

Discussion Questions on S.S. Lesson

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, God Comforts His People, for Sunday, November 6.

1. How may our strength be renewed?
2. What is the significance of God holding our right hand?
3. What are some of the causes today of discouragement?
4. How may they be overcome?
5. What reasons have we for believing in a personal God?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

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Jadah was greatly discouraged but Isaiah declares that God is strong enough to lift man out of any trouble.

V. 27. "Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, and my judgment is passed over from my God?" Israel was saying that God did not know what was happening to him and that God was not giving him his just deserts. There were agnostics who said, "My way is hid from Jehovah;" there were also cynics who said, "The justice due me is passed away from my God." An agnostic and cynic is first a doubter of God.

V. 28. "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding." The God who made the world does not get tired nor take a nap. He has perfect insight concerning everything that is taking place, hence, he understands the condition and needs of his creatures in every detail.

V. 29. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increases strength." In some mysterious way, God can turn weakness into strength, fear into courage, despair into hope.

V. 30. "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall stumble because of weakness; but God's omnipotent power is always the same, and his power is available for us all."

V. 31. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and faint not." Here are three speeds, flying, running, and walking, the speed depending upon the power generated while waiting on the Lord; but in all three speeds, the Lord is present to empower and to deliver. Too many run away from the Lord when in communion with him and he does not have a chance to do in and

for the soul that which gives inward grace.

V. 10. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with my right hand." God's righteous hand can be depended upon to give needed help and strength, for our God is a real God, strong and mighty to deliver.

V. 11. "Behold all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish." The expressions of the fate of Israel's enemies are very emphatic. As Israel would grow strong through God's help, so her enemies would grow weak because of God's disfavor.

V. 12. "Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even they that contended with thee." The enemies of Israel will so utterly disappear that one can not find even if he searches for them.

V. 13. "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; for I will help thee." God helps people by making their difficulties to disappear and by imparting courage and strength to overcome them. We may build absolutely on God's word for it is a divine word; it is the word of One whose faithfulness can not fail; it is the word of One whose compassion is well proved.

V. 1. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." This is a prophetic utterance, used by Christ in his early ministry. It is the summary of the work of Jesus. Good tidings is the good news of the gospel; the broken-hearted are those, greatly grieved because of sin, whom Jesus heals; the captives are those, bound by sin, who

V. 2. "To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn." The acceptable year is the year of Jehovah's favor. The coming destruction of Jerusalem would be the day of vengeance.

V. 3. A crown of glory is promised to take the place of ashes. The source of the righteousness of the trees of this verse suggest trees planted by God in that he is the redeemer.

If I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die." In Acts 20:28 are these words: "The church of God, which He (Christ) hath purchased with his own blood." Many texts conclusively prove that Christ was lifted up and that His blood was shed up on the cross. By virtue of this shedding of His blood, men were drawn to Him. Being drawn, they were saved, being saved, they were made full-fledged members of His church, Acts 2:47.

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LESSON PRAYER:
Lesson prayer: We are grateful for a God of comfort who strengthens and sustains us in all times. We would praise thee continually, and having done our best in thy service, commit results to thee. Grant that we shall co-operate with God that together we may meet the hardest situations and overcome what may be called the impossible.

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

9:30 a. m. Morning Worship, sermon: "THE KISS OF GOD"

10:30 a. m. Church School, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, general superintendent

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

7:30 p. m. Regular Sunday evening services, Sermon: "When We Hide God's Face"

6:30 p. m. Wednesday, Girls Choir Practice

7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Regular Mid-week Prayer Meeting

8:30 p. m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

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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. High Mass.

Holy Hour and Benediction Sunday afternoon 2:30.

Solemn closing of Forty Hours devotion Sunday evening, 7:30.

Holy Communion Sundays

First Sunday, St. Agnes Sodality

Second Sunday, Holy Name Society

Third Sunday, St. Mary's Society.

Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

Zion Evangelical and Reformed

William C. Fetter, Pastor.

Church School at 9:00 a.m. Wesley Lehman, Luther Class, James Stauffer, superintendents.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Sermon: "When Not Paying Attention Brings Victory." There is a nursery during the worship hour, for children up to the kindergarten age. Visitors are always welcome, and people without a church home are especially invited to worship in this service.

Youth Fellowship regional conference at St. Matthew's E & R Church, Wabash, Ind., Sunday afternoon at 3:30 and evening at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Tennyson Guyer will be the speaker.

Official Board meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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

Women's Guild meeting on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Catechetical classes on Saturday morning: seniors at 9, Juniors at 10 a.m.

Come and worship with us.

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. Message: "Deliverance From Distress."

Junior Church, 10:45 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: "Moral Insanity."

Monday 7:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting.

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

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Young People's Missionary Society.

Missionary Church

Tenth and Dayton St.

H. J. Welty, minister

9:00-11:00 Unified service. Merwin Rupp, supt. During this time we will have with us as special guests Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Shank missionaries to Africa. During this service they will appear in their native costumes and will also bring the missionary message of the morning.

7:00 Children's Gospel hour.

7:00 MYF meeting

7:30 Evening service. This is the closing service of the Missionary Convention. Rev. Jess Neuenchwander will be showing moving pictures of their work in the Dominican Republic and giving the closing message of the Convention.

Wed. 7:30 — Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

The public is cordially invited to attend all of our services.

Bethany Church

Evangelical United Brethren

F. H. Willard, minister

Sunday School 9:15 a. m.

Morning Worship 10:15 a. m.

Miss Ruth Dietzel of Tiffin, Ohio will speak at this service which is sponsored by the Women's Society of World Service. This service is the annual Thank offering Service.

Evening Service 7:00 p. m.

A new film showing our missionary work among the Spanish speaking people of New Mexico will be presented.

Midweek Service 7:00 o'clock. The meditation will center on a favorite hymn and related verse.

The Dutiful Daughters Class will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Ernest Foreman.

First Methodist Church

Gerald H. Jones, pastor

The Church at Study

9:30

All the classes will assemble promptly for the study of the Scriptures. The School is closely graded with proper lessons written and prepared for each grade. A friendly welcome awaits you at the friendly Sunday School Class. Lowell Smith is General Superintendent.

The Church at Worship

10:20

A special Thank Offering service will be conducted in recognition of the work being carried forward by the Woman's Society of the Church. Miss Marie Adams, missionary to China for many years, will be the guest speaker. The Ladies Choir will sing two anthems: "O Saviour of the World" by Pears and "Alleluia" by Mozart. The Scripture appointed for the day is that found in Eph. 6:10-17.

The Youth Program

6:00

The Youth will assemble promptly at 6:00. In all three of the groups the religious film "Man of Faith" will be shown along with the hymn "Faith of our Fathers."

The Evening Service

7:30

A special evening service is planned for the whole congregation. At the close of the devotional period, conducted by the pastor, the plans for remodeling will be publicly shown for the first time. The stewards have been busy all week inviting the friends and members of the church to this special called meeting of the congregation.

Tuesday

The Young Adult Class, taught by Dr. Jones, will meet at the home of Robert Smitley for a social hour.

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At 7:00, the service for prayer will be conducted by the pastor upon the parable in Matt. 25:1-13.

At 7:00, the Youth Choir will meet for rehearsal.

At 7:45, the Adult Choir will rehearse.

At 8:00, the full Official Board will meet in its regular meeting to consider future plans and actions.

At 9:00, the Executive Committee of the Committee on Finance will meet.

Thursday

At 2:30, the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet in the Church Parlors. Mrs. Burdette Custer will conduct the devotional period. Mrs. Clifford Saylor has charge of the lesson. The theme of the meeting is: "A Winsome Call—Pakistan." The Executive Committee meets at 1:45.

Friday

The Builders Class will have a family pot luck Thanksgiving supper at 6:30. Entertainment will be provided for the children. Families are to bring their own service. The committee members are: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Norman, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schultz.

Sunday, November 13th

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First Presbyterian Church

A. C. E. Gillander, pastor

Church School, 9:30 A. M. Lewis Smith and Dick Heller, co-superintendents. Parents, keep your children as regular in attendance at church school as at grade school.

Church worship, 10:30 A. M., American Education Week, looking toward Armistice Day. Sermon subject, "The Worth of the Individual," basic concept of Democracy. The choir will sing, "This Is My Country," (Waring's arrangement), and Mrs. Kathryn Tyndall will sing, "In Flanders Field."

There will be a picture taken to illustrate "The Church at Work" for the every-member canvass turnover charts, during Sunday School and at the evening service.

Praise Service, 7:30 P. M., with ladies of the church putting on the program. All organizations and members of the congregation are urged to be present. A playlet, "Every Christian — A Fulfiller of God's Design," will feature the worship.

Choir practice, Wednesday 7:00 o'clock sharp. Members of the Bethany E. U. B. choir will be present to work with us for the Tuesday night of Spiritual Emphasis Week. Every Presbyterian member with ability to sing in the choir should put his church choir above any other organization, and praise the divine Giver

of his voice.

Because of the meeting of Guild, there will be no Parent-teachers meeting this week. Guild meets with Mrs. Clarence Ziner, 416 Adams Street, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.

Women, remember your "Peace for Peace" for World Community Day, November 16.

And all members, remember Spiritual Emphasis Week November 13-20, inclusive. Give church priority. All services will be held in the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Third and Jackson Streets.

Zion Lutheran Church

West Monroe and Eleventh Streets

Edgar P. Schmidt, pastor

(We Preach a Changeless Christ To A Changing World)

Worship Services will be conducted at 8 and 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning, the Twenty-first Sunday after the Festival of the Holy Trinity.

The Choir will appear Sunday in the early Service at 8 o'clock, singing: "To Thee We Sing," by Peter D. Tkach, under the direction of Dave Embler.

Bible Class and Sunday School meet at 9:15. There are classes for all ages instructed by trained and consecrated teachers.

Monday — 7:00 P. M. The Adult membership class meets in the Church basement. Lecture topic is: "The Doctrine of God."

Tuesday — 7 P. M. — The Waltham League meets for its monthly business and educational meeting. Leaguers will please read the Book