

## Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday school lesson, justice to minorities, Leviticus 19:33-34; Deuteronomy 24:14-15; Matthew 9:9-13; Galatians 3:28, for Sunday, August 17.

This lesson deals with persons who were sojourners in the land, the oppressed, and those who were thought of as sinners. It attempts to show that those who truly follow Christ must have a genuine concern for all men everywhere.

Vs. 33, 34. "And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. . . But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." Since the Egyptians were once slaves in Egypt with no political rights, they should have been able to understand the "stranger" who was an outsider, had left his home and established himself in a new community. Experience should teach sympathy for one's fellowmen, and in addition, men should prove themselves worthy of the love of their God by having a spirit of love for strangers in their midst.

Vs. 14, 15. "Thou shalt not oppress on hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of the brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates. . . At his day thou shalt give him hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he

is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee." A hired servant was to be treated fairly, paid promptly regardless of his status. It was the law and the custom that a laborer be paid at the end of each day's work. This is reflected in Jesus' parable of the laborers. In the Masai law God is always on the side of the poor and oppressed.

Vs. 9. "And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of the custom; and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him." For Jesus to call a tax collector to be a follower was a bold thing to do in view of the attitude of Jews toward publicans, and tax collectors in particular. The collector usually charged what he could get, and kept any extra money beyond the required taxes. Jesus saw good in Matthew that his critics did not see, because his yardstick was different.

Vs. 10. "And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples." Matthew was host at a dinner honoring Jesus and naturally invited his friends, who were publicans, so that they too might meet Jesus. Those people who violated any of the teachings of the rabbis, such as carrying a package on the Sabbath, were considered sinners. The term "sinners" also included those who defied moral laws as well as ceremonial regulations.

Vs. 11-13. "And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? . . . But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. . . But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." In the Orient, a banquet is a public affair, so the Pharisees, while not invited to the feast, entered and looked on. Eating together has always been considered an exceptionally high form of social contact, and, by eating with publicans and sinners, Jesus was putting himself outside the area of social acceptability. The publicans and sinners were morally and spiritually sick, but the Pharisees regarded themselves as highly moral, since they observed the law and traditions, and therefore did not consider that Jesus could be of any service to them. Christ admonished the Pharisees that he regarded mercy and kind treatment of others more important than any sacrifice, or the observance of religious traditions.

Vs. 28. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." In this verse Paul repudiates all claims on behalf of any distinct class of people to superior privileges in Christ. Before Christ all men are on the same level. The Greeks divided people into two groups — barbarians and themselves. The Jews were even more contemptuous of the Gentiles, slaves were inferior to their masters and women inferior to men. Paul dreamed of mankind united in Christ.

### Book Review

Amazing Grace, by Donald Demary. The Light and Life Press is the biography of John Newton, once a slave trader and pagan, transformed into an educated leader in the evangelical movement of England. The author is associate professor in Religion at Seattle Pacific College. The book has appeal for young people, laymen, educators as well as ministers.

## Discussion on Questions S.S. Lesson

Discussion Questions on the Sunday school Lesson, justice to minorities, for Sunday, August 17.

1. How do we go about trying to understand people different from ourselves?
2. What relationship should one have with foreign students, servicemen away from home, migrant workers who temporarily reside in one's town?
3. What are some problems of minorities in this country?
4. What are some of the ways in which brotherly love should express itself?
5. How can the church help to realize the dream of a universal family of God?

Clericus says: The command to love God and our neighbor is based on the eternal nature of God. Since God is love, love is the fulfillment of God's changeless law. The greatest unity in the world takes place when mankind assembles at the communion table and at the foot of the cross. When we draw near to Christ, all human barriers fall away. Brotherly love is the world's best evidence of Christianity and the mainspring of true service.

## Do You Know THE HOLY BIBLE

1. What hero of Israel asked God to help him destroy a temple?
2. What prophet of Israel was born in answer to his mother's prayer for a son?
3. On what occasion did Solomon utter a great prayer?
4. Why was Daniel thrown into the lion's den?
5. What book of the Old Testament contains many prayers?

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A man may be a brilliant intellectual, the bearer of proud degrees from learned institutions, an executive with great responsibilities and capacity, but unless he has a good heart, his manhood is deficient.

The great societies are those dominated by those with great hearts, who may be actually ignorant, but whose manhood is shown by every act.

A society can live without great brains but it perishes without great hearts. — Editorial in Pittsburgh Courier.

### DO YOU KNOW ANSWERED

1. Samson — Judges 16:28-30.
2. Samuel, son of Hannah — 1 Sam. 1:10-11.
3. At the dedication of the temple — 1 Kings 8:23-53.
4. For disobeying the decree not to pray to anyone but the king — Dan. 6:7-9.
5. The Psalms.

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9:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses  
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7:30 a.m.  
8:15 a.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
West Monroe at Fifth Street  
F. Hazen Sparks, Minister

9:00 a.m. Church School. Mr. Fred Soldner, superintendent, will be in charge. We have classes for all age groups. A supervised crib room, nursery and kindergarten classes for pre-school children. Bring your children and come to the church school.

10:00 a.m. Divine Worship. This Sunday Rev. Sparks will preach on the subject, "A Wise Prayer." The special musical number will be presented by a Male Quartet who will sing "Though faint, yet pursuing" by Koschat. Mrs. Leand Neuen will play for her organ selections: "Thy Praise We Sing" by Parker; "Introspection" by Wilson and "Postlude" by Bach.

The regular Wednesday evening Fellowship Hour for Meditation and Prayer at 7:00 o'clock.

The W. S. C. S. is planning a Rummage Sale for early September. Please watch for the date.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
7th. & Marshall  
C. E. Lykins, Pastor

Sunday school at 9:30. Richard Hurst, Supt. Junior department in charge of Mrs. C. E. Lykins. Worship service at 10:30, with the pastor speaking to the Juniors. The service will be dismissed by eleven o'clock to give opportunity for everyone to go to the district center at Marion in time for dinner. Camp meeting services there will be at 2:30 and 7:30. There will be no service in the evening locally.

Missionary meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

A cordial welcome to all in the services of this church.

CHURCH OF GOD  
628 Cleveland Street  
Helen Bever, Jr., Pastor

8:30 a.m. "The Christian Brotherhood Hour," over W.K.J.G. This is listed as one of the best religious programs on radio, and is heard around the world.

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. This is a great opportunity for the family to be together, to sing, to pray, and to meditate. Just before our pastor brings the message our children are dismissed and go to have their own worship service. Here they learn to worship and hear the message of Christ in the expressions they understand best.

10:30 a.m. Sunday School. If your family has not been attending our Sunday School we want to invite each member to attend the class prepared for you this Sunday.

12:00 The Friendship Club and their families will have a picnic at Memorial Park.

7:30 p.m. Evening Service. These services have been well attended through the summer months. Come and bring a friend.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service.

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 and share with us in the study of a Bible centered lesson. We have classes for all ages.

Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. "The Cost of What You Are" will be the theme of the pastors message.

Christian Endeavor 7:00 p.m. "Confidentially — Have You Heard?" will be the study topic. The young people of the church will present a special program in the 7:30 service. A Pageant, "Holy Altars" will climax the service. Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

You are always welcome at Nuttman Ave.

He who would learn should teach others.

## Zion Lutheran West Monroe and Eleventh Streets Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor

The church with carillon Bells  
8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Late Worship

While the pastor is on vacation, the Rev. Wilfred J. Schneider, chaplain of the Ft. Wayne Lutheran Hospital, will conduct the services. Both morning worship hours, 8 and 10:30 a.m., and the Sunday school sessions at 9:15, will be conducted each Sunday.

If the services of a minister are needed during the week, members are asked to phone elders Gerhard A. Schultz or Edward Wolfe.

MISSIONARY  
Tenth and Dayton Streets  
Gerald I. Gerig, pastor

9 a.m. Sunday school hour. The summer is almost over. Have you been faithful in your church attendance?

10 a.m. morning worship hour. Rev. Ernest Bellella will be the guest speaker for the day. You will enjoy his interesting and helpful messages.

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

7 p.m. youth meetings.

7:30 p.m. evening gospel hour.

Rev. Bellella, speaking.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and praise. A report of the general conference will be given.

August 19—We will be having our annual Sunday school picnic at the Berne park. All are invited to attend.

Make plans to attend church tomorrow!

TRINITY  
Evangelical United Brethren  
Ninth and Madison Streets  
J. O. Penrod, minister

How good it is for God's people to assemble together for worship. Come and worship with us tomorrow.

Church school at 9 a.m. Clifford Hoverman will be superintendent. Morning worship will be held at 10 a.m. The service will be led by Clifford Hoverman. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Paul Eppley of Oakwood Park, Syracuse, who is the director of the conference office of the Evangelical United Brethren church. Special musical numbers will be given by Mr. & Mrs. Burt Wilhoit, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Fannie Hitchcock. Organ numbers by Mrs. Herald Hitchcock will be "Visions" by Demorest and "The Name of Jesus" by Lorenz.

The youth fellowship will meet for recreation at 6 p.m. The lesson on problems of alcohol entitled "No Thank You," will be given by Steve Butcher, leader.

The Boys and Girls fellowship will meet Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Evening worship Sunday at 7:30 p.m. A colored film entitled "The Way of God" will be shown. This is a film on the Evangelical United Brethren mission work in Sierra Leone, West Africa. It is the story of the pastor of the Moyamba church conducting the consecration service of a new Paramount Chief, Madam Gulama. The picture shows how the gospel changes people on the mission field.

The Boy Scout Troop No. 65 will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The Women's Society of World Service will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Mid-week worship for all ages will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Mercer Avenue at Five Points  
Harold J. Bond, minister

9:30 a.m., unified service. Every member of the Sunday school and church will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the opening service. During the hymn before the sermon all boys and girls through the primary departments will go to their classes. Other classes will meet following the meditation.

Musical selections will include the prelude, "Allegro Maestoso," by Kohlman, the offertory, "Reverie," by Preston and the postlude "Paeon," by Morrison. Special music will also be provided for the Unified service.

In the absence of our own minister, Rev. A. A. Panhorst of Howe, will deliver the sermon. His topic will be, "The Ministry we often forget."

Small children may be left in the nursery during worship service—adult supervision is provided for your little ones.

In Memoriam  
Mrs. Ethel Christen, a communicant member since Mar. 11, 1940.

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10:30 a.m. Bible school with classes for you and your family. Everyone come for worship and stay for study. If you want a larger class, you come and bring several friends.

Special: Immediately after Bible school, everyone will go from Decatur to Berne where at the park a great picnic will be held. If you want to go to the picnic, be in church and Bible School and you will have transportation. Bring a well filled basket of food. Recreation is planned for those who want to play, and visiting is planned for others.

No evening service. A brief devotion will be held after dinner and that will take the place of the evening service for this week only.

Coming August 17. Brother Albert Fry will be the special speaker for the morning service. Hear Him.

Note: August 17 evening service will be a visitation service. Everyone is urged to visit a neighboring congregation for this service.

Wednesday, Aug. 13, Bible study. Leon McClain will be leader. These Bible studies are informal verse by verse studies for all ages. Come for a mid-week time of refreshing.

August 20, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Bible study, Bob Stevenson will be the leader. Everyone welcome.

August 24. The full day of Lord's day services are planned. Everyone be in the Lord's house every Lord's day.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
221 South Fourth Street  
Stuart H. Brightwell, Pastor

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour. We have a graded school with a class for every age.

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

Sermon by the Rev. J. Huston Bever, pastor of the Decatur Church of God. Special Music will be a vocal by Mrs. Eugene Lehman, accompanied by Mrs. Jerold Lobsiger.

Our evening service will be dismissed for tonight.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Midweek Hour of Prayer and Bible study. The services of our church are open to the public. You are invited to worship with us.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH  
1210 Elm Street  
George Yarian, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Regardless of the condition of the weather, everybody still needs to go to Sunday School. Why don't you plan now to bring the whole family tomorrow morning.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sermon by the pastor.

Evening Service 7:45 p.m. Sermon by the pastor.

Wednesday Evening 7:45 p.m. Bible study in the book of the Revelation. If you are interested in Prophecy, then make this service a must in your schedule.

Saturday Evening 7:00-8:00 p.m. The hour of prayer.

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only by His supreme guidance can we be liberated from those powers which would like to retain us in slavery. I pray that you will be given and will cherish this gift of God — real freedom in a life subordinated to His good and holy will."

The church endeavors to proclaim God's will for his children. Why not accept the invitation and come to church next Sunday?

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
W. L. Burner, Pastor

Morning worship will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Glenn Borchers will be organist.

The quartet will sing "No One Cares for Me Like Jesus."

The scripture which will be delivered by Rev. Burner will be entitled, "Unlocking Barred Doors." Sunday School will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Come and worship.

ZION EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED  
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William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School at 9:00 a.m. Wesley Lehman, superintendent. The combined classes will be taught by Edward Jaberg. Children will meet in their regular classes under capable teachers. Come and bring your family.

Divine Worship at 10:00 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "Let's Not Faint."

Come and join us in this hour of worship. Visitors are always welcome.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH  
Benj. G. Thomas, Minister

At the Sunday School hour of 9:00 a.m. young people, who were in attendance at the Oakwood Assembly, will give their reports of the values of the 1958 Youth Assembly. David Willard, of Wabash, presided over the sessions. Leo Feasel is Superintendent.

Divine Worship at 10:00 a.m. Miss Eleanor Miller will play the organ.

The Sermon: "When A Strong Man Goes to Church."

The Council of Administration will meet Wednesday Night at 8:00 p.m. All are invited to Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m.

The W.S.M.S. Unit No. 2 will meet in the home of Mrs. Fred McConnell at 2:00 p.m.



Copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been selling at the average rate of one million per year since it was first published in 1952.

The Book that Lives is the theme that has been chosen for 1958 by the American Bible Society for its World-wide Bible Reading program, from Thanksgiving to Christmas. This year will be the fifteenth annual observance of this reading program.

Station HLKX, Radio-Korea of the Evangelical Alliance Mission is now broadcasting in the Russian language every night except Saturday. This is the fifth language to be used over HLKX. (Others are English, Chinese, Korean, and Mongolian.)

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