



SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:41; 42:5-9; 54:6; 60:1-3; Luke 4:14-21.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 46:1-11.

God Our Comfort

Lesson for November 6, 1942

AS THE ENGLISH language keeps on changing, words do not always keep on meaning what they once did. "Comfort" is one of these. When our Bible was translated into English in 1611, the translation most English-speaking people use, the word "comfort" had a bigger meaning than most people put into it nowadays. We think of it as meaning soothing; but it is a bigger idea than that. God is not merely a soothing God. We think of "comfort" as meaning to make comfortable; but it is a stouter word than that. God does not always make his people comfortable. The word means to strengthen, to steel against fear and despair, to put backbone into people.



Dr. Foreman

"Fear Not, O Worm!"

AT THE TIME of the prophecies we study this week, the Israelites had been kicked around a good deal. They had felt the conqueror's boots, they were discouraged, as all good people are when somehow God seems to be letting evil forces triumph. Their little world had split wide apart, their little nation had been blown to the winds.

To those people, torn by terrors and bowed down by wretchedness, people who were in serious danger of developing a once-for-all "inferiority complex," people who were about to lose all their backbone, the great prophet brings his messages: "Comfort ye my people, saith your God."

The whole idea is in this one sentence (Is. 41:14): "Fear not, O worm Jacob! . . . I am your helper, saith the Lord."

God does not indulge his people in foolish pride. Beside the Almighty they are worms, insects. Nevertheless, worm though he may be, the man who trusts in God will not be afraid. He will trust in his own powers, he will trust in luck, he will trust in God.

A worm by itself is nothing; but with God on his side, the weakest of men can say with Paul, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" God's men do not get their courage up by flexing their muscles or admiring themselves. They grow in courage as they grow in the knowledge of God.

Goodness And Power

ANY ONE who saw "Edward, My Son" will remember the tragedy of that family. A boy's character went slowly to pieces, because his father was determined that nothing should be too good for him. To gain his purpose the father ran roughshod over everyone who stood in his way, and eventually ruined the lives of all around him, including his son's and his own. The mother, on the other hand, could see, as the father could not, what his indulgence was doing to the boy, making him a weakling and a rat. But she was too weak to stand up against her husband, and her life too was ruined. That story is a kind of parable.

The prophet reveals a God who is both powerful and good; but suppose God were only good but not powerful, or only powerful but not good? Then the world would be in a mess, as that boy Edward was in a mess.

But these three are all in the same God. A God who is power only, might do as Edward's father did, destroy his children without even intending to do so. A God who is goodness only, might want to do right by his world yet not be able to do so, like Edward's mother. A God who knew what was right but neither wanted nor was able to do much about it, would not be a God at all.

God Is Not Weary

SUPPOSE GOD were indeed powerful, good and wise, and yet grew tired from time to time? Suppose all God's good qualities came and went, unpredictably, like the wind on a spring day?

No; God is the Maker and Keeper of Promises, the Covenant God. He does not grow faint or weary; that is our anchor of comfort.

The earth changes, and men with it; but the Word of the Lord abides forever. His "covenant of peace" does not waver. We do not need to lean gingerly on the Almighty. He will bear all our weight.

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RURAL CHURCHES

St. Paul and Winchester
U.B. Circuit
Dale Osborn, pastor.

St. Paul:
Worship 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sermon by Rev. Paul Parker 7 p.m.
Quarterly business meeting Monday 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting, Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Winchester:
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Class meeting 10:30 a.m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Linn Grove Christian Church
Homer Studebaker, pastor
Sunday School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:30
Lester Reynolds, Superintendent
November 13, Rally Day-Basket Dinner.

Monroe Methodist Church
W. L. Hall, pastor
9:30 Morning Worship, Gordon W. Hirschy, speaker
10:30 Sunday School
6:45 M.Y.F.
7:30 Evening Service
Wednesday: 7:30 Mid-week Service
8:15 Choir practice
W.S.C.S. all day meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m., Thursday

Rivarre Circuit
U.B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, Pastor.
Mt. Zion.

9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Preaching service
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting
Pleasant Grove.
9:00 a.m. Sunday school
10:00 a.m. Class meeting
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor
8:00 p.m. Preaching service
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting
Mt. Victory.
9:00 a.m. Sunday school
10:00 a.m. Class Meeting
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Albert N. Straley, pastor
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. under the direction of Lloyd Lichtenberger, Superintendent. The lesson will be, "God Comforts His People."

The Morning Worship Service will be in charge of the pastor, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The sermon theme for the morning will be "Christian Citizenship." The new Young People's Choir will furnish special music.

Antioch United Missionary
L. W. Null, Pastor
John Arnold, Supt.

Sunday school 9:30.
Morning worship 10:30.
Evening service 7:00.

Our revival will continue each night next week at 7:30. The ministry of Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Bacon have been appreciated very much. Come and hear them throughout next week. Children's night Friday night.

Come and worship with us and feast with us on the good things of the Lord.

Methodist Circuit
Walter Johnson, pastor
Pleasant Valley

Sunday school 9:30, Raymond Teple, supt.

Prayer meeting 7:30 Thursday, Mt. Pleasant

Sunday school 9:30 C. A. Sheets, supt.

Morning worship 10:45.
Prayer meeting 7:30.
Beulah Chapel

Sunday school 9:30, Don Shady, Supt.

Prayer meeting—go to Antioch, Supt.

Worship service 7:30 p.m.
Revival service starts at Bobo Nov. 9. Every one come and bring your neighbor. There will be service every night including Saturday night through Nov. 20. Dean Freed from Bristol, Ind., will be the guest speaker.

Homemaking Tips

by Anna K. Williams

Cleaning Silverware

Do you enjoy using your silverware, but not use it very often because it is so hard to keep clean? Using silver often and giving it a little special care will keep it in the best condition. It should not be used as utility spoons and forks at the range.

The homemaker should thoroughly wash all silverware as soon as possible after using it. The water should be hot with thick suds and each piece of silver washed individually with a soft cloth. The silver then should be rinsed in hot, clear water and carefully dried with a soft towel while still warm.

Rubber, salt, eggs, gases and smoke cause tarnish on silver. If it is used often and thoroughly washed, it does not have as much chance to tarnish and the homemaker may not need to clean it more often than once a month or just for special occasions. When it is necessary, she should use a good grade of silver polish. If she does not have one, the dealer from whom she purchased the silver may recommend one.

When polishing the silver the homemaker should rub each piece lengthwise, and not crosswise or with a circular motion. After cleaning, the silver should be washed in hot soap suds, rinsed in clear, hot water and carefully dried with a soft towel.

Silver should be stored in drawers or chests lined with a tarnish-preventive fabric, and should be as air tight as possible. For convenient arrangement, these drawers should have built-in racks or dividers.

Color Scheme

What colors would give a pleasing effect in my living room? Selecting that color scheme is not as difficult as some homemakers might think.

The color which has been selected to be used throughout the house should be repeated. At the present time, green ranks number one as this color, because it is a neutral color and is easy to combine with others. The safest way for a homemaker to build a color scheme for a certain room, is to plan from a multi-colored drapery fabric, wallpaper, a picture, rug or an upholstery material. She sometimes has one of these as a starting point, perhaps, a figured rug, with which she wants other colors to harmonize. The homemaker should look at the rug to see the different colors in it and repeat them in the draperies, upholstery and wall treatment.

If she were buying new draperies to use with a plain rug and plain wall which she already has, she might select a fabric in several colors. The fabric should have in it the colors which are on the wall and floor. If she needs and wants a third color, the figured multi-colored drapery will suggest it.

One of these three colors should be dominant, using it many times in varying hues, values and intensities. The large furnishings, like walls, rug and large furniture should be dull, while the small



Dye falls on Smith's chute . . .



And Smith grabs hold of line.

ones can be brighter. The brightness can be in flowers in either drapery fabric, slip covers, vase or one upholstered chair.

If a room has many windows and appears rather bright, the homemaker can use medium to dark colors on her walls and floor. If the room is dark, with perhaps only one window, the light colors are better. Some colors are considered advancing, like red, orange and yellow. The colors which seem farthest away are greens, blues and lavenders.

By taking advantages of this, the homemaker can make large rooms seem smaller and more friendly, and small rooms larger and more spacious, and narrow ones look wider.

A change of color involves design. It is well for the homemaker to remember that this room may have one area with bold figures such as large roses, one small all-over pattern, one stripe or plaid, and the rest plain colors.

Charge Woman With Allowance Frauds

Logansport, Ind., Nov. 4 — (UP) — Mrs. Rose B. Fuqua, 24, was held in Cass county jail today for federal authorities who accused her of marrying two soldiers during the war and drawing government allowances from both.

Mrs. Fuqua, arrested as she visited relatives at New Waverly, Ind., yesterday, allegedly married Victor Temcoff in 1942, and Virgil Fuqua in 1944. The FBI said she drew two dependency allowances for a 20-month period beginning July 1, 1941.

FBI agency Harvey G. Foster said Mrs. Fuqua divorced her first husband in Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1945, but remarried Fuqua later that year. She was arrested on a complaint filed with the U. S. commissioner at Chattanooga last Oct. 6.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

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Pfc. Charles Dye (left) says "Thanks" to Sgt. Marvin Smith.

PFC. CHARLES J. DYE of Akron, O., is alive today because of quick thinking by Sgt. Marvin O. Smith of Huntsville, Ala., who saved him from a death fall at Eglin Field, Fla. During practice paratroop leap from C-52 transport their parachutes collapsed, but Smith's opened again. Dye hurtled down on it. Dye fell on by, and Smith grabbed Dye's shroudlines, held on and they descended safely. Smith is recommended for Soldier's medal. (International Soundphoto)

Men's Brotherhood Will Meet Tonight

The Rev. Earl Ensminger will speak at a meeting of the Nuttman Ave. United Brethren men's brotherhood at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the church. Rev. Ensminger, recently returned from the Sierra Leone region in Africa, will speak and show pictures of mission activities in that area. The meeting is open to the public.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur



Brownie troop 4 met at the Lincoln school Tuesday afternoon. The girls' mothers were guests at the investiture ceremony. The Brownie promise was given and the girls received their pins. Refreshments were then served, after which the meeting closed with the Brownie arch.

Patricia Faurote, scribe

HOSPITAL Notes

Admitted: Mrs. Betty J. Miller, Decatur; Mrs. Marie Eckhardt, route 1; Corwin Eneichen, Geneva; Mrs. Hattie Andrews.

Dismissed: Mrs. Richard Hake and baby girl, Rebecca Arlene; Mrs. Luther Lehman, Pennville.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brann are the parents of a baby girl, born at 2:15 o'clock this morning at the Adams county memorial hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grote at 12:40 a.m. today at the local hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.

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