

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## THE SUFFERING SERVANT

International Sunday School Lesson for November 13, 1949

Memory Selection: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows."—Isaiah 53: 4.

Lesson Text: Isaiah 53: 1-12

Our lesson is based on a portion of the Old Testament which is very often quoted and applied to Jesus himself. It includes the passage, the eunuch asked Philip to interpret to him years later, upon which occasion Philip used to explain the Christ.

There is a difference of opinion between the conservative and radical interpreters as to when this passage was written. The former attribute it to Isaiah near the close of his life, about 685 B. C., while the latter ascribe it to a prophet who lived a century and a half or two centuries later. If the latter assumption is correct, it was written while the Jews were in exile near Babylon.

Ancient peoples very often identified the power of their gods with their own prosperity and success. Judah had met with great reverses, and yet, notwithstanding, we find the prophet still proclaiming the supremacy and omnipotence of Jehovah and acknowledging the supremacy of Jehovah over all nations. This fact so impressed Foakes Jackson that he considered it strong proof that the true God had revealed himself to his people, saying: "It is absolutely unthinkable that a mere tribal god should have been spontaneously raised to the rank of a ruler of the Universe by a nation when it had touched the nadir of its degradation, whose holy city had been destroyed, whose sanctuary had been ruined."

The prophet viewed the sufferings of Judah as penalty for transgressions and explained them as designed to correct and save the chosen people so that they might become agents to redeem the world.

The last three verses of Chapter Fifty-two describes the exaltation of the servant of God. The first three verses of Chapter Fifty-three describe him as a man of sorrows, who was misunderstood and despised. The next three verses picture the vicarious suffering of the servant, misunderstood by his contemporaries as for his own sin, but, finally, recognized as bearing the sin of all.

The next three verses relate the continued sorrow and final death of the servant, an innocent martyr at the hands of oppression and false judgment. The final three verses given for our study picture the eventual triumph and glory of the servant and his recognition of the purpose involved in the process and his own satisfaction with it. For that, the reward shall be great.

To illustrate the application of this passage to Jesus, we quote Rev. Hugh McMillan on that part of verse two which refers to him "as the root out of a dry ground." "Antecedently, Judea would have never been singled out as the birthplace of the great Benefactor of mankind. Long years of formality in religion, anarchy in government and corruption in bribery in the administration of law, had exhausted all the good qualities of the people, drained their virtues dry, and left behind a miserable sediment of meanness and hypocrisy. They were proverbial for their moroseness and avarice; they were contracted in all their views, and bigoted and fanatical in their maintenance of them. That from such a worldly, hypocritical and exclusive people, the Saviour of mankind could spring by the natural laws of generation, is simply impossible. And, most convincing proofs that the scheme of salvation is divine."

"Practically all scholars agree," says Charles C. Albertson, "that Isaiah's picture of a solitary sufferer, purchasing redemption for many, has its only counterpart in Jesus Christ. We do not use terms loosely when we say this is his portrait. It is true he was not the only man in history to be despised and rejected. There have been innumerable men and women of sorrows and acquainted with grief; myriads have been oppressed and afflicted; not a few have made incession for transgressors; but of One and One alone can it truly be said that he bare the sin of many, and that 'Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.'"

BE A BETTER CITIZEN!

GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

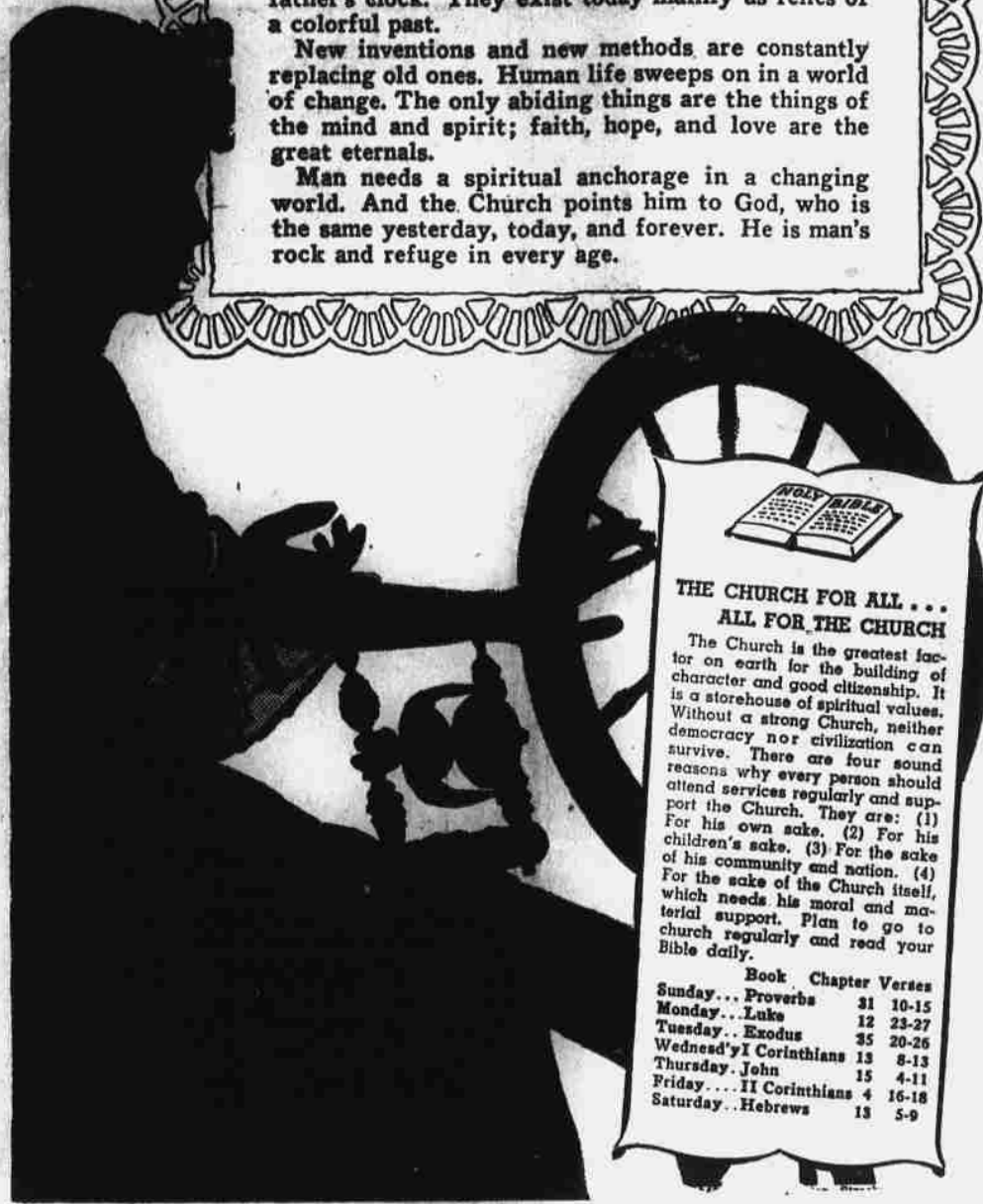
# IN GRANDMA'S DAY

In grandma's day the spinning wheel and the old hand loom were familiar sights. Long before this time, when great-grandmother was young, the girls of the family were taught to spin yarn and weave cloth, and many of the simple garments of those days were the products of their delicate hands.

The spinning wheel and hand loom have gone the way of the wooden plow, the ox cart, and the grandfather's clock. They exist today mainly as relics of a colorful past.

New inventions and new methods are constantly replacing old ones. Human life sweeps on in a world of change. The only abiding things are the things of the mind and spirit; faith, hope, and love are the great eternal.

Man needs a spiritual anchorage in a changing world. And the Church points him to God, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is man's rock and refuge in every age.



### THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Proverbs	31	10-15
Monday	Luke	12	22-27
Tuesday	Exodus	35	20-26
Wednesday	I Corinthians	13	8-13
Thursday	John	15	4-11
Friday	II Corinthians	4	16-18
Saturday	Hebrews	13	5-9

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C. W. Duling, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Harold C. Turner, Pastor  
Church services at 3:00 P. M.  
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. J. R. Byerly, Pastor  
Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
Church service 7:45 P. M. second and fourth Sundays.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
E. B. Edwards, Pastor  
First Sunday:  
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Oak Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Second Sunday  
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Third Sunday  
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
New Hope Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Fourth Sunday  
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.  
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Fifth Sunday  
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

**WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. J. W. Davis, Supply Pastor  
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday.  
Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Elizabeth White, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Church Services, 11 A. M.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. E. G. Willis, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Preaching second and fourth Sunday evening at 7:30.

**PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Carl J. Yow, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
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Youth Fellowship, 6:30 P. M.

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Church services, 8:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.

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Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.  
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
E. T. Jilson, Rector  
Holy Communion, 9:00 A. M.  
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.  
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

**BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Walker Perry, Pastor  
Bible School 10:30 A. M., except first Sunday, at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship on first Sunday at 11 A. M.  
Evening worship first Sunday at 7 P. M.

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A. H. Outlaw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

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