



SCRIPTURE: Psalms 32: 51, 66:5;
130:1-5
DEVOTIONAL READING: 1 John
1:3-2:2

Right With God

Lesson for July 24, 1942

"GET RIGHT with God" is an expression which has been sometimes used by people. It is not a coarse or cheap idea. 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.



Dr. Foreman

Mule or Man?
THERE are two ways in which 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 or 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.

Pleasures 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 shouldst 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 Merriam 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, followed 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 among these people.

Monroe Methodist
W. L. Hall, minister
9:30 Morning School.
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.

CHURCH NEWS

Mt. Pleasant Valley
Member of the Y. M. W. B. will present a special missionary service at the Pleasant Valley Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program follows:

Recitations and songs by primary and juniors.
Dialogues—"A carpenter's quarrel," by young men; "A spiritual atonic," by young ladies.
Closing with opening of missionary barrels—the Rev. O. H. Guillaume, pastor.

Youth For Christ
Announcement has been made of county-wide Youth for Christ rally which will be held Tuesday evening, July 26, at the First Mennonite church, Berne, at 8 o'clock. John A. Huffman, regional vice-president of the New England area and director of Boston Youth for Christ will be the speaker. Last January, Huffman headed a YFC international team which invaded the island of Cuba called "The Paradise Isle of the Tropics." A tremendous impact with the gospel was made through island-wide radio networks distributed.

President Elvin E. Smith of the local and plant manager M. J. Laffer announced the agreement yesterday.

The contract expired more than two weeks ago. But the union agreed to continue work under an extension during discussions. Later, a majority of the membership voted against a strike if the talks stalled.

Man Is Fined For Public Intoxication
William Smith, 82, South Seventh street, pleaded guilty in mayor's court this morning to a charge of public intoxication. Smith was fined \$1 and costs and when he was unable to pay the \$11 was returned to the county jail.

Warren Wilkenson was arraigned in justice of peace court Tuesday night on a charge of assault and battery. The case was taken under advisement and Wilkenson was instructed to leave the residence in Decatur where he had been a roomer for some time.



TINY SANDRA KAPLAN, 6-month-old daughter of the former New York Giants All-America 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)

bution of thousands of gospel 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.

Contract Dispute Ended At Oliver

Union, Management Reach Agreement

South Bend, Ind., July 22—(UP)—A contract dispute marked by friendly cooperation between the Oliver corporation and local 112 of the CIO United Farm Equipment and Metal workers union ended today in a "tentative agreement" expected to be ratified by workers. Union and management spokesmen said they had arrived at an "amicable" agreement on "all issues." The proposed contract will be submitted to members of the local early next week.

The union voted earlier not to strike to back up its demands and observers said the members probably would approve the plan worked out by negotiators.

Although details of the agreement were withheld pending the vote, negotiators indicated wage and vacation clauses in dispute had been compromised.

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Heroic Engineer Saves Many Lives

Coasts Train From Flames Into Safety

Montebello, Cal., July 22—(UP)—A heroic engineer who drove his crack Union Pacific steam locomotive through a wall of gasoline-fed flames today was credited with saving the lives of 150 passengers.

Engineer H. E. Byers, 55, was at the throttle of the train when it crashed into a truck carrying 7,300 gallons of high octane gas yesterday. The crash set off an explosion that tossed wreckage and flames hundreds of feet into the air and sent fire rushing through the cab of the multiple diesel engine.

Byers coasted the train through the wall of fire to safety. He was rushed to a hospital in critical condition.

Truck driver Harry G. Heaton jumped from his cab and ran crazily for 150 yards, his body ablaze. He died at the hospital.

Before he died, Heaton told attendants he heard the train at the crossing but lost control and couldn't stop it. He blamed the crash on a broken drive shaft.

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 counselors 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 counselors, along with Dr. Jones. Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Lester were 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, Trolis Frank.

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



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The young people will return Saturday to vacate the grounds for another equally large group of young people from the Muncie District. About 3500 young people attend the Institute during the summer from the North Indiana conference.

Two Minor Accidents Reported To Police

Two minor automobile accidents were reported to police Thursday. Cars driven by Gilbert N. Bixler, Decatur route 6 and John W. Bird, Decatur route 3, figured in a slight mishap on Madison street Thursday as the Bixler auto started to pull away from a parking space. Damage to the two cars was estimated at \$50. No one was injured.

Another mishap was reported at the corner of Monroe and 13th street, where automobiles driven by Christine E. Andrews of Decatur and Catherine Eans, Warren, O., collided. Damage to both cars was estimated at about \$12.

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SALE CALENDAR

JULY 23—McMillen Homes, 2 P. M. 2 modern homes: 802 N. 2nd st., 6 rooms; 517 W. Adams st., 6 rooms. D. S. Blair and C. W. Kent, auctioneers. Sale conducted by the Kent Realty & Auction Co., Inc., Decatur, Ind. Phone 68.
JULY 25—Frieda Lehman, 253 North Seventh street, Decatur. Sale of household furniture. Roy & Ned Johnson, aucts.
JULY 28—Albert See, 272-274 South Broadway, Peru, Ind. 2 apt buildings. 14 modern furnished apartments. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, auct.
JULY 30—Albert See, South Mud Lake, 8 mi. S. of Rochester, Ind. Five furnished cottages, lunch room, 20 boats. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, auct.

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