

Discussion on Questions on S.S. Lesson

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, God and the Nations, for Sunday, October 16.

1. How does a nation become corrupt?
2. What evil forces are at work to corrupt our nation?
3. What can we do about it?
4. What are some good signs of a transformation of the U.S.A.?
5. What are some good promises of God on which we can stand for national righteousness?

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In going to church just to listen to the reading of the Bible, to take part in the singing of good hymns, to meet and nod or speak to good neighbors, give one a more charitable feeling toward the whole world. We all need to go to church to show our faith by our actions. Why not accept the invitation and COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY?

— Rev. D. Carl

Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, God and the Nations; the lesson recorded in the following chapters of Isaiah: 1; 10; 13; 19; 31; for Sunday, October 16.

These chapters have running through them very much the same thought. It is difficult to give a lesson interpretation so the outstanding truths will be indicated. Affirmations of these truths can be traced in the different chapters. The fundamental truth is that God moves in all national life to accomplish his righteous purpose. The work of providence may not be seen all the time but in the end God's purpose is revealed.

All nations are under the hand of God. Hitler failed in Germany and Russia because God's purpose will finally come to the fore. God is great enough and wise enough to over-rule all things and use the free and even the wicked choices of men to further his own righteous purposes.

It is God's purpose that all men and all nations be righteous and be saved. As an illustration of what the Lord wanted to see is recorded in Isaiah 19:19-21. What God wanted to do was to "bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria, the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance." If these nations had repented and turned to God, that would have been the outcome.

God's purpose for Judah was to "purely purge away thy dross." In dealing with Assyria and Egypt, God's purpose was to vindicate his moral law. If the wilfully chose evil, then they must be punished, even as Judah was punished.

So one of the outstanding teachings is that God's moral law operates in nations just as it does in individuals. The policies and acts of a nation must be right. If they are not right, disaster will follow. National sins are punished in due time just as individual sins are.

Where there is moral looseness, there comes inevitable personal and national decay. Babylon and

Persia gave themselves up to lust and liquor and they fell. Egypt worshiped beasts and she fell. Greece was guilty of lustful moral looseness and Greece failed as a leading nation.

Rome toppled into the same grave as did Greece. Here is a profound teaching for our country since lust and liquor and moral looseness have our nation by the throat. God's purpose has always been that nations bound by the power of sin, repent and obey him. It must start in individuals. Here is a thought that ought to drive us to our knees.

The call for repentance is seen in his longing for Egypt and Assyria to repent, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria to repent, saying, 'Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of mine hands, and Israel mine inheritance.' Therefore, God is ever issuing great calls, such as, 'Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God and there is none else.' 45:22. Here God offers deliverance from punishment and destruction on a national scale, for the nation will never clear itself until conviction of sin gets into the life and conscience of the individual. National repentance depends upon individual repentance. Let no one blame those in authority alone; better blame one's self. By close scrutiny, the reason for this can be found.

Here is a call for individuals to take a larger part in the affairs of the government. The movements of legislation must be studied to find whether the ways of righteousness and justice have been followed. If those in authority are in error, we can communicate to them our convictions; and if all the people would do that, those in places of leadership would give heed and a representative government would express the will of the people.

But all individuals need to seek the wisdom that comes from above, and that calls for a surrender to God wholeheartedly, and a listening ear that will discern the will of God. Then there must be exercised the courage of one's conviction, for mark you, many times such expressions will bring suffering to the individual; but that is the way to victory for individuals and for nations.

Our Preacher Says

Dr. E. Stanley Jones says: "There are five things a human being cannot stand: an empty, goalless universe; self-centeredness; anger; fear; and a sense of unresolved guilt. These things throw sand into the machinery of life. But Jesus taught the opposite of all these. He showed men God and heaven; he taught God-centeredness instead of self-centeredness; he substituted love for anger; faith and trust for fear; and he gave men a feeling of forgiveness found in repentance. He placed oil to life's machinery."

Clericus Says:

Clericus says: "Public morality is built on private morality. The government is never better than the people. A righteous nation will eventually have a righteous government and an unrighteous people will permit corruption to occur and continue. The wholesome social and political life is definitely connected with religious faith."

Church Forum

What is the difference between a religionist and a Christian?

A religionist is one that professes to have a religion as prescribed by a formal concept of a God or even of an idol god; he observes certain religious practices which he considers as the peculiar mark; he may be a church member with no Christian experience, depending on his church relations to get him into heaven. A Christian is one whose life corresponds to the Christian believers at Antioch where the word Christian was first used. A study of the first Christians furnish the description of a true Christian. They were Christ-centered, having surrendered their sins to Christ for pardon and themselves for service. In this surrender they were filled with the Holy Ghost and accepted the Great Commission. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Sunday Service

St. Mary's Church
Very Rev. Mgr. Seimetz, pastor
6 A.M. Low Mass
7:30 A.M. Low Mass
9:00 A.M. Children's Mass
10:15 A.M. High Mass
Holy Hour and Benediction Sunday afternoon 2:30.

Holy Communion Sundays
First Sunday, St. Agnes Sodality
Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.

Third Sunday, St. Mary's Society.
Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

First Presbyterian Church
Five Points, Decatur

A. C. E. Gillander, pastor
Church school, 9:30 a.m., Lewis Smith and Dick Heller, co-superintendents. Attention of all parents is called to this thought: Since the Christian education of the soul each week must be done in classes between 9:30 and 10:30 Sunday morning; and the secular education of the brain and body have five whole days of school; is it not as great a sin against your child to take him out of church school Sunday morning as it is to take him out of elementary or high school for five days?

Divine Worship 10:30 a.m. Music by the choir and Mrs. Kathryn Tyndall. The pastor will begin a New Life series on how to win people to Christ and the church. First, the person unaware of his own spiritual nature: "But I am not very religious, Reverend."

At Fort Wayne Third Church Sunday 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., a New Life Institute conducted by presbytery: all elders and members who want to do a job of personal evangelism are urged to go.

Because of World Friendship Guild meeting Wednesday evening with Mrs. L. E. Linn, the new curriculum prepared for parents of junior high school pupils will be held Tuesday October 18 in the Sunday school auditorium. All parents involved have been sent a special invitation to learn what their part is in the education of their children's souls and characters.

Parents of church school children between grades 4 and 6 inclusive will be invited for October 26. And for grades 1, 2, and 3 on November 2.

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8:30 a.m., "Christian Brotherhood Hour" Radio station WKJG 1380 on your dial.

9:30 a.m. Morning worship, Rev. J. Edgar Smith, evangelist, will be the guest speaker.

10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, general superintendent.

6:30 p.m. Shining Lights, Mrs. Edgar Frank, in Charge.

6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship, Mrs. Kenneth W. Watkins, President. Mrs. Guy Agler, Counselor.

7:30 p.m. Revival services, Rev. J. Edgar Smith, speaker.

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, state women's missionary convention opens convention call and president's message, Mrs. Frances Tallen, of Auburn, Indiana.

10:00 a.m. Miss Naomi Randall, home missionary, will speak on "Cooperation For a Christian Nation."

10:45 a.m. Miss Jewell Hall, returned missionary, will speak on "Africa."

12:00 p.m. Lunch.
1:15 p.m. "Music of All Nations."
1:45 p.m. Playlet, entitled "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Nellie." Sponsored by the Missionary Society of the Arrow Heights Church of God, of Anderson, Indiana.

2:30 p.m. Rev. Floyd Heintz, returned missionary, will be the speaker, he will speak on India.

3:00 p.m. Project pagant, Mrs. Everett Hartung.

3:30 p.m. "The Missionary Speaks" — Rev. Edgar Williams.
7:30 p.m. Rev. J. Edgar Smith, speaker.

Zion Lutheran Church
West Monroe and Eleventh Sts.
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor.
(We Preach A Changing Christ For A Changing World.)

"Is Your Religion Adequate?" shall be the sermon theme at both the 8 and 10:30 o'clock Services Sunday morning. The choir will appear in the 10:30 service singing "The Lord's Prayer," by Forsythe. Mr. Dave Embler will direct.

Bible Class and Sunday school will be held at 9:15 with classes for all ages taught by competent teachers. You are invited to enroll your child in our Sunday school if it has no church home.

The Walther League of Zion will attend the annual fall League Rally at Ohio City. The business meeting of the Inter-River zone will open at 3 p.m. Eastern Time at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. The Rally banquet will be held at 7 p.m. EST, at the YWCA in Van Wert.

The Married Couples Club will meet at 8 o'clock, in the church basement. The committee is planning a Halloween Party. All couples of the congregation and their friends are invited.

A Membership Class for adults will be conducted by the pastor beginning Monday evening, 7:30, in the church basement parlors. The lectures are open to the public. There is no cost involved and no obligation.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:00.

There will be no Sunday school Teachers' meeting on Thursday evening. The pastor must be absent from the city on business. Next Teachers' meeting November 3rd.

Saturday Bible school at 9:30 a.m.

First Methodist Church
Gerald H. Jones, minister
The Church at Study 9:30

A friendly welcome awaits you at the friendly Methodist Sunday School. Lowell Smith is the general superintendent. The classes will convene at the stated time.

The Church at Worship 10:20

The theme for the service of worship is taken from the Scripture appointed for the day, Matt. 22:34-46, and will be entitled "The Great Commandment." The Adult Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Krick, will sing the anthem by Rogers, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes." Mr. Lyman Hann will sing the solo.

Tuesday

The Young Adult Class will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Young, 916 Russell St., on Tuesday evening, Oct. 18th for a chili supper.

Wednesday

The stated meeting of this night will be held at usual. The service for prayer begins at 7:00. The theme for the evening is the parable found in Matt. 21:42-45, The Rejected Cornerstone. The Youth Choir will rehearse at 7:00; the Adult Choir at 7:45.

Thursday

From 2:30-8:30 the annual country fair of the W. S. C. S. will be held. A Cafeteria Supper will be served in the evening. There will be booths for baked goods, candy, hand work, fruits and vegetables, flapping, antiques, and a white elephant table. Miss Etta Mallonee is general chairman.

Bethany Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, minister
Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Lawrence Anspaugh, Superintendent. Everett Hutter and Vernon Custer, Asst. Superintendents. This is Promotion Day in the Sunday School and the Rally Day attendance is the goal for this Sunday.

Morning Worship 10:10. Denominational "Men's Day" is being observed. Mr. Elroy C. Faust of Urbana, Indiana, President of the Conference Brotherhood will be the speaker. Laymen of the church will preside at the service.

The Group Quarterly Conference Session will meet Sunday Afternoon and evening at the Linn Grove, Old Salem Church. All officials of the church should be present. The host church will serve an evening lunch. The afternoon session begins at 2:30. Mr. Moses Mahol of Sierre Leone will speak.

Reformation Day Service, Sunday evening 7:30 with Dr. Gerald Jones speaking. Those not attending the Group Conference are urged to attend this service.

The Kum Join Us Class Meeting has been postponed one week.

Midweek Service, Wednesday 7:00 o'clock.

The Annual "All Youth" Banquet will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the dining room of the church. Rev. Robert Hammond of the Baptist Church will speak and Dennis Norman will lead the group singing. All youth between the ages of 12 and 24 are invited to attend.

The Loyal Daughter Class will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 with Mrs. Clarence R. Smith.

Zion Evangelical and Reformed
William C. Feller, pastor.
Church School at 9:00 a.m. Wesley Lehman, Luther Class. James Stauffer, superintendents.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "Go Tell Great Things." Visitors are invited to worship in this service. A nursery will care for children up to the kindergarten age.

Senior choir rehearsal on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Phoebe Bible class meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Catechetical classes on Saturday morning: senior at 9, juniors at 10 a.m.

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Missionary Church
Tenth and Dayton
H. J. Welty, minister
Mervin Rupp, Supt.

9:00 to 11:00 Unified Services of Sunday School and Morning Worship. Duet, Rev. and Mrs. Welty. Message by the Pastor. This is Membership Sunday and new members will be received into the church.

7:00 Children's Gospel Hour.

7:00 M. Y. F.

7:30 Evening service, Hymn Sing and Chorus Time. Solo, Paul Harden. Message by the Pastor.

The Second Annual Bible Conference will be held Oct. 18-23, with Rev. Jared Gerig, Dean of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute as speaker. Services will be each evening at 7:30. On various evenings there will be music from the school.

Your Sunrise Chapel is on every morning at 7:15 from WKJG. A welcome is extended to you to each of these meetings.

Church of the Nazarene
North Seventh & Marshall Sts.
Ralph A. Carter, pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Glenn Habegger, superintendent.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. This will be a service in the interest of our Olivet Nazarene College at Kankakee, Ill. Prof. R. L. Lufford and the college Viking Quartet will be here to take charge of this service.

Junior Church, 11:00 a.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, "I Am Debtor."

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

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Young Peoples' Missionary Society at 1203 Patterson St. Leah Andrews, hostess.

Trinity
Evangelical United Brethren
Madison at Ninth
John E. Chambers, Minister

9:15 a.m.—Sunday School; Chalmers Barkley, Superintendent. This is our Rally Day, and you will find a hearty welcome in all our classes.

10:30 a.m.—Divine Worship. The service begins with the organ prelude, "Ein Feste Burg" played by Harold Mumma. The anthem by the senior choir, under the direction of Mr. Lyman Hann.

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rejection of Mr. Leland Neuen, will be "Seek Ye the Lord." The message by the minister will be "Seeking after God."

6:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship executive council meeting.

6:30 p.m.—Boys and girls, Youth, and Adult Fellowship meetings.

7:30 p.m.—The Evening service with the gospel message, "Unusual Methods."

Monday, 6:30 p.m.—Trustees' meeting in the church study.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.—Midweek service.

8:00 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

Thursday, 1:30 p.m.—Fall group conference and W.S.W.S. Institute at Union Chapel. Mrs. M. E. Raymond, Mrs. M. E. Reed, Dr. B. F. Smith, and Miss Justine Granner will speak at the afternoon service.

At the evening service (7:30), pictures of the Junior Camp of last summer will be shown; and Miss Granner will speak on "Passport to New China."

First Baptist Church
Robert H. Hammond, pastor

The Bible School session convenes at 9:15. All classes are growing, but yet there is room. Come and study God's Word with us. Ralph Kenworthy, Supt.

In the worship service at 10:30, the theme of the pastor's message will be, "Am I A Christian?" Mrs. David Embler will play "Autumn," by Chaminade, and "Schergino," by Beethoven; and will direct the choir in the singing of "Show Me Thy Task," by Stickles. All are invited to this inspiring service. Come early for a good seat.

Sunday night the joyous Gospel service will center around the theme, "The Guarantee of Accomplishment." There will be special music and an inspiring song service. You are welcome.

Monday night at 6:30 is the Men's Brotherhood meeting, a dinner meeting for all the men of the church. Rev. W. E. Borne of Bluffton will be the speaker. He is an interesting and challenging speaker, one whom you will all want to hear.

Wednesday at 7:00 is the choir rehearsal; at 8:00 the Prayer service, with discussion on the topic "Covenant Pledges"; and at 9:00 is a brief meeting of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School.

Friday night at 7:30 the Philathea class will meet at the home of Mrs. Dora Massonne. Her assistant is Miss Jessie Winnes, and the program chairman is Mrs. Maud Merriman. All members take note, please.

Book Review

Marriage and Sexual Harmony, Oliver M. Butterfield, Emerson Books, Inc., is a frank attempt to apply the truths to one of the neglected areas of human life. It is the author's attitude that is a wholesome antidote to prevalent sensational material. His simple vocabulary and explanation of basic principles enables couples to solve their own problems or to explain their difficulty intelligently to a physician who may assist them.

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