

CHURCH

Sunday School lesson

The Servant of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4;
49:5-6:33:4-6

"Behold my Servant, whom I uphold: Mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgement to the Gentiles. (Isaiah 42:1)

In our previous lessons from the book of Isaiah, we have noted that Isaiah was speaking first to the Israelite in Babylonian exile, but he was speaking, also, of the Messianic hope which would be fulfilled in the coming of Christ, the Messiah. The anticipated deliverer was called the servant, or the suffering servant.

The Servant Introduced
Isaiah 42:1-4

How does society view the position of a servant? To be sure it is generally looked upon as one of humility, yet not always. We remember well that proud old statesman from Kentucky, who

served in the U. S. Senate for years, and later as Vice President.

In the closing period of his service to the nation, he uttered those words, "I would rather be a servant in the house of the Lord, than to sit in the seat of the mighty." It is an honor to be called the servant of the Lord. These four verses of Scripture introduce God's servant and gives to us a thumbnail sketch of His personal characteristics, and His mission.

First, He was God's servant, chosen by God himself. He would serve with the strength and power from God to perform a special task. Israel had failed as a nation in her mission to be God's light in a pagan world, but the Messiah would not fail in His mission because God's spirit was upon Him.

God chose Him and endowed Him to bring justice and righteousness — the truth — to all people of the world. The Servant would be tranquil by nature as noted in verse 2. He would not be a boisterous, screaming person, buzzing here and there exalting himself, nor hyped by a group of public relations people.

His way would be of meekness and lowliness. The servant would be

gentle in service, in verse 3. Note the figurative language expressed here, "a bruised reed" and "smoking flax." These had to be handled gently or they would be broken, or snuffed out in the case of the flax. He would be a person of tenderness.

Later the New Testament would record His many acts of love and healing and forgiveness. His great feeling for the multitudes of people in need. The Servant would also have courage, as noted in verse 4.

It would not be an easy path the Servant would walk. There would be hardships and suffering, and, yes, even death on the cross. But He would establish judgement on the earth. He would write His laws in the hearts and minds of mankind that they should not forget.

He would bring light to a darkened world and man would no longer need to wonder about right and wrong — he would know the truth.

His Twofold Task
Isaiah 49:5-6

Jacob's descendants, Israel, were separated from God because of disobedience. One commentator

noted that they were estranged from God and needed to be brought back into fellowship with Him. One of the Servant's tasks would be to restore Israel.

His second task, noted in verse 6, in addition to restoring Israel, was for the Servant to be a Light to all nations. Note the universal nature of the Servant's second task.

He is to bring the whole world into the Light of Truth — those ations in ignorance of God. Centuries later the Servant, Jesus, would proclaim Himself "the Light of the world."

He would commission His disciples to "Go into all parts of the world." God wants all people of all races to be reconciled unto Him, and for none to perish.

His Vicarious Suffering
Isaiah 53:4-6

These verses of Isaiah are some of the best known and most loved Scriptures in the Old Testament. It tells us of the suffering of the Servant. It tells us of the sin and disobedience of mankind which separated Him from God.

And it tells us about the Servant, Jesus, as He took upon Himself this weight of all sin, and through His death, paid the penalty for us that we may be restored to God.



Choral director John Kuzma asks Michael Kerry Williams, 14, of Elizabeth City, about life at the American Boychoir

School in Princeton, N. J. The world-famous classical choir will introduce clever renditions of Americana and

Broadway showtunes in a return engagement, Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Sheep Auditorium. (Jim Reid Photo)

American Boychoir to perform spring concert in area

The glorious sound of the American boychoir of Princeton will again be heard in a Spring Concert to be held Tuesday, February 28, at 8 p.m., at S. L. Sheep Auditorium.

Michael Kerry Williams, 14, son of Lynda and Jack Williams, Rt. 4, Elizabeth City, and winner of the first Robert Hobbs Music Scholarship, is in his last year at the world-famous Boychoir School.

The Boychoir's performance a year ago was considered by critics to be the finest sound ever heard in Elizabeth City. The audience was just as appreciative as the devotees of Lincoln Center, the White House, Trump Tower and the Smithsonian...wherever they have

performed on four continents.

Admirers can still visualize the late newscaster Frank Reynolds, Christmas Eve a year ago, saying "And now, Hear the Angels Sing! The American Boychoir! Our Christmas gift to you!"

Director John Kuzma, a consummate pianist and internationally acclaimed orchestral and choral director, has added a delightful touch of American and patriotic music, much of which he arranged himself.

Michael Williams just happens to sing the highest notes on the latest Pro-Arte recordings of the thrilling number, "This is My Country."

Excerpts from "Britten, Ceremony of Carols," a modern classic recently recorded, will be featured with the

most thrilling classics ever written.

The Boychoir audiences are never dry-eyed during their delicate renditions. Critics say they "are far better than the vaunted Boychoirs from across the Atlantic."

The highly disciplined concert choir, with only 27 members, amaze other scholarly musicians, not only for their choral skills and unmatched "angelic voices," but for their values, attitudes, manners and scholarly aspirations.

They branch forth from an imposing mansion in Princeton carrying on an American heritage tradition started in 1937 as the Columbus Boychoir.

Nearly 85 percent of the choir members are on scholarship, so a chorus of support is sought each year in industry.

Auditions will be arranged for interested boys, and recordings of the American Boychoir will be available at the door. Ticket information may be obtained by calling 330-2777.

health hints

DRESSING FOR WINTER

What's the best way to dress for winter? According to Edward W. Schreck, D.O., Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, it helps to use your head.

"In cold weather," he says, "heat loss from an uncovered head can easily amount to about a quarter of all the heat produced by the body in one hour. A warm stocking cap or hat is an essential piece of protection."

Here are more dressing-

for-winter tips from Dr. Schreck, an osteopathic physician with a special interest in cold weather injuries:

- Dress in several layers of clothing. Heat is trapped in dead air spaces between the layers.

- Wet clothing speeds up heat loss at least four-fold. Use water repellent outer garments.

- Hands and feet are especially susceptible to frostbite injury. Dr. Schreck recommends protecting the hands with mittens rather than gloves because they allow less heat loss.

A word from Mt. Sinai

Why is it some people are just bubbling and happy all the time? Well, some are not as happy as they appear. It is not a true happiness but an act that is well played. Many actors have tragic personal lives.

True happiness is from God. It is more than a state of mind, it is a gift from God. It is more than a feeling, it is the presence of Jesus Christ in the believer.

Of course you must desire this gift. The apostle says it is a fruit of the Spirit; therefore a gift to be harvested. We are told in Acts that joy comes as a side effect to knowing the ways of life. (2:28)

That must be the answer. If joy is from God and is associated with the ways of life, then if we learn God's way of life we shall be full of joy.

"These things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves." (John 17:13)

Answer last week, Gen. 1:26-31. When did Micah prophesy?

George Wilmore, Pastor
Mt. Sinai
So. Baptist Church

Cards of Thanks

The family of
Ethel P. White

will hold in grateful remembrance your kindness and love that was shown to us at the time of our loss our love for her will be a lasting one, as it will be for many.

REVIVAL SERVICES

BAGLEY SWAMP WESLEYAN CHURCH
HERTFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 426-7476
TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7 THROUGH 12



ERMAL L. WILSON, Evangelist
THE SINGING CHATFIELDS, Singers

SERVICES EACH EVENING 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICES 11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.

DANIEL E. LeROY, Pastor

'Lifting Up Christ As Savior And Lord'

Clifton & Clifton Monuments



Anzie Wood - 264-2572

We personalize each memorial we sell!

We are Cemetery Memorial Professional! Memorials are our only business!

Call Anzie at 264-2572 for a shop or home appointment.

Why buy a monument from a brochure or from someone who sells monuments as a side-line? You can visit our large outside or inside display room and select the very best quality memorial for your loved one at a reasonable price, from a true Professional.

It is our pleasure to serve you, please come by and visit us.

Hwy. 17 South
Across from
Whistling Pines

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00-5:00 Sat. 8:00-12:00

335-1570

For Your Information

Dear friends,
Many mature people prefer to select their own funeral director in advance, and to prearrange details of their funeral service. This is both proper and feasible and the funeral expense fund can be placed in trust with a local financial institution. We can supply further details on prearrangement.

Respectfully,

Mason Swindell

SWINDELL
FUNERAL HOME

HERTFORD, N.C.
426-7311

Member FTD
DOZIER'S FLORIST
Harris Shopping Center
Day Phone 426-5721 Night 426-7592

WOODLAND Dress Shop
108 S. WOODLAND
HERTFORD
426-5620

DARDEN Department Store
109-111 N. CHURCH ST.
HERTFORD
426-5464

HOLLOWELL OIL CO.
SUPPLIERS OF OIL PRODUCTS
Mobil
PHONE 426-5745

WINSLOW-BLANCHARD
Your **FORD** Dealer

A 10% DISCOUNT ON ALL PRESCRIPTIONS
IS OFFERED TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS
60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
426-5527 **WOODARD'S PHARMACY**

The Perquimans Weekly
Perquimans County's Only Newspaper
For And About Perquimans People

Phillips' Furniture Co.
FACTORY OUTLET
NEW & REJECT FURNITURE
U.S. 17 BYPASS, HERTFORD, N.C.

REED OIL COMPANY
Exxon Products
Hertford, N.C.

PEOPLES BANK & TRUST COMPANY
MEMBER OF FDIC
HERTFORD, N.C.