

What Makes a People Great

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—Deuteronomy 5-34.



"Thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart." These words "thou shalt teach diligently to thy children and shalt talk to them in thy house"



PHYLACTERY, WORN ON THE FOREHEAD



"And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates," remembering Jehovah who delivered His people



And when thou live in comfort and plenty in the new land, Moses told them, forget not the blessings of Jehovah. MEMORY VERSE—Psalm 136:1

The Everyday Counselor

By—REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Here is one of those letters I simply must share with my readers. It's too encouraging to keep. It proves what I have written many times in this column: "Prayer changes things" when it is offered in faith and the one who prays is willing to use what God gives. Nearly two years ago a correspondent wrote me concerning the desperate condition of their home as a result of alcohol. She asked to be placed on my prayer list. Now comes this letter: "I wrote you nearly two years ago concerning myself and my husband. We were lost in sin and were victims of the drink habit. Things went on the same for some months, and I nearly lost my mind. I wanted to give up the habit but couldn't. We were down to our last cent and my husband had no job. He even went around asking friends for money to buy drink. When he brought it home I would help him drink it. "One day when I felt I could stand it no longer, I fell on my knees, told God that I was helpless and asked His help; that if He would forgive me and give me the strength that I would never touch another drop. "He heard my prayer and gave me the strength. From that morning nearly two years ago I have never tasted a drink in any form, and now I can even stand to smell it. "Then I began praying for my husband. He went on the same way for sometime, couldn't understand how I could refuse drink when he brought it home. I told him that the Lord had saved me and I was praying for him. "Then something happened. He came home about 3:00 o'clock one morning crying, fell on his knees on the floor, prayed for mercy until about 5:00 o'clock. He was kneeling by our little son's bed who was terribly frightened, as he thought his father was drunk and going to tear up things as usual. Then he took the child in his arms, told him that he was talking to God. "He, too, won the victory, and from that date has never gambled nor touched another drop of liquor. He now owns his own business and all of his equipment which is paid for including an automobile. He is teaching in our Sunday school and I am playing the piano there. "I am so happy I don't know how to tell you, but as you share the same faith I know you will understand. "Here it is a case where the one who prayed earnestly and desperately for strength received it, then used it as it came. At first it was hard. She writes that the taste for liquor did not leave her immediately but as she struggled, she prayed and won the victory. Prayer alone is not enough. We must put out every effort into achieving that power. God always rewards such.

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The Golden Text



The presence of the Lord.

"O give thanks unto Jehovah: for He is good."—Psalm 136:1.

What Makes a People Great—Religion in the Home

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL (The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for Feb. 24 is Deuteronomy 5-34, the Memory Verse being Psalm 136:1. "O give thanks unto Jehovah: for He is good.")

MANY PEOPLE are much worried these days because of the apparent failure of the home. In our own country, which has not suffered from bombing destruction, homes have been disrupted in many cases, by the absence, death or serious injury of husbands and fathers. Mothers have been doing work in factories and offices as well as keeping the home going.

In many—far too many—cases divorce has broken up the home, leaving children torn between father and mother, or with only one parent to rely upon, when children need both. How can children be properly supervised and taught as they should be in such homes? How can religion be taught in homes such as these? And if it is not taught and practiced at home, it surely cannot be expected that the short period of Sunday school only will give them the foundations for a Christian training. Mother and father working together in harmony make a real home in which ethics and religion are taught which stay with a child all his life.

Such a home is visualized by Moses when he tells the Israelites: "Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah. Thou Shalt Love Jehovah

"And thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

Only loving and devoted daily teaching in a happy home can inculcate love of God and obedience to His ways in our children.

In these commandments of Jehovah's the Jews were commanded by Moses. "And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes." This was originally a figurative expression, but later a sign on the hand denoted a phylactery on the biceps of the left arm, and frontlets between the eyes a phylactery on the forehead. Each phylactery contained four sections from the Pentateuch.

inscribed on scrolls of parchment. The men's phylactery was made in this way, and we quote: "A piece of leather is soaked, stretched on a square block cut for the purpose, sewed together with good strings while wet, and left on the block till it is dry and stiffened so that when it is taken off it forms a square leather box." "And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house, and upon thy gates." The box of which this "phylactery for the home is made has on the outside, to the right, the regular three-pronged letter Shin, being an abbreviation for the word God, and on the left side a four-pronged letter for the abbreviation for Sabbath." It is a small metal cylinder containing a roll of parchment and fastened to the doorpost.

"Every pious Jew, as often as he passes the Mezuzah in leaving the house or entering it, touches the divine name with the finger of his right hand, puts it to his mouth, and kisses it, saying in Hebrew, 'The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore!'"

Moses gave his people many a word of warning about forgetting Jehovah in times of prosperity.

"And it shall be, when Jehovah thy God shall bring thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee, great and goodly cities, which thou buldest not, and houses full of good things, which thou fillest not, and cisterns hewn out, which thou hewedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantest not, and thou shalt eat and be full, and thou shalt build cities, and shalt dwell therein, and thou shalt say, 'I will build me a great city, and I will dwell therein.' Then beware lest thou forget Jehovah, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

In time of sorrow and poverty, people are apt to cry to the Lord for help, but when prosperity comes and they are living in luxury, they forget from whence their blessings come.

They were warned not to worship strange gods and images, but to remember always what Jehovah had done for them and always to be thankful to Him and worship Him.

It is too bad that we cannot quote more of the long lesson assigned to us today. There are beautiful passages in these chapters which would be helpful to read or memorize, but space will not permit them to be used. The Memory Verse used with this lesson we should commit to memory, "O give thanks unto Jehovah: for He is good." Also, "Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever."—Psalm 145:2.

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At The Churches

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Church rooms are located on the second floor of the Masonic Temple. Services each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock "Mind" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon next Sunday morning. The Golden Text will be taken from Psalms 119:33-34, "Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law."

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Schedule of masses: A.M. Waynesville, every Sunday 11:00 Bryson City, 1st Sunday 8:00 Canton, 5th Sunday 8:00 Cherokee, 3rd Sunday 8:00 Cullowhee, 1st Wednesday 7:00 Franklin, 2nd Sunday 8:00 Murphy, 5th Saturday 8:00 Sylva, 4th Sunday 8:00 Welch Cove, 1st Saturday 8:00

HAZELWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School opens at 9:45 a.m. with Mr. Frank Underwood in charge. Last Sunday we had 106 present and room in the building for many more.

The worship service begins at 11:00 a. m. and the subject will be "Christianity Versus Religion," by Everette Murray. The pastor will attempt to answer the question of Christianities' ability to satisfy man's needs and to surpass all other living religions.

The Training Union will meet at 6:30 p. m. with Mrs. Sam Knight in charge. This is an hour for training future church and community leaders. No one can take place of leadership untrained. The subject for evening worship at 7:30 will be "The Three Angels."

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. You are invited to worship with us at these services.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Robt. Tatum, rector. Church School at 9:45 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 A. M. Young People's Service League and Crusade at 6:00 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Earl Messer, superintendent, and Ben Phillips Associate Superintendent. There is a place of Divine instruction for every member of the family. "Religion in the Home" is the general theme for Sunday, February 27th.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. The sermon topic will be "Danger of the Partial." The pastor invites all worshippers to read I Corinthians 13:9-12 before coming into the sanctuary.

Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p. m. Miss Hattie Freeman is the director, and E. H. Balentine the associate director. The general theme for February is "Christ Above All As Creator."

Evening worship at 7:30. The newly organized Junior Choir will make its first public appearance, singing a beloved hymn as a special music feature. The pastor will begin a series of sermons on the general theme of "Walking With Jesus to Calvary." The subject for this first sermon is: "Jesus on the Bargain Counter," taken from Matthew 26:14-16. The public is invited to hear these timely messages each Sunday evening through Easter.

Mid-week service and choir rehearsal Wednesday night at 7:30. Commemorating those tragic days in which Jesus faced the Cross, the pastor will deliver a series of brief meditations of the "Voices of Passion" at the mid-week hour.

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Baptists Have Varied Program For Next Month

Activities at the First Baptist Church for the month of March will be many and varied. Special emphasis will be given to the building program. Plans and sketches have been presented to the church by H. L. Baughman, local architect. The church is now in the process of discussing those plans for the remodeling of the present building. Funds are being received now for this purpose.

L. G. Elliott, the pastor, has announced a series of sermons for the Sunday evening hour, beginning Sunday, February 24, and continuing through Easter. The general theme of these sermons is: "Walking With Jesus to the Cross." During the same period, for the mid-week hour, a theme of meditations on "The Voices of Passion" will be given by the pastor.

Under the direction of Mrs. Olive Green and Mrs. Ben Phillips, a Junior Choir has been organized. These talented children will sing periodically at the Sunday evening hour.

The week of March 4-8 has been set aside by the Woman's Missionary Society for their week of prayer and mission study for Home Missions. The young people's divisions of the W.M.S. will observe this week, also Mrs. E. H. Balentine will have general supervision of this work.

Plans are being made by the adult group of the Training Union to give a banquet for all returned service men of the church. The tentative date is March 15th, at 7:30. This banquet will be held in the social hall of the educational building.

The Training Union will be engaged in a study course during the week of March 18-22. There will be classes for every department, excluding Story Hour.

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Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Pastor. Whittener Prevoost, Superintendent of Sunday School.

Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Sermon Subject: "Is Public Worship Necessary?"

A congregational meeting will be held at the close of the service for the purpose of acting upon a report of the Building Committee.

Pioneer boys and girls and Young People meet at 6:30 p. m. Prayer Service Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

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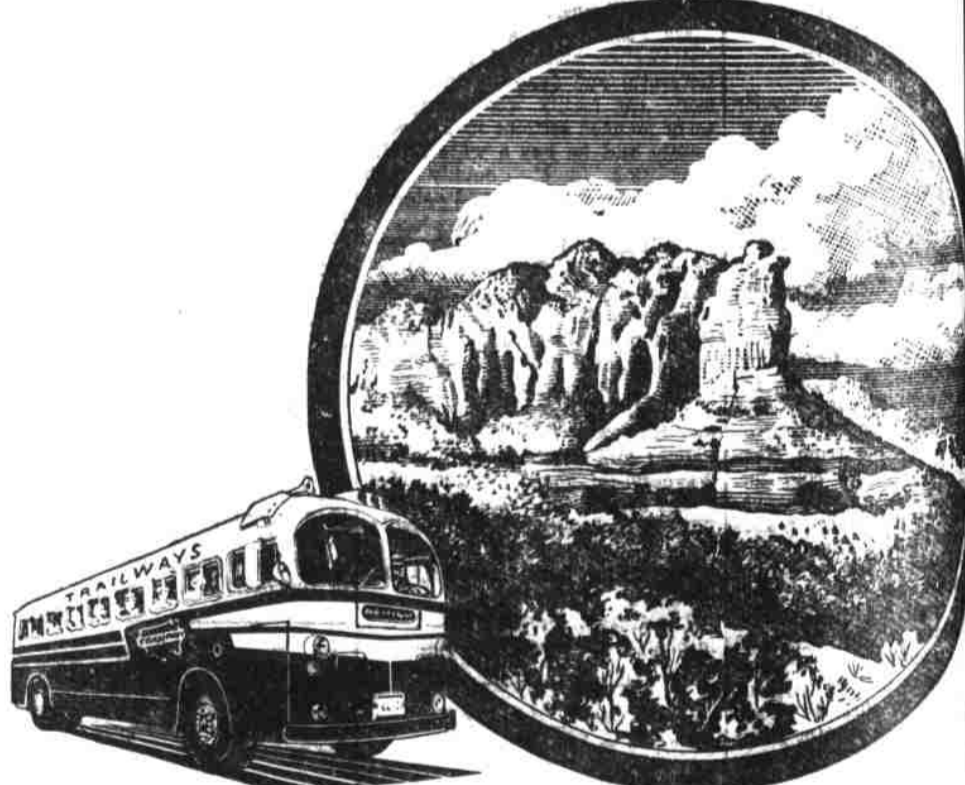
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