

Book Review

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION AND AMERICAN METHODISM, by Peters, the Abingdon Press, describes the formulation of the doctrine of Christian perfection during Wesley's time, relates how it was transplanted to America and the significance of its development in this country.

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CREAMED
Comments
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Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday school lesson, brothers divided (temperance) Genesis. 27:30-38, 41, for Sunday, June 2, 1957.

This lesson portrays how Jacob sowed the seeds of hatred by his treatment of Esau, and how Esau's uncontrolled desire to satisfy his physical appetite, led him to foolish acts. Hatred and selfish scheming cause the separation and disruption of our personal relationships.

V. 30. "And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting." Esau had sold his birthright cheaply since he esteemed it lightly. Jacob, with the help of his mother, tricked Isaac into giving Jacob the blessing intended for Esau. The blessing brought with it special gifts and many advantages, making Jacob head man in the fullest sense. Esau had tossed away this birthright for a mess of pottage.

Vs. 31, 32. "And he also had made savory meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me." And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy firstborn Esau. Esau was his father's favorite because as a hunter, he brought his father choice meats and was thoughtful of him. He wanted Esau to have his blessing in spite of the divine will "the elder shall serve the younger" and Esau still lay claim to his birthright in spite of the fact he had sold it to his brother. Isaac was greatly disturbed that he had given his irrevocable blessing to Jacob.

V. 33. "And Isaac trembled very exceedingly," said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it to me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed." Parental blessing among orientals was frequently the same thing as a modern last will and testament. The son to whom the father gave the blessing was the heir. Blind Isaac realized he had again been outmaneuvered in his desire that Esau, not Jacob, be the founder of a spiritual empire.

V. 34. "And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father!" Esau was bitter because he had to forego the advantage of the blessing in being able to satisfy his selfish desires. There was no repentance in his heart for his previous contempt toward the promises of God. Esau was angry with his mother, his brother, and himself and gave vent to wild lamentations. Esau begs for just a fragment of what he had thoughtlessly thrown away in selling his birthright.

Vs. 35, 36. "And he said, Thy brother came with subtlety, and hath taken away thy blessing. . . . And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?" The name "Jacob" means one who supplants or outwits. Esau was outwitted, deceived and sup-

panted by his brother. The blessing of man by man was regarded as magically beneficial. Once uttered, it would be carried out mechanically. Isaac gained God's favor for Jacob by blessing him. Esau apparently had no conception of the spiritual meaning of the blessing.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Nuttman Ave.

Paul D. Parker, Minister

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Lawrence Michel will have charge of the school. Bring the family, you will enjoy the friendly atmosphere in the class arranged for you. There are classes for all ages.

Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Sermon, "Protect Your Character."

Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p.m. The topic in the senior department will be, "The Way Of God Is Peace."

Evening Evangelistic service. Inspirational song fest, followed by the pastors' message on the subject, "The Everpresent Christ." Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday 7:30.

The annual Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m. The course that will be taught in all classes will be, "Jesus Calls" Boys and girls from the Nursery department through the Freshman year in high school are invited to attend. If you have not registered, opportunity will still be given, Monday morning.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Traverse W. Chandler, minister

"Rural Life Sunday"

Morning worship begins at 9:30 a.m. with the prelude by Mrs. Glen Borchert at the organ. Followed by the Call to Worship.

Communion meditation and the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

The topic of the minister's sermon is "The Good Earth." Scripture lesson Matt. 13:1-8, text Matt. 13:3.

The choir under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Strickler will sing, "Beyond" — Wilson.

Bible School hour is at 10:30 a.m. Everett Faulkner, supt., Gerald Strickler, assistant.

Junior Church is at 9:30 a.m. and all children taking part in the Children's Day program are practicing at this time.

The C. W. F. will meet at the church Monday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. J. E. Anderson, leader. Mrs. Fred Scheiderer in charge of the worship program.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7.

BETHANY

Evangelical United Brethren

Benj. G. Thomas, minister

9 a.m., Sunday school. Leo M. Feasel, assistant superintendent.

Extended session at 10 a.m.

10 a.m., divine worship. Sermon: "In Remembrance." The choir anthem: "In The Sweet Bye and Bye."

2 p.m., the youth fellowship will have charge of the service of worship at the Adams county home.

The program includes several musical numbers: vocal duet, Miss Janet Miller, Miss Julia Ellsworth; accordion solo, Miss Joyce Smith; solo, Miss Sharon Sheets. Rev. Benj. G. Thomas will bring the message.

6 p.m., the youth fellowship is inviting their parents to share in and participate in the program entitled: "Talking It Over With Your Parents." We had one about a year ago and we look forward to this session in anticipation.

Our vacation church school will begin Monday morning at nine o'clock. All children ages 4-12 are encouraged to come. It will continue for two weeks.

I have never advocated war except as a mean of peace. — Grant



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Very Rev. Msgr. Selmetz, pastor

6 a.m., First Mass.

7:30 a.m., Low Mass.

9 a.m., Children's Mass.

10:15 a.m., High Mass.

Weekday Mass, 7:20 a.m.

Holy Communion Sundays.

First Sunday, the Rosary Society.

Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.

Third Sunday, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia.

Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Carroll Myers, minister

Young Adult Group will have a wiener roast and fishing party today, starting at 5 p.m. Bring own equipment and have fun with us. All persons between ages 18-35 are welcome. The party will be at the CCC Camp at Bluffton.

9:30 a.m., morning worship and Communion. Sermon: "Some Implanted Characteristics of a Christian."

10:30 a.m., Bible school. Leo Moser, supt. Classes for everyone. Come help us keep the board green.

7:30 p.m., gospel hour planned to give you a challenge to better Christian living. Come, and go refreshed.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer meeting and Bible study. Judy Rhodes is scheduled as leader. Come and learn more of the Bible as we study it verse by verse in our informal way. Everyone welcome.

Church of Christ vacation Bible school—All children are urged to remember the dates of the vacation Bible school as they are set at June 10-14. All youngsters between ages 4 on up are welcome. All children under the ages of 4 must be accompanied by an adult. Great plans are being made for a good time. Come to our vacation Bible school.

Young adult group of the Church of Christ is a group that hopes to start a Bible school class as soon as the group numbers 15 in attendance. There are several persons who could be coming and swell that number way past our goal. So everyone come have fun with us and learn more of Christ as he lived and expects us to live and believe. Everyone plan now to come to our wiener roast and fishing party at the CCC Camp in Bluffton this Saturday evening by 5 o'clock. Bring your fishing equipment and also the things you wish to eat.

ZION

Evangelical and Reformed

Third and Jackson Streets

William C. Feller, pastor

Church school at 9 a.m. Richard Linn, superintendent. Through public schools are closed, the Sunday church school continues to function. Come and bring your entire family.

Divine worship at 10 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "The Earth Is The Lord's." The male double quartet will sing, "The Church By The Side Of The Road" by Ackley. Every member is invited to be present. Visitors are always welcome.

Youth Fellowship picnic and potluck supper at the home of Annette Thomas. Meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. Bring covered dish and table service.

Our vacation church school will open on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until 11 a.m. Monday through Friday for two weeks, except for Memorial Day. Children from 4 to 13 years of age are invited.

Bethany Circle will meet in the home of Mrs. Wesley Lehman on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Note change in day.

Friendship Circle will meet in the home of Mrs. Fred Corah on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7 p.m.

Come and worship with us.

ZION LUTHERAN

West Monroe and Eleventh Streets

Edgar F. Schmidt, pastor

The Church With Carillon Bells

Two worship services will be conducted tomorrow, at 8 and 10:30 o'clock, and each will have a special feature.

At 8 o'clock the pastor will speak on the subject of "Prayer," since it is Prayer or "Rogate" Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service.

At the 10:30 hour, a catechumen class of six children will be received into communicant membership of the congregation by the solemn rite of Confirmation. The choir will appear at this service, singing, "Teach Me, O Lord," by Atwood. Karl Reinling will direct.

Sunday school and Bible classes will meet from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.

Church Calendar

Vacation Bible school opens Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock with a devotion in the church. Children and teachers may go directly to the church when they arrive. Organization will be effected following devotion. All children of the community, ages 3 to 15, are cordially invited.

Circuit A pastoral conference meets Monday afternoon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fueling.

The Executive Board of the Inter-river zone of the Walther League will meet Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The subject will be "The Last Things"—the resurrection of Christ, the Judgment, Resurrection of all flesh, Destruction of the world, heaven and hell.

The Stewardship Council meets Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

A Vesper celebrating the Ascension of Christ into heaven will be conducted on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will speak on "The Meaning of Christ's Ascension." Holy Communion will be celebrated, and the newly confirmed children will partake of their first Sacrament.

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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

7th and Marshall Streets

C. E. Lykins, pastor

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. The Gaither Trio, of Alexandria, will be singing in the opening exercises of the church school hour. Composed of two brothers and a sister, the Gaithers are in wide demand as youth workers in this area.

They will be singing several numbers in the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The pastor will speak on the subject, "Armor and Weapons."

Young peoples' meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Evangelistic service at 7:30. The Scripture text for the evening sermon will be taken from Second Kings, 4:40. "And it came to pass, as they were eating the pottage, as they cried out and said, 'O, thou man of God, there is death in the pot.' And they could not eat thereof." Glenn Habegger, with his trombone, Frances Roe at the organ and Elmore Bebout at the piano will make for a great song service. Attend the house of God on Sunday night.

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Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock, with choir practice following.

Visitation on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

A welcome to all.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

George Varian, pastor

1210 Elm Street

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Tomorrow is "Teacher's Day" in our Sunday School. We will recognize all the workers and teachers. We would like to invite you to attend, for it would be a real spiritual treat for your family. We have a class for you and we need you for the class.

Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon: "Prayer."

Evening service, 7:45 p.m. Sermon: "Jonathan and David."

Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., we are going to have a special speaker, Rev. Charles Petrosky. He is a return missionary from Africa. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service.

This is a church where people from all denominations meet to worship God. You will enjoy the old fashioned singing and the an-

TRINITY

Evangelical United Brethren

Madison at Ninth Streets

John E. Chambers, minister

9 a.m., Sunday school; Clifford Hooverman, general superintendent. We invite you to make the Sunday School a family affair—a class for every member.

10 a.m., morning worship. Ascension Sunday; message: "Happy Ending." Harold Mumma is organist and the choir will sing the anthem: "Send Out Thy Light" by Gounod.

6:30 p.m., Boys and Girls and Youth Fellowship.

7:30 p.m., evening service; message: "Miracle in a Prison Camp." The Finance Committee will meet after the evening service to prepare the church budget.

Monday-Friday, 8:15-11 a.m., vacation church school for the kindergarten and primary departments. The junior department will meet later in the summer.

Monday, 8 p.m., meeting of the finance section of the building committee.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., mid-week service, 8 p.m., choir rehearsal.

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Gideon banquet at the Community Center.

The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living. —Cicero

MISSIONARY

Tenth and Dayton Streets

Gerald I. Gerig, pastor

9 a.m., Sunday school hour. Rain or shine, we will be looking for you tomorrow!

10 a.m., morning worship hour. Pastor brings his 11th message from James entitled, "The Supremacy of God." Junior church for children ages 4 through 11 and a nursery department for children ages 2 and 3.

6:30 p.m., pre-service prayer meeting.

7 p.m., adult fellowship. Teen-age MYF. Children's Gospel hour.

7:30 p.m., Gospel Hour. Pastor begins a series on the parables and miracles in the Bible.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Mother and Daughter fellowship at the parsonage.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and praise.

Saturday, 7 p.m., men's prayer meeting.

Our daily vacation Bible school begins Monday morning at 9 a.m. There will be classes for children starting with age 4. If you need transportation for your children, call 3-3678. There will be no classes on Thursday, May 30, due to the holiday.

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