

CHURCH

Sunday School lesson

Turn to the Lord
Isaiah 31:1-7

The lesson given for today is timely in its application to the period of history in which we live. The alliances between governments of the world are evident as power hungry totalitarian nations push and expand to engulf other nations and other people.

On the other hand, freedom loving nations band together under treaties and other obligations to one another in an effort to thwart the expansionist moves and hopefully secure their own liberty, but is it working?

We need only to observe the ongoing struggle and we note that, in spite of all that is being done by the free world, the totalitarian menace we fear is not abated in a measurable degree. Atheistic communism is real in the world, and its principles are diametrically opposed to the Christian principles of morality.

Their leaders assume for themselves the prerogatives of God, so it becomes necessary for them to deny that God exists. If what Christian nations and freedom loving nations together are doing is not working, then the question to be asked is, "What should we do?"

The lesson study for today will provide us a positive answer. First, a glance at the Scriptural background. At the time of this lesson there were two world powers, Assyria and Egypt, vying for control of the Middle East. The Palestine area was situated directly between the two, Assyria to the north and east, Egypt to the south and west.

Israel had been divided into two kingdoms. The northern kingdom, whose capitol was Samaria, had already fallen and had been captured by Assyria. The southern kingdom of Judah, whose capitol was Jerusalem, was being threatened by the Assyrian power.

The all important question for Judah was "What should she do?" Against the advise of the prophets, the usual procedure was to seek alliance with another foreign power, in this case Egypt.

The prophets recognized that to trust in the might of a foreign power was a rejection of God's will and God's help, an evidence of a lack of faith. God's promises made to their forefathers was all the security that they would ever need, as long as they lived in faith and obedience to their God.

But, alas, they looked for something more visible and concrete, so they sent ambassadors to Egypt to seek help.

Misplaced Trust
Isaiah 31:1-3

These three verses of scripture gives the picture from God's view. The politicians of Judah were making plans and taking action without God's counsel, and putting their confidence in secular might.

It was because Judah was taking this action in which God had no part that woe was pronounced upon her. This tells us something. Political leaders who pass bills in legislatures and make decisions without God's counsel may be putting their nation and its people in jeopardy with God.

Judah made a fatal mistake, verses two and three tell about it. The Egyptians were mortal men and they, too, would fall with Judah. Could a pagan nation like Egypt supplant God in giving Judah protection?

God's Will
Protect His Own
Isaiah 31:4,5

These verses speak of God's protective power and likens it to a lion which has killed a sheep and

stands boldly to feed, even though many shepherds try to scare him away.

Israel was God's chosen people under covenant protection that had been faithfully demonstrated many times in the past years. The political leaders should have known whence comes their strength and their salvation.

It involves trusting the Lord and prayer. Christian people should also be conscious of this as we view the evils confronting the world today. God is greater than mighty armies and awesome fire power.

The Only Salvation
Isaiah 31:6,7

Mr. S. Edward Tesh, writing for Standard Publishing Co., has this to say about these verses, "Knowing the goodness of God towards those who put their trust in Him and the severity of God as opposed to evil, Isaiah sought to turn his people to the

Lord. To Isaiah, all other ground was sinking sand."

Isaiah issued a call to repentance. To turn from idols and evil to God and a righteous life. God would forgive and restore them, he is a loving God and will forgive our iniquities if we turn to Him in repentance.

Many parents might be pleased to learn that there is a place where young people can go to learn a number of interesting, useful subjects in an atmosphere of morality and Christianity.

The place is a Salvation Army Corps Community Center. It offers youngsters the opportunity to learn musical instruments and singing, drama, ceramics and art, sports, leadership and scouting. Tutoring is available. Children can also develop spiritually in the Sunday School and Vacation Bible Schools.

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A word from . . . Mt. Sinai

Hollywood and television have given many the idea that there is only one life to live. We can stretch a technical point and make that true. Life begins on earth and goes on into eternity. However, there really is more than one life. My first life was lived in the counsel of the ungodly. (Ps. 1:1) Like others I drifted from one lifestyle to another. (Ps. 1:4) I had some prosperous times, yet little of it was an investment for the future. When Jesus found me I was destitute of all spiritual righteousness. He showed me that I could bury that wasted life before I did any further harm to myself and my family. Then he showed me how to be born again to a new life. A life blessed by absolute spiritual values and guaranteed prosperity. (Ps. 1:3)

"Marvel not that I say unto you, ye must be born again." (John 3:7)

If you need a life analysis or want to be born again visit with us at Mt. Sinai. Wednesday night 7:30, Sunday morning 10:00 and 11:00.

Answer last week. (Acts 7:59)
What did God change Jacob's NAME TO?

George Wilmore, Pastor
Mt. Sinai
So. Baptist Church

NOTICE

To Residents Of The Town Of Winfall

Winfall town tags must be displayed on all vehicles owned by residents of Winfall by February 15.

Tags are \$1.00 each and are available at the Winfall Town Office.

NOTICE

All property subject to Ad Valorem Taxation shall be listed annually as prescribed by law.

The regular listing period will begin on Tuesday, January 3, 1984 and end on Tuesday, January 31, 1984.

List during the regular listing period and save ten per cent penalty.

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Anna Newbern, List Taker
Winfall Community Building.

Dates & Times for these Townships are:

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	3 8:30-5:00	4 8:30-5:00	5 8:30-5:00	6 8:30-5:00	7 8:30-1:00
		11 8:30-5:00	12 8:30-5:00	13 8:30-5:00	14 8:30-1:00
		18 8:30-5:00	19 8:30-5:00	20 8:30-5:00	21 8:30-1:00
		25 8:30-5:00	26 8:30-5:00	27 8:30-5:00	28 8:30-1:00
30 8:30-5:00	31 8:30-5:00				

NEW HOPE TOWNSHIP

Melvin Eure, List Taker
Durants Neck Fire Dept. (DN FD)
Inter-County Fire Dept. (ICFD)

NOTE: Listing at 2 places.

DATES AND TIMES FOR THE NEW HOPE TOWNSHIP ARE:

January					
Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				6-DNFD 9:00-5:00	7-DNFD 9:00-5:00
			12-DNFD 9:00-5:00	13-DNFD 9:00-5:00	14-DNFD 9:00-5:00
			19-DNFD 9:00-5:00	20-DNFD 9:00-5:00	21-DNFD 9:00-5:00
		25-ICFD 9:00-5:00	26-ICFD 9:00-5:00	27-ICFD 9:00-5:00	28-ICFD 9:00-5:00
30-ICFD 4:30-9:30	31-ICFD 4:30-9:30				

Machinery Act of 1971, G.S. 105-308, duty to list; penalty for failure

Every person in whose name any property is to be listed under the terms of this sub-chapter shall list the property with the tax supervisor or proper list taker within the time allowed by law on an abstract setting forth the information required by this sub-chapter.

In addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, any person whose duty it is to list any property who willfully fails or refuses to list the same within the time prescribed by law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not to exceed six months. The failure to list shall be prima facie evidence that the failure was willful.

Any person who removes or conceals property for the purpose of evading taxation or who aids or abets the removal or concealment of property for the purpose of evading taxation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not to exceed six months.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED PERSONS

G.S. 105-277.1 excludes from property taxes the first eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) in assessed value of certain property owned by North Carolina residents aged 65 or older or totally and permanently disabled who disposable income does not exceed nine thousand dollars (\$9,000). The exclusion covers real property occupied by the owner as his or her permanent residence and/or household personal property used by the owner in connection with his or her permanent residence. Disposable income includes all moneys received other than gifts or inheritances receive from a spouse, lineal ancestors, or lineal descendants.

KEITH W. HASKETT

Perquimans County Tax
Supervisor

Church news

Elizabeth City Chapter
Women's Aglow

The Elizabeth City Chapter of Women's Aglow will meet on Saturday, January 21, at 9 a.m. at Tuck's Restaurant in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Von Fange of Chesapeake, Va. is the guest speaker. She is the mother of six and a homemaker. Come bring a friend. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

For Your Information

Dear friends,

In many communities, teenage volunteers are giving their time, energy, and youthful enthusiasm to appreciative people in nursing homes, day care centers, and hospitals — even to disabled persons in their homes. Teenagers bring such cheerfulness with their helpfulness to the elderly, that they truly "light up their life".

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