



DEVOTIONAL READING: I Peter 2:25. SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 42:1-4; 50: 4-6; 52:13-53:12; Jeremiah 38:1-12.

Love So Amazing

Lesson for November 13, 1949

LONG AGO riding in his slow chariot through the southern sands, a puzzled reader with Isaiah 53 in his hands asked the question other readers have asked ever since: Does the prophet speak of himself or of some other? The answer given by Philip (see Acts 8) has been the answer of the church ever since: This prophecy can be understood only in the light from Calvary's Cross. Philip did not say, and we need not insist, that the prophet had Jesus, and Jesus only, in mind when he wrote.

What we do say is that while these words might have described some one the prophet knew, might have described the whole nation of Israel, might even have described himself, still the words make but a poor picture of any one else, compared with the picture they make of Jesus.

The Scarlet Thread

ISAIAH 53 has been in the center of the church's thinking about Christ from the beginning. It may be said to run like a scarlet thread through the New Testament. It was in the back of the minds of Paul and John and Peter alike. This great prophecy sheds a light on what otherwise had been a black opaque blot—the death of Christ.

What would otherwise be simply a horrible tragedy, perhaps the greatest tragedy of history, the perfect case of complete injustice, the final evidence that there is no God, in the light of Isaiah 53 becomes a center of glory.

Instead of being ashamed of the cross on which Jesus died, the church sings, "In the cross of Christ I glory." . . . "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

We believe that Christ suffered not for his own but for others' sake. Suffering, not forced but willingly undergone, suffering not as mere pain but that others might be saved, suffering on behalf of others and for love of them—this is the key to the riddle of existence, this is the key to the heart of God.

Not Christ Alone

If CHRIST'S MEN had refused to follow where he led, if all Christians had been willing to let him carry, alone, the burden of the world's sin and grief, there never would have been any Christianity—for there would never have been any Christians. Peter and James and the rest of the apostles would have refused to die for Jesus' sake. The noble army of martyrs would have been an ignoble army of cowards.

No missionary ever would have left home and comforts and country; no mother would have laid down her life for her children; the unselfish service of those who have cared for the sick and the orphaned would never have been done; indeed, had no one ever been willing to suffer for the benefit of others, one wonders whether the world could have even held together this long.

Christ died that the world might live, yes; but others also had to die to make his death avail. He died for Africa, that Africans might live; but Africans died till men like Livingston and Schweitzer and many a less famous man and woman also went out and lived there in loneliness and died in pain.

Christ died for the little children of the poor, but until the Salvation Army and others like them went down into the slums and suffered there with and for them, those poor little people died without so much as dreaming that God might love them.

Christ died for all the lepers in the world; but until a Father Damien, and others no less Christ-like, went among the outcast lepers and became outcasts themselves for the love of Christ, those lepers died in the dark.

"Let Him Take His Own Cross Daily"

YES. Isaiah 53 pictures the self-sacrifice of our Lord, above all. But any one who has any intention of being a true servant of God must be willing to find his own life-direction right here. The world does not need more pain; it does need those who will suffer pain to serve others in Christ's name.

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RURAL CHURCHES

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

Sunday School 9:30.
Morning Worship 10:30.
Evening Service 7:00.

Sunday is the closing day of our Revival. Come to the House of the Lord and feast your soul upon the good things of the Lord.

Come and worship with us. You are welcome in any or all of our services.

Linn Grove Christian Church

Homer Studabaker, minister

Rally Day & Home-Coming

Sunday School 9:30.

Church at Worship 10:30.

Men's Chorus.

Girls Trio of Monroeville singing.

Board dinner in basement at 12 o'clock.

Afternoon program 1:30.

Prelude—Mrs. Dorothy Owens.

Congregation—Hymn.

Trio—Monroeville girls.

Reading—L. J. Montague.

Six Mile—Ladies Chorus.

Rally Day 5 minute talk—Mark Athan.

Men's Quartet West Missionary Church.

Trumpet Solo—Dawn Runyon.

Home-coming 5 minute talk.

Methodist Circuit

Walter Johnson, pastor

Pleasant Valley

Worship Service 9:30.

Sunday School 10:45.

Beulah Chapel

Worship Service 10:45.

Sunday School 9:30.

Mt. Pleasant

Sunday School 9:30.

Mt. Tabor

Sunday School 9:30.

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Saw Mill Operator Is Killed By Board

Brazil, Ind., Nov. 11. —(UP)—A Centerpoint saw mill operator was killed yesterday when he was struck in the face and chest by a flying board. Tillman Lints, 41, received a broken neck when a board he had sawed caught in the saw and was whipped through the air.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADAMS COUNTY CENTRAL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Adams County, Central Consolidated School Corp., of Adams County, Indiana, that the School Board Members will meet at the office of the Public School Superintendent of Adams County, Indiana, at the Court House, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. on 17th day of November, 1949, to consider the following additional appropriations which said officers consider necessary to meet the extraordinary emergency existing at this time:

An appropriation of the funds of said School Corporation in the amount of four thousand six hundred (\$4,600.00) dollars to provide for the cost of purchase of twenty (20) acres of real estate located in the South one-half of Section 33, Township 27, North, Range 14, East, in Adams County, Indiana, which piece of real estate fronts on U. S. Highway 121 and runs parallel therewith, containing approximately eighty (80) rods in width and a distance of forty (40) rods in depth being a rectangular piece of real estate abutting on the corporation line of the Town of Monroe, Indiana, and for the costs of surveying, platting, recording and an abstract of title, and for legal services in connection therewith.

Said sum of money in the amount of four thousand six hundred (\$4,600.00) dollars shall be appropriated from the Cumulative Building Fund which will be held in the hands of the treasurer of the Adams County Central Consolidated School Corp.

Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon and any additional appropriations as finally made will be automatically referred to the State Board Tax Commissioners, which Board will hold a future hearing within fifteen (15) days at the County Auditor's office, Indianapolis, Indiana, at such other place as may be designated. At such hearing taxpayers objecting to any such additional appropriations from said Cumulative Building Fund may be heard and interested taxpayers may inquire of the County Auditor when and where such meeting will be held.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1949.

Homer Arnold, President
Glenn Workinger, Secretary
John P. Johnsburner, Treasurer
Howard Gilliom
H. H. High
Gordon M. Liechty
Floyd Mitchel
S. C. Board Members

D. Burdette Custer
Attorney for School Corporation

NOV. 4-11

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

Sunday school 9:15 a.m.
Christian Endeavor 7 p.m.
Sermon 7:30 p.m.
Choir practice Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

Prayer meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Winchester

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

Sermon 10:30 a.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Pleasant Mills Baptist Church

D. B. Gehres, pastor

Lowell Null, supt.

9:30 — Bible school. Lesson: "The Suffering Servant."

10:30 — Worship service, Sermon: "God's Covenants With Man."

"I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God." — Abraham Lincoln.

Monroe Methodist Church

W. L. Hall, pastor

9:30 Morning worship—speaker: Rev. Vernon Riley.

10:30 Sunday school.

6:45 M. Y. F.

7:30 Evening service.

Wednesday: 7:30 mid-week service.

8:15 Choir practice.

St. Luke Reformed Church

Honduras

H. H. Meckstroth, minister

9:00 Worship Service. Thanksgiving offering service for the Girls' Guild and the Women's Guild will be held with Mrs. Henry Moser, a former missionary to Africa as the speaker.

10:00 Sunday school.

7:00 Youth Fellowship.

Thursday—An all-day meeting of the Women's Guild.

Friday 7:30—Thanksgiving Fellowship Night.

Calvary Evangelical
United Brethren

Albert N. Straley, pastor

Sunday School 9:30 A. M. The lesson will be "The Suffering Servant," from the prophecy of Isaiah.

The superintendent, Lloyd Lichtenberger, will direct the school. Classes

are provided for all ages.

10:30 prayer meeting will be held with the class leader, James O. Darr, in charge.

Evening service of worship will begin at 7:00 P. M. with the pastor conducting the service. The sermon theme will be "Preparation for Emergencies."

Midweek prayer service is held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. with choir practice following at 8:30.

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