

Discussion Questions on S.S. Lesson

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, Hosea Reveals God's Forgiving Love, for Sunday, May 14.

1. In what respect is "love the greatest thing in the world?"
2. How is it possible for man to love his enemies?
3. How may love be a ruling force in world affairs?
4. How reconcile God's love with his penalties for sin?
5. What are the evidences in one ruled by love?

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Creamed Comments on S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Hosea Reveals God's Forgiving Love, Hosea 11:1-10:4, for Sunday, May 14.

Hosea is much like Christ in making love the dominant factor in dealing with wayward people, with which goes a forgiving spirit. Here is found the tenderest appeals for the return of Israel to God.

V.1. "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt." Note the tenderness in this verse. It was in Egypt that Israel became a people. God showed his love for Israel in the infancy of the nation by delivering him from Egyptian bondage.

V.2. "As he called them, so they went from them; they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images." The more the prophets called them the more they went from them. The people turned a deaf ear to their truest friends. Israel was a perverse and self-indulgent people and refused to believe in God as their Father who cared for them.

V.3. "I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them." Ephraim being the largest tribe of Northern Israel is designated for the entire nation. God had guided Israel by the law and religious leaders; and, like a loving parent, he protected them and supported them. They became so accustomed to taking things as a matter of fact, that they failed to recognize God.

V.4. "I drew them with the cords of a man, with bands of love, and I was to them as they that take off the yoke of their jaws, and I laid meat unto them." God had been gentle in his dealing, and his discipline had been kindly and helpful. The changing of the yoke on oxen gives relief. It comments that God had been thoughtful of Israel; he even laid food before them in their wilderness experience.

V.5. "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zebulun? my heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together." Jehovah's appeal is most pathetic. He loves Israel in spite of their waywardness. He can not bear thinking of their undergoing such horrors as was that of the cities of destruction like

Admah and Zebulun. His heart breaks with compassion.

V.9. "I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee; and I will not enter into the city." Here is seen God's regard for his people. Man might be vindictive in such a situation but not so with God. The phrase "I will not enter into the city" means I will not come in wrath.

V.10. "They shall walk after the Lord; he shall roar like a lion, when he shall roar then the children tremble from the west." The mercy of the Lord does not exclude his chastisements by captivity and dispersion; these experiences are the roarings intended to bring them to a recognition of God. In the following verse, after describing their fears, God will be gracious and care for his own, declaring, "I will place them in their houses."

V.4. "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him." Here is given vivid assurance of God's mercy that will follow the renewal of his favor.

V.5. "I will be as dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon." Dew is a metaphor expressing spiritual blessing. Israel depended heavily on the frequent and heavy dews because of the lack of rain.

V.6. "His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon." The beauty of the olive tree is an apt symbol of the beauty of holiness. The fragrance of cedars of Lebanon was a symbol of Israel's pleasing qualities.

V.7. "They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn and grow as the vine; the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon." Great fruitfulness and blessings shall attend those who return to the Lord.

V.8. "Ephraim shall say, What have I done to any more with idols? I have heard him and observed him; I am like a green fig tree. From me is thy fruit found." When the people truly turn to God, idolatry will be loathsome to them. A turning away from idols brings a favorable response from God.

V.9. "Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall fall therein." The person who is truly wise will understand that the Lord rewards righteousness and punishes iniquity.

pictures of the various fields in which they have labored. You will be surprised at our own need here in America!

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Missionary Church
Tenth and Dayton Sts.
H. J. Welty, Minister
9:00 to 11:00 Unified Services. Special honor will be given to all Mothers.

A Quartet of Mother's will sing, "What a Friend we Have in Mother's." Message, "A Mother's Wages." 7:00 Children's Gospel Hour. 7:00 MYF This will be a special Mother's Day program. We urge every Mother to be present.

7:30 Evening Service. Hymn Sing and Chorus Time. Mixed Trio, "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus." Message, "Daniel's Vision of the End Time."

Wednesday 7:00 Ladies Fellowship will meet at the home of Mrs. Roy Hook.

Thursday 7:30 We will have a special Home Mission Program. This will be presented by Rev. C. J. Rediger. Rural Home Missionary Association. Founder and General Director. Come and see slide

Sunday Service

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Very Rev. Mgr. 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.

Mother's Day
Mothers and daughters of the parish will attend the 7:30 o'clock mass and receive Holy Communion in a body.

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 Christian Church
Jonas M. Berkey, minister
Lloyd Rhodes, superintendent
It is fitting that in our church services we should honor our mothers, through their love and sacrifice we get our closest glimpse of heaven. "Faith, Hope and Love," will be the title of the sermon for the morning worship service at 9:30 a.m. Junior Church members will join in the adult service to be with their mothers. The choir anthem will be "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Shelly. The prelude "Faith" by Hornbarger and the offertory "I Would Be True" by Peek will be played by Miss Phyllis Kraft.

Church School
This department of the church is especially designed to teach the Word of God as revealed in the New Testament.

Associated Churches Banquet
At 6 p.m. on May 15 in the Masonic Hall most of the churches of this city will be represented at a banquet planned by the Associated Churches of Decatur as a project for the promotion of Christian cooperation. A large group from our church will attend.

State Convention
The State Convention of Christian Churches in Lebanon on May 15-17 will be attended by several members from this city. This is the 111th convention of its kind.

Notes
Because of conflict with the Associated Churches Banquet, the Corinthian class meeting at the home of Mrs. James Anderson in Schuim, Ohio, has been postponed until Monday, May 22.

Time of the TNT class picnic will be announced at a later date. Choir practice will be at the church this Friday at 7:30 p.m. Miss Betty Rose will be in charge of Junior C. E. meeting in the church this afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Robert H. Hammond, pastor
Bible School—9:15
The Bible school will convene at 9:15 with classes meeting for the first time in their new class areas. There will be special Mother's Day numbers for the opening.

Mother's Day Service
At 10:30 will be our annual Mother's Day Service with Dr. Faris D. Whitesell as the special speaker. Mrs. David Embler will play "Diaguerreotype of an Old Mother," by Gaul, and "Grandmother Knitting," by Clokey. The choir will sing "A Mother's Day Prayer," by Thompson. Memorial flowers will decorate the sanctuary at the morning hour, given by members and friends to honor their mothers.

Special Dedication Service
At 2:00 will be the special dedication service for the remodeled building. Dr. Whitesell will bring the message at the dedication service. Mrs. Embler will play special music for the occasion and the choir will sing "Praise to the Lord," by Gads.

Evening Baptismal Service
The evening Gospel service will center around the baptism of twelve who have presented themselves for membership in the church through this public confession of faith in Christ. Mrs. Embler will play "Sabbath Reverie" by Percy, and "Evening Prayer," by Humperdinck. Miss Jane Ann Brunley will sing "This Holy Hour," by Nevill. The pastor will bring the message on the subject of baptism.

Monday Night
Monday night at 6:30 will be the

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Associated Churches Dinner at the Masonic Hall. All church people of the city are invited to secure tickets from the pastors of the Ministerial Association for this event.

Wednesday Night
The choir will rehearse at 7:00, with the Prayer service at 8:00. At the close of the prayer service the teachers and officers of the Bible School will have their monthly meeting.

Thursday Night
Thursday night at 6:30 will be the Mother and Daughter Banquet, sponsored by the women of the church. Tickets are available from Mrs. Vera Lehmann, and Mrs. Homer Reppert. All reservations must be in by Monday.

First Methodist Church
Gerald H. Jones, Minister
The Church at Study
9:30

There is a lively contest beginning among the classes for the highest percentage of attendance during the coming weeks. Mrs. Soliday's class won the honors last Sunday. Mr. Lowell Smith is the general superintendent.

The Church at Worship
10:20
As the climax of Christian Family Week the theme of the sermon will be "The Church in a Mother's Home." The hymns, responses and prayers will all be joined in honor of the Christian Home and parenthood. The combined adult and youth choir will sing the anthem by Goldsworthy, "Jesus' Mother and Mine." Marlene Johnson and Deanna Johnson will serve as acolytes for the month. The Scripture for the day is found in Acts 1:12-26.

Evening Vespers
4:30
At evening vespers, the King's Heralds, male quartette from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, will appear in sacred concert. At 6:30 p.m. the members of the quartette represent the country, of China and the states of Michigan, North Carolina and Virginia. The concert will consist of gospel songs, Negro spirituals, instrumental and vocal selections and personal testimonies. The public is cordially invited to attend this service of Vespers.

The Youth
6:00
The youth groups will meet in regular session at 6:00. The Junior and Intermediate classes in the basement and the Seniors in the Lecture Room.

Monday
6:30
The Associated Churches first annual churchmen's banquet will be held in the Masonic Hall at 6:30. Dr. Frank Rut of Fort Wayne is the speaker.

After the banquet the pastor's call meeting of the finance committee and the advisory committee will convene at the church.

Tuesday
8:00
The Young Adult Class will have a social hour at the parsonage at 8:00.

Wednesday
The service for prayer will be held at 7:30. The Youth Choir will meet at 7:00 for rehearsal. The Adult Choir will meet at 7:45.

Bethany Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, minister
Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Mr. Everett Hutter, Superintendent
Morning Worship 10:10 a.m. National Family Week Observance. Sermon: "The Child's Birthright." The Adult Choir will sing "A Mother's Prayer" by Wilson.

Mission Band will meet during the hour of worship. Film Slides entitled "Jiro and Hanako at Work and Play in Japan" will be presented as a feature in the study of missions in Japan. The slides will be of particular interest to Primary and Junior children.

"The Second Chance" is the title of the film to be shown at 7:30 p.m. This film which has just been released by the Protestant Film Commission deals with the fundamentals of Christian Marriage and is suitable for the observance of National Family Week. Members of the church should come as families and other families are cordially welcome.

Churchmen's Dinner, sponsored by the Associated Churches of Decatur, Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Masonic Hall dining room. Officials and interested members, wives and husbands are cordially invited to attend. Reservations must be made with the

pastor immediately.

The Dutiful Daughters Class will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Heber Fessel, 721 Dierkes Street. Mrs. Clarence Brunnegraff is the assistant hostess.

The Kum Join Us Class will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the church. The hosts and hostesses are Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Lee and Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Willard. Mrs. Ray Stingley will have charge of the devotions.

The Midweek Service, Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Topic "What Ascension Day Means to the Christian." Ascension Day is Thursday.

The Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the May Division in charge. The afternoon will be spent with sewing projects.

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10:20 a.m. Church school, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, general superintendent. 6:30 p.m. Shining Lights, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hanni, in charge. 6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship, Mrs. Kenneth Watkins, president; Mrs. Guy Agler, counselor.

7:30 p.m. Regular Sunday evening service. Sermon: "Jesus, The Source of All Light."

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Wednesday
7:30 p.m. Regular mid-week Prayer meeting.
8:30 p.m. Sanctuary choir practice.

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John E. Chambers, minister
9:15 Sunday school, Chalmers Barkley, superintendent. The work on the new flooring on first floor is finished and all boys and girls will be proud of this project which they helped in so nobly.

10:30 Divine Worship, following the traditional Mother's Day theme. The anthem by the choir will be "Mother of Mine" by McCombs. The sermon subject will be "A Mother Gives Her All." We will honor Christian motherhood only as we worship God in the Christian Church.

6:30 Youth Fellowship and Christian Endeavor societies. 7:30 The evening service of gospel songs and message from Acts 8:26-40, "Man Yearns for God."

Monday — 6:30 — Banquet sponsored by the Associated Churches of Decatur.
Wednesday — 7:00 — Mid-week service and pastor's study class for youth.

8:00 — Choir rehearsal.
Saturday — 10:00 — Pastor's study class for Juniors, 10:30 — Junior choir.

Barley was occupied with great themes; I never heard a word of gossip from my Mother's lips. — F. Willard.

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