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THEN HAVE COURAGE AND FAITH: Is anything too hard for the Lord?—Genesis 18:14.

"Simple," They Said!

On July 1st, the so-called pay-as-you-go tax law went into effect and, we regret to report, despite the hokum about simplifying tax procedure, the average American faces a "vast amount of calculation of complicated rules," if we may quote a metropolitan newspaper's headline.

It would be nice if some of the advocates of the Ruml plan, who advised us glowingly of the advantages of the system, would now come forward with explicit instructions that would be intelligible to the average man and woman.

Churchill's Pledge

"Very probably there will be heavy fighting in the Mediterranean and elsewhere before the leaves of autumn fall," says Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and he ought to know.

The British leader also took occasion to repeat, probably for the ears of American listeners, that should Japan still stand when Germany and Italy are toppled, "every man, every ship and every airplane in the King's service that can be moved to the Pacific" will be sent there to fight "as many years as are needed to make the Japanese in their turn submit or bite the dust."

Tell It To The F. B. I.

American citizens who see evidence of sabotage or of the presence of enemy agents are urged to "tell it to the FBI," which will handle the investigation from there on.

It is not necessary for loyal Americans to take the law in their own hands or to dispose of suspected agents of the enemy. There is ample evidence that the FBI is able to continue the work that it has done so well since the outbreak of hostilities.

Citizens can help the war effort by refusing to spread enemy propaganda, often contained in "vicious rumors or vicious whispers." They can exercise good judgment in regards to war information, which includes news about production as well as about fighting fronts.

Who Represents Them?

In his message to Congress, vetoing the anti-subsidy legislation, President Roosevelt called attention to the fact that "more than 4,000,000 families have not had an increase of more than five per cent in their income during the last eighteen months."

He said the legislation ignores "the millions of salaried, white-collar workers—the school teachers, the clergymen, the State, county and city officials, the policemen, the firemen, the clerks—whose salaries have remained low but whose standards are being cruelly and inequitably slashed by higher food prices."

Well, who represents these classes? Congress, acting under pressure of organized groups, shows no interest in their welfare. The classes themselves, for some strange reason, seem utterly unable to organize to protect themselves in the game of pressure politics.

Sicily—First Step

The anxiety of the Nazi who exclaimed, "Why don't the British and Americans come instead of talking about it all the time?" is now partially relieved. But the landings in Sicily do not give Berlin any assurance that there will not be other "second fronts" to deal with.

In some respects Sicily has seemed almost a sure thing—an inevitable first step. To the sea-minded British especially it stands as the key to the Mediterranean. So long as the Axis possessed air bases and harbors in the island, Allied shipping could never be wholly free from raids. With Sicily in Allied possession, not only is the sea clear but the Italian boot itself will lie under the imminent threat of invasion.

This will in turn present a difficult

choice to Berlin—to be somewhat pulled off balance by sending large forces to defend a position far from the Nazi center of strength, or permit Italy to become a base for Allied attacks on the Reich. In a measure, the landings in Sicily already offer the Nazis that dilemma. Apparently they have chosen to fight at least a delaying action in Sicily. But they must have the constant dread that if they concentrate on the defense of Sicily, the Allies, under cover of their sea and air control in the Mediterranean and with greater mobility, may then strike some other spot left unprotected.

Almost surely the Allies will strike elsewhere. They will exploit their advantages by dividing the defense. So sure have the Nazis been that a blow was coming in southern France that they have moved the population out of Sete and other towns near the Spanish border. But a landing in France seems hardly an immediate probability. For one thing, French troops would surely play a major role, and General Giraud is in the United States. For another, General Eisenhower has just warned the French people to keep cool and wait for word from the Allies.

The Allies undoubtedly have not moved without good information and thorough preparation. The incessant bombing of Sicilian airfields and of Messina—gateway to the mainland—has destroyed or badly damaged vital links in the defense of the island. Sea and air control will give them immense advantages, and if this move has been managed with the same skill and coordination as that into North Africa, the defenders will have their hands more than full.—Christian Science Monitor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

GOD ENCOURAGES MOSES
 International Sunday School Lesson for July 18, 1943.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Certainly I will be with thee."—Exodus 3.

Lesson Text: Exodus 3:13-16; 4:10-17

In our lesson for last week, we saw the manner in which God selected men and called a leader. We have also seen just how God had prepared the man whom He was to call. Our lesson for this week follows immediately upon the events recorded in our last lesson.

Moses is still standing before the burning bush, talking with God. As pointed out, he realizes fully the unorganized condition of his people, the Israelites, and the immensity of the task which confronts anyone who is to assume the task of leading them out of Egypt. He also is fully conscious of the attitude of the Egyptians toward the Hebrew children and knows that, although they are a hated people, the Egyptians will not be easily persuaded to permit them to leave because then they would be deprived of their labor.

In a spirit, we think, of humbleness and perhaps of self-consciousness, more than unwillingness, Moses argues the matter with God, in verse 13, of Exodus 3, he questions whether the children of Israel will accept him as their God-sent deliverer and we can readily understand this attitude of Moses. He has been away from his people now for forty years—has been apparently out of touch with and indifferent, apparently, to the trials and oppressions which they have had to bear. Why should God, he thinks they will say, select such a one as he when there are many others who have been right with them and who understand their problems so much better than

Moses does?

To this line of questioning thought, God replied: "I am that I am . . . Say unto the children of Israel I am hath sent me unto you." Names meant a great deal to the Hebrews and the name of God was descriptive to them of His attributes. In the story of the creation, God is called Elohim, the God of Power; to Abraham in a strange land, El Shaddai, God Almighty; to Melchizedek, El Elyon, the Most High; to Moses and to the children of Israel, God gives Himself the name of Ehyeh, i. e., I AM. When He is named by others He is Jahve, He Is. The name denotes the absolute self-existence of God.

Alexander MacLaren says, "Creatures are what they are made to grow or to be; they are what they were not, they are what they will some time not any more be. But God is that He is. Lifted above time and change, self-existing and self-determining, He is the fountain of life, the same forever.

God tells Moses to first call all the elders of the people together and announce his God-given mission to deliver them from bondage and bring them once again to the land which God had promised them and, then after this meeting, to go to Pharaoh and ask for permission to take the children of Israel on a three-days' journey to offer sacrifices unto their God.

Even after all of this, Moses seems not to be thoroughly convinced that he is the right one to be the leader of his people. He pleads that he is not eloquent; that he is slow of speech, and of a slow tongue, not realizing that God needs something more for the guidance of man than the fluent gift of speech. The reply of God to this was to call Moses' attention to the fact that He was the giver of a man's mouth, the maker of man dumb or deaf, the giver of sight. God then commanded: "Now, therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt speak." To this Moses replies, "Send whom Thou wilt, Lord." Dr. F. B. Meyer considers this to say, "Since Thou art determined to send me, and I must undertake the mission, then let it be so, but I would that it might be another, and I go because I am compelled." God then tells Moses that his brother Aaron, who "can speak well," shall act as his spokesman to the people; he shall serve as a mouthpiece for you, and you shall inspire him.

Accepting his task, Moses takes leave of his father-in-law, Jethro, and with his wife and sons starts for Egypt. He meets his brother Aaron, in the desert and they together appear before the children of Israel in Egypt to tell them what God had assured them must be done. The people believed that God had taken pity on them and their suffering and so they bowed their heads and worshipped Him.

They went from this meeting to see Pharaoh to make their request for a three-day journey into the wilderness, but the Egyptians, fearing some trickery, that through this pretext might make their escape, refused their request and instead multiplied their burdens the more.

Moses undertook the tremendous task which God had given him, and once putting his hands to the plow, never looked back. He was God's appointed agent, doing God's will, and he was conscious at all times of the fact that God was with him, in the undertaking. Are we willing to undertake the "impossible" for God?

BETHEL NEWS

Mrs. Pearl Thompson and children, Fred and Betty, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hatte Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller and daughter, Jo Ann, of Norfolk, Va., were guests of Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Curtis, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rogerson and children, Melvin and Seanith, Mr.

and Mrs. Percy Rogerson and son, Alton, of Hertford, spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Chappell.

Mrs. David Ward and son, Douglas, of New London, Conn., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bagley and Mrs. Joe Woodley, of Creawell, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Chappell.

Mrs. W. E. Curtis and grandson, Johnnie Miller, have returned home, after spending a few weeks in Norfolk, Va., with her daughter.

Mrs. Graham Moore and daughter, Doris, of Elizabeth City, spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe White.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sherlock and son, of Elizabeth City, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davis.

J. H. Mansfield and daughter, Ruth, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Small, of near Edenton, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary C. Long and daughter, Evelyn, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Chappell Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chappell and daughter, Blanche, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Small, of near Edenton, Sunday afternoon.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Farmer Sunday afternoon were: W. F. Tarkenton, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elliott and children, Mrs. M. E. Dail, Misses Hazel and Thelma Dail, Jean Dail, Robert Elliott and daughter, Juanita, Mrs. Graham Moore and daughter, Mrs. Joe White and children, Mrs. Joe Woodley, Mrs. T. C. Chappell, Mrs. C. T. Phillips and daughters, Marjorie and Madelyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bagley.

Miss Mary Lou Butts and brother, Calvin, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs.

ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB
 Mrs. V. N. Darnen was hostess on Tuesday evening to members of her bridge club.

Those playing were: Miss Kate M. Blanchard, Mrs. W. G. Wright, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, Mrs. J. G. Roberson.

SCIENCE DISCOVERS NEW MIRACLE DRUG

Science has found a new wonder drug made from mold that will do everything sulfa chemicals will do. Read the curious way this drug was discovered and the astonishing things being accomplished with it. One of many entertaining features in the July 18th issue of

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Mrs. H. R. Winslow, Mrs. R. M. Riddick, Mrs. J. O. Felton and Mrs. Charles Whedbee.

Mrs. Winslow was the winner of high score prize, while low score went to Miss Kate Blanchard.

The hostess served a delicious salad course at the close of the game.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Where is Lampedusa?
2. When did the British acquire control of Syria?
3. What do sailors mean by "pigboats"?
4. How do subsidy payments affect the cost of food?
5. How fast are men being taken by the Army?

THE ANSWERS

1. A small island, about 100 miles southwest of Malta, in the Mediterranean.
2. In 1941.
3. Submarines.
4. Subsidies paid to producers, are supposed to prevent an increase

in retail prices while providing an incentive to increased production.

5. About 12,000 a day.

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