



SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:17.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 13:44-53.

Ideal World

Lesson for February 27, 1949

ANY MAN with a revolutionary new idea has to try to explain it. Jesus was no exception. As a young teacher of religion, he had to answer the question which older teachers were bound to put to him: If your teaching is new, how can it be true? And if it is true, what can be new about it? This was a fair question. The sermon on the Mount is Jesus' answer to it. The main theme of that sermon is the kingdom of God, an ancient phrase but with new meanings as Jesus used it. We can say "The Ideal World" and mean just the same thing.

The Right People
JESUS EMPHASIZES, above all, the kind of people who belong to God's Ideal World. This would be surprising to some modern planners. Communists think that if you can once get a world in which every one has enough to eat and drink and wear, a world where nobody is poor (or everybody is as poor as everybody else, which is all the same thing), you will have the perfect world. Jesus would know this is nonsense.

But the fact is that even after you got your perfect social system, with perfect politics and perfect distribution of wealth, even a perfect climate and soil, you would still be nowhere near the Ideal World unless you improved your people.

The wrong kind of people will spoil the best kind of system. So we find Jesus talking not about systems but about people.

Is This You?
WHAT We call the "beatitudes" (Matt. 5:7-12) is Jesus' eight point program for the citizens of the Ideal World. The right people are happy people, to begin with. (The word translated "Blessed" is a regular Greek word for "happy.") But the main difference between different kinds of people is not that some want to be happy while others do not; rather it is that they are made happy by different kinds of things.

Jesus' ideal people are humble, not proud; they see their sins and are sorry for them; they are "meek"—that is, they are not in a hurry to demand their own rights; they do not merely admire goodness, they are positively hungry for it, they are merciful, not careless or cruel; they are pure in heart and not only in speech and act; they are not mere peace-lovers or peace-makers (who isn't?) but peace-makers; they are people who are brave enough to do what is right not only when it is comfortable and popular but even when it brings them slander and suffering.

Salt
DO YOU really want an ideal world? The best way to begin is to learn how to be a citizen of such a world. Jesus used two interesting simple words to describe the kind of people he means. You are salt, he said.—you are light. Salt and light are old-fashioned things but they have never gone out of date. No one has invented a good substitute for either one.

So there is no substitute for a really good Christian. Living, here and now, like citizens of the ideal world to come, Christians are both salt and light.

Salt because they give a taste to otherwise flat or bitter life. Salt because they keep human society from going rotten. This world is in a bad enough mess as it is; but what it would be if all the Christians were removed from it at once, one hates to think.

Light
AND LIGHT! Like salt, light ought not to be too noticeable. A glaring light is bad on the eyes, as too much salt is bad on the tongue. So a Christian is not supposed to rub his goodness in on other people, so to speak. He is as indispensable as salt in bread, and should be as inconspicuous. But light, like salt, if it is any good, has to be applied directly. A strong light concealed in a steel tube does no good. Switching the glass end of the salt-cellar around in the soup gives it no flavor. The salt must get into the soup, the light must touch what we see.

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RURAL CHURCHES

Pleasant Mills & Salem Methodist
Ralph R. Johnson, Minister
Feb. 27 — Layman's Day
Salem — Unified Worship 9:00-11:00 — Mr. George Ray, guest speaker.
P. Mills — S. S. 9:30 — Worship 10:30. Mr. Fred Busche, Decatur, guest speaker.
Jr. & Sr. M. Y. F. at 6:00.
No evening Preaching Service.

Union Chapel
Evangelical United Brethren Church
L. T. Norris, Pastor
Sunday School: T. I. Drew, Supt. 9:30.
Worship Service 10:15.
Holy Communion following the morning worship.
Evening Service:
Junior C. E., Mrs. Carl Hurst 6:45.
Youth Fellowship, Janet Brown, Pres. 6:45.
Adult C. E., Nile Williamson, Pres. 6:45.
Each Sunday evening there will be Bible instruction in connection with the Junior C. E. by the pastor.
Quarterly Conference:
The Quarterly Conference business session will be held in the evening of the 27th of February following the worship service.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 with Omer Merriman, Class Leader.

Monroe Methodist Church
W. L. Hall, pastor
Morning worship — 9:30.
(Layman's Day)
Sunday School — 10:30.
M. Y. S. — 6:45.
Evening Service — 7:30.
Special Service Thursday.
W. S. C. S. Family Night.
Pot luck dinner 6:30.
Rev. Wayne Paulen, Bluffton, speaker.

Rivarre Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, pastor
Mt. Zion
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Preaching service with reception of members and communion service.
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
7:00 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.
8:00 p.m. Preaching service.
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Mt. Victory
9:00 a.m. Sunday school.
10:00 a.m. Class meeting.
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

St. Luke Evan. & Reformed Church
Honduras
H. H. Meckstroth, minister
9:00 Worship Service.
10:00 Sunday School.
1:00 Catechetical Instruction.
6:45 Youth Fellowship. Topic: Let God Speak Through Me.
Leaders, the Ex. Board.
Thurs. 7:30 — Girls' Guild.

Calvary Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, minister
Preaching Service 9:00 a.m. The pastor preaching.
Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

Mount Tabor Methodist Circuit
Clifford C. Conn, Minister
Mt. Tabor Church
Mr. Donald Colter, Supt.
Church School 9:30.
There will not be preaching this Sunday.

Remember the World Friendship Banquet at Ft. Wayne Monday eve.
Remember the District Young Adult Banquet at Decatur Mar. 5.
Mt. Pleasant
Mr. C. A. Sheets Supt.
Church School begins at 9:30.
There will not be preaching this Sunday.

Remember the special meetings on Feb. 28 and Mar. 5.
Beulah Chapel
Donald Shady, Supt.
The Worship Service begins at 9:30.
Church School convenes at 10:30.
An enthusiastic Christian is punctual in his attendance at the House of God. Note the special announcements above.

Pleasant Valley
Mr. Raymond Teeple Supt.
Church School at 9:30.
Worship Service at 10:45.
Please note the special announcements above.

Antioch
United Missionary Church
3 Mi. West of Decatur, 1 mile South of 224
Lloyd Null, pastor
John Carroll, Supt.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week Service 7:30 p.m. — Wed.
Special Music From Wakarusa, Indiana.

March 6 will be Special Missionary Services both morning and evening with Rev. Russell Sloat and Miss Hollenbeck returned Missionaries will be speaking.
"Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me."
Rev. 3:20. Come worship with us.

ADD CHURCH NEWS
West Missionary
Revival services at the West Missionary church, three miles west of Berne, will close with services tonight, Saturday and Sunday. The evangelists, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lacey, will appear at the Berne Missionary church Monday evening and at the Geneva Evangelical United Brethren church Tuesday evening, before leaving for California.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
OF ESTATE NO. 4539
Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Martin A. Fugate, deceased, to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 24th day of March, 1949, and show cause, if any, why the FINAL SETTLEMENT ACCOUNTS with the estate of said deceased should not be approved; and said heirs are notified to meet and receive their distributive shares.
Blanche Fugate Krick, Executrix
Decatur, Indiana, Feb. 24, 1949.
Attorney DeVoss & Smith.
Feb. 25 Mar. 4

Auburn Methodist Choir Here Sunday

Appear At Vesper Hour Here Sunday

Arrangements have been completed for the appearance here of the Auburn Methodist choir. Dr. Gerald Jones, pastor of the First Methodist church, announced today. The 28-voice choir will present a program at the Sunday evening vespers of the First Methodist church, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Donald Wilson, choir director, and the Rev. Van Hinkle, pastor of the Auburn church, will accompany the choir to this city for the presentation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Busche are general chairmen of the event, with Medford Smith, Stanley McBride, Luther Schrock and Byford Smith as ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kaehr are chairmen of the fellowship committee. Others on the committee



Bishop J. W. Ernst-Sommer
are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Niccum, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Paddock, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Steury, Mr. and Mrs. Morris LeFever, Paul Moore, James Colter, Richard Colter, and Lyman Hann, Jr.

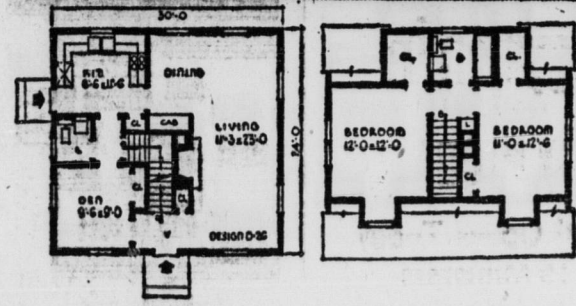
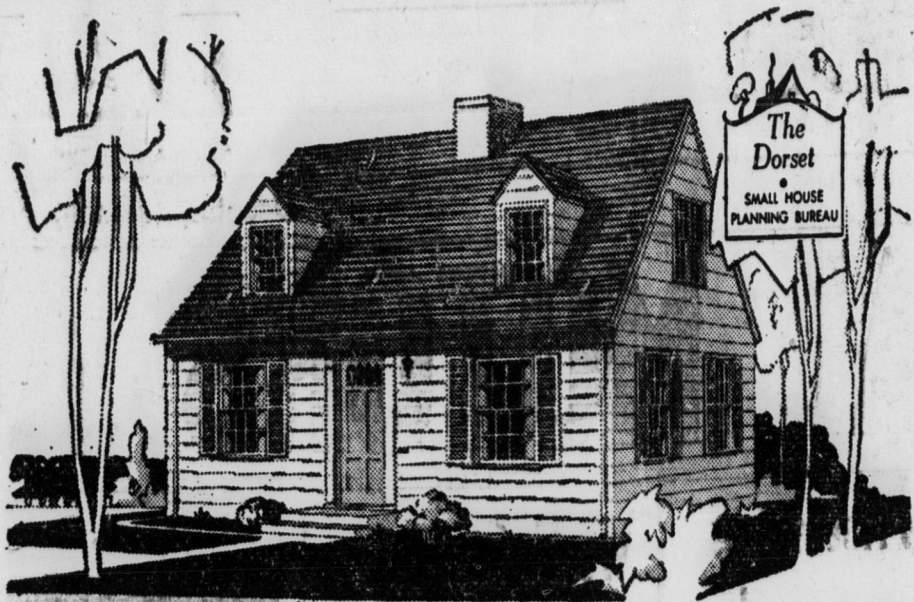
The program follows:
Introit, the choir; invocation, Fred Busche; To Thee We Sing, by Treach; Children Of The Heavenly Father, by Christiansen; Nocturne, by Auber; O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee, By Adams, sung by Mary Hasselman, soprano; O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing, by Thompson.
Meditation, the Rev. Van Hinkle; the offertory: Come Hither, Ye Faithful, by McCollin; Ezekiel Saw De Wheel, by Bureleigh; O Ark's Amoverin, spiritual; There Is A Balm In Gilead, by Dawson; O God Our Help In Ages Past, by Kroft; benediction, Fred Busche.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR
ESTATE NO. 4504
Notice is hereby given. That the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Emma Rhoades late of Adams County, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.
Dan Rhoades, Administrator
February 24, 1949
Robert R. McClellan Attorney
Feb. 25 March 4-11

CHURCH NEWS

Decatur Missionary
Another good crowd was present last night to hear the Strubhar-Magary evangelistic party at the Missionary church, Tenth and Dayton streets. During the inspirational song service, Mr. Magary introduced and taught another of his original choruses entitled, "I'm So Happy In The Love Of Jesus."

Mr. Strubhar spoke of the "Incomparable Christ," showing the great privilege in putting faith in Him.
Tonight's service begins promptly at 7:30. Sunday evening Mrs. and Mrs. Magary will be in charge of the children's gospel hour, which will begin at 6:45. The evening service will begin at 7:15. The public is invited to attend these services.



THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

THE DORSET is a Cape Cod cottage with unusually large rooms in a small area. The Dorset's exterior is finished with white siding. Shingles may be substituted, if desired. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

Use of small dormers on the second floor of The Dorset, makes it possible to keep the roof lines low. This arrangement also enables the bedrooms to have cross-ventilation. A small room, equipped with a wardrobe, and located to the left of The Dorset's front entrance, can be used as a den, bedroom or office. It is situated for easy access from either the living room or kitchen. This room is also convenient to the lavatory.

The kitchen cabinets are arranged to provide a maximum of working efficiency. The adjoining dining space is part of the living room. Two large bedrooms and a bath on the second floor, complete the plans of The Dorset. There is generous closet space on both floors.

The overall size of The Dorset is 30 feet by 24 feet. The house has a full basement. There is an area of 720 square feet and a volume of 16,880 cubic feet.

For further information about THE DORSET, write The Small House Planning Bureau, St. Cloud, Minn.

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