



Right With God

Lesson for July 24, 1949

"GET RIGHT with God" is an expression which has been sometimes used by people. It is the most important thing you can do. Think what it means to be wrong with God! That means to be out of harmony with his will, going "across the grain of reality" as the old Greeks used to say. To be wrong with God means to be a rebel against reality, to have the power of the universe working against you, and so to be headed for sure destruction. Wrong with God, you cannot win. Right with God, you cannot lose. To be right with God means to be in line with the purpose that runs through all things; it means in the simple language of the Bible, to live as a child of God.

Mule or Man?

THERE are two ways in which a man can come into line, so to speak, with God. One is by being whipped into it, and the other is by a free act of will. The poet of the 32nd Psalm begs his readers not to be like mules or colts (Ps. 32:9). These animals can be broken and controlled by their masters. But they do not understand what is going on, and if left to themselves they would never serve.

They have to be caught, harnessed and driven. But God does not want to treat human beings like that. Getting right with God is not a business of getting into harness, being beaten into walking on the right road.

That is not God's way. He pleads with us through his inspired poet: Be not as mules—be men!

Facing Up to Yourself

THE short good Bible word for being wrong with God is Sin. The very first step toward being right with God is to see yourself as you are. No one ever went to a doctor till he at least suspected he was sick. No one ever went to school of his own accord who thought he knew everything. And no one will come to God who thinks he is as good as he needs to be. When life goes hard with us, when everything about our life seems twisted and rotten, we make all sorts of excuses for ourselves, we lay the blame on our parents or our friends of the social and economic system in which we live (doubtless all these have a share in creating our troubles), but we hate to look at ourselves in the mirror of truth.

This comes first: recognizing our own wrongness, not just weakness but wrongness. When we reach the point where we can say with the Psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me," then we are on the right road.

"Hide Thy Face"

THERE are two things we never hear about in the Bible. One is that God never forgave anyone who did not repent, and the other is that he refused to forgive any one who did repent. But repentance is not merely regretting that a wrong was done; still less regretting being caught. Repentance, the kind the Bible describes (as in these Psalms for example), means a complete change of attitude, it means coming over on God's side and seeing sin the way he sees it, seeing life the way he sees it.

God's forgiveness is not of the grudging, remembering, reminding kind. But condoning and forgiving are still a world apart. Condoning means saying in effect, "It is all right, it makes no difference, you can go on sinning for all I care."

Some human "forgiveness" may be like that, but not God's. His forgiveness is based on real repentance, and the aim of it is to save the sinner from his sin.

Plenteous in Mercy
THE Psalmists saw clearly what kind of God we have. He is not like the holder of a mortgage waiting till the first time some payment is deferred gives him a chance to pounce down and evict his tenant. We are not criminals against whom God is a prosecuting attorney, trying to pile up evidence against us. "If thou shouldest mark iniquities, who shall stand?" We are children, lost and wandering children, rebellious and disobedient children, but still children; and God holds open the door of mercy.

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RURAL CHURCHES

Union Chapel
Evangelical United Brethren
Church
Lawrence T. Norris, pastor.
9:30 Sunday School, Thurman
Drew, Supt.
10:15 Worship Service
Evening Service
6:45 Junior C. E. Mrs. Carl
Hurst
6:45 Adult C. E. Nile Williamson
Pres.

6:45 Youth Fellowship, Janet
Brown Pres.
7:30 Worship Service
Wednesday evening
8:00 Prayer Meeting Omar Mer-
riman Leader.

Rivarre Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, pastor
Mt. Zion
9:30 a. m. Sunday school.
10:30 a. m. Class meeting.
7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer
meeting.

Pleasant Grove
9:30 a. m. Sunday school, follow-
ed by reorganization of S. S.
10:30 a. m. Preaching service.
7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer
meeting.

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

Antioch United Missionary
L. W. Null, pastor
John Arnold, Supt.
Sunday School 9:30.
Morning Worship 10:30.
Evening Service 7:30.
Bible Study, Wednesday 8:00.
Come worship with us.

Miss Lela McConnell and the trio
from Mt. Carmel orphanage, Ky.,
will have charge of the Sunday
morning service. You will want to
hear from one who has worked a-
mong these people.

Monroe Methodist
W. L. Hall, minister
9:30 Morning Worship.
10:30 Sunday School.
6:45 The MYF.
7:30 The Evening Service.
7:30 Wednesday, Mid-week Ser-

vice.
Some very good times are being
enjoyed by those who are using the
recreational facilities. Adults are
especially invited to come out on
Thursday evening.

Winchester and St. Paul
U. B. Circuit
Dale Osborn, pastor
Winchester:
Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
Preaching 10:30 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

St. Paul:
Sunday School 9:15 a. m.
Christian Endeavor 7 p. m.
Preaching 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m.

St. Luke Reformed
Vera Cruz
H. H. Meckstroth, pastor
9 a. m. Worship service.
10 a. m. Sunday school.

Calvary E. U. B. Church
Rev. Albert N. Straley, minister
Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Lloyd
Lichtenberger superintendent.
Prayer Service 10:30 a. m. James
Darr, class leader.
Evening preaching service 7:30 p. m.

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TINY SANDRA KAPLAN, 6-month-old daughter of the former New York Giants All-American football star Bernard Kaplan, rests in Boston's Massachusetts General hospital before going under knife to have a rare arterial ailment corrected. Sandra's life is threatened by suffocation because her aorta—large artery from heart—encircles her windpipe, cutting off air intake when she eats. (International)

tracts and conducting indoor and outdoor rallies. Colored motion pictures taken by the Cuba invasion team will be shown at this rally. Other specials will combine to make this a splendid rally. The public is invited.

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Local Young People

Attend Institute

478 Registered At Epworth Institute

Several young people from the youth fellowship of the First Methodist church are attending Epworth Forest Institute at Lake Webster this week. The high school young people of the Fort Wayne district are gathered there with their counsellors and teachers for a week of study, worship and fellowship. There are 478 young people registered for the week.

Classes are held during the morning hours. Dr. Gerald Jones, local pastor of the Methodist church, is teaching two classes on the history and organization of the church. The Rev. Sam Emerick of First Methodist church, Wabash, is the speaker for the inspirational hour in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Varner Chance, director of music for the schools of Fort Wayne, are directing the choirs and music for the week.

The Decatur group are staying in the cottage owned by the local church. Mrs. Alva Lawson, Mrs. Robert Mills, and Mrs. Maynard Hetrick are the adult counsellors, along with Dr. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Lester who are guests one day of the young people at dinner. Other guests from the city have been: Mrs. C. L. Walters, Mrs. Dan Tyndall, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Rucker, Robert and Kathryn Anne.

The young people from the local church are Kent Koons, Luther Schrock, David Owens, Jack Lawson, James Callow, Roger Pollock, Rosemary Hetrick, Carol Elzey, Carolyn Owens, Nancy Callow, Gloria Merriman, Trollie Frank.

Several other carloads are expected to go from Decatur for the closing evening of institute.



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