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Dr. Henry Smith Leiper of the World Council of Churches who has traveled extensively through Russia declared that there are approximately 90,000,000 Christians there and that 200 million people still maintain some kind of religious affiliations. Since the Communist party numbers only 4,500,000, there is a possibility of a moral and political change.

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**Creamed Comments
On S.S. Lesson**

By Rev. D. Carl Yoder

ed is to be happy. The sure sign of individuals and of churches experiencing religion is in their happiness. It is not necessary to call on the world for happiness; better call on God.

V. 3. "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed." Many die spiritually because of a lack of spiritual nutrition. What really counts in the Christian life is what we experience about God, not what some one else tells us about him. Christian teachings take on a new vitality after we have put them to a test in everyday experience.

V. 3. "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." There is such a thing as having so little religion as to be miserable. The real thing is found in one who finds delight in God and in doing his will, for then there is harmony in soul and harmony with others and a joy in Christian fellowship.

V. 4. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass." Saving faith calls for such a full surrender to God and his will that results in a full commitment; one keeps committed by seeing to it that every moment full confidence is exercised in God; then one can rest easy as to results. Do your part and leave results with God.

V. 5. "They looked unto him and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed." Others who looked to God received help likewise. The Psalmist calls in witness to the teachings of faith in God; they had such a radiance as to experience loss of face.

V. 6. "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from all his troubles." Here is taught the need of repentance fundamental to faith.

V. 7. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them." There are divine ministrations experienced by those who trust God with such awe as to have a sense of fear that they may not be at their best. In this experience there is victory.

V. 8. "O taste and see that the Lord is good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." We can all make trial of God's goodness for ourselves. This is experimental religion. As a result of this experience it may well be written, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in God." To be blessed

The smallest people suffer most from personal slights and affronts. They writhe because of insults real or imagined. There are people who stay away from church because someone didn't say quite the right thing, or perhaps because he said nothing at all. Long-standing grudges and feuds often have their beginning in infinitesimal personalities. These small souls fume in high dudgeon because the vote went against them or because their opinion was disregarded. The person who is easily hurt betrays by that fact what a puny rute he is.

—Gospel Herald.

Our Preacher Says

Carl Yoder

Discussion Questions S.S. Lesson

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, Psalms of Trust, for Sunday, July 31.

1. How is it possible for us to magnify the Lord?

2. What spiritual conditions must exist on our part before we can delight ourselves in the Lord?

3. What is the difference between faith and belief?

4. Why is it necessary to cultivate faith in God?

5. How proceed to be happy?

Do You Know Answered

1. What is the victory that overcometh the world?

2. May wicked men believe in God?

3. Why are little children accepted by Christ?

4. What does it mean to be blessed?

5. What is a verse that states how one may become blessed?

Personality is developed through practicing the art of living.—Link.

7:30 p.m.—The evening service of gospel music and sermon on the Ninth Commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness."

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.—Mid-week service for five separate age groups.

8:00 p.m.—Choir rehearsal.

Bethany Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, minister

Sunday school 9:15 a.m. Lawrence Anspaugh, supt.

No worship service today or next Sunday.

Sunday school as usual next Sunday.

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Sunday Service

St. Mary's Church

Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, pastor

6 A.M. Low Mass

7:30 A. M. Low Mass

9:00 A. M. Children's Mass

10:15 A.M. Low Mass and Benediction

Friday evening 7:30 prayer hour and Benediction.

Holy Communion Sundays

First Sunday, St. Agnes Sodality

Second Sunday, Holy Name Society

Third Sunday, St. Mary's Society

Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

Church of the Nazarene

North Seventh & Marshall Sts.

Ralph A. Carter, pastor

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Leo Merriman, superintendent.

Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.

Message: "Living Signs."

Juniors, 6:45 p.m. Mrs. George Anspaugh, supervisor.

Youth Service, 6:45 p.m. Evelyn Hicks, president.

Adult study group, 6:45 p.m.

George Anspaugh, president.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m.

Message: "God's Definition Of A Fool."

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer and praise service.

Wednesday 8:30 p.m. Choir practice.

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The Church at Study

9:30

The Co-Workers Class will have charge of the general assembly period of the Sunday School.

The Church at Worship

10:20

During the service of worship, Mrs. Walter Krick will sing a hymn by Beethoven entitled "Come To Me" with a double accompaniment by Mrs. Edgar Gerber and Miss Helen Haubold.

V. 6. "And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday sun." This probably refers to a vindication of one's righteousness, when one has been a subject of slander. He will bring your innocence to light, and make the justice of your cause as clear as noonday sun.

V. 7. "The Official Board will meet

Wednesday evening at 6:15 for a pot luck supper on the church lawn. The families of the members are invited to attend.

Thursday

The Youth Fellowship will have a pot luck supper at the park at the corner under the leadership of the councellors. Transportation will be provided at the church at 6:00.

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Thursday

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Zion Lutheran Church

West Monroe and Eleventh Sts.

Edgar P. Schmidt, pastor

The Rev. Professor E. Schnedler of Concordia College at Fort Wayne will be guest speaker at both services.

Two complete services are held each Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School is held between the two services beginning at 9:15 a.m. Bible class will be dismissed for the next three Sundays.

Pastor Schmidt and family are on vacation and will be absent from Decatur until August 17.

In the event of an emergency members are asked to contact Will Schnepf, Herman Krueckeberg or Gerhard Reinking.

The Lutheran hospital board of control will hold its semi-annual meeting Sunday afternoon, July 31, at 2:00 p.m. in the hospital chapel.

The Married Couples Club picnic will be held at Hamilton Lake on Sunday, August 7.

First Presbyterian

C. E. Gillander, pastor

Church School, 9:30 a.m. Teachers are urged to inform either superintendent, Lewis Smith or Dick Heller, what Sundays they cannot meet their classes during August, so that substitutes may be arranged, or other plans made. Church school will continue as usual during our church vacation.

Worship service, 10:30 a.m. under pastor's supervision. Young people taking part are Gene Ziner, Kaye Runyon, Ruth Morgan, Jack Heller, Alice Langston, Kathleen Wolfsen, Dianne Linn, Sharon and Jackie Hite, Barbara Beehler; with sermon preached by Sue Harper, Robert Hansel, Colleen McConnell, and Fari Franz. All are participating who are not working or away at camps.

The pastor will teach in synod's youth camp at Winona Lake, August 15-27. For emergencies, pastor may be reached at Warsaw, Indiana, telephone 475.

Plans are to start the new season of church worship with a full service on September 11, followed by an early church "Agape," love feast, a-la-couver dish.

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Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sermon by the pastor, "The Transforming Touch." The services during the summer months last just one hour. We invite you to spend this hour in the House of God.

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