

Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

The events of this lesson occurred during David's maturity as man and king. Under his leadership, Israel had attained a position of power. The Philistines, Ammonites and Syrians had been defeated. No man, however, can rise so high as to be beyond temptation and David's moral lapse came at the time his outward success was greatest. The lesson deals with the nature and consequences of sin, the necessity for honesty in facing one's sin, and God's willingness to forgive when there is sincere repentance.

Vs.1-3. "And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. . . The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds. . . But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter." David had seen and been attracted by Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, one of his thirty "mighty men" in the army. That he might possess her, he had Uriah placed in a dangerous position during a battle and he was killed. This happened a year prior to this lesson. Nathan courageously

charged his monarch with shameful, conscienceless adultery by means of a parable at the end of which the king convicts himself. It was dangerous to rebuke kings, particularly since David's sin was not unusual among oriental monarchs, who ruled ruthlessly and took what they wanted. The ewe lamb was a common thing in a poor man's home of that day. To seize the one pet lamb of a poor man would arouse anger and resentment in any just man.

Vs.4-6. "And there came a traveler unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfarer man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come unto him. . . And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die. . . And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." In the parable, the rich man, of course, represented David and the poor man Uriah, who had one wife, Bathsheba. In contrast, David had many wives and concubines. David did not recognize himself as the culprit in the parable but his sense of justice was aroused and he stated the culprit should be killed and restoration made. The damage done by David, however, was irreparable.

Vs.7,9,10. "And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul. . . Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? Thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. . . Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife." Nathan spoke courageously concerning God's judgment regarding David's willful transgression. He interpreted David's sin as more than brutal sin against the soldier, Uriah; he had broken the law of God. While he had not actually killed Uriah himself, he was responsible for his death. God did not want David to be free from condemnation because he had been his anointed.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1210 Elm Street
George Yarian, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. The Sunday school contest is going very nicely. Last Sunday every class met their goal. Tomorrow every person is urged to be present, and to invite someone to come with you. Keep up the good work and we will go over the top.
Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "A Pleasant Help."

Evening service, 7:45 p.m. Sermon by the pastor: "The Sin of Cursing."
Tuesday afternoon prayer meeting, 1:20 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., prayer meeting and Bible study.
Saturday, prayer meeting, 7-8 p.m.
You always have an invitation to attend the services. You will enjoy the friendly atmosphere, the hearty singing, and the ministering of the Word of God.

MISSIONARY CHURCH

Tenth and Dayton Streets
Gerald I. Gerig, Pastor
9:00 Sunday School Hour. Let's make May another "200" month. We averaged 201 in April.
10:00 Morning Worship Hour. Pastor speaks on this subject: "The Decaying Church." The choir sings under the direction of Darrell Gerig. Parents you can enjoy the service

while the children attend junior church.
6:30 Pre-service prayer
6:45 Teen-age MYF
7:00 Children's Gospel Hour and Adult Fellowship.
7:30 Evening Gospel Hour. Message: "Into The Woods."
Monday 7:30 Prayer and Praise
8:30 Choir rehearsal
Thursday 1:30 Ladies' prayer meeting
7:00 Ladies' Fellowship
Saturday 7:00 Men's prayer meeting

Some of you have been saying that you intend to start coming to church. Why not start tomorrow?

CHURCH OF GOD

628 Cleveland Street
Huston Bever, Jr., pastor
8:30 a.m., "The Christian Brotherhood Hour" over WKJG. Dr. Dale Oldham will speak of "The Un-Delinquent Juvenile."
9:30 a.m., morning worship. It is our privilege as the people of America to worship God as we so choose. Do you and your family take advantage of this privilege? We would like for you to join us in our worship this Sunday. Our pastor will speak to us again from the parables of Jesus.
10:40 a.m., Sunday school. We are sure you will find help and encouragement in the class you will choose.
6 p.m., youth fellowship. If you are senior high age you are welcome to this group.
7:30 p.m., evening service. This service is important to the life of the church, let it become important to you.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer service.
Thursday, mothers and daughters banquet, in the fellowship hall.

FIRST BAPTIST

221 South Fourth Street
Stuart H. Brightwell, pastor
9:15 a.m., Sunday school hour. John Mays, supt. We have a graded school with a class for every age group.
10:30 a.m., morning worship service. Communion will be observed during the service. The pastor's message is entitled, "The Lord's Supper—It's Nature." The church choir will sing, "Blessed Redeemer" by Christians. Mrs. Stuart Brightwell is choir director. Mrs. Eugene Lehman is organist.
6:30 p.m., Baptist youth fellowship.
7:30 p.m., evening service. The sermon is "His Strength for our Weakness."
Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., junior choir rehearsal. 7 p.m., mid-week hour of prayer. 8 p.m., church choir rehearsal.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Revelators class party.
The services of our church are open to the public. You are invited to visit our services.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Nuttman Avenue
Paul D. Parker, minister
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. This being the first Sunday of the month the assistant officers and teachers will have charge of the school. Sunday is the beginning of "National Family Week" why not start the week right by attending Sunday school and church as a family? We have classes for all ages.
Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. "Building a Christian Home," will be the sermon subject.
Christian endeavor, 7 p.m. "As For Me and My House," will be the study topic.
Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Inspirational song service followed by the pastor's message on the subject, "Time Is Running Out."
Prayer and Instructional class Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
You will find a welcome at Nuttman Ave.

Sunday Service

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
V. Rev. Magr. Schmitt, Pastor
Sunday Masses

6 a.m.
7:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

6 a.m.
7:30 a.m.
8:15 a.m.

FIRST METHODIST

West Monroe at Fifth Street
F. Hazen Sparks, minister
9:30 a.m., church school. Fred Solder, superintendent, will be in charge of our church school where classes are provided for each member of the family. Pre-school, kindergarten classes and infants are cared for in supervised departments. You will find a warm welcome in our church school and you are invited to come and bring your family.
10:20 a.m., divine worship. This loyalty Sunday, Lowell Smith will bring the message on the topic "Partners." The senior choir under the direction of Miss Helen Haubold will sing "Praise My Soul" by Andrews. Mrs. Edgar Gerber has chosen to play the following organ numbers this Sunday: "Gothic Chorale" by Lorenz; "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" by Van Denman Thompson and "Short Prelude" by Waggoner.
The senior Methodist youth fellowship will meet at the church at 4:30 o'clock for a trip to Bluffton for a joint meeting with the M.Y.F. group from Bluffton at the state park.

The intermediate youth fellowship will meet in the recreation room at 5:30 o'clock with their sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stonestreet.
The every member canvass will be conducted Sunday afternoon and a request is made that all members of the church remain in their homes following the Community Concert until someone calls on them. Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated by the every member canvass committee.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., the prayer meeting will be held and also the rehearsal for the senior choir at the same hour. The junior choir will meet at 7:15 o'clock and the regular meeting of the trustees will be held in the church office at 8 o'clock.
Thursday, the members of the Eveready class will meet in the home of Mrs. Wm. Barber, 334 North Fourth street at 7:30 o'clock. Members are asked to remember the time and the place of the meeting.

First Christian Church
2nd & Jefferson Sts.
Edward Pacha, minister
Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. finds our Jr. Choir raising their voices in praise. The pastor's morning message will be called "Why?" Our nursery will be open. Won't you join us in church this Sunday?
Church School at 10:30 continues the studies from the old testament. The scripture text is 2 Samuel 7:18-25. The lesson title is "Wise Management."
Youth-Fellowship will not meet at the usual time, but rather will join in the evening fellowship and film at 7 p.m. The film will be on the middle-east and there will be a cartoon. Join us.
Here now is something that is just too good to keep to myself. I was told this during the week and it seems to me as being very true. If you want the formula for the "Good Life" where everything seems to go well with you—try this!

Attend a minimum of 3 out of 4 church services.
Give a minimum of 10% of your pay to the church.
Read a minimum of one chapter a day in the Bible.
Pray 25 times a day.
Well, they say that everyone wants the formula to life. There it is. It'll work for you whoever you are. Are you ready to try it?

Man is arrogant in proportion to his ignorance.
Some people read just enough to keep themselves misinformed.

ZION Evangelical and Reformed (United Church of Christ)

Third and Jackson Street
William C. Feller, pastor
Church school, 9 a.m. Lawrence Rash, assistant superintendent, will be in charge. Children, young people, and adults are invited to attend our sessions. There are classes for all ages. Come and bring your whole family.

Divine worship, 10 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "Remember the Sabbath Day." This is the fourth in the series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. The senior choir will sing, "Spirit of God" by Norman. We invite all who are without a church home in this community to worship with us. The Mission Band will meet during the sermon portion of the service. The greeting committee for the month of May is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Meyer, Russell Augsburger and Paul Feller.
Cuba one of the youth fellowship will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warthman Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Cuba two will meet at 6 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Johnson.

Monday, 7:30 p.m., opening session of the Michigan-Indiana synod meeting in Salem E & R church, Fort Wayne.
The official board meeting has been postponed for one week.
Women's Guild mother and daughter carry-in supper Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. All women of the church are invited to come and bring their mothers and/or daughters. Also bring a covered dish and table service. A special program is being prepared.
Senior choir rehearsal Friday, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 10, the youth fellowship will have a breakfast in the church dining room with their mothers as guests.
Come and worship with us.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL
UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
Benj. G. Thomas, Minister
This is the 20th Anniversary of the birthday of Jacob Albright the founder of the Evangelical church, which in 1946 merged with the United Brethren church in Christ to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church.
The pastor will speak upon the theme: "Faith of Our Fathers." The hymns selected will be older hymns like that of Charles Wesley's "Love Divine, All Love's Excellency" written in 1747.
Sunday School, Nine o'clock. Mr. Clarence E. Smith, Supt. Divine Worship, Ten o'clock. The Youth Hour at 6:00 p.m. will be led by Miss Sharon Sheets. The topic is: "Parents Bleed When Cut."
Mr. Robert Koth, Youth Associate of the denomination, will be here Monday night and all the rest of the week to lead discussions of youth and their counselors in the improvement of the Youth Work in Bethany, Trinity and Union Chapel E. U. B. churches. There will be a meeting each evening with the exception of Wednesday at Bethany church at 7:00 p.m.
Please note the change in hour from 7:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. The Mother and Daughter Banquet.
Monday, The Youth Officers, Counselors and Commission chairmen.
Tuesday, All the Youth and their counselors.
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. At Trinity church Y. F. officers and the commission chairmen.
Thursday, Meeting of Youth Directors, Teachers, Counselors of Youth. Parents invited.
Friday, Meeting of Junior High Counselors, and Teachers.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Cor. 12th and Washington
Carroll Myers, minister
Lee Moser, supt.
9:30 a.m., morning worship with Christ as the lead. Come let Christ have his way with thee. Message, "Living Sacrifice." You are welcome to this and all our services.
10:30 a.m., Sunday school with classes planned for all ages. Come help your class have a fine green light. This Sunday is assistants Sunday with all assistant teachers and officers in charge. Gene Schindler is assistant supt.
7:30 p.m., evening gospel hour. Come study Revelations with us. Bring your Bible to all our services. We welcome sincere questions. Revelation Chapter 18 will be for our consideration.
6 p.m., elder's & deacon's meeting at the church.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer meeting and Bible study with Ruth Myers leader. Our study begins with Colossians 3:11.
Coming, May 10—Mother's Day—also youth rally at Pennville. Special recognition to mothers. Bring your mother.

WIT AND WISDOM
"The mule," wrote a school boy, "is a harder bird than a goose or turkey, and different. He wears his wings on the side of his head. He has two legs to walk with, two more to kick with, and is usually awful backward about going forward."

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
7th and Marshall Streets
C. E. Lykins, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages. Family day will be observed, with honors going to the largest family present.
The Keller family, of Muncie, will be guest musicians and speakers in both the Sunday school hour and the worship service at 10:30 a.m.
Young peoples' meeting, 6:45 p.m.
Evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m. with the pastor speaking.
Missionary service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
The church board will meet Monday, 7:30 p.m., at the church.
All are welcome in the services of this church.

TRINITY Evangelical United Brethren Ninth and Madison Streets

J. O. Penrod, minister
Sunday is the beginning of National Christian Family Week. Bring your entire family to church to worship!

Church school activities will begin at 9 a.m. The pastor's class will meet at the parsonage during this hour.
Morning worship will begin at 10 a.m. All of the new officers and teachers have been asked to be present to be installed for their responsibilities for the coming year. The junior-high catechetical class will be given recognition. Members of the class are Janet Fugate, Donna Keiss, David Wynn and Connie Folk. The pastor's message will be "The Family Belongs to God." The chancel choir will sing "Praise Be to God." Organ numbers selected by Harold Mumma are "O Salutaris Hostia" by Gounod; "From Heaven to Earth I Come" by Luther; and "Recessional" by Heyser.

The youth fellowship will meet Sunday evening for the lesson and recreation at 6 p.m.
The evening worship will be held in the sanctuary at 7 a.m. The Boys and Girls Fellowship meets during this hour.
Monday, Boy Scout Troop No. 65 will meet at 6:30 p.m.
Youth fellowship training for the YF executive committee will be held at Bethany church at 7 p.m. Monday.

Tuesday, the Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m.
YF training for all YF commissions will be held at Bethany church Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Junior catechetical class will meet Wednesday, 6 p.m. Mid-week worship will be held Wednesday, 7 p.m. youth and children's choir will rehearse during this hour. YF training for officers and commission chairmen will be held Wednesday, 7 p.m. at Bethany church. Chancel choir rehearsal Wednesday, 8 p.m.
YF counselor training will be Thursday, 7 p.m. at Bethany church. The ladies aid will meet Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
YF training for junior-high county elders will be held at Bethany Friday, 7 p.m.

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

9:15 a.m., Sunday school classes for all ages taught by consecrated teachers. Grow Spiritually by attending Sunday school.

10:30 a.m., morning worship. The pastor will conclude the series of messages on the Lord's Prayer with the theme, "Trial and Triumph" using as a text, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." The chancel choir under the direction of Mrs. Clint Reed will sing "The Lord's Prayer" by Forsyth. Mrs. Haubold will play these organ selections, "Melodia Semplice" by Sergisio; "Meditation" by Briggs and "Triumphal March" by Oberg.

Flowers for this service are given by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haley in memory of their granddaughter, Patricia Rhodes.
Ushers for the month of May include, Fred Kunkel, Bill Schroek, Ernest High, Tom Cravens and Jim Gay.
3:30 p.m., Wabash River Men's meeting in Marion, Indiana.
5:30 p.m., the Westminster youth fellowship will meet. Miss Dianne Linn is advisor. Jim Burk moderator and Miss Ann Kocher, citizenship chairman will have the lesson and devotions.

ZION LUTHERAN
Monroe and 11th Street
R. C. Ludwig, pastor
8 a.m., the early worship hour.
9:15 a.m., Sunday Bible school for all ages.
10:30 a.m., the late worship hour.

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