

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
SEPTEMBER 17, 1922

Subject—"The Message of Malachi." Malachi 3:1-18.

Golden Text—"Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts." Mal. 3:7.

Time—Uncertain but supposed to be about B. C. 435. Place Jerusalem.

There is nothing definitely known about the author of this book except what is gathered from his work. We know that he was a man of religious convictions, one that cried out against the sin of his countrymen. The book bearing his name is the last of the Minor Prophets and the last of the Old Testament. Some have placed the date of this book before the arrival of Ezra, others during the absence of Nehemiah at the Persian court. His style is vigorous, concise, and clear. There is to be noted a deep earnestness in all his utterances. This entire book contains only four short chapters and we cannot get the thought as intended in this present lesson without a careful study of the entire book. The condition existing in the day when Malachi lived and wrote finds its parallel today.

There are some severe rebukes given by Jehovah against Israel because of their sins; this is mellowed however by the gracious promises of Jehovah. Our lesson proper commences with chapter three at verse seven. We desire however to begin with the first verse of this chapter. "Behold I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me." He was to come announced by a forerunner, he was to come to fulfill a great commission and also to come suddenly. "He shall sit as a purifier of silver." Under this figure is foretold the work of the Gospel of the Son of God; its cleansing and sanctifying work in the hearts and lives of men. The work of fire is dreadful yet glorious. As man is to be tried by fire, it is a great consolation to the Christian to know that it is done under the eye and hand of the Savior of mankind.

"I am the Lord, I change not." What a profound truth the world needs to stop long enough to learn today. Seemingly we have come to a day when men act as if they are dealing with a little, insignificant, changeable God. Not so, we are under the eyes of the "Great I am," the same God as our fathers had. We are also dealing with a God of justice, one who will punish sin as He has ever done in the past.

Chapter 3, verse 8. "Will a man rob God?" We are sadly mistaken if we think that heaven contains all of God's property. All here on earth belong to Him as well as the domain of heaven. "What is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou visitest him?" Anything suffered to have a stronger power over us than the will of God may be robbing Him. A temptation stands close by each of us to cause us to rob God if only we will yield to the temptation. We owe to God our most gentle affections, purest love, highest gratitude, fullest obedience and our very best, whole hearted service. The man today who is in enmity with God, not reconciled to Him, is a robber. His redemption has been purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ and he is withholding his life and service from God, and robbing Him of His dues because of the purchase price paid.

The Jews were required under the law to give God one-tenth of all cattle and the fruits of the field. Certainly nothing less is required of the children of God today. We have not given God anything till we have paid our debt to Him with the tithe. The Jew was under the law bound to pay the tithe and then the free will offer-

ing. It is a shame today that the church of Jesus Christ is on the beg list and the world comes in for the first of all we have. It is a disgrace to respectable men and women to groan and moan under a little church obligation and many times never meet it at all, then spend money and give time to every conceivable worldly amusement and pleasure. Men today are just as guilty in the sight of God as were the Jews in the days of Malachi. Men can be found today who give several hundred dollars for automobiles and their upkeep during year and five dollars looks as big when it comes to the church as the Rocky Mountains. The price of the movies for a year for some families in the church will go many times above the price paid for the evangelization of the world. These Jews in the days of Malachi brought the sick of the flock and the things no good to them and offered it to Jehovah. You know what God said about this kind of business. Are we any better today? We get the pennies, offer them to God, take the dollars and spend or hoard for ourselves. We take the days, weeks, months for ourselves and give God a few moments after we are through. Is this any better than they did in the days of Malachi? Tithe and offering has always been God's law. This law has never been changed to suit your fancy and mine.

"Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Will we as individuals and as a nation come back to God and pay up what we owe, or will we continue to rob God and have a curse come upon us? We desire to see one community of Christian people put God to the test—"Prove Him" and see if he will do what he has said he would do. Have you ever tried Him to see if He is true to His word? Israel has sinned and transgressed God's law over and over again and yet He is still making promises and fulfilling every last one of them when they repent and come back to Him. Again we want to say that it is a shame on the church and professed Christians that God gets so little of our time, thought, and money. One hundred cents of every dollar you have comes from Him. Twenty-four hours of every day is His, every breath you breathe is from Him—a new gift from the hand of God. In conclusion we want to beg the church to get off the beg list. When professed Christian men and women quit stealing from the Lord and go to paying Him what they owe the church will quit keeping preachers on the starvation list and wondering where the next dollar is coming from. When the church puts God to the test and brings to His treasury all the tithe and offerings that belong to Him the missions of the church will be taken care of, the preacher will have time to do something more than worry about finances for at least half the year. "Faith without works is dead, being alone." Praying without paying robs us of the best. Pay God what you owe. Turn over a new sheet and keep accounts balanced. Put God to the test and get the richest there is in store for you. Read Matthew 22:21, 1 Cor. 16:2. Also study New Testament and see what Jesus Himself has to say about your duty as regards money. God has made each of us stewards, or trustees and placed in our hands His goods. We can be honest in the use of what we have, whether time or money, and glorify God with it, or we can be dishonest and rob God and bring a curse upon our lives and upon others. Which

HORTON PERSONALS

(Last Week's Letter)
Mr. Andrew Minton of Petaraborg, Va., spent part of last week with his brother, Mr. W. F. Minton.

Mr. H. W. Greene, and Misses Bertha and Bessie Powell and Miss Bettie Blow made a business trip to Ahsokie Saturday.

Messrs. Walters Powell and R. F. Daniel spent a short while in Roxobel Monday morning.

Mrs. Bettie Conner spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. Kinston Phelps.

The revival meeting is in progress here this week. Rev. E. J. Isenhower of Ahsokie is doing the preaching. Mr. H. C. Holloman of Oak Grove visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Greene Monday evening.

Mr. W. Minton was the guest of relatives in Rocky Mount last week. Mr. Jud L. Rawls is building a new bungalow.

HICKORY CHAPEL NEWS

Mr. Randal Wiggins is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Cola Doughtie spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Leggette.

Miss Ruby Wiggins spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Ray Hughson.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Horton of Union are visiting their mother Mrs. B. F. Barham.

Miss Lorene Earley left Thursday for Elm City where she will teach school this session.

Mr. Joe Chamblee and family spent Sunday afternoon with their cousin Mrs. Bessie Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughson spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Horton.

BETHLEHEM NEWS

(Last Week's Letter)

Revival services will begin at Bethlehem next Monday. Services will be conducted by Rev. Isenhower of Ahsokie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clark and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Siamons last Sunday.

Miss Erill Simons is spending this week as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Nichols near Center Grove.

Misses Lillian Buck of Winton, and Pauline Rose and Katy Israel of Suffolk, and Messrs. Shepherd Story, Beay Israel and Hugh Knox of Winton, were the guests of Miss Gladys Jernigan last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dilday and family of Colerain were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Seamons last Sunday.

Miss Helen Hayes of Suffolk is the house guest of Miss Thelma White this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Godwin entertained quite a number of their friends at an ice cream supper given at the tobacco barn Tuesday night. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Godwin and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Godwin and son, Mrs. M. T. Dilday and family and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lowe and family and Miss Helen Hayes of Suffolk.

Miss Sallie Hill has concluded a visit as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lowe, and is the guest now of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Odom near Ahsokie.

The Hertford County Herald is giving away gold. Don't fail to read the big display ad in this issue.

will we choose? We must every one give an account of our stewardship of life and property.

BIG MOMENTS IN "QUEEN OF SHEBA"

When Sheba finds the ancient crown of her Kingdom washed up by the sea.

When the horsemen of King Ahmud kidnap Nomis, Sheba's sister, and carry her to the palace of the usurper.

When Nomis drowns herself in the pool after her betrayal by the King.

When the populace, angered by the tragedy of Nomis, rise against the King.

When Ahmud, to save his crown, marries Sheba, only to be slain by her on his wedding night.

When Sheba sets out to visit Solomon with a mighty caravan and great treasure.

When Sheba is presented to Solomon and a great love comes to them both.

When Sheba drives the horses of Solomon against the steeds of Princess Vashti, and wins the great chariot race.

When Sheba sends the son of herself and Solomon to visit his father, and the lad is stolen by conspirators.

When the followers of Adonijah rise against his brother Solomon, and Solomon is saved by the army of Sheba after a great battle.

When Sheba and Solomon meet again, and rescue David, their son, from the Tomb of the Kings.

When Solomon and Sheba renounce their great love, and part to meet no more.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as executor of Mrs. Susan A. Everett, late of Hertford County, North Carolina, hereby gives notice to all parties holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at Windsor, N. C., within one year from date hereof or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make settlement with the undersigned at the aforementioned place.

This August 31st, 1922.
CHARLES MAYNARD EVERETT,
Executor of Mrs Susan A. Everett,
deceased. 9-14-6t

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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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.

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