

Bible News

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 In the early weeks of 1945 when it was becoming apparent that Japan's cause was lost, a 22-year-old Japanese soldier (who was a non-Christian) was visiting in the home of Mrs. Alice A. Wilcox, a former missionary to China. Mrs. Wilcox said that he said this: "When this war is over, the Bible should be required to be

taught in every school over the world. It is the only book in every language, and to have world peace we must have common understanding; and to have understanding, we must have some basic beginning. The Bible is printed in every language, so it is all ready for that beginning."
 Such a philosophy, if followed, contains the only hope for all the world today. Four hundred years

ago the same book began to speak directly to the people of the western nations. Out of it came the Reformation, the democratization of England, the Puritan movement, the Great Revival, the birth of America, the modern missionary movement—practically all those elements in the world's life today that carry hope for the future. If now, out of the profound upheaval that is visiting the nations of this earth, there spreads throughout the land a real enthusiasm for the Word of God, who can tell what it will mean for humanity, for peace, for progress and for Christ's Kingdom.

One hundred fifty years ago Christians realized that the Bible must be made available to all who desire it regardless of their ability to pay. Accordingly, the American Bible Society sells overseas at a fraction of their actual cost and in the United States sells Scriptures below the full cost of publication and distribution.
 Read the Bible! Live the Bible! Give the Bible!

This Is The Life

By DONALD E. THOMAS

WHY WON'T THEY BELIEVE?

There are two songs I sing a lot and here they are: "All things are possible if you only believe." The other is "There is no secret what God can do." They surely are beautiful and oh how true. Do you believe the Bible? In God and Jesus? The Bible says whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Then why don't you get saved by asking Jesus to come into your heart as your Lord and Master? They just won't believe. They say there must be more to it than that. They are trying to make salvation so hard when it is so easy. Lots of people can't understand the Bible and Christians because God's ways are foolish unto them. If you don't believe, you are calling God a liar. That's His Holy Word. Jesus preached it and all His disciples and Paul. What will you do, beloved? Will you believe and accept Christ as your Saviour or will you choose Satan? Why won't they believe and be saved? I beg you all to accept Christ while there still is time. I love you and I don't want to see you go to hell.
 The Bible says, "But if ye believe not His writings, how shall ye believe my words?"—John 5:47.

Beauty Salon Week Is Slated

Next week, February 13-19, will be National Beauty Salon Week in Edenton.
 Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., signed a proclamation joining with other member towns of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association.
 He pointed out the association is designed to further the highest standards of professional beauty care. "Through their training and creative talents the members have enhanced and maintained one of our nation's greatest wealths, the feminine beauty of America," he said in the proclamation.
 He called on local citizens during National Beauty Salon Week to recognize the cosmetologists for their fine sense of civic responsibility, and their dedicated services to the grooming of women for greater beauty.

Let's go to Church Sunday

Sunday School Lesson

One Man Looks At The World ...

... and it makes him sick!
 Another looks at the world and his heart stirs with hope.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

International Sunday School Lesson For February 13

Memory Selection: "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."—Genesis 1:27.

Lesson Text: Genesis 1: 26-31; Psalms 8; Matthew 12:7-14; 18; 1:14; Acts 10: 34-35; Hebrews 2:5-9.

The nucleus of the thought in our Sunday School lesson for today is man's innate worth and man's struggle in attaining the ideal of that concept.

God made the heaven and the earth; the beauty of the sun, the moon, the stars; the awe-inspiring order of the universe—all these were the work of his hands. And when he was done, he made man in his own image, to enjoy the fruits of his labor. But—as God fully realized—man was incomplete without a mate. Therefore he created woman, to be a helpmate to man. Thus was the family brought into being.

And while the birds flew, the fish swam, the creatures walked the earth on four legs, or crawled on their bellies, man was created to walk on two legs, upright, endowed with an intellect, with a soul. He was granted a brain with which to reason, a spirit by which to be guided; he was to have dominion over the earth and all things therein. He, alone, of all the inhabitants of the earth, could choose his destiny.

Yes, indeed, God intended great things for man—and still does. Man was (and is) the supremely important event in the order of the creation. Jesus' life on earth was dedicated to teaching man what he could approximate if he were to be deemed worthy of God's love and faith.

The story of the man with the withered hand is pertinent in this regard. The Pharisees had their laws and

their beliefs; and this was good, because law and order are the hub on which the world turns. Unfortunately, the written law became too literal and keeping it to the letter often transcended the needs of humanity, and this was wrong. In the story we are studying today, we see Jesus discount the written law—not because he was a firebrand, but because to him, as always, human need transcended all else. Thus he healed the afflicted on the Sabbath, and challenged the literal supremacy of the law. Jesus, truly, was humane, above all else.

In fact, his whole life demonstrated man's capabilities as an individual. In his death he overcame the dominion of sin. Such is our heritage, and it is up to us what we make of it.

On man God bestowed freedom—the freedom of thought, of feeling, of decision. And, man being human, has made mistakes, is making mistakes, and will continue to make mistakes. Some will be relatively unimportant, affecting only the individual himself; others will affect those around the individual, bringing great joy or great pain. Still others, removed from the realm of the personal, will destroy or benefit mankind the world over.

But, through those mistakes, man will learn, or not learn, as the case may be. For, while God's intention for man was of the noblest, in giving him a freedom of choice, he gave him complete freedom when man accomplishes that which is worth while, grieving when he is destructive; but realizing that man is always learning, always growing. He is, truly, our Heavenly Father!

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The first has seen only the world itself... full of evil, injustice, ugliness, pain.

The second has seen more than the world. He has seen God... Who is not content with the world as it is... Who offers men the spiritual tools with which to change their earthly environment... Who promises divine help and lasting reward.

For the man who is tired of scowling at life the Church has a message... and a mission.



Sunday Genesis 45:4-13	Monday Nehemiah 2:17-20	Tuesday Psalms 50:7-15	Wednesday Isaiah 25:1-5	Thursday Isaiah 41:8-13	Friday John 3:16-21	Saturday Philippians 4:8-13
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