prayer meetings. If you haven't been there you've robbed yourself and the church.

Mt. Pleasant
Mr. David Cook, supt.
Church school at 9:30.
M. Y. F. meets at Pleasant Valley Sunday evening 7:30. All members should be there. It's election day.

M. Y. F. party Wed. eve. Hanna Nuttman park.

Thursday afternoon W. S. C. S. meets with Mrs. Brentlinger.

Friday night the Bible Class meets with Mrs. Brentlinger.

Baulah Chapel
Mrs. D. C. Shady, supt.
Worship service begins at 9:30.
Church school at 10:30.

M. Y. F. at 7:30 at Pleasant Valley.

W. S. C. S. meets with Mrs. Henry Breiner Wednesday.

Pleasant Valley
Mr. Raymond Teeple, supt.
Church school begins at 9:30.
Worship service at 10:45.

M. Y. F. meets here Sunday evening 7:30. Every member should be here. It's election day.

We are very glad for the new seats installed this week. Come and rejoice with us.

Church Conference Planned At Anderson

Church Of God Will Hold Convention

Anderson, Ind., June — First official session of the 6th annual convention of the Church of God will be held Thursday, June 10, along with a meeting of the national woman's missionary society, an allied organization.

Friday, the annual commencement of Anderson College and theological seminary, will be held, with Dr. Roy L. Smith, of Chicago, as the speaker for both the commencement and the alumni banquet. Dr. Smith was also the commencement speaker in 1941 for the college, which is fully accredited by the north central association of colleges and secondary schools, and by the Indiana department of public instruction.

Mrs. Pauline Hawkins Helsel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hawkins of route 6, Decatur, is among the many graduates.

Dr. A. F. Gray, of Portland, Ore., is chairman of the general ministerial assembly; Dr. W. Dale Oldham, of Anderson, vice-chairman, and the Rev. I. K. Dawson, secretary. The convention will continue through Sunday, June 20.

Delegations will be in attendance from practically every city in the United States. Those who are expected to attend from Decatur are: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Strickler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman Egley and family, Wm. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strickler and family, Miss Alice Jean Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Strickler, Mrs. Alma Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Strickler and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Irvin and Edith Mattox.

Rev. Dwight R. McCurdy is on the program Friday morning, and Mrs. McCurdy is in charge of the music and will preside at the organ.

JUNIOR POLICE

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short talks to the young men. A complete summer program, including rides in the squad car and other police activities, is being planned.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

Donn Eichar Heads Honorary Group

Donn E. Eichar, Belmont Road, Decatur, sophomore at Indiana University, was elected president of Skull and Crescent, honorary for organized sophomore men. Eichar is a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity.

MEAT PRICES

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break," he said. "Since prices haven't broken, the retailers may now decide to pass some of the burden on to the consumers."

Dressler said also that a price rise is normal for this time of year due to a seasonal drop in supplies. But, he said, the strike made matters worse by pushing livestock marketings ahead instead of spreading them out over the season.

The Detroit retail grocers association blamed the price rise on the nine-cent hourly pay rise awarded the packinghouse workers under the strike settlement.

A Cleveland retailer said packing firms told him the rise was due simply to a scarcity of meat.

A dealer at Salt Lake City said

there was "really no good reason for the price increase."

"The farmers and packers were making plenty as things were," he said. "These new increases cannot be blamed on the meat strike alone."

Indianapolis market men claimed that prices were going upward in the midwest because more meat is being shipped to eastern markets, making it hard for midland

buyers to buy as cheaply as formerly.

Some Des Moines retailers said they were "trying to hold the line" but that it was virtually impossible because of increases in "packer's prices."

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Bacon, lb.

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Smoked Ham, lb.

(our own)

T-Bone and Sirloin

Steak, lb.

Chuck Roast, lb.

Swiss Steak, lb.

Round Steak, lb.

Beef Chops, lb.

Boiling Beef, lb.

Veal Roast, lb.

Veal Steak, lb.

LARD

(our own make)

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MEAT MARKET

S. 13th St. Phone

TALK!

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But Susie Needs New Shoes!

It's easy to say "no" when it means millions of dollars in your pocket.

For every week that the big corporations say "no" to the demand of their employees for an urgently-needed wage increase, it means additional millions of dollars in profits for them.

For every week they say "no" to the legitimate demands of their employees, it means money out of the pockets of the American people.

So-called "price reductions" advertised by these corporations actually amount to less than one percent of the sales price and are designed for propaganda purposes to forestall wage increases.

Instead of wage increases, the corporations have talked . . . and talked . . . and talked . . . in months of negotiations with their employees . . . in newspaper advertisements . . . over the radio . . .

in after-dinner speeches . . .

But, for the American people who depend upon wages and salaries for a living, such talk costs money.

Prices of food, clothes, shoes for the children—are at record highs.

Wages paid the average factory worker are about \$14 a week less than what is needed for minimum living standards, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It is not wages that cause these high prices. It is the record-breaking profits of the big corporations, such as U. S. Steel, General Electric and Westinghouse, that is responsible.

The security of our entire community depends on the people's wages!

* According to official company reports, General Electric today is making its largest profits in history. In 1947 its net profits were 82% higher than its average war profits. Profits for the first quarter of this year were 42% higher than in the same period a year ago. Despite this, G. E. continues to say "No" to such just demands of its 125,000 employees represented by UE as:

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