

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
SEPTEMBER 10th, 1922

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Subject—"Teaching The Law Of God."—Nehemiah 8:1-18.

Golden Text—"Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Statutes; And I shall Keep It Unto The End." Psalm 188:33.

Time—444 B. C.

Place—Jerusalem.

Our last lesson is followed closely by the lesson for today. In this day when there is so much graft and greed practiced among professed Christians, it will be well for us to study the fifth chapter of Nehemiah. In this chapter it is seen that the rich Jew was crushing the life out of the poor Jew. They were charging interest on money loaned in order that they might raise money with which to pay taxes to their heathen rulers; this at a time when it meant pay or be homeless. Nothing better was to be expected of the heathen, but something better was expected of the Jew because God's law was plain against such practice. Many poor people are being oppressed today, often by men who are in high places in our churches. Nothing better is expected today of the world, but something better is expected of church members, because the Old and New Testaments both forbid it.

We may expect the world to be ever on the alert to defraud and use all sorts of short cut methods to extract the dollar from the other fellow. God has always expected something different when he comes to deal with His own people. Many men who call themselves Christians live and trade after the manner of the world. Some landlords live in their mansions and have it easy, while white tenants live in the hut, as good and sometimes better than the land owner. Sometimes brothers in the church needs a few dollars and the gouger is ready to take the advantage and get something for nothing, often fifteen to twenty per cent interest.

Few summers ago three young women visited a northern city and on the Sabbath went out to find a protestant church where they might worship. There were plenty churches but all closed for six weeks during the hot summer months. The first church they found open was a Roman Catholic church. Where did these protestant folks spend their time? Many of them on the ball room floor. Who ever heard of the devil taking a vacation? In the face of all the opposition Nehemiah had to face we hear these words from him: "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down to you?" There is no time for vacation in the church of God. The schedule of the world is not interrupted by strikes, takes no pass tracks and the rolling stock is in fine shape. A true Christian is always busy, dresses decent, goes to decent places (only where he would be willing to invite Jesus Christ) and goes with the best folks, those who are friends of the church and of the cause he represents.

The people are numbered, their genealogy taken, a few days rest given and then Nehemiah calls them together for the reading and study of law as given to Moses. "The book of the law of Moses." We have seen somewhere that some smart, self-conceited, modern critic has denied that Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible; in fact they say there never was such a man as Moses. At the transfiguration of Christ Moses and Elias were there and talked with Jesus. So Jesus says there was a Moses and he has been given credit for writing the law as the Jews had it and it has been handed down to us.

The evolutionist, the modern critics and the men of "new thought" ought to pause for a while in serious thinking along the line of the lessons given

here as they are based upon the Word from the beginning. God has always honored the man who honors His word. Jesus Christ is spoken of in the very beginning of the Old Bible. He sets his approval on the law and the prophets. John tells us that Christ was in the beginning, that all things were made by Him and for Him. Some of our modern "wise men" try to do away with the teachings of the Old Book. Thank God that heaven and earth may pass away but the Word will endure forever.

Here is assembled a host of folks, "both men and women, and all that could hear with understanding." Ezra comes before the people and reads the law from early morning till noon; while there were about him a company of the elders of the people to sanction the reading of the word. The people will get a better conception of the Gospel of Jesus Christ when the church folks stand by the preacher and sanction their Godly walk and conversation the weight of His messages. These folks stood all the forenoon and heard the word of God as read by Ezra. The people stood as was their custom because of the respect they had for Jehovah. Many folks go to Church and do not so much as sit and hear with respect. Some go and do not even bow their heads during prayer. The neglect of God's word today is fearful. No day has ever found the mass of folks so ignorant of God's word as now.

There was some worship here as well as reading. "Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God; and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands; and bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground." In this day of Churches at every cross-roads, in every hamlet and village, where we can assemble and sit comfortably in our pew, we wonder if we have not fallen to the other extreme and lost the real spirit of worship. This is one of the greatest days in the history of Jerusalem. There is much weeping when the law is read, why? because they had sorely violated God's law so often. Nehemiah comforts them with these words: "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portion to them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto the Lord: neither be sorry: for the joy of the Lord is your strength." "The joy of the Lord." These words ought to be written in large letters and placed in every church. There are many who have sought strength from the joy of the world; but instead of strength weakness has been the result, often decay and destruction. Let us have again the days of rejoicing and wait on God for strength. Let the church joy and rejoice in the Lord and the battle for the right will be waged to success. This was a great day for these Jews in Jerusalem; let such days come to Zion again.

REV. V. E. DUNCAN WILL ASSIST BETHANY PASTOR

Rev. V. E. Duncan, pastor of the Mount Tabor Baptist Church, spent last Saturday in Ahoskie. He was accompanied by Rev. R. D. ("Bob") Stephenson who had just concluded a revival meeting at Mount Tabor. Reverend Stephenson returned to his home in Berkley, Va., Saturday morning.

The revival services at Mount Tabor were among the most fruitful held there in years. Sixteen additions were made, and many others renewed their faith.

Reverend Duncan is assisting in a revival meeting at Bethany Church, near Colerain, this week. Rev. D. D. Leggett is the pastor of the church.

Women Told How To Select Suitable Hats

County Home Demonstrator Says Height Should Not Be Taken Into Consideration

Miss Myrtle Swindell, in the fourth series of articles on costuming, tells Hertford County women how to select a hat that will suit the individual, and gives other interesting suggestions. Her letter follows.

Millinery

The hat must be considered not only in relation to the head, but also in relation to the head and hat to the entire figure. Choose your hat before a full length mirror, and, to complete a certain costume, wear that dress or suit when you buy a hat.

Remember when considering hats the hair must not be forgotten. Unbecoming hats may be made more attractive if the hair is kept soft and fluffy around the face. Always dress the hair to conform to the head and face.

Remember the low hair dress is not becoming with a receding chin.

Remember the high hair dress is not good with pointed features.

Remember hair worn low and wide over ears is more becoming to the thin face.

Remember, hair worn high and close over ears is more becoming to full face.

Suiting Hat To Wearer's Face
Off the face shape is not becoming to the type with turned up nose and receding chin.

A type with pointed face should avoid repetition of pointed contour in hat.

Type with round full face should avoid repetition of round lines in hat.

The poke shape is not becoming to type with sharp nose and pointed chin.

Remember the toque is too severe for the older women.

Trimming The Hat

The trimming of a hat must be suited to the person wearing the hat also to the hat on which the trimmings are used. Ostrich plumes are not suited to the tailored type of woman nor would they look well on the tailored type of hat. Keep trimmings simple in line and color, have them conform to the lines of the hat and the shape of the head, face, and height of the wearer. Expensive trimmings should give long service. Home made flowers of silk, organdie, velvet, duvetine or wool; appliqued trimmings, metallic threads, raffia or straw; bows, rosettes, bands, etc. may be used.

The best guide to correct style in selecting millinery can be found at the following address:

The Illustrated Milliner,
656 Broadway, New York City
75c copy.

Millinery will be continued next week. Shoes, gloves and hand bags will follow.

A CORRECTION

I announced last week that all the books in the High School Department would remain unchanged. I have found out since then that the history used by the tenth grade last year is no longer on the State adopted list issued this year. Hence I have no right to allow it to be studied this coming year. A new book will be ordered. Tenth grade students are warned not to supply themselves with copies of the above mentioned book. K. T. RAYNOR, Superintendent.

Gold is plentiful at the Herald office. Come in and let us explain the proposition to you.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION NUMBER OF PROJECTS

Hertford County Falls To Get A Share Of Latest Expenditure Authorized For Road In State

Thirty-one contracts were let by the State Highway Commission at a meeting held Wednesday, August 30th. Two hundred and sixteen contractors submitted bids for a total of 200 miles of roads and several large bridges within the State. The total expenditure authorized for the contracts amounted to \$4,751,304.70, and the total expenditure authorized for roads during the eight months of this year amounts to about \$23,000,000.

Four projects were approved and contracts let for road building in the First District in which Hertford County is located. Bertie County gets a share of the latest authorized expenditures; and Gates is slated to get a share of the fund within a short time. Hertford County was not included in any of the approved projects nor was a contract let for any portion of the state highway within the county's borders.

Low bidders announced for the First District follow:

First District

Project 106. Bertie—Roanoke river to Windsor, 7.12 miles, gravel; roadway to J. F. Mulligan Construction Company for \$31,191; structures to Boney-Hostetler for \$20,852.22.

Project 157-A. Martin—Williamston to Hamilton, 12.41 miles gravel; roadway to J. F. Mulligan Construction Company, for \$42,020; structures to J. A. Morrow, for \$34,160.90.

Project 157-B, Martin—Hamilton to Halifax county line, 12.36 miles gravel; roadway to J. F. Mulligan Construction Company, for \$44,333; structures to Barton-Cook Company for \$28,845.

Project 184, Pitt—Ayden to Grifton, 7.14 miles hard surface; roadway to Ferguson Construction Co., for \$217,371.80; structures to Dawkins Construction Company, for \$64,515.

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SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Pursuant to the provisions of a deed of trust executed by J. B. Whitley and wife Annie C. Whitley to D. C. Barnes, Trustee on the fifth day of September, 1919, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hertford county, in book 65, page 30, default having been made in the payment of the note therein set forth and at the request of the holder thereof, the undersigned will sell at public auction, for cash, in the town of Murfreesboro, N. C., in front of the Postoffice, on the 25th day of September, 1922, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following property:

That tract of land situate in Maney's Neck Township, Hertford County, North Carolina, and being the land conveyed to the said J. B. Whitley by E. G. Sears and F. M. Sears by deed duly of record in the Register's Office of Hertford County, and bounded on the North by the lands of D. C. Barnes and W. C. Ferguson, on the east by J. B. Whitley's Camp place, on the South by Meherrin river and on the West by D. C. Barnes — containing five hundred acres more or less. Conveyed by the said J. B. Whitley and wife Annie C. Whitley to satisfy the debt and interest for in said deed of trust.

This 24th day of August, 1922.
D. C. BARNES, Trustee.
9-2-22-4t.

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2. W. K. & J. H. Parker farm about four miles from Sunbury, 400 acres, new dwelling and four tenant houses. This farm can easily be divided into smaller farms. Price \$15,500—\$5000 cash and five years on balance.

3. E. W. Blanchard farm situated about one mile from Sunbury on north side of Gatesville road, 85 acres, about 40 acres cleared. Five room dwelling and outbuildings. \$6750—\$4250 cash and five years on balance.

4. Tract of one hundred and forty acres, four miles east from Sunbury, forty acres cleared and balance in timber. Seven room dwelling and outbuildings. \$7000—part cash and easy terms on balance.

5. W. T. Cross place about four miles north from Sunbury on road from Sunbury to Wiggins X Roads. 200 acres, about 80 cleared. Two dwellings. This is a part of the Dr. Hunter farm. Price \$5500, \$2200 cash and five years on balance.

6. Beacon home place about one mile west from Sunbury, 44 acres more or less, 30 cleared and balance in timber. Dwelling and necessary outbuildings. \$4000—\$2000 cash and five years on balance.

7. A part of the Charles Barnes—now C. H. McCarthy place, about two miles north from Sunbury, thirty acres more or less, one horse crop cleared. One tenant house. \$1500, part cash and terms on balance.

8. Seven lots in town of Sunbury, lying on Virginia Road and adjoining Episcopal Church lot and others. Part cash and easy terms on balance.

All described land and lots are located in Sunbury High School District except first, and that one is in Hobbsville District. All farm land suited to growth of cotton, peanuts, tobacco and other crops grown in this section.

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