



The Hope For The Messiah

Lesson for June 20, 1948

THE hope for the Messiah first revealed to Adam in Genesis 2:15, and repeated to Abraham, Moses, David and Isaiah, was now proclaimed through Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah.

Here we have the hope of preservation, the hope of peace, the hope of security, the hope of usefulness, the hope of deliverance, the hope of dominion, the hope of service, the hope of sovereignty, the hope of redemption and the hope of purification.

A PROMISE FROM GOD

THIS is no fancied scheme of man. It is God's clear promise. "Therefore will I save my flock, and I will set up one Shepherd over them, and he shall feed them . . . and I the Lord have spoken it."

God goes on to promise them peace by ridding them of danger, and security through his blessing upon the land. "There shall be showers of blessing."

LOOKING FOR A BETTER WAY

LONG had the people looked for a better way. Now God would provide that better way. It would be vouchsafed safe unto them through the Good Shepherd. He knows the way, he holds the key.

The wistful hearts of the people must have been lifted up as Ezekiel and Zechariah shouted their prophecies of the coming Messiah. Many of these very passages have been used for the anthems which our choirs sing today. Well may every Christian employ them to tell of that better way in the midst of this troubled, changing world about us.

DANIEL'S DREAM OF THE DELIVERER

THE passage in Daniel is resonant with hope. "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven." This dream of Daniel was a vision of the Messiah, bringing dominion, glory and a kingdom—a kingdom for all people, nations and languages. It is the universal hopes of the ages, brought nearer through this inspired vision of the prophet. "For unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

This vision of the coming Messiah set every bell ringing in the heart of humanity.

SAVIOUR AND KING FOREVER

ALL THE promises are embodied in these passages—Jesus the Saviour, Jesus the King, Jesus the Sanctifier. Here was hope for the Jews, and for all mankind. It was proclaimed through Jewish prophets, and Jesus was born of a Jewish mother. Favored, indeed, was that race. And although there was many who have rejected the Messiah, he fulfills the deepest meaning of every man's hope.

With Charles Wesley we sing:

Hail, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our sins and fears release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

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Christian Generosity

On occasions a collection is taken in a tavern designed to relieve some man's distress. For any such generosity let us be thankful. But let us also remember that that sort of thing is done only occasionally in a liquor joint and it is the regular habit in a church.—Roy L. Smith.

No Grim Struggle

To become a musician you don't grit your teeth for a grim struggle. The basic fact for successful living is that life is eager to serve you. Approach it, then, in faith. "Fear not, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!"—Vivian Kraft.

The Wabash Valley high school basketball tournament is the largest prep tournament in the nation outside of state tournaments sponsored by state associations.

RURAL CHURCHES

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

Sun. 9:15 — Preaching Service.
10:00 — Sunday School
7:45 — Children's Day Program
Tues. 7:30 — Prayer & Bible Study.

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

Pleasant Mills Baptist
Albert Swenson pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday school with Doris Burkhardt, Supt.
10:30 a.m. Worship service sermon by the pastor. "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart, that I might not Sin against Thee."

Monroe Methodist
W. L. Hall, minister
9:30. Morning Worship.
10:30. Sunday School.
6:45. MYF.
7:30. Evening Service.
7:30 Wednesday. Prayer Meeting.
8:15 Wednesday. Choir Practice.
Epworth Forest Assembly, June 20-26. Methodist Youth Fellowship Institute July 11-17.

St. Luke Evan. & Reformed Church
Honduras
H. H. Meckstroth, pastor
9:00 Worship Service. Deibert Kauffman will speak.
10:00 Sunday School.

Pleasant Mills & Salem
Methodist Churches
Ralph R. Johnson, Minister
Pleasant Mills
Sunday School 9:30.
Jr. & Sr. MYF. 6:30.
Evening Service 7:30.
Prayer Service Thurs. 8:00.
Salem
Sunday School 9:30.
Morning Worship 10:30.
Prayer Service Wed. 8:00.

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.
8:30 p.m. Preaching service.
8:30 p.m. Wednesday. prayer meeting.

Mt. Victory
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Preaching service.
Communion service will follow.
7:30 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday. prayer meeting.
Bible school now in progress. Classes meet each morning at 9:00 o'clock except Saturday.

Mt. Tabor Methodist Circuit
Clifford C. Conn, Minister
Mt. Tabor
Mr. Donald Colter, Supt.
Church School begins 9:30.
We are glad for the increasing attendance.

Mt. Pleasant
Mr. David Cook, Supt.
Church School at 9:30.
There will not be preaching today.
Remember Epworth Assembly June 20-26.

Pleasant Valley
Mr. Raymond Teeple, Supt.
Worship Hour at 9:30.
Church School at 10:30.
Have you seen the beautiful new pews?

Beulah Chapel
Mrs. D. C. Shady, Supt.
Church School at 9:30.
Worship Hour 10:45.
Christians must support the House of Worship.

Calvary Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, minister
Sunday school 9:30.
Children's day program 7:30.

No midweek service, this week.
Holy Communion, Sunday June 27 at 9:00 p.m.

Union Chapel
Evangelical United Brethren
D. H. Pellett, minister

Unified morning services.
Sunday church school, Thurman I. Drew, superintendent, 9:30.
Divine worship, sermon subject "Good Company," 10:15.
Youth fellowship, Rose Merriam, president, 6:45.

Adult Bible study in Acts, 6:45.
Evening worship, sermon subject, "Where is God," 7:30.
Prayer service, Wednesday evening, 8:00.
Choir rehearsals following the Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services.

We are still worshipping in the Dent School building, but we hope soon to be in our new home. The time set for our dedication is July 23. This church is in your community for God's glory and for your good. We invite you to share its blessings in every service. Regular attendance will bring the richer blessing to you. Come to every service.

Children's Program At St. Paul Church

To Present Program
On Sunday Evening

The St. Paul church, four miles south of Decatur, will have its annual children's day program Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock. The theme of the presentation will be "God's Garden."

Welcome, "God's Children," juniors and seniors.
"Welcome," Georganna McBride.
"The Weather on Children's Day," Patsy Uhrick.
"Hallelujah for the Cross," choir.
"I'm a Little Bee," Palmer Uhrick.
"Children's Day," Ralph Parrish.
"It Doesn't Pay," Gyneth Schenapp, Rheta May and Mary Louise Thornton.
Song, "Wake Up," juniors.
Recitations, Ned Mitchel, Max Hawkins.
"What Can Little Children Do," Lorna Smith.
"The Jewel Song," Sharon Johnson.
"Wheel Drill," junior girls.
"Rich June," Lana McBride.
"We Can Bow," Paul Schneider.
Phillip McBride, Jerry Johnson, Jerry Franz.
Trio, "He is So Precious to Me," "It's a Fact," Norman Bassett.
Playlet, Miss Iva Newaway's Bible school.
Solo, Rev. Duane Reahm.
"Just Watch," Terry Schnepf.
"Little Lambs," Larry Uhrick.
"On Children's Day," Betty Smith.
"Flowers Will do It," Donald Thornton.
Song, "Dearest Than All to Me," choir.
Reading, "Since Ma Upped Her Hair," Gretchen Schnepf.
Offering.
Remarks, pastor.
Song, Reahm Brothers.
Recitations, Beverly Myers.
"My Garden," Helen Burkhardt.
Recitation, Susie Bassett.
Pageant, "God's Garden."
Benediction, pastor.

CHURCH NEWS

Calvary Church
The annual children's day program will be presented at the Calvary Evangelical United Brethren church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

First Christian
Father's day Sunday morning will be observed in a different type of program at the First Christian church. Fifty men of the church have been asked to bring guests with them. Loyd Rhoades will speak on the subject, "Why I come to church." James Anderson will speak on "What the church has meant to me," and the pastor will speak on "Fathers of the Bible." The oldest and youngest fathers present will be honored with gifts.

Children Present Bethany Program

Children's Program
On Sunday Morning

The annual children's day program will be presented at the Bethany Evangelical United Brethren church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Members of the program committee are Mrs. Vernon Custer, Mrs. Phillip Dolby, Mrs. Ralph Habegger, Mrs. Ladoy Miller, Mrs. Francis Ellsworth, Mrs. Everett Hutter and Mrs. Frederick Striker. Decorating committee members are Mrs. Everett Hutter, chairman, Mrs. Wendell Seaman, Mrs. Dick Garner and Mrs. Frank Lynch.
Prelude — Rita Mae Butcher.
Announcer — Lou Ann Lehman.
Scripture — St. Matt. 19:13-27 — Janet Smith.

A Song of Praise — children's chapel choir.
Welcome — Steven Gause.
A Welcome — Julia Ellsworth.
The Welcome Mat — Dianne Small, Agnes Barlett, Kay Varner. If You Love Him — Janet Habegger.
One Rose — Patricia Lyons.
Hiss Call — Johnny Dierkes.
My Wish — Gary Ross.
Tiny Toddlers (Solo) — Eleanor Miller.

Thankful — Marlene Butcher, Max Elchenauer, Eddie Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Johnny Beeler, Marilyn Dolby, Janice Rawley, Becky Mauller, David Anspaugh, Cher Up! (Duet) — Gayle and Thane Custer.
In The Morning — Stanley Alger.
A Happy Place — Ann Seaman.
Helping — Allen Garner.
Hi and Goodbye — Janet Miller.
Dad and Mother — Larry Jackson.

To The Birds — (Solo) Miriam Correll.
The Place — Marie Barlett.
Count on Me — Ted Hutter, Lanny Ross, David Willard, Sandy Kittle.
True Story — Sara Brunngraff.
To A Skyscraper (Piano solo) — David Elchenauer.
My Blessings — Joyce Ann Smith.

Garden Of My Heart — Kathleen Cole.
Jewels (Duet) — Sharon Sheets.
Judy Smith.
The Remembrance — Barbara Brunngraff.
The Boy Who Helped — Bobby Rawley.

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Summer Days — Mara Dee Striker.
The Clock — David Ellsworth.
3 Answers — Beverly Parish, Edwina Booth, Patsy Helm.
Rock Of Ages (Piano Solo) — Lou Ann Lehman.
Our Book — Danny Roop.
Thank You — Donna Kay Small.
Happy Singers — I'll Be A Sunbeam — Songs by Children's chapel choir.
Offertory — Rita Mae Butcher.
Offering — Robert Baker, Buddy Sheets, Roger Elchenauer, Roger Eley, David Roop, John Hammond.
My Prayer — Larry Hutter.
Benediction — Rev. F. H. Willard.

Program Sunday At Church At Honduras

Children's Program
Will Be Presented

The St. Luke Evangelical and Reformed church of Honduras, under the direction of Mrs. Ivan Heare, Mrs. Oscar Brown, Mrs. Kenneth Hoffman and Mrs. Robert Brown, will give a children's day program, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. The program is as follows: Prelude, Beulah Jane Bertsch. Opening Prayer, Rev. H. H. Meckstroth.

Welcome, Alice Gay.
Welcome, Roger Dick.
Sunbeam Exerdsae, Connie & Jerry Douglas, Jerry & Larry Funk, Maren & Marcia Zimmerman, Rene & Jimmy Brown and Janet Beer.

A New Summer Bonnet, Maren Zimmerman.
Song—in the Temple, Junior Girls.
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