

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Part of the Lesson, Gen. viii. 1-14. Memory Verses, 1-3—Golden Text, Gen. xxi. 32—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Copyright, 1907, by American Bible Association. The story of Noah and the condition of affairs on earth in his day is also spoken of by our Lord, and in connection with the startling statement that the age in which we are now living shall witness at its close the same ungodliness that was manifest in the time of Noah (Matt. xxiv. 37-39; Luke xxi. 26, 27). He who declares the end from the beginning and who is Himself the beginning and the end, the first and the last, whose counsel stands and who does all His pleasure, who brings to pass what He speaks and does all that He purposes (Isa. xli. 23; Rev. xx. 13), has told us this, and it surely becomes us to give good heed to all that He has said.

In the end of Gen. ix we have the tragical line of Cain traced for several generations down to Lamech, another murderer and blasphemer and rebel against God's plan of one woman for one man. In this ungodly line we have the first musicians and also the first artificers in brass and iron. There need be nothing sinful about either of these, but it is a sad fact that in our own time the highest talent on these and other lines is, as a rule, rather on the side of unbelief than of faith.

In chapter v we have the first ten generations of the godly line of Seth, whom God gave to Eve, instead of Abel, beginning with the words, "This is the book of the generations of Adam," and in verse 3 it is said concerning Seth that Adam begot a son in his own likeness after his image. Since sin came all have been born in the likeness of sinful man, not in the likeness of God.

Contrast Matt. i. 1. "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ." It is only when we receive Him that we are born of God and His image begins to be formed in us.

Chapters vi to ix, in which we have but one lesson, tell of the consummation of iniquity in that age and its overthrow. Noah and his family being the only people saved. By the union of the sons of God and the daughters of men, the godly and the ungodly, possibly fallen angels and human beings, every imagination of the thoughts of men's hearts became evil continually (vi. 1-12), and men said unto God, "Depart from us and what can He do unto us?" (Job xlii. 17). Then God gave Noah instructions to build an ark for the saving of his house, and he believed God and obeyed, thus obtaining righteousness and condemning the world (Heb. xi. 7).

A study of the three arks of Scripture and the object for which each was made is most instructive. Noah and Moses received most minute instructions how to build them, and we may safely conclude that Jobecheb was instructed also. In the tabernacle and temple God was the sole architect, and in all the plan of redemption man has no voice whatever. The ark being finished, the Lord called Noah and his house to come in. Consider the "comes" of Isa. i. 18; vi. 1; Matt. xi. 28; Rev. xxi. 17, etc. Then there went in unto Noah into the ark a male and female of all creatures and of the clean creatures by sevens, as the Lord commanded. The Lord shut him in, the flood came as the Lord had said, and for one whole year and seventeen days they continued in the ark. Compare chapter vii. 10, 11, with chapter viii. 13, 14. What a time of faith and patience it must have been, but God was thinking of His servant (viii. 1). When days and weeks and months go by without any special evidence that God is caring for us and He seems to have forgotten us, that is the time for unwavering faith, remembering His words to John the Baptist, "Blessed is he that shall not be offended in me." It is profitable to note that the word "pitch" in chapter vi. 14, is the very word generally translated "atonement" and reminds us that the great atonement is that alone which can keep from perishing, but that by it all who are in it are as safe as God can make them. Shut in with Him, no power can harm us.

The raven that did not return to the ark because, being an unclean bird, any dead carcass floating on the water would afford a resting place, and the dove that returned because it found no rest are suggestive of the unclean, though they may belong to the professing church, who can find enjoyment in any kind of company, and the true believers, who find rest only in Christ.

Noah entered the ark at the Lord's invitation and did not leave it until God said "Go forth" (viii. 16). We must implicitly obey God and have unwavering trust in Him; then all will be well.

Note the altar unto the Lord and the sacrifice (viii. 20). This man is of the line of Abel.

Note the blessing and the command to be fruitful (viii. 17; ix. 1, 7), and remember John xv. 8, 16.

See the unconditional covenant of chapter ix concerning the earth (also viii. 22), and the bow in the cloud as the token which is found elsewhere only in Ezek. i. Rev. iv and x, and always in reference to the earth. The other two unconditional covenants were with Abraham, concerning the land of promise, and with David, concerning his throne. Note the association of Noah with Daniel and Job in Ezek. xiv. 14-20, and compare God's dealings with each.

In view of the judgments that are coming when the Lord shall arise to shake the earth in the day of His wrath, it is the part of wise men to seek shelter ere the storm breaks (Isa. xlii. 10-13).

DAVIDSON ITEMS.

Several Deaths Reported—Big Fire at Thomasville.

From The Dispatch.

Saturday afternoon, the 19th, John S. Coley, aged 20 years, of Lexington, was instantly killed in an accident on the "Dinky" railroad of the double tracking force near Lexington.

On Friday Mr. John T. Harris died at the home of his son, Mr. T. B. Harris, of Lexington. Saturday the funeral was conducted at Pleasant Hill, in Randolph county, by Rev. J. N. Higgins. Mr. Harris was born on the 28th of December, 1818.

Another bank has been chartered for Denton.

Fire in the store of the People's Mercantile Co., at Thomasville last week, did \$1,300 damage to the stock.

Jesse Lane, of Healing Springs township, died Friday and was buried Saturday at Baker Springs church yard. Mr. Lane was 99 years of age.

Robt. Murphy and Miss Bessie Hiatt, of the Zion community, were married in the Methodist parsonage at Thomasville Sunday afternoon by Rev. Parker Holmes.

Sale of Mules on The Increase.

Has it ever occurred to you what an important and growing industry the traffic in the one time despised mule has assumed? For years and years the poor old mule was an object of derision and contempt, but like "Maud" of yellow journal fame, he has simply bided his time until now he deports himself with a sort of debonaire insolence, that seems to say "I am the real thing"—and well he may, for he is in demand—there is an increasing demand for his services. He is the sine qua non of the well regulated farm. He is the dynamo that furnishes the power that brings from the soil the golden coin to feed, clothe and enrich his farmer master. The present season has witnessed an unusual demand for good mules. The sales have been very large, and the prices very satisfactory to the dealers. In discussing this subject with a well informed dealer, the writer was informed that this far in the season, something like 200 had already been sold at prices averaging \$200 per mule. A simple calculation will show you that the farmers of this county have now invested in mules alone about \$40,000.

But the day of old fashioned little "pebble tail" is past and gone. The mule of today is the Kentucky thoroughbred—big strong limbed fellows that easily bring from \$500 to \$600 per pair. And the investment is a good one, for the day of shallow ploughing is also gone, and the intelligent farmer is receiving compound interest on his investment in the modern mule of today.—Ex.

The Philosopher.

"There's a true saying that it pays," said he, "To spend one hour of two Grinding the ax shrewdly to cut the tree And one the task to do."

His ax was thought, the which to render keen He sought out other men And heard and read what they had thought and seen.

(This until half-past ten.) So sweet the air, to stroll a while he went And bask him in the sun That he might map his mental firmament.

(He came back home at one.) And then 'twas lunch, a good cigar, a smoke, And then a game of chess. The evening papers then brought in the news.

Which read, 'twas time to dress.

The dial passed from shade to final shade. " 'Tis now too late," said he. But many a workman with a blunted blade Had toiled and felled his tree.

—JOHN CHARLES McNEIL.

Cameron to Have New School.

Sanford Express.

Capt. and Mrs. J. O. A. Kelley celebrated the 52nd anniversary of their marriage at their home near Broadway last Friday. There were present seven children, four sons-in-law, three daughters-in-law, forty grand children, two grand sons-in-laws, three great-grand children and a number of other relatives and friends.

Miss Maggie Wicker, of Sanford, went to Carthage Monday to see her uncle, Judge J. D. Melver, who is suffering with a broken arm. Judge Melver broke his arm about six weeks ago from a fall.

Some repairs have been made on the school house, and school opened last week. Plans are maturing to build a \$2,000,00 academy in the fall. A former resident of this place proposes to give \$200 toward its erection.

Indigestion is often caused by woman's inhumanity to man.

FIGHTING INSECTS.

Soil Preparation is a Very Important Means Open to All.

Soil preparation is one of the legitimate ways of fighting insects. There is not a reputable stockman in the country who does not understand the worthlessness of a stunted pig, calf, colt or lamb, and who is not aware of the necessity of keeping a young animal in a vigorous, growing condition from its birth. If this is essential with animals it is equally so with cultivated plants. It is the stunted or starved plant that is more often the prey of insects, though it cannot be said that this holds good in all cases. However, a field of young grain in a healthy growing condition will sustain without material injury an attack that a less vigorous one would not. So far as plants are concerned, it matters little whether a soil is lacking in fertility or whether this fertility is present and beyond reach. There is sufficient nutriment in a healthy seed to enable it to throw a shoot upward to light and air and rootlets downward to draw from the soil. But suppose these rootlets go about among solid clods begging, as it were, for food. Stunted plants are no more profitable than stunted animals.

A Comparison. Take two fields of equal fertility of soil. One is plowed a considerable time before seeding and is harrowed and worked over until a thoroughly pulverized, compact seed bed is formed. Seed placed in this ground will begin to draw from it as soon as the rootlets enter it, and the plant above ground will be full of vigor. If the first shoot is destroyed by the Hessian fly the result is only to stimulate the throwing up of tillers, and the soil will sustain them. Grain sown late in such a field will soon get sufficient root growth to enable the tillers to withstand the winter.

Now, take a second field indifferently plowed and the surface smoothed over by a single harrowing that has only rattled a little loose soil down into the spaces between the clods. A rootlet starts out to feed the plant, but goes begging. The single shoot thrown up is destroyed by the Hessian fly, and the root is unable to find food enough among the clods to sustain tillers, so no tillers are thrown up, and the crop is seriously injured by what in the other case resulted rather beneficially than otherwise.—D. A. Brodie.

For Culverts. When culverts are at hand the best can be made is shown in Fig. 1. It is often necessary, however, to bridge a stream across which a single flat stone will not reach. The plan shown in Fig. 2 can then be used to advantage. This is really



CULVERT FOR SMALL STREAM. An arch can be extended even farther than shown. The only point to be observed carefully is that the side stones should all be broad and that enough earth is placed above them to hold them all in place when the weight of the team is at the center of the



span. Fig. 1 needs but little earth. Fig. 2 needs a heavy ballast of earth, concludes a correspondent who makes these suggestions in American Agriculturist.

In View of Wheat Seeding.

If I could have my choice of ground to sow on, I would choose a field where a heavy clover sod or where cowpeas had been plowed down and potatoes raised the present year, using at least 1,500 pounds high grade fertilizer on the potatoes, says a Rural New Yorker writer. The potatoes having been kept clean and dug in good time, I would not plow for the wheat, but barrow at least four or five times and then drill in the wheat, drilling with it 400 pounds of good fertilizer, with at least 3 per cent of quickly available nitrogen, 8 per cent phosphoric acid and 6 per cent potash. Then in the spring, if it did not start to grow promptly, I would sow broadcast 150 pounds nitrate of soda per acre. A heavy dressing of stable manure will make a large stand of straw which will not ill well unless one is sure the ground contains plenty of phosphoric acid and potash.

When to Plant.

The 1st of September is plenty early to plant in our latitude. Where no water is available for irrigation one must wait for a rain and cloudy weather for transplanting. The plants must not be perished with too much water while in the bed, or else they will not grow well when planted in the open. About two days before wanting to plant, the bed should be made quite wet. This will cause a lot of new roots to form, to which lumps of dirt ought to stick when taking up. With a good season in the ground either by rainfall or irrigation, there is no trouble to make plants grow in this manner.—J. W. Stubbs, in Texas Farm and Ranch.

Your Aim in Life.

The best thing in the world is a good man. The first thing that a human being should recognize about himself is that his character is his distinguishable feature. It is not the amount of money, the amount of power, the amount of brains that a man has, but his character. Whatever fellowmen may say or do to the contrary, this is a fact, that what separates him from others and gives him his individuality is his goodness or lack of goodness, according to its degree. Money, power, and brains have their place and exert an influence in deciding a man's position and recognition; but by the standard of ages, by which everyone is tried in character and in God's sight, men are what they are in wishes and purposes. It is not, then, too much to say that the supreme ambition of a person's life should be to secure a worthy character. Your daily duties are part of your religious life just as much as are your devotions.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Montgomery Items.

From The Montgomery.

Mrs. Norria Russell, of Ophir, died last Friday morning. She was about 70 years old and was a member of the Methodist church. She leaves two children.

Mr. John S. Atkins died on January 10th at his home in Albemarle. He was a son of the lamented Rev. Arthur F. Atkins and was about 68 years of age. He was one of Albemarle's oldest citizens. He was a man of fine sense. He had built a number of residences during his life and was aggressive and enterprising.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Briles have returned to their home in St. Catherine, Fla., after an extended visit to relatives and friends in this county.

Mr. Marvin Epps and Mrs. Nancy Seman, of Milledgeville, were married a few days ago by Esg. O. H. Brewer. The groom is 75 years old and the bride is about 65.

Pointed Paragraphs.

And by not getting married some men live happily after all. No man ever asks a truthful woman what she thinks of him more than once.

A man will remember the kiss he failed to get long after the others are forgotten.

And people who stand up for their rights usually want to sit on the rights of others.

LEGAL NOTICES.

North Carolina, } In Superior Court.
Randolph Co., }
Asheboro Wheelbarrow & Manufacturing Co. vs. J. W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, North Carolina.

Notice of Summons and Warrant of Attachment. The defendant above named will take notice that a summons to the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 16th day of January, 1907, by W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, North Carolina, which summons is returnable before the Judge of the Superior Court to be held for the County of Randolph at the courthouse in Asheboro, N. C., on the 22nd day of January, 1907, for the recovery of the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars due and payable by the defendant on account of damages caused by the breach of contract on the part of the defendant in delaying the shipment of a car load of iron within a certain time as set out in the summons.

The said defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the said Judge of the Court on the 16th day of January, 1907, against the property of the said defendant, for the said sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars, for the cause above set forth, which warrant of attachment is returnable before the Judge of the Superior Court at the time and place above named for the return of the sum named, when and where the said defendant, the Garnishee, is required to appear and answer of demand in the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted.

This the 22nd day of January, 1907.

W. C. HAMMOND, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of the Estate of Alton Fuller, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, N. C., I call to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 31st day of January 1907.

JULIA C. FULLER, Ex'rix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the Estate of Jesse Kiarne, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, N. C., I call to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This the 22nd day of December 1906.

A. M. COX, Administrator.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly to amend the Charter of the town of Liberty, Randolph county, North Carolina.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the General Assembly by a North Carolina now in session for a charter for a railroad extending from Greensboro, N. C., and running through Randolph, Davidson, Montgomery, Stanley, Richmond, Anson, or Union County, to the state line of South Carolina, or for any part of said distance.

January 28, 1907.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a bill will be introduced at the present session of the Legislature to amend the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of 1905, relating to the duties of the County Commissioners of Randolph County, N. C., to wit: That the County Commissioners of Randolph County, N. C., shall be required to appear and answer of demand in the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale given to the undersigned in a mortgage executed by Charles Richwine and wife Julia Ann Richwine on the 25th day of February 1897, and duly recorded in Book 84 at Page 963 in the Register of Deeds office in Asheboro, N. C., Randolph County. The undersigned mortgages will offer for sale on the 25th day of February 1907, at 12 o'clock, the tract of land situated in the town of Handieman Randolph County adjoining the lands of Cooper, Hinesaw, and others and bounded as follows: to wit: Beginning at Richwine's, corner, thence North to a stone, Newsum Cooper, and thence corner 6-1-2-3, thence Eastward to Cooper's corner in Richwine's line to a stone, thence South to Hinesaw's corner 6-1-2-3, containing 2 acres more or less.

W. D. McADAMS, Mortgagee.

This Dec. 25th, 1906.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature at its present session, to amend a law authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Randolph County, to issue Bonds and a special tax to provide Randolph County with suitable Courthouse and Jail. This January 24th 1907.

J. F. BOROUGHS, Clerk to Randolph County Commissioners.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Being qualified as executor of Jasper N. Hodgin, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 10th day of Jan. 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

LEVY COX, Executor.

MARY J. HODGIN, Executor.

This Jan. 3, 1907.

ENTRY NOTICE.

A. L. Crofts has this day entered the following land in Randolph County N. C., to wit: A tract of 25 acres more or less of land in Tabernacle Township on the waters of Sawyers Branch, adjoining the lands of Arthur Welborn, Nancy Laughlin, Frank Cashatt and others, for which without objection filed within thirty days from this date, he will ask for a warrant of survey to the County Surveyor of Randolph County. This Jan. 16, 1907.

J. P. Bonocum, Entry Taker.

ENTRY NOTICE.

Anderson Auman has this day entered the following land in Randolph County N. C., to wit: A tract of 50 acres more or less of land in Union Township on the waters of Little River, adjoining the lands of Wm. Scott, Andrew Auman, Wm. Boling and others, for which without objection filed within thirty days from this date, he will ask for a warrant of survey to the County Surveyor of Randolph County. This Jan. 16, 1907.

J. P. Bonocum, Entry Taker.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed by John Gray to W. N. Elder on the 14th day of February 1906, and duly recorded in Book 109 page 15 Register of Deeds office, Randolph County, I will on Monday the 4th day of February 1907, at 12 o'clock M. sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Asheboro, N. C., the following described real estate situated in Trinity township adjoining the lands of W. D. Lambeth and D. C. Floyd, and bounded as follows:

Lot No. 1, beginning at a stone in W. G. Brokaw's line, thence west 30 poles to a stone, thence south 30 poles to a stone near the road, thence east 30 poles to a stone in Sawyers line, thence north with said Sawyers line 30 poles to a stone beginning corner, containing 2.55 acres more or less.

Lot No. 2 is bounded by the lands of W. D. Lambeth, Mrs. Hannah Lamar, H. C. Floyd and W. G. Brokaw, the same being the lands now claimed by W. G. Brokaw by the said Gray containing 15 acres more or less.

This Dec. 31, 1906. W. N. Elder, Mortgagee.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of John Hinesaw according to law, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before December 31st, 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

ROBT. S. DAVIS, Admr.

This 29th day of December 1906.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of H. C. Presnell, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises, on the 24th day of January 1907, the following personal property, to wit: Household and kitchen furniture, and other articles too tedious to mention.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of January 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 2nd day of January 1907.

M. J. Presnell, Admr.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.

My farm in Back Creek township on the waters of Back Creek, adjoining the lands of Sam Pike, Cawson, McAdams, and others. Some of the buildings used covering. Land runs within a stone's throw of Darby's Chapel and also in 14 of a mile of Cawson's ridge. Almost enough corn would on place to pay for it. Fine corn and hay land. Would sell for cash, on time, or will exchange it for good real estate in any wide awake town. Would exchange it for a saw mill. My reason for getting rid of farm is that I can't give the farm my attention. Write or call and see me at once if you want a bargain. Your friend, I am ready to sell. Don't think you can't do business with me but come and see.

Yours for business,

W. H. PICKARD, Randolph Co., N. C.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Jesse Kiarne, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, N. C., I call to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 26th day of Jan. 1907.

FRANK KEARNS, Executor.

ECZEMA and PILE CURE.

FREE. Knowing what it was to suffer, I will give free of charge, to any afflicted a positive cure for Ecze-ma, Salt Rheum, Erysipela, Piles and Skin Diseases. Instant relief. Don't suffer longer. Write F. W. Williams, 40 Manhattan Ave., New York. Enclose stamps.

THAD S. ERREE,

Attorney At Law

ASHEBORO, N. C.

All matters connected with the law will be given to a careful and the

attention of the undersigned.

W. H. PICKARD, Randolph Co., N. C.

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