

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JESUS AND THE LAW OF LOVE

International Sunday School Lesson for September 29

Golden Text: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law."—Romans 13:10.

With this lesson, we bring to a close this quarter's series of lessons on the Ten Commandments in the light of the teachings of Jesus. The teaching of Jesus marks out with perfect clearness the great principles of the moral life and, as he declared, he is the fulfillment of the Old Testament law, not the destroyer.

Someone has declared that "the Ten Commandments serve as a measuring stick by which we can measure our spiritual growth. When placed by our lives, they serve as a 'straight edge' to point out the crooked places. The thing that causes our spiritual growth and makes a straight life is something that is within us. This thing is love: love for God and love for man. It may be partly acquired by heredity, but it comes largely by our own efforts and by yielding to God's will."

The first principle of Christian moral ideal is love. Jesus taught that the whole moral life is summed up in the association of the love of God with the love of one's fellow man. Paul taught that to love one's neighbor as oneself is to fulfill the whole law.

The supremacy of love in the moral ideal is made clear in the New Testament by the teaching that love is an attribute of God himself, for "God is love" (1 John 4:8). The divine imperative is "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" and "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39). This commandment covers the whole life, including every area and relationship, every aspiration and responsibility of man. To love God

with all the mind and with all the heart involves a reverence for God's wisdom, a boundless trust in God's goodness, a glad obedience to God's will, and a genuine love for God's children. Thus our love for God finds expression in our love for our fellow men.

It is very difficult for us to obey completely the Ten Commandments. Probably no person has the strength in himself to obey them fully at all times. Our mind goes immediately to the young man who came to Jesus to ask the way of eternal life and Jesus questioned him as to his obedience to the commandments. The young man stated that he had kept the commandments from childhood and still, in his own heart, he realized that something was missing. From his subsequent actions, we are led to believe that he had obeyed the letter of the law without the true spirit of obedience. What he lacked was love—love for his fellowmen to the extent that he was willing to deprive himself of his own luxuries and, if need be, to suffer for their sakes.

Grudging obedience or obedience through fear of consequent punishment for disobedience is not the true spirit of obedience. Forced obedience cannot be lasting. We can obey completely in spirit only when we desire to obey. Desire linked with determination will produce strong resolve to act. God's commandments are seldom kept unless there is determination in our hearts to obey his laws. Coupled with desire and determination, there must be a spirit of dependence upon God to direct our lives into what he would have them be. We, in our own strength, are too weak to accomplish this for ourselves.

The real foundation for obedience is the great power of love. Love makes it easy for a child to obey its parents. Love will make a person go through any danger or to any trouble for the one loved. Patriotism, which is love in one of its most unselfish forms, will inspire a young man to

give his life without hesitation for his country and for the sake of those he loves. Real love is unselfish.

Paul declares: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbors." Selfishness gives rise to many evils, such as untruthfulness, theft, murder, adultery, covetousness, and many other sinful acts. It feeds the flame of suspicion, jealousy, hatred and conflict. But love overcomes evil with good. He who really loves has no room in his heart for fear and suspicion, prejudice or hatred. Love inspires confidence, sympathy, tenderness and mutual helpfulness.

Let us strive to cultivate in our hearts and lives the spirit of love as described by Paul in his famous "Love Chapter," I Corinthians 13. John Burroughs has said: "Love is the great preserver, while hate, envy, jealousy are the real destroyers; to keep your hearts young, keep them full of love."

Good Weather For Making Hay

Crop conditions were fair to good throughout the State during the first week of September and have been particularly favorable for harvesting hay, it is reported by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. The initial week of this month was dry and cool but in most Piedmont and Mountain sections the soil continued too dry and hard for fall plowing, but in the southeast some progress in fall planting was reported.

Rainfall was very light for the week, falling mostly toward the close of the week with State-wide averages only a tenth of an inch or less. This dry weather was favorable for cotton and some has already been picked and ginned. Boll weevil damage continues to affect yields in the southern Piedmont section.

Milk production continued at a high level during this cool period and production for September 1 was 14 pounds per cow. Total State production of 144,000 during August reflects the relatively cool weather during the past few weeks and the good condition of most pastures.

Fruits continued in good condition throughout the State and apple harvesting is increasing in volume in some of the western counties.

Burley tobacco is reported fair to good. Some has been harvested but the cool weather has prevented much burley from maturing. Harvesting flue-cured tobacco is practically complete with conditions reported as fair to good.

Meat Outlook Rather Anemic

Southern fried chicken is going to be more prominently displayed on home and institutional menus than ever before, according to the N. C. Agriculture Department's Market News Bureau, which released the following red meat figures:

Hog slaughter for the week ended September 7 was estimated at 166,000 head, 75 per cent below the 656,000 head slaughtered during the preceding week and 65 per cent below the 475,000 head for the same week in 1945.

Slaughter cattle under Federal inspection for the past week was estimated at 70,000 head, about 77 per cent below the 300,000 head a week earlier and 75 per cent below the 280,000 head a year ago. Beef production calculated at 33,000,000 pounds, compared with 142,000,000 pounds the preceding week.

Calf slaughter was estimated at 43 per cent below last week and 50 per cent below the corresponding week last year, while sheep and lamb slaughter was 32 per cent below that for the preceding week and 29 per cent below that of the same week in 1945.

HONORS HUSBAND'S BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Moody Harrell was a delightful hostess on Sunday when she entertained at her home on Route Three, honoring her husband at a surprise birthday dinner.

As Mr. Harrell arrived home from church the group was assembled in the dining room and all began singing "Happy Birthday."

The entire house was decorated with cut flowers on the dining table which was covered with a lace cloth and centered with a birthday cake which was cut and served to all.

A delicious dinner was served to all, after which the honoree opened his gifts.

Those present were his brothers and sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Sr., of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. George Eure, Miss Eunice Harrell, Miss Lucille Cartwright, Carolyn Deane Harrell, Ronald and Marion Harrell and Curtis Eure.

SOIL CONSERVATION NOTES

Soil conservation plans were completed during the month of August for W. W. White, L. D. Lamb and M. J. Colson.

M. J. Colson is cutting a ditch approximately 700 yards long to improve the drainage on his farm. The Albemarle Soil Conservation District Technicians assisted Mr. Colson by surveying the ditch and staking it out to grade.

A. W. Lane and T. E. Chappell used some dynamite in ditching this

spring and are planning on doing some more ditching with dynamite this fall.

Several farmers cooperating with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District are planning to do some pasture work this month.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Matt Mathews, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., on or before the 31st day of August, 1947, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 31st day of August, 1946.
MARTHA LUCILLE MATHEWS,
Administratrix of Matt Mathews,
Aug 23, 30, Sept 6, 16, 20, 27

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Louis Nachman, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., on or before the 4th day of September, 1947, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 4th day of September, 1946.
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Sept 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct 4, 11

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