



1. How spend "money for that which is not bread"?
2. How eat "that which is good"?
3. Upon what condition will pardon be granted?
4. What do we mean by the gospel of mercy and hope?

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Creamed Comments on S.S. Lesson

Here is a lesson for those who have a longing to return to God. There were some among the captives that never forgot their home, and God. As seen by the physical eyes, the Israelites as captives of Babylon, were in a hopeless condition. They would welcome a voice that would give assurance of better days. In their spiritual needs, Isaiah was welcomed with his message of hope.

V. 1. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Here is a general statement by which the prophet offers the free and abundant resources of God for the satisfaction of human needs; here is announced the freeness of God's spiritual blessings.

V. 2. "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." Striving for those things that have no permanent value is foolish. The world offers only temporary pleasures and they fail to satisfy the deep longings of the soul. God's grace is promised to those who voluntarily and earnestly seek it.

V. 3. "Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." To hear well requires sincere faith in God. Here the covenant differs from that made with Israel many years before in that it is not for a time but for all time, with God — with man's "I will" absorbed into God's "I will" which is as sure as the mercies of David. This is prophetic of Christ's covenant of atonement. The witness to this covenant is David in his experience as seen in the next verse.

V. 5. "Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and

nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One Israel; for he hath glorified thee." This prophecy has been fulfilled in the acceptance by the Gentile nations of the Jewish Messiah.

V. 6. "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." Here are two important facts: God may be found, and he is near; therefore, he should be sought and called on.

V. 7. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon." Here is the picture of a penitent; he will turn from sin and he will forsake his thoughts that his heart and mind will be cleansed from all unrighteousness.

V. 8. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." This verse refers primarily to pardon. For instance, when we are unjustly treated, we are prone to take vengeance; or we may think ourselves justified in saying, "I will forgive but I can't forget." God is not like that.

V. 9. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." God's purposes surpass anything man could plan or possibly think. It will become us to question God's will.

V. 10. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." There is a certainty in the purpose of God in the regular processes of nature. So there is a certainty in the mental and spiritual operation of God's word as it produces thoughts and motives in the mind and heart. The next two verses show that it is the return from captivity which is primarily in the thought of the prophet.

Our Preacher Says:

Too often we see "through a glass darkly." Things appear in wrong perspective. We find ourselves putting second things first and seeing things at hand as large and those at a distance as small, without true regard for their intrinsic worth. That was the fault with "the rich fool" in our Lord's parable, and it is the fault of every one who lays up treasures on earth and is not rich towards God.

Lesson Prayer:

We are grateful that we have been created with a thirst for God; we would find our Lord who offers the water of life so that never again will we thirst. Grant that the Lord shall be a well of water within us and that out of our lives will flow streams of eternal life.

CLERICUS SAYS:

"A loving Christian is the most convincing proof of a loving Father. Most of us were persuaded to believe on Jesus by others who share in it and express it. Since Jesus has come, has lived among men, has wrought and taught, and most of all, has suffered and died for our sins, we are convinced that God is love."

To weaken is to be defeated.

Do You Know:

1. Who said, Who shall roll away the stone?
2. What travelers did Jesus accompany after his resurrection?
3. What were the disciples doing when Mary Magdalene reported that Jesus had risen?
4. What was the faith of the disciples when they first heard of Jesus being alive again?
5. What is the great commission?

Do You Know Answered:

1. The women who first visited Christ's sepulcher.
2. Two men going to Emmaus.
3. They mourned and wept.
4. They believed not.
5. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

Blessings in Disguise

Thomas Edison might have considered his deafness a serious obstacle. Instead, he chose to consider that it saved him from tiresome conversation, and protected his nerves, permitting him to give greater concentration to the things he wanted to do. Paderewski had "weak" fingers, and still became one of the world's greatest pianists, although even after 50 years of concert work he was still bothered by stage fright.

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Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Classes for all ages. Lester Sundling, superintendent.
Morning worship service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Albert Swenson is the guest minister while the Rev. & Mrs. Ray J. Walther and family are on vacation.
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FIRST METHODIST

W. Monroe at Fifth Street
Virgil Wesley Sexton, minister.
9 a.m., church school. Leonard Soliday, general superintendent, in charge. Classes for all ages.
10:00 a.m., divine worship. The services will open with the organ prelude, "Vox Angelica" by Lorenz, with Mrs. Edgar Gerber at the organ. The guest speaker for this worship service will be Bob Carlin, popular newscaster for radio station WANE, Fort Wayne.
Mr. Carlin is a member of the Simpson Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. Noah Shrock, local lay leader, will preside. Mrs. Dan Tyndall will sing the solo, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" by Bartlett.
The public is invited to these services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SOUTH FOURTH STREET
Stuart H. Brightwell, pastor.
Sunday 9:15 a.m. Bible school hour. Don Sliger, supt. We have a class for every age.
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Guest speaker, Rev. Elias Zimmerman of Los Angeles. Rev. Zimmerman will speak on "How a Son of a Rabbi Found Christ in Russia." Special music will be a vocal duet "The Savior for Me" by Mrs. Ed Lohsiger and Mrs. Stuart Brightwell.
7:30 p.m. Evening service. You will find a Christian welcome at our church.

This week in our church:

Tuesday 8:30 p.m. Dynamic Builders class party at Hanna-Nuttman park.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Mid-week service of prayer and Bible study.

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Third and Jackson
William C. Feller, pastor
Church school at 9:00 a.m. Richard Schaefer, superintendent. The combined adult classes will be taught by Luther Class.
Divine Worship at 10:00 a.m. Sermon by the pastor, "Strengthening Words." Special music will be presented by Mrs. Myron Hagard, who will sing, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" by Liddle. This service lasts no longer than an hour. Come and worship the Lord in His House on His Day. Visitors are always welcome.
Names of volunteers who will assist with the community religious census on Sunday afternoon, September 11th, will be taken. Come and worship with us.

ASSEMBLY OF GODS CHURCH

316 S. 13th St.
George Varlan, pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Everybody ought to go to Sunday School.
Sunday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Sermon: Faith that conquers. Sunday evening evangelistic rally 7:45 p.m. Sermon: Choose your which side.
Wednesday evening 7:45 p.m. Bible study.
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Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Sermon, "My Office" Installation of officers.
Christian Endeavor 7:00.
Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 Sermon, "A Great Love." This will be the final service of the Conference year. The pastor will attend the Annual Conference which will be held at the U. B. Camp Ground, Rockford, Ohio. The Conference will convene Wednesday evening, and continue over the week end.
Prayer and Bible study Wednesday evening 7:30.
You are welcome to attend these services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

12th and Washington Sts.
David Slagle, Evangelist
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Lord's Supper.
After opening exercises and the Communion Service, Bro. Dave will preach on the subject: "The Bible — A Unique Book." This is a chart sermon, and the beginning of a series of messages on the Bible. You won't want to miss a one. COME SUNDAY.
10:30 a.m. Bible School time. Lee Moser, Bible School Supt. Classes for all ages.
7:30 p.m. Evening Evangelistic Service. Message "Shipwrecked Souls." Make a special effort this Lord's day to be in our evening service. You'll enjoy it.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. Everyone is welcome to every service of the Church of Christ. A church exalting the name of Christ.

Decatur Church of God

626 Cleveland St.
W. H. Kirkpatrick, Pastor
The Church of the "Christian Brotherhood Hour," heard on Sunday, at 8:30, over 1450 KC, and at 1 p.m. over 800 KC.
Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. In the Word of God we are told that Man needs to Worship, to Work, and to Witness. The Adversary of our souls will tempt us to neglect one or all three. The theme of the morning service will be "Making the Adversary Flee".
Sunday Evening Service begins at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker for this service will be the Rev. John Lamey, who is a well known and dynamic speaker in the interests of righteousness.
Tuesday the Missionary Women will go to Yellow Lake for their spiritual retreat.
Wednesday prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Choir practice at 8:30 p.m.

MISSIONARY CHURCH

Tenth and Dayton St.
Pastor, H. J. Welty
9:00 Sunday School Hour. Ralph Myers, General Supt. Assistant Supt. Myron Hart.
10:00 Morning Worship Hour.
Duet, Mr. and Mrs. L. Von-Gunten.
Message, Rev. Clifford Grabill, of Grabill, Ind.
7:00 Children Gospel Hour. Mrs. H. Odelline in charge.
7:00 Teen-Age M. Y. F. Mr. Von-Gunten in charge.
7:00 Adult Fellowship in charge of Lester Strahm.
7:30 Evening Gospel Hour.
Hymn sing and chorus time.
Solo, Kent Von-Gunten.
Message, Rev. Clifford Grabill.
Wednesday 7:30 Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.
Rev. E. F. Clauser will be with us.
You are welcome to any or all of our services!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN

Madison at Ninth
John Chambers, Minister
9:15 — Sunday School, Clifford Hoverman, Supt. Regular attendance has kept our S. S. strong during the summer.
10:30 — Morning Worship; message by the minister "Jesus' Warning to the Common Man." Evangelist Emmer is organist and Robert Sprague will sing the solo "The Twenty-Third Psalm" by Liddle.
6:30 — Junior League & Youth Fellowship.
7:30 — The Evening Service on

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Wed. 7:00 — Mid-week Services in four separate groups.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Traverse W. Chandler, Minister
Morning worship begins at 9:30 a.m. with the prelude by Mrs. William Bauman. Communion Meditation and the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

There will be no sermon this Sunday while Rev. and Mrs. Chandler are attending the World Convocation of Christian Churches at Toronto, Canada.
Junior Church at 9:30 a.m. in the lower sanctuary.
Bible school begins at 10:30 a.m. Everett Faulkner, Supt. Gerald Strickler, Assistant. Visitors are always welcome.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Benj. G. Thomas, minister
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9:00 a.m. Sunday school with Mr. Everett Harker, superintendent.

10:00 a.m. Mission Band.
10:00 a.m. divine worship. Sermon: "Building Block or Stumbling Block."

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. The Kum Join Us Class will have a picnic at Hannah-Nuttman park.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Monroe and Eleventh Streets
Edgar P. Schmidt, pastor
The church with carillon bells.

Two worship services will be conducted Sunday morning: a Mattin, or early service, at 8 o'clock, and the main service, later morning, at 10:30. The pastor will conduct the services and will preach on the theme, Hebrews 2, 3: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" The thought is based on the Gospel appointed for the day, Jesus weeping over Jerusalem, Luke 19, 41-48.

Sunday school classes, beginner to senior, will meet at 9:15 a.m. Our regular staff of competent teachers lead all classes also in the summer months. William Gernand is superintendent and Paul Busse, Jr., assistant. Mrs. Reinhold Sauer is secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school.

There are no meetings scheduled for the next two weeks. The pastor will be on vacation until August 25th. The Rev. Walter D. Bauer may be phoned for emergencies that may arise.

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on the home in the many outside activities, the home, once the source of Christian education, is fading, and Christian teaching is passed on to the Church, thus augmenting its load. All believers in true freedom, which is based on Christianity, will help to bear this load and accept the invitation to COME TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY. —Rev. D. Carl Yoder

Book Review

The Church Politics and Society, James Pike, Moorehouse-Gorham Co., N.Y., presents the issues of today in dialogue form; both sides of the issues are presented, making it a book of information.

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