



SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 8:4-7; 29: 21.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 51: 1-13.

## Personal Religion

Lesson for December 11, 1949

ELECTRICITY was discovered long ago, but there are millions of people today who never use it and don't know anything about it. Modern plumbing has been in use ever since most of us were born; but most human beings still walk for their water instead of getting it from pipes. All inventions take quite a while to get around. So it is in the realm of the spirit. Jeremiah the prophet, it has been said, is the "man who discovered the individual." But 2700 years after his time, the individual needs rediscovering. Even in the church, some people live and act as if Jeremiah's discovery had never been made.



Dr. Foreman

## A Man Stands Alone

ALTHOUGH JEREMIAH was a priest and aristocrat by birth, his own class disowned him. The story in Jeremiah 26 shows dramatically why this was. He predicted doom for his nation, and since his own "upper-bracket" people were the nation's leaders, they considered Jeremiah's attitude not only unpatriotic but a downright personal insult.

If it had been left to the priests and the official prophets, the day of Jeremiah's sermon at the temple would have been his last. To put it bluntly, the difference between Jeremiah and all the other "prophets" and priests could be put this way: He knew the nation was too rotten to last, but they thought it was plenty good enough.

They probably could have agreed with him that a wicked nation deserves divine punishment; only they could see nothing wrong with Judah.

## Religion by Proxy?

THEY were mistaken many ways. Mistake number one: They thought the Temple, with all that went on in it, was much more important to God than it really was. The whole business—Temple, white-robed priests, chanting choirs, the burning of animals, the incense and the mystic lights—it had become in their eyes a sort of immense good-luck charm. They thought: Surely God will not destroy a city that contains this Temple!

But Jeremiah saw through that mistake. Institutions, rituals, organizations, ceremonies, sacraments, these are all simply means to an end, they have no value in themselves. Everything we call "public worship" is good only if and so far as it lifts and cleanses the spirits of the worshippers and brings them nearer God.

The most perfect and impressive worship, engaged in by those whose hearts are evil, becomes a blasphemy. A fine church is no substitute for fine people. A beautiful worship program will not conceal from God's eye unbeautiful souls. Mistake number two: The priests and prophets supposed there was such a thing as religion by proxy. They thought the priests by carrying on their duties could take care of the situation.

## God writes on the heart

ANOTHER MISTAKE made by those poor fools of false prophets and priests was in supposing they had the Law of God, when all they had was two tables of stone shut up in a box (1 Kings 8:9). They were proud of those tables of stone, they were the Commandments of God, and they were guarded most carefully in the Holy of Holies in the Temple. Surely, God would not destroy the city that possessed the Sacred Law! But Jeremiah knew better. In the long run, the only place the Law of God does real good is when it is written on the heart.

In Jeremiah's most famous prophecy (chap. 31) he looks forward to the day when God's handwriting shall be not on tables of stone but on human hearts. That prophecy is being fulfilled day by day as persons turn their hearts to the Lord and open the book of their lives that God may write his laws there.

Yet how many people have never learned this truth! Having a great tradition is good; owning and reading the Bible is good; but it is not the Bible on the shelf that counts, not carrying a testament in the pocket, but the Word of God "hid in the heart" of those who know, love and do what God desires.

## Rural Churches

**Monroe Methodist**  
W. L. Hall, minister  
9:30 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by Dr. A. W. Pugh.  
10:30 a. m. Sunday school.  
6:15 p. m. M. Y. F.  
7 p. m. Zurcher's accordion band. A free will offering will be received.  
Wednesday 7 p. m. Mid-week service. 7:45, choir practice.  
Thursday 7 p. m. Christmas program.  
The public is invited to all of these services.

**Calvary Evangelical United Brethren**  
Albert N. Straley, pastor  
We will feature an illustrated worship service Sunday evening at 7 p. m. The title is "Christmas in Bethlehem." Everyone is cordially invited.  
The morning service will begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. under the direction of Lloyd Lichtenberger, superintendent. The lesson is entitled "Jeremiah teaches Personal Religion."  
Following Sunday school, the prayer service will be held with the class leader, James Darr, in charge.

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Sermon 7:30 p. m.  
Choir practice, Tues. 6:45 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Tues. 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 Nell, supt.  
9:30 — Bible School Lesson: "Jeremiah Teaches Personal Religion."  
10:30 — Worship service. Sermon: "The Dispensations." This is a continuation of last Sunday's message.  
"The greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice."

**St. Luke Reformed Church**  
Honduras  
H. H. Meckstroth, minister  
9:00 Worship Service.  
10:00 Sunday School.  
7:00 Youth Fellowship.  
Thursday — An all-day meeting of the Women's Guild.  
Thursday — Girls' Guild pot-luck supper at 6:30. This will be the Christmas meeting.

**Methodist Circuit**  
Walter Johnson, pastor  
Mt. Tabor  
Sunday School 9:30.  
Morning Service 10:45.  
Prayer meeting Thurs. 7:00.  
Mt. Pleasant  
Morning Service 9:30.  
Sunday School 10:30.  
Beulah Chapel  
Sunday School 9:30.  
Morning Service 10:45.  
Prayer meeting Wed. 7:00.  
Pleasant Valley  
Sunday School 10:30.  
Communion 9:30.  
Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rom. 12:11.

**Pleasant Grove**  
9:00 a. m. Sunday school.  
10:00 a. m. Preaching Service.  
7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.  
7:30 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.  
Mt. Victory  
9:00 a. m. Sunday school.

10:00 a. m. Class meeting.  
7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.  
8:00 p. m. Preaching service.  
7:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

## Union Chapel

Evangelical United Brethren Church  
Lawrence T. Norris, pastor  
9:30 Sunday School, T. I. Drew supt.  
10:20 Worship.  
Evening Service  
6:45 Junior C. E. Mrs. Carl Hurst.  
6:45 Adult C. E. Nile Williamson, Pres.  
6:45 Youth Fellowship, Janet Brown, Pres.  
7:30 Worship service.

**Wednesday Evening**  
7:30 Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening.  
Our revival is still in progress and may continue into next week. Let us join together in this battle against sin and win our friends to God.

**Rivarre Circuit**  
U. B. Church  
L. A. Middaugh, pastor  
Mt. Zion  
9:30 a. m. Sunday school.  
10:30 a. m. Class meeting.  
7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.  
7:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

## Break Ground Tuesday For Calumet Center

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 9. — (UP)—Ground will be broken next Tuesday for construction of a new \$450,000 Calumet center of Purdue University. It was announced today by chairman E. D. Anderson of a citizens' committee in charge of raising funds for the project. President Frederick L. Hovde will turn the first spade of earth, assisted by the mayors of Lake county's cities. Among guests invited was Governor Schickler.

## Herald Bailey In Purdue Honorary

Herald Bailey, route 6, was among a group of Purdue University students recently initiated into Alpha Zeta agriculture honorary. He is a senior in the school of agriculture at Purdue, and was pledged on the basis of scholastic standing and participation in campus activities. Bailey is a member of Ceres, agronomy honorary at Purdue, and of the agriculture education society. Alpha Zeta fraternity has the development of leaders in the field of agriculture as its chief interest.

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## Methodist Choir To Give Vesper Service To Give Christmas Portion Of Messiah

The Christmas portion of George Frederick Handel's "The Messiah" will be presented by the adult choir of the First Methodist church at Sunday vespers Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Krick, will be accompanied by Mrs. Edgar Gerber, the regular organist. The rendition will be preceded by an organ and piano selection by Mrs. Gerber and Mrs. Harry Dailey. Dr. Gerald Jones will give the invocation. This is the third in the series of Sunday vespers being presented in the First Methodist church in honor of the Sundays in advent. Another program will be presented next Sunday and the celebrations of the advent season will be climaxed by a candle-light service at 11 o'clock on Christmas Eve. At that time the traditional "Why The Chimes Rang" will be presented as part of the service of worship.

During the presentation of The Messiah the following soloists will have a part in the program: Lyman Hann, Miss Helen Haubold, Mrs. Dan Tyndall, Mr. Paul Saurer, Mrs. Walter Krick and Dr. Fred Patterson.

The members of the choir are: sopranos, Mrs. Clyde Butler, Mrs. Harry Dailey, Mrs. Maynard Herrick, Mrs. Myles Parrish, Mrs. Walter Krick, Mrs. Dan Tyndall, Mrs. Rollen Ross; altos, Mrs. Milo Habegger, Miss Bernice Nelson, Mrs. Noah Schrock, Miss Helen Haubold; tenors, Fred Busche, Richard Eichorn, Lyman Hann, George Helm, Dennis Norman, Frank C. Rowley; basses, William Prazier, Milo Habegger, Roger Kelly, Alva Lawson, Dr. Fred Patterson, Paul Saurer, Noah Schrock, Medford Smith. The Prelude-piano and organ, Mrs. Harry Dailey, Mrs. Edgar Gerber.

The Invocation — Dr. Gerald Jones.  
Comfort Ye My People — Introduction and tenor solo, Lyman Hann  
And the Glory of the Lord — Choir.  
Then shall the Eyes of the Blind be Opened — alto solo, recitative, Miss Helen Haubold.  
He Shall Feed His Flock — alto solo and air, Miss Haubold.  
Come Unto Him — soprano solo, Mrs. Dan Tyndall.  
But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming? — bass solo, Paul Saurer.

"Behold! A Virgin Shall Conceive" — recitative for alto, Miss Haubold.  
"O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" — alto solo, air, Miss Haubold.  
"O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" — choir.  
For Unto Us a Child is Born — choir.

There were Shepherds Abiding in the Field.  
And Lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon Them,  
And the Angel Said unto Them, And Suddenly There was with the Angel — recitatives, Mrs. Dan Tyndall.  
Glory to God. — choir.  
Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion — soprano solo, Mrs. Walter Krick.  
Why Do the Nations Rage? — bass solo, Dr. Fred Patterson.  
Hallelujah! — choir.  
Benediction — Dr. Gerald Jones.

**Appointment of Administrator**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Sarah E. Jones late of Adams County, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.  
Frank M. Crist Administrator  
Ed. A. Boer Attorney  
November 23, 1949 NOV. 25 DEC. 2-9

**Notice to Bidders**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Adams County, Indiana, will until the hour of 2:00 p. m. Monday, December 19, 1949 receive sealed bids for the furnishing of the following supplies: County Home — Groceries, bread and tobacco for three months, beginning January 1, 1950. Requisition on file in the Auditor's office. All bids must be accompanied with bond or certified check in the amount of ten percent of the price bid. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Commissioners of Adams County.  
THURMAN L. DREW Auditor Adams County DEC. 9-16

**Notice**  
Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of The First State Bank of Decatur, Decatur, Indiana, that there will be a meeting Tuesday, January 18, 1950, at its office between the hours of 10:00 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors of said bank for the coming year of 1950.  
H. B. Krueckberg, Cashier DEC. 9-16-23-30 JAN. 6

**Notice of Final Settlement of Estate No. 4506**  
Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Emma G. Lankensau, deceased to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 25th day of December, 1949, and show cause, if any, why the FINAL SETTLEMENT ACCOUNTS with the estate of said decedent should not be approved; and said heirs are notified to then and there make proof of heirship, and receive their distributive shares.  
Oscar Lankensau Administrator  
Decatur, Indiana, December 7, 1949.  
Attorney: D. Baudette Center. DEC. 9-16



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## Musical Pageant To Be Given Dec. 18

"To Light My World," a musical pageant, sponsored by the Youth Fellowship of St. Luke Evangelical Reformed church at Honduras, will be presented Sunday, December 18, starting at 7:30 p. m. It has been announced.

## General Election In Australia Saturday

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 9. — (UP)—Political parties representing socialism against free enterprise tangle tomorrow when 5,000,000 Australians go to the polls in a general election.  
Conservatives hope to win a majority of the 123 seats in the new Australian house of representatives and upset the eight-year-old labor government of Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley.

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## Extension Agents Name New Officers

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 9. — (UP)—E. L. Hartman, LaPorte county agriculture agent, has been elected president of the Indiana county extension agents' association. Hartman was elected to succeed

Walter U. Rusk of Huntington county during the annual rural extension workers' conference at Purdue university. Other new officers are: Winks, Hamilton county, president; Miss Dorothy House, Allen county, second president; M. P. Goode, county, secretary-treasurer.

## SALE CALENDAR

DEC. 10—Decatur Sale Barn, miscellaneous auction of gifts, nuts. 7 P. M. E. C. Doehman, Auct.  
DEC. 10—Earl Leeth & Son and Kate Shriver, 1 mile north, east, then 1/2 mile north of Payne, Ohio. General farm sale. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.  
DEC. 12—Mrs. Ida M. Beavers, 3 miles west of Decatur. 178 acres proved farm. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.  
DEC. 12—Dad Barnes Orchard Farm, 5 1/2 mi. East of Salem, Henderville Highway No. 160. 96 Acres Orchard Farm. p. m. D. S. Blair, C. W. Kent, Auctioneers. Conducted by The Kent Realty & Auction Co., Inc.  
DEC. 15—H. C. Crabb, administrator sale of household goods of Ida K. Schifferly. Forest St. Monroeville, Ind. 12:30 Glenn C. Merica, Auct.  
DEC. 16—Art Eagleson, 1 mile west of Edgerton, Ind., or 11 miles of New Haven on state road 14. 28 head of Holstein Guernseys and farm implements. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.  
DEC. 17—Ivan V. Barkley, Admr. Elva M. Barkley, 703 North Street, Decatur. Household furniture. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.  
DEC. 27—C. E. Bell and M. O. Stoutenberry, Belmont Farms, Decatur. 46 head imported Canadian Holsteins. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.

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