



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

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

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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 even 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.

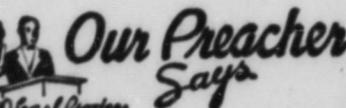
National repentance depends upon individual repentance. Let no one blame those in authority alone; the free and even the wicked choices of men to further his own righteous purposes.

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



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."

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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. 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. Giffander, 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; it is 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 8:30 p.m., New

Life Institute conducted by presby

teries: all elders and members who

want to do a job of personal eva

gelism are urged to go.

Because of World Friendship

Guild meeting Wednesday evening

with Mrs. L. E. Linn, the new cur

riculum preview for parents of ju

nior high school pupils will be held

Wednesday October 18 in the Sunday

school auditorium. All parents in

volved have been sent a special in

vitiation to learn what their part

is in the education of their chil

dren's souls and characters.

Parents of church school chil

dren between grades 4 and 6 in

clusive will be invited for October

26. And for grades 1, 2, and 3 on

November 2.

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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 superin

dent.

6:30 p.m. Shining Lights, Mrs.

Evelyn Frank, in charge

6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Mrs. Kenneth W. Watkins, Presi

dent Mrs. Guy Agler, Counselor

7:30 p.m. Revival services, Rev.

J. Edgar Smith, speaker.

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9:30 a.m. Tuesday, state women's

missionary convention opens con

vention call and president's mes

sage. Mrs. Frances Tallen, of Au

burn, Indiana.

10:00 a.m. Miss Naomi Randall,

home missionary, will speak on

"Cooperation For a Christian Na

tion."

10:45 a.m. Miss Jewell Hall, re

turned 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."

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ciet of the Arrow Heights Church

of God, of Anderson, Indiana.

2:30 p.m. Rev. Floyd Heinly, re

turned Missionary, will be the

speaker, he will speak on India.

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