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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 28

SOME MISSIONARY TEACHINGS OF THE PROPHETS

LESSON TEXT—Isa. 60:1-3; Jonah 4:10-11; Micah 4:1-3; Zeph. 3:3.

GOLDEN TEXT—"The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."—Isa. 60:3.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of Jonah.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God's Love for All Nations.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Prophets as Missionaries.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Missionary Message of the Prophets.

Perhaps the best way to teach this lesson will be to note the message of the individual prophets.

I. The Message of Isaiah (Isa. 60:1-3).

- Its Central Fact (v. 1). Israel's light, her Redeemer, has come. The primary meaning of this is not the incarnation of the Redeemer, but His manifestation in glory and power as He comes back to this earth to reign as Israel's King. This glorious fact is presented under the figure of a bright sunrise. It will be a glorious morning without clouds dawning upon a dark world.
- The Ringing Summons (v. 1). Messiah himself calls Israel to arouse herself from her long sleep of indifference and shine forth in the glory of her glorious king.
- The Darkened Earth (v. 2). In spite of all the progress of the arts and sciences spiritual darkness—blindness touching spiritual things—has settled down upon the earth. It will be peculiarly gross in the last days. It can only be dispelled by the glorious appearing of the Lord.
- The Blessed Result (v. 3). The Gentile nation shall come into the light, being attracted to Zion by the appearing of the Lord. In the midst of such darkness the sudden appearing of the light shall attract the nations and draw them to Jerusalem.

II. The Message of Jonah (Jonah 4:10, 11).

Jonah was commanded by the Lord to go to the wicked city Nineveh and proclaim its destruction in forty days. He started in the opposite direction in order to escape this unpleasant task. A storm came up and the superstitious sailors threw him overboard. He was swallowed by a great fish and after three days and nights was cast upon the shore. Having learned the needed lesson he went to Nineveh and preached with such earnestness that the whole city repented. The mercy shown by the Lord in sparing this wicked city so angered Jonah that he went out of the city and improvised a shelter where he could see whether God would really destroy Nineveh. To protect the prophet, God made a gourd to quickly spring up and throw a shade over him. When the gourd died and left Jonah exposed to the burning sun he prayed for death. The particular message of Jonah is that God is great in mercy to all the nations when they penitently turn unto Him from their sins.

III. The Message of Micah (Micah 4:1-3).

In this message the prophet portrays the blessings of the Messiah's kingdom in the last days. Three things are predicted:

- The Supremacy of His Kingdom (v. 1). It shall be exalted above all the kingdoms of the earth. Its glory shall attract the people from afar.
- The Extent of It (v. 2). Many nations shall come with the urgent request that others accompany them. The kingdom of Messiah shall be universal, it shall extend from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth.
- It Shall Bring Peace (v. 3). Enmity will then be taken from men's hearts and they will love each other. When their hearts are changed they will no longer wage war against each other, they will even destroy their implements of warfare. War will continue till men's hearts are regenerated. The way to get wars to cease is to get men to love Jesus Christ.

IV. The Message of Zephaniah (Zeph. 3:9).

Zephaniah declares that following the judgment upon the nations God will turn the people from their impure speech so that they may call upon Him. He declares that God's will is that all nations turn from their filthy conversation and call upon Him. He desires that all nations should come unto Him.

Christianity.

In order to abolish Christianity the one thing needful is to get rid of Sunday.—George Holyoake.

To Appreciate Institutions.

Fairly to appreciate institutions you must not hold them up against the light that blazes in Utopia.—Viscount Morley.

Mammon.

Mammon has enriched his thousands, and has damned his ten thousands.—South.

The World.

We may despise the world, but we cannot do without it.—Baron Wessenherz.

LISTS OF SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

EMERGENCY JUDGES HAVE NO JURISDICTION IN MANDAMUS CASES.

FAILS TO ACT IN BANK CASE

Court Hands Down Batch of Opinions Including Buncombe School Tax Case.

Raleigh.

Emergency judges have no jurisdiction in mandamus proceedings, the supreme court held in affirming the action of Emergency Judge Oliver H. Allen, who refused the petition of Charles F. Dunn, of Lenoir county, for a mandamus to force the Lenoir sheriff to execute a tax deed.

Associate Justice Heriot Clarkson wrote the opinion, which settled an interesting point as to judicial jurisdiction. Judge Allen was serving as an emergency judge at the time, and when he refused to issue the mandamus on the ground that he did not possess the right, Dunn appealed to the higher court.

A \$75,000 school bond issue voted by the Grace tax district, of Buncombe county is sustained by an opinion declaring chapter 722 of the 1915 public laws legal and constitutional. Claude L. Felmet sought to have the Buncombe county commissioners enjoined from issuing the bonds on the ground that chapter 722, under which the election was held, was inconsistent with the general school laws and, contrary to article eight, section four, of the constitution.

The court failed to act, in the case of J. H. Hightower, former president of the defunct Central Bank and Trust company, of Raleigh, who appealed from a two-year sentence imposed in Wake superior court by Judge E. H. Cramer, following his conviction on a charge of receiving deposits while knowing the bank to be insolvent. Turlington, administrator, vs. Lucas, Harnett, affirmed.

Ray and Harris vs. S. A. L. railway, Chatham, no error.

Hancock Huntley vs. Southgate Packing company, Carteret, no error.

Cherry vs. A. C. L. railway, Pitt, new trial.

East Carolina Lumber company vs. Land and Lumber company, Craven, no error.

Turnage vs. Austin, Pitt, new trial.

Dunn vs. Taylor, sheriff Lenoir county, Lenoir, affirmed.

Firemans Fund Insurance company vs. Rowland Lumber company, Duplin, no error.

Tyndall vs. Tyndall, Lenoir, plaintiffs appeal modified and affirmed; defendants appeal reversed.

Belshe vs. S. A. L. railway, Wake, no error.

State vs. Plummer, New Hanover, no error.

Moore, administrator, vs. A. C. L. railway company, Cumberland, no error.

Felmet vs. County commissioners, Buncombe, affirmed.

State vs. Richardson, Wake, judgment affirmed without written opinion.

Yield of State Hay Crops.

North Carolina grows a great many different varieties of hay crops, perhaps more than any other state, according to Frank Parker, agricultural statistician of the Crop Reporting Service of the Department of Agriculture, who announced the results of an investigation into the yield per acre of hay crops grown in this state.

Mr. Parker said that, according to information he had obtained the important North Carolina hay crops this year have made the following yields per acre, expressed in pounds and averaged for the state:

Cowpeas 2,500 pounds, millet, sorghum and sudan grass, 2,800 combination of cowpeas and sorghum 2,865; grains cut green 2,170; peanuts 1,440; including timothy and clover mixed, 2,250; alfalfa 3,100, soy beans 2,500; Johnson grass 2,660, and the average for all tame or cultivated hay 2,028.

As reported for October 1, the acreage of all tame hays is somewhat less this year than last, said Mr. Parker. Due to a wet season for hay in the eastern part of the state and to the harvesting of much land on which other crops were generally planted last year's hay crop was a record breaker in North Carolina.

Common Labor Still Short.

Surplus of domestic labor in resort towns, surplus of untrained clerical help generally and a shortage of common labor characterizes the labor situation in the state as reported to M. L. Shipman, Director of the Employment Service in North Carolina.

Out of a registration totaling 522, the six offices of the service in the state last week referred 540 persons and placed 472 in positions. These placements included 120 skilled laborers; 241 unskilled.

Fire Loss Larger For September.

While it is impossible yet to accurately give the fire loss of North Carolina during September, Insurance Commissioner Wade states that the loss, can be fairly approximated as not to exceed \$300,000. The loss during August amounted to \$34,000, and would have been duplicated in September but for the fact that there were 11 business, lighting and lumber fires aggregating \$265,000 against only three for August with total of \$50,000.

Of the big total for business fires, however, the commissioner says \$20,200 was caused by lightning, a store and contents at Salisbury, \$10,200, and a factory in the suburbs of Durham, \$10,000. Lightning fires have been numerous this season beginning in April, and continuing through September, both unusual months. The department records show the following, with damage incurred: April, two fires, loss \$3,000; May, three, \$39,700; June, five, \$17,800; July, eleven, \$12,750; August, eight, \$11,000; September, five, \$24,600; a total of \$108,850.

From the fact that not a single one of these fires was on a rodded building, and no instance of such is on record since the department has kept a record, lightning fires are now classed among "avoidable causes" in fire prevention circles.

In spite of the increased fire loss of September over the lowest record ever made for August, the showing, says Commissioner Wade, will be even better than August for the important towns where people are congregated and fire producing elements and agents are ever in use. The biggest city in the State, Winston-Salem, will show a loss of only \$60, with small losses and few fires in Raleigh, Charlotte, Asheville, and Wilmington. There will be another long list of towns having no fire damage, including Greensboro, Henderson, Goldsboro, Kinston, Mount Airy, Reidsville, Oxford, Roxboro, Marion, Louisburg, Aberdeen; Sanford, Dunn, Burlington and a half a hundred others this early for reports.

Commissioner Wade is looking forward to a splendid observance of Fire Prevention week, and from hearty responses to his and Governor Morrison's call for service, that are loading his mail from every section of the State, he is greatly encouraged over the prospect of a general awakening to the fire peril, and the putting into effect by individuals and communities, the ordinary means of preventing the greater loss of life and property.

Three Paroled Nine Refused.

Governor Morrison granted three paroles and refused to interfere in nine other cases in which petitions for parole or pardon has been presented to him.

The men paroled were L. M. Shelby, convicted in November, 1923, Mecklenburg county, of disposing of mortgaged property and sentenced to eight months on the roads; paroled upon recommendation of Solicitor Francis O. Clarkson, Rev. W. W. Orr, and Thomas W. Orr, attorney for the private prosecution; Sampson Spicer, convicted at September, 1922, term of Henderson county superior court of violation of the prohibition law, paroled upon recommendation of George D. Bailey, who was the prosecuting attorney; Dick Long, sentenced at the June, 1922, term of Guilford county Superior court for larceny and receiving parole upon recommendation of Judge Ferguson who tried him and Solicitor J. G. Brown, who prosecuted. Petitions for the following were declined.

Perry Warren, Halifax county, June, 1922; violating prohibition law; 7 months on roads.

J. E. Jestes, Avery county, October, 1922; forgery; 3 to 5 years in prison.

John Ellis, Buncombe county, September, 1922; burglary; 3 years.

Clifford Singleton, Haywood county, February, 1923; larceny of automobile; six years in prison.

Oscar Deal, Madison county, February, 1923; violation prohibition law; 2 years in prison.

Sandy Manning, Buncombe county, July, 1920; assault on female; 7 years in prison.

McGill Whitsnant, Forsyth county, October, 1917; murder; 20 years in prison. Commuted to ten years.

E. G. Henderson, Buncombe county, September, 1922; kidnaping and assault; 5 years on roads. Commuted to 18 months.

Henry Brown, Davidson county, July, 1919; violation prohibition law; 18 months on roads.

Commission Adjourns Until Nov.

After holding its last public hearing and conferring with Governor Cameron Morrison for more than an hour the Ship and Water Transportation Commission adjourned until November 21, when it will begin the formation of its report to the General Assembly.

Increase in Liquor Business.

Salisbury. (Special)—One hundred-fifty-seven illicit distilleries were captured, 17 automobiles confiscated, 954 gallons of liquor and 119,844 gallons of malt liquors poured out by federal prohibition agents operating in North Carolina during September, according to the monthly report issued by State Prohibition Director A. B. Coltrane.

A decided increase in the liquor making business over the three summer months was indicated in the report according to the director.

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Just a Week's Run.

"What sort of a baseball team has your town?"

"Well, sir, the first week of the season we were sure we were going to win the pennant, and now there's hardly anybody in this town can tell you whether the team is in fourth or sixth place."

That Chap's Been Here, Too.

The fellow with no place to go and all day to get there in is usually the chap who is a fool for motorcar speeding.—Pleasant Hill Times.

Sure Cure.

"You go to your druggist," said the doctor to his patient, "and ask him for some Iodhydryargate of iodine of potassium, some ankydroglucoclhoral and some dioxymidoarseno-bonzol, and I should not be surprised if with those we shall be able to triumph over your loss of memory."

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