

TODAY'S meditation



The Upper Room
THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Thoughts from the Epistle of James Friday, November 10

"Ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live and do this, or that." (James 4:15.) Read Luke 12:13-21.

There is an old, true saying: "Man proposes but God disposes!" Too often man plans to do this or that without regard for God's will. Such plans are without proper regard for the effects on family or friends, church or community. Success of a sort may follow his selfish plans. But the results are disastrous to his spiritual health.

In Jesus' parable about "bigger barns," the man consulted only his own desires. He "communed with himself." He did not seek to know what God would have him do with his surplus wheat. He did not consider the implication of "bigger and better" either for himself or for others. He counted on a future ease. Because it was unshared with God or man, he lost his life.

God wills our destiny. In everything we ought to say: "If the Lord will, we shall live, and do thus, or that."

This day, dear God and Father we surrender our wills to Thine.

We pray that Thy Holy Spirit may guide, strengthen, and instruct us in everything that we say and do. Thus may glory come to Thee through us and Thy wisdom be advanced in the corner where we are. In the Master's name. Amen.

PRAYER
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"When God guides, God provides."
F. T. Miner (New York)

Church to Have Nursery; Service to Honor Officers

The Rev. L. A. Tilley, pastor of First Methodist church, Morehead City, announced today that young children will be cared for in a nursery during the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. Parents should take their children to the nursery which is located on the second floor of the education building.

Officers of the church will be recognized at Sunday morning's 11 o'clock service. Mr. Tilley urges all church officers to attend.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is experimenting with wood chips to add organic matter to soil.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Peter on the Carpet in Jerusalem

STUDY FOR NOVEMBER 12, 1950

At first the Christian Church in Jerusalem was strictly a Jewish church. None but Jews were expected to join and James and Peter and the other Christians did not think for a minute that the new organization founded on the life of Jesus could be anything but a Jewish church. To be a Christian you must first be a Jew. They were God's chosen people and Jesus was one of them and the Messiah according to prophecy.

The Jews would not even eat with the Gentiles and felt they had no obligation to associate with them under any circumstances. Not eating with the Gentiles was probably a sanitary restriction, at that, for the Jews were very careful what they ate and still are for that matter. I am describing the conditions of 2,000 years ago.

When Paul was rampaging about Jerusalem and arresting the Christians in groups, with the full force of the Sanhedrin behind him, the Christians began to scatter. Philip went to Samaria. I wish we had a record of where the other disciples worked for I am certain that every one was an evangelist and that when they had to leave Jerusalem in fear of their lives they carried Christianity with them.

Peter went to Joppa and the Lord worked what appeared to be a miracle to teach him and through him the other Christians that the Gentiles had souls and that Christianity was a universal religion and for every race and color and creed, not just for the Jews. A Roman commander named Cornelius was fundamentally a good man, but he was a Gentile. The Lord sent a vision to Cornelius at Caesarea and to Peter at Joppa. In his vision Peter was taught that what the Lord had cleansed he must not consider unclean. Cornelius, after his vision, and Peter, following his own vision went to the House of Cornelius in Caesarea and preached to the group of Gentiles gathered there.

Peter was very much astonished and perhaps, not well pleased, when he found unmistakable evidence that the Holy Spirit had come to the Gentiles. But remembering his vision he baptized the whole group and admitted them to the Christian church.

Word of this event went quickly to Jerusalem and the Christians there, James was the Moderator, held a meeting and had Peter on the carpet and demanded to know just why he admitted Gentiles into the new church. This story as told in the Acts is the text for the study this week. Peter told the group just what happened to him at Joppa and what he had done and how the Holy Spirit, just as it had appeared at Pentecost, had been very evident and said he understood now that God was no respecter of persons and that if God sent the Holy Spirit to Gen-

tiles it was very evident that Christianity was for everybody, even the despised Gentiles. The Assembly cleared Peter, but they were not convinced and it was a long time before the Christian Church became the universal or Catholic Church, as we profess when we repeat the Apostle's Creed in our churches today.

It was afterward that Paul became converted and the same question arose at Antioch. The Jerusalem Assembly sent a delegation to Antioch and hailed Paul and Barnabas before them. James called the Brother of the Lord, was Bishop and head of the church. Paul and Barnabas gave such a good account of their work in Antioch that Paul was named the Apostle to the Gentiles and thus the Christian Church became a universal church. But it was quite a fight. All the Jews who made up the Jerusalem congregation never were convinced and some of them bitterly opposed the Gentile movement, so bitterly that much of Paul's difficulties in evangelizing the Greeks came from their interference. I do not think James was convinced that the Gentiles could possibly be Christians unless they had first become Jews and were circumcised. James' letters, which are a part of the New Testament I think, bear out this conclusion. He lived and died a strict Jew.

This comes right down to our present day association in our churches. In the Lord's Prayer we are told that we are forgiven as and if we forgive others. It is a two way proposition. That would seem to mean that we must love and associate with every Christian anywhere on earth. Last Sunday was a wide lesson in this. It was world communion day and the communion service among Christians rang around the world emphasizing what Jesus taught, the universality of Christianity. To me this is a beautiful thing and I wonder how the Christians in Korea felt about it. The Koreans, one people, one great Christian church.

Is there anybody in your church you don't like and do not want to associate with? Some people just make your back hair rise. You don't like them and never can. Perhaps they do not like you either.

This may vitalize the problem in your case and take the measure of your own Christianity.

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LESSON TEXT. — Ac. 11:11-18; Phil. 2: 1-5.

(1) And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. (2) And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me and we entered into the man's house. (3) An he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him. Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; (4) Who shall tell the words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. (5) And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. (6) Then remembering the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. (7) Forasmuch then as God gave them the life gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I that I could withstand God? (8) When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying. Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. (9) If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, (10) Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love being of one accord, of one mind. (11) Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. (12) Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. (13) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

The Rev. A. C. Regon To Conduct Services

The annual conference of the Methodist church, in session at Kinston last week, appointed the Rev. A. C. Regon as pastor of the Straits charge. He will drive to Straits this weekend and hold services at the Straits church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at Wilsonton at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Regon is a young married man with no children. He is a native of Columbus county, having been reared near Whiteville.

The new pastor and his wife, and the outgoing pastor and his family are invited to a party Saturday night at the Harkers Island Methodist church.

The outgoing pastor, the Rev. H. L. Harrell, will leave next Tuesday to take up his new work near La Grange. He will be pastor of a new rural church appointment called the preacher-farmer church. He has served for three years previously the two rural churches that compose his new appointment.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Everett Willis of Williston was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

Mrs. Thomas Thomas of Morehead City was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

Mrs. Julia Hall of Morehead City was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

James Smith of North Harlowe was discharged Wednesday following treatment.

Edmond Willis of Morehead City was discharged Wednesday following an operation.

Diane Hopper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hopper of route 1 Morehead City, was discharged Wednesday following a tonsillectomy.

Mrs. W. H. Riggs of route 1 Newport was discharged Wednesday following an operation.

Joe Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bryan of route 4, New Bern, was admitted Sunday for an operation.

Jane Basden of Beaufort was discharged Tuesday following a tonsillectomy.

Donald Chadwick of Morehead City was discharged Wednesday, having received treatment.

Mary Eaton of Morehead City was discharged Tuesday following an operation.

Derrell Garner of Newport was discharged Tuesday, having received treatment.

Mrs. Donnie Lewis of route 1 Beaufort was discharged Tuesday.

Mrs. Swindell Lawrence and infant daughter of Harkers Island were discharged Tuesday.

Mrs. Gordon Shirres of Montreal, Canada, was discharged Tuesday following treatment.

Mrs. Harold Simpson of Beaufort was discharged Tuesday, having received treatment.

Mrs. David T. Willis of Morehead City was discharged Sunday following an operation.

Obituaries

MISS CAROLINE IRELAND
Funeral services for Miss Caroline Roberts Ireland, 91, who died at her home 512 Ann st., Beaufort, Thursday morning, were held from the home at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the Rev. T. R. Jenkins conducting the services. Interment was in the Episcopal church yard.

Surviving Miss Ireland are a niece, Mrs. J. B. Hellen of Vanceboro and two nephews, Russell and Charlie Manson, both of Beaufort.

MRS. ALICE FULCHER
Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Fulcher, 81, who died Monday evening at her home at Stacy, were held from the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial was in the community cemetery.

THOMAS GUTHRIE
Thomas Guthrie, 58, of Salter Path, died suddenly Thursday morning of a heart attack while pulling in a fish net. The funeral will be conducted today at Gale's Creek.

THE REV. C. H. CAVINESS
The Rev. C. H. Caviness, father of the Rev. W. D. Caviness, Morehead City, died at Siler City at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted at Siler City yesterday afternoon.

The rise in the average wage rate of the British worker since 1938 is about 72 per cent, exclusive of overtime.

Hamilton Furniture Co. Will Open at 9 Tomorrow

Hamilton Furniture co., located on highway 70, just south of the stop light, will open at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Owners and operators of the business are William Roy Hamilton and his father, H. R. Hamilton, both of Beaufort. Serving as salesman will be Earl Lewis, formerly of Marshallberg, who is a resident now of Hancock Park.

Until a short time ago William Roy was half owner and manager of City Appliance co., Beaufort, for four and a half years. Prior to that time he worked at Cherry Point. Lewis was formerly with Soapd Appliance co., Morehead City.

The completely remodeled building in which Hamilton Furniture co. is located covers 4600 square feet of floor space. The rear of the store will feature all types of appliances and furniture will be on the floor toward the front.

The walls have been done in pastel colors, giving a modern, attractive touch to the building. William Roy issued a special invitation to everyone to visit the store tomorrow. He added, also, that there will be a formal opening in several weeks.

Some 50,000 Indians live on reservations in New Mexico.

Veteran Blood Donor

AMHERST, Canada — (AP) — A record was established at the Red Cross blood donor clinic here when Constable Andrew Duff made his 35th donation. Several others were over the 20 mark and a large number of new donors appeared.

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