

Lesson Prayer:

We praise Thee, O God, for thy manifold mercies bestowed all around us and at all times. Only by Thy mercy and goodness can we live and have faith, hope and courage to go on to the end. Only by Thy mercy can we hope to attain eternal life and be counted just because our sins are freely pardoned. We praise Thee for Thy Gift, the Lord Jesus, who not only saves us but who is our Advocate, pleading the Father to give us a home eternal.

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In the Israelite's heart there was an inner urge to make first in their lives Jerusalem and the Temple as the one place where they could meet God and worship him. The loyal Jews were quick to accept Cyrus' offer to return from captivity. With plans to build homes for themselves there was a deep motive to rebuild the Temple which purpose was thwarted for a time by the Samaritan's interference. But in their discouragement God sent two prophets, Haggai who stressed the material side, the building of the temple, and Zechariah who stressed the spiritual life.

V. 1. "And when the seventh month was come and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem." Home life in the homeland was important.

V. 3. "And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries; and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord, even burnt offerings morning and evening." The primary meaning of an altar is the place where God is met. Israel wisely resorted to God for help in this time of discouragement.

V. 10. "And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, the Levites sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David king of Israel." The best prayers are introduced with praise and thanksgiving to God. It is fitting that music be used in this expression. The program of praise is indicated in verse 11. The chief source of praise is the everlasting mercy of God. Such thoughts deepen one's devotion.

V. 7. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, consider your ways." Attention was called to the nature of their ways — looking after themselves first in that they had built their own homes first, allowing the building of the temple to lag.

Discussion on
Questions S.S.
Lesson

1. Why did the Israelites not proceed at once to build the temple upon their return?
2. What spiritual values may attend suffering and disappointments?
3. Where may encouragement always be found?
4. How properly relate the material to the spiritual?
5. What are our real reasons for praising God?

Do You Know:

1. Who lived in the wilderness living on locust and wild honey?
 2. How long was Jesus in the wilderness when tempted by the devil?
 3. What was Jesus' first text when preaching in Galilee?
 4. What two men were Jesus' first disciples?
 5. What promise did Jesus give his disciples for following him?
- A prejudice is a loose idea tightly held.

V. 8. "Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the house of the Lord and I will take pleasure in it and I will be glorified saith the Lord." God's glory is seen in true worship as provided in the house of God. Here is where one loses sight of himself by being overwhelmed in true spiritual exaltation of God.

V. 9. "Ye looked for much, and lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house which is waste, and ye run every man to his own house." God had shown his displeasure because of their lethargy in allowing his house to be uncompleted in blowing his harvest away as if they were chaff. In the long run God's purposes are revealed by times of suffering. In whatever state we may be, it is our part to trust and obey God.

V. 14. "And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Josiah, the son of Josedeck, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they did come and work in the house of the Lord of hosts their God." There was needed the same breath of heaven which had first kindled the fire of divine zeal in their hearts to arouse the now smoldering embers into living flames again.

V. 6. "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts." This prophet, Zechariah, in contrast to the practical prophet, Haggai, stressed the source of the needed spiritual power generated by God through his Spirit. The material is a blessing only as a means for the expression of the spiritual life. A proper relationship of the material and spiritual must be made.

V. 7. "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel, thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shouting, crying, Grace unto it." Here are expressions of glad acclaim.

V. 8. 9. "Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel hath laid the foundations of this house; his hands shall also finish it." Here is proof that a true prophet spoke.

Our Preacher Says:

"One truth stands firm. All that happens in world history rests on something spiritual. If the spiritual is strong, it creates world history. If it is weak, it suffers world history."

Do You Know Answered

1. John the Baptist.
2. Forty days.
3. "Repent and believe."
4. Andrew and Peter.
5. "I will make you fishers of men."

Book Review

Horns and Halos. Hamilton, Fleming H. Revell Co., is a book of sermons based on the parable of the prodigal son as a basis for the consideration of current-day secularism: horns of frustration, selfishness, sin, etc., as horns may be transformed into halos by the gospel of Christ.

A shipment of 25,000 baby chicks gift of American churchmen and hatcheries, was flown to Italy recently under the auspices of the Heifer Project, Inc. The chicks will be distributed to needy Italian farmers. This is the first chick shipment to Italy by the Heifer Project.

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First Sunday, the Rosary Society.
Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.
Third Sunday, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia.
Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mercer Ave., at Five Points
Rev. Ray J. Walther, Minister
9:15 Sunday School — Lester Sundling, Superintendent. Classes for all ages.
10:30 Morning Worship Service. Special Music by Lyman Hann. Sermon: "POWER" by the Rev. Ray J. Walther.
Nursery for infants and small children.
Wednesday: Bible Study. Chapter 10.

TRINITY
Evangelical United Brethren
Madison at Ninth
John Chambers, Minister
9:15—Sunday school, Clifford Hoveman, supt. Come and study with us, there is a place for all the family.
10:30—Morning worship. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Albert Swenson will have charge of the worship service. Rev. Swenson is a member of Indiana conference north and Trinity church. He is well known in the Decatur area and will be glad to greet his friends this Sunday.
There will be no evening service Sunday.
Wednesday 7 p. m.—Mid-week services.

Decatur Church of God
628 Cleveland St.
W. H. Kirkpatrick, Pastor
The Church of the "Christian Brotherhood Hour," heard on Sundays at 8:30 a. m. over 1380 KC., and at 1 p. m. at 800 KC.

Morning Worship at 9:30 a. m. C. W. Strickler, Chairman; Mary Hazelwolf, Superintendent. Dr. John H. Kane, Anderson College Alumni Director will be the guest speaker for this hour. Classes for all ages will follow the proclaiming of the Gospel Message.
Sunday Evening Evangelistic Service at 7:30 p. m. Chairman for the service, Kenneth Mitchell. Dr. Kane will bring the Gospel Message. This will be a spiritual treat to all who come, for Rev. Kane has just returned from a trip to Europe where he has seen and felt heart throb of those living for Christ in that needy part of the Earth.
Wednesday night prayer service at 7:30 p. m. Choir practice at 8:30 p. m.

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 a. m., divine worship. The guest speaker for this service will be the Rev. Phillips Brooks Smith, pastor of the Methodist Church in Waynesdale. Special music will be a flute solo by Mrs. William Brentlinger.
Noah Schrock, local lay leader, will preside during the worship service.

Wednesday
7 p. m. Choir rehearsal.
Thursday
7:30 p. m. Wesley class fellowship in recreation room.
7:30 p. m. Everready class fellowship in ladies lounge.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Youth Planning conference at Epworth Forest.
Institute for Methodist Men at DePauw University, Greencastle.

In one of their rare trips as a group from their homes in Lancaster county, Pa., a delegation of Amish men and women visited United Nations headquarters in May, explaining that the organization symbolizes that peace which as pacifists they approve.

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Richard Schafer, superintendent.
Laverne Roth, assistant. The combined adult classes will be taught by Edgar Jabers.
Divine Worship at 10:00 a. m.
Sermon by the pastor: "Behind the Display Window." Miss Helen Haubold, guest soloist for the morning, will sing, "The Soul's Longing" by Protheroe. Visitors are always welcome in these services. If you are without a church home in Decatur we extend a cordial invitation to you to worship with us.
The Sunday School teachers and officers will meet in the church parlor on Monday at 7:30 p. m.
The Heidelberg Class will meet in the church social room on Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
Come and worship with us.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
221 South Fourth Street
Stuart H. Brightwell, Pastor
Sunday, 9:15 a. m. Bible school. Don Sliger, Superintendent.
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor, "The Peril of an Empty Heart." Allen Lehman will sing.
7:30 p. m. Evening service.
You will find a warm welcome at our church.

Church Calendar
Monday 7:30 p. m. Church board will meet at the church.
Wednesday 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer service and Bible study.
8 p. m. Choir practice under direction of Robert Boat.
Thursday 9:30 a. m. Salomonie Ass'n Annual Meeting at the First Baptist Church in Dunkirk.

United Brethren in Christ
Nuttman Ave.
Paul D. Parker, Minister
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Lawrence Michel is the General Superintendent, Clinton Hart is the Ass't Superintendent. Start the week right by attending a Bible centered Sunday School. There are classes for all ages.
Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor, "A Great Invitation."
Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p. m. You will enjoy the fellowship and study afforded in your respective groups.
Evangelistic Services 7:30 p. m. Inspirational singing. Sermon, "Where is Your Trust?"
Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday 7:30.
You are welcome to attend these services.

MISSIONARY CHURCH
Tenth and Dayton St.
Pastor, H. J. Welty
9:00 Sunday School Hour. Classes for all. Ralph Myers, General Supt. Lester Strahm, Senior Supt. Mrs. Arden Schilling, Primary Supt.
10:00 Special number in song will be given.
Message, "The Enlarged Life."
7:00 Children's Gospel Hour; Mrs. Welty in charge.
7:00 Teen-Age M. Y. F. Mr. Welty in charge.
7:00 Adult Fellowship. Lester Strahm in charge.
7:30 Evening Gospel Hour. Hymn singing and chorus time. Message by the Pastor.

Nothing Without God
The path we travel is narrow and long — beset with many dangers. Each day we must ask that Almighty God will set and keep His protecting hand over us so that we may pass on to those who come after us the heritage of a free people, secure in their God-given rights and in full control of a government dedicated to the preservation of those rights... Without God, there could be no American way of government, nor an American way of life. Thus the Founding Fathers saw it; and thus, with God's help it will continue to be.
The higher a man's goal, the greater the incentive that prods him along.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
12th & Washington St.
David Slagle, Evangelist
9:30 a. m. morning worship & Lord's Supper. The sermon is entitled: "How We God Our Bible." This is the third message in a series on the Bible. Another chart will be used.
10:30 a. m. Bible school time. Lee Moser, Bible school supt. Classes for all ages.
6:30 p. m. young people's choir practice.
7:30 p. m. evening evangelistic service. Message: "Perils of Privileges." If you have not been attending the evening services of the Church, then why not come Sunday night? A friendly welcome awaits you.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
316 S. 13th Street
George Yarian, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Come and let God bless your heart.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a. m. Sermon, Deliverance through Prayer.
Sunday Evening Service 7:45 p. m. Sermon, The reality of Jesus Christ.
Wednesday evening service 7:45 p. m. Bible study.
Saturday evening 7:30 p. m. Bring your friends to the street meeting at the Court House square. You have a personal invitation to come to the church where people from all denominations come to worship God.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
Traverse W. Chandler, Minister
Morning worship begins at 9:30 a. m. with the prelude by Mrs. William Bauman.
Communion meditations and the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The topic for the morning "World Fellowship." Speakers will be Mrs. Paul Daniels, Mrs. Edward Anderson, Mrs. Traverse W. Chandler and the Rev. Chandler.
The Junior church at 9:30 in the lower sanctuary.
Bible School at 10:30 a. m. Everett Faulkner, Supt. Gerald Strickler, assistant.
The Junior Choir will practice at 6:30 p. m. Wed. and the Senior Choir at 7:00. All members are urged to be present.
Visitors are invited to come and worship with us.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Seventh and Marshall Streets
C. E. Lykins, Pastor
Sunday school at 9:30, Jesse Edgell, Supt. Juniors in charge of Mrs. Geo. Anspaugh.
Worship service at 10:30, Sermon by the pastor.
N. Y. P. S. at 6:45, Don Miller, president.
Evangelistic service at 7:30, Sermon by the pastor.
Prayer meeting Wed. at 7:30.
Personal workers prayer meeting at 6:30 on Thursday evening. Visitation at 7:00.
A welcome to all.



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More and more emphasis is being laid on character. Especially is this true regarding the leaders of the world. The one outstanding criticism of Russia is that there is a lack of character there, such as honesty, good will, charity, honor, integrity, brotherly love, peace, etc. Eisenhower, in addressing service men, said, "I learned a long

time ago from the examples of those leaders we admire that bad deportment can never be confused with strength of character." The church is the one institution that has to do with character. Why not accept the invitation and Come To Church Next Sunday?

The Rev. D. Carl Yoder.



A Massachusetts paper plant is now producing "Grace Napkins," embossed with prayers suitable for the three major faiths.

A Minnesota survey has shown that when people move to the suburbs, they usually keep and improve their church-going habits.

Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., membership in 1954 increased to 2,658,903, a net gain of 77,225. Student candidates for the ministry totaled 2,352, and contributions during the year reached the sum of \$158,775,755.

Efforts by Soviet Zone Communists to get East German youth dedication ceremonies have proved a failure. Despite pressure by Communists, only a small percentage of young people have so far registered for participation. The ceremonies are to be held when a youth reaches the age of fourteen to mark the beginning of adulthood.



An unbelieving farmer went to church and leaving his wife at the house he entered the barn — was Isaiah 1:3. Returning from church and leaving his wife at the house he entered the barnyard. His dog welcomed him with yelps of joy, then he heard the whinney of one of his horses in the stable. The text struck his heart: "These dumb animals have sense enough to know me — yet I haven't had the sense to recognize God." God uses the weak things and foolish things to confound the wise.

CLERICUS SAYS:

"What a privilege it is for us Christians to point the discouraged and hopeless hearts of men to One who knows the beginning from the end and who can take the weak and insignificant things of this world to confound the things that are mighty."

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe. St. Augustine.

The art of progress is to preserve order amid change, and to preserve change amid order. Life refuses to be embalmed alive.

All the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy. — Al Smith.

Let me not pray to be sheltered from danger but to be fearless in facing it. — Tagore.

Love never demands anything. It seeks not to be served but to serve.

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