



SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 1:10-20; Jeremiah 7:1-14  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 24:1-6

### Seven-Day Religion

Lesson for October 9, 1948

EMPLOYERS don't care much for letters of recommendation signed by preachers. Not that they think preachers are dishonest. The employer is glad to know where the chap is on Sunday mornings. But he would rather have a letter from somebody who sees him every Saturday night and Monday morning.

### Religion Won't Keep Sweet by Itself

IT IS a temptation as old as religion, to put it on one side of a wall and life on the other. But the prophets showed, once and for all, that God has literally no use for religion which has been dissected off from life. Religion which is kept apart from life turns sour and bad. In Isaiah's time, everybody knew there was something wrong with the country.

Isaiah's diagnosis was shocking: Religion is our principal trouble. God is tired of it. What? The pious people would exclaim. Look at the crowds in the Temple every holy day! Listen to all the prayers, count the number of tithes. If anything is wrong with our country, it can't be religion! But religion it was.

### Why God Was Tired

A CATHOLIC priest would shock everybody should he call Vatican City "Hell's Half Acre." Isaiah shocked his fellow citizens by calling Jerusalem "Sodom and Gomorrah." Those cities were the worst places the Hebrews had ever heard of.

They were so bad the Lord had to destroy them by fire—not 10 good people could be found there. The prophet follows up that first shock by another. Every single expression of organized religion comes under the prophet's lash.

Sacrifices and offerings (v.11), attendance at the sanctuary, observance of the Sabbath and other holy days (v. 13), church gatherings, corresponding to our rallies and conventions (v. 13), even prayers (v. 15).

Put that into modern terms: attendance at church, Bible reading, tithing, praying—if that is all, then all is no good. It may be religion, and of course it is one kind of religion; but not the kind God wants.

Indeed, Isaiah says God hates it; he is "fed up" with it (vs. 11). What was wrong? Isaiah tells them that, too, in short simple words. "Your hands are full of blood."

Oh, the people would protest. We are not killers, we don't lay a hand on anybody. Isaiah goes on to explain: seek judgment (i.e. justice), relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

You don't kill outright, you churchgoers, he would say, but you are so indifferent to justice in your city, you take so little interest in the people at the bottom of the heap, that people die here, widows and orphans die, simply because no one cares.

### What Makes a Town Worth Saving?

ALAS, nobody did care. One hundred and more years went by, and Jerusalem came close to its end. But nobody thought that disaster could strike. The belief had grown in every one's mind that the Temple of the Lord would forever insure the safety of the city in which it stood.

But a young prophet, Jeremiah, preached a sermon on the same theme as Isaiah's (Jer. 7). It is not the temple that will save you, it is not church attendance that will bring you the favor of God.

As the men of Jerusalem looked back to the great days of Moses, they thought of the sacrifices and offerings, the tabernacle and the rituals and all the pageantry and paraphernalia of a picturesque religion, as the great thing that God had given them.

But God remembered it otherwise. Jeremiah even says (with understandable exaggeration) that God had not said a word about sacrifices and offerings; the Ten Commandments, with all they implied, were the main thing.

What God looks for, back of all our church attendance and Bible reading, is "justice between a man and his neighbor." A place where that can be found is a good place.

### RURAL CHURCHES

**Pleasant Mills Baptist Church**  
D. B. Gehres, Pastor  
Lowell Noll, Supt.  
9:30 Bible School Lesson: "The Moral Basis for True Worship."  
10:30 Worship Service. Sermon theme: "The Incarnation and the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ."  
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**Antioch United Missionary**  
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L. W. Noll, pastor.  
John Arnold, Supt.  
Sunday School, 9:30  
Morning Worship, 10:30.  
Evening Worship, 7:30  
Prayer meeting (Wed. eve.) 7:30  
Communion Service will be observed in the morning worship.  
Plan now to come to our Rally

**St. Paul and Winchester**  
U. B. Circuit  
Dale Osborn, pastor.  
St. Paul:  
Worship 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
Choir practice, Tues. 6:45.  
Prayer meeting, Tues. 7:30.  
Winchester:  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Class meeting 10:30 a.m.  
Harvesters 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting, Wednesday 8 p.m.

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## Rally Day

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at 2 p.m. Rev. Adams will bring the message and there will be a varied program from the Sunday school. A service of infant baptism will be a feature of the afternoon service. All who are friends or former members of the church are specially invited to join in this occasion of rejoicing in past successes and looking forward to new and greater service for Christ and His Church.

**Union Chapel Church**  
Evangelical United Brethren  
L. T. Norris, pastor  
9:30 Sunday school, T. I. Drew, supt.  
10:15 Worship service.  
Evening  
6:45 C. E. Nile Williamson, pres.  
6:45 C. E. Junior, Mrs. Carl Hurst.  
6:45 Youth Fellowship Janet Brown, pres.  
7:30 Worship service.  
Wednesday evening  
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening.

**Monroe Methodist**  
W. L. Hall, minister  
9:30 "Rally Day" address by the Hon. David Hogg  
10:30 Sunday School  
6:45 Methodist Youth Fellowship  
7:30 Pictures and sermon based them, by Dr. C. H. Smith. Dr. Smith took these pictures while visiting in Palestine.  
Dr. Smith will preach each evening at 7:30, and each Sunday morning at 9:30 through Sunday, Oct. 23.

**St. Luke Reformed Church**  
Honduras  
H. H. Meckstroth, minister  
9:00 worship service.  
10:00 Sunday school.  
7:00 Youth Fellowship.

**Calvary Church**  
Albert N. Straley, pastor  
The Calvary Evangelical United Brethren church five miles east of Decatur will have Rev. Walter Adams of Celina for the guest speaker at their annual Rally Day and Homecoming next Sunday, Oct. 9, 1948.

The program for the day begins with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Lloyd Lichtenberger is superintendent and there are classes for all ages.

The morning worship service at 10:30, will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. Albert N. Straley. The choir will furnish special music. The sermon theme will be, "The Blessed Who Shall See God." There will be a basket dinner at noon when members and visitors will have a time of fellowship. The afternoon service will begin

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7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**Pleasant Grove**  
9:00 a.m. Preaching service.  
10:00 a.m. Sunday school.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**Church News**  
Mt. Zion U. B.  
A rally day and homecoming will be held at the Mt. Zion U. B. church in Bobo Sunday. The speaker will be Prof. Webster C. Muck, an instructor at Huntington college. A singingspiration and musical program will be held at 2 p.m. The public is invited.

**RILEY EXHIBIT**  
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volumes of the complete works of Riley, his "Joyful Poems for Children," "Afterwhites," "Rhymes of Childhood," the Hoosier Book of Riley verses, and the Lockertie book of Riley verses.

Among other books arranged on the table are "The Letters of James Whitcomb Riley," edited by William Lyons Phelps; "James Whitcomb Riley As I Knew Him," by Minnie Belle Mitchell.

There is also a bust of Riley given to the library by Miss Nellie Minnes, a former teacher here. There are booklets issued by interested societies in Greenfield describing the poet and his birthplace; a bibliography of the poet's works edited by Anthony and Dorothy Russo and published by the Indiana historical society.

The exhibit is principally composed of books, letters, memoranda belonging to the library. Some of the author's works were not available for the exhibit; they had been taken out by Hoosiers, apparently, wanting to read about themselves, or simply wanting to discover what constitutes greatness in writing.

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### Rally Day Sunday At Church Of God Special Services Planned On Sunday

Sunday school rally day will be observed at the Church of God on Cleveland street, Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Dwight R. McCurdy, announces as the theme of the day: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord."

Last Sunday a service of installation of teachers and officers was held. The teaching staff at the Sunday school is composed of the following: C. W. Strickler, Mrs. Emory Hawkins, Miss Bonnie Suman, Mrs. Robert Strickler, Elmer Scott, Holman Egley, Mrs. Earl Geyer, Mrs. Mary Hazelwood, Mrs. Floyd Morrison, Mrs. Guy Agler, Mrs. Dwight R. McCurdy, Mrs. Helen Egley, Miss Edith Mattox, Mrs. Verlyn Geyer, Mrs. Herbert Hawkins, Miss Sharon Strickler, Robert Strickler, Ralph Hawkins and Mrs. Paul Strickler. Mrs. Floyd Mitchell is general superintendent and Mrs. Charles M. Frank is the children's superintendent.

The Church of God girls choir, under the direction of Mrs. Dwight R. McCurdy, will be featured at the service Sunday morning.

The public is invited to attend the services at the Church of God

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at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. each Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

### Pedestrians Unhurt When Brushed By Car

Louie Coffee, 502 North Fifth street, while pulling out of a parking place near the alley between Monroe and Madison streets on Second, brushed two pedestrians, Mrs. John Hunter and her three-year-old daughter, Alma. The Hunters had stepped into the path of the Coffee car from behind another parked car.

### Auto Badly Damaged In Accident, Fire

In an accident, investigated by the sheriff's office early today, a car driven by Hubert Schmitt, 107 1/2 North Second street, struck a bridge four miles north of Decatur on U. S. highway 27, after the driver had lost control of the

car. The car caught fire after accident and Decatur firemen were called, who extinguished flames. Deputy sheriff Shraluka declared the car was most a total loss as the wreckage and subsequent damage to the car.

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