



YOUTH'S CORNER

was a pre-exile prophet, or prophesied before the exile.

The vision of Isaiah which furnishes the basis for our lesson was seen in the temple at Jerusalem, and the incident occurred about B. C., 758. The vision in its effect was all-absorbing, all-illuminating and transforming in the life of Isaiah. Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips.

II. The Aim Of The Lesson.

Let us aim at understanding the exalting influence which so far lifted Isaiah out of himself and which caused him to see his own imperfection, and the imperfection of his people which made him hate sin and also caused him to surrender to the call to service.

III. The Approach of Our Lesson.

May we not do well to approach our lesson through the thought of the obduracy of sinning Israel? The nation was taken from all the nations of the earth and favored above all other peoples of the earth. Amos 2:11. And yet God's Israel sinned and repented not; notwithstanding His favors, God could not break the obdurate will of Israel.

IV. The Lesson Unfolded.

In the year that king Uzziah died this is Isaiah's starting point. Uzziah was the king whom God smote with leprosy, because, against the expressed will of God and against the protest of the temple priests, he offered or endeavored to offer up or burn incense on the altar. His son reigned in his stead while he yet lived a leprous ruler; and he died B. C. 756.

A. The Glory of God Revealed.

Isaiah is the object of a great revelation, presented in the form of an overawing vision. It is a vision of the glory of God as contrasted against the humility of God as revealed in Jesus. 1 Kings 22:19; John 12:41; Rev. 4:2.

Above it stood the seraphim. Perhaps angels of the highest order. Ezekiel 1:11. These seem to be the highest order of angels, and to stand nearest the throne, and to serve Him in His immediate presence. These are described by Isaiah as having six wings, two with which to cover their face, and two with which to cover their feet and two with which to fly.

Holy, holy, holy. The Lord God of heaven is so holy that His holiness becomes a theme for the highest order of angels who serve nearest His throne, and to the world these proclaim His holiness. And the effect is described in verse 5. The posts of the door moved at the voice of Him.

B. The Effect of the Vision

Woe is me. Out of the vision came unto Isaiah a deep consciousness of his own sin and guilt before God. He now confesses that guilt, and also acknowledges the guilt of his own people. See Ex. 4:15; Rev. 22:19. The prophet empties himself that he might be filled.

MOBILE ALABAMA DISTRICT.

Rev. M. S. Kell.

Please allow me to report my finding of the work of the faithful pastors of the South Mobile district. At the last annual session of the West Alabama conference, held at Hope Chapel by Rt. Rev. J. W. Wood, D. D., the West Alabama conference was divided into three presiding elder districts, which should have been done fifteen years ago and we would have had a larger Zion here in Western Alabama. I was appointed to see after that part now known as the South Mobile district. I am just now winding up my first round and find that I have a fine set of hard working men on the district.

Rev. E. G. Williams, our splendid pastor, is serving his second year at Whistler, Ala., with more ease and satisfaction than the first. Everything moves along smoothly. This is a fine appointment, with young men and women leading in every department of the church. Our 2nd quarterly meeting was a record breaker

along all lines. He has on a clean up rally for the 5th Sunday, in April. The bishop will hold his mid year conference May 16th at which time every pastor will go over the top on Tercentenary money on the South Mobile district. Don't fail, boys. Let us make the bishop smile. On to Whistler, every pastor, May 16th, with round reports.

Rev. J. R. White, D. D., the new pastor of Big Zion church, is in the saddle and is riding to success. Everything he plans is a success, and he is one of the most popular ministers of the Bay City. They are trying him out in many of the churches. He is an able preacher and will give a good account of Zion's interests in this great church.

Rev. Wm. Wilson, a strong man, a great worker and a power in the pulpit, is pastor of Bethlehem, Mobile and Theodore and Laurendine and is succeeding grandly. He is happy on the job and will bring good reports to the mid year and annual conferences.

Rev. O. L. Davis is the faithful pastor at Allenville and Plateau, Ala. He is going to give Zion a church building at Plateau where we have owned a lot for more than 12 years. He has some lumber on the ground and hopes to begin building this summer. He will go over the top at Whistler.

Rev. Z. H. Booker is a good man, but somehow he and his people at Crichton cannot get on. He is doing fairly well at Spring Hill. He is doing all he can to meet the bishop in the mid year conference with a good report. The road is rough and steep but he is faithful.

Rev. J. B. Swain, the jolly man is the good pastor on the Grand Bay circuit. He is alive on all lines, and keeps his people shouting and working for success. Everything moves like clock work. He loves to do big things, and his people go at his word. Rev. Theodore Jones is the commanding pastor at Pascagoula, Miss. He is one of the smoothest men on the district. It is a pleasure to go on his work. Watch him at the mid year conference. Pascagoula is safe in his hands. This is one of our best appointments.

Rev. A. S. Chatman, at Moss Point, Miss., is sailing on smooth water. The people never were better satisfied with a pastor than now. He has a large family of the best children of any preacher I know and they are church goers and fine workers. The people of all denominations crowd his beautiful parsonage. His son was gassed by the Germans and is in bad health. He is a fine man. Rev. Chatman had raised more general claims than any pastor on the district. He can be depended upon for the mid year conference.

Rev. W. B. Barner is the pastor at Van Cleave, Miss. This is a small mission of six members and cannot give enough support, so the pastor is not with them very much. Two preachers who belong to this church help out when Rev. Barner cannot get there.

Rev. Buffit was appointed to Leaksville, Miss., but had not arrived there up to the quarterly meeting, March 25th. I am looking after the work through another preacher.

Now that each pastor knows his duty, all I have to say is, come on, men, let us do our best for God and Zion. I believe we can come up to the requirements of the chief pastor.

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THE VICTORIOUS "MIND TO WORK."

Tuesday, Neh. 4:6. "For the people had a mind to work." Thus it is that Nehemiah accounts for the accomplishment of the stupendous task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Obstacles of all kind had to be overcome. From ridicule to open physical opposition, every means was used to hinder the work. Yet the thing which seemingly was impossible was accomplished, and the explanation of the leader was that the people had "a mind to work."

There would be no limit to the things which might be accomplished by the Church of God to-day, if the people had a mind to work. It must be the people, and not the leaders alone. The responsibility resting upon the shoulders of every follower can not be thrust off upon any officer or any hired man. It is only authority which may be delegated and not responsibility. It takes the people to do the task. The people must "have a mind." If they are knit together in brotherhood, they will have a mind, and not as many minds as there are individuals that go to make up the group.

One of the great sources of strength should be that people are of one mind. Their mind must be to work, not to criticize, not to get as much from their religion as possible and give little in return. They must have a mind to work, to strive for the very joy of the task, to throw themselves with abandonment into the activities of the church.

When in any group who are about the Lord's work, these things shall be done, the people—all the people—have a mind to work and not trifle, then shall be done that which the scoffers will ever claim is impossible. J. A. McFee, The Christian Herald.

ST. DANIELS A. M. E. ZION CHURCH AND ITS PASTOR.

By Mrs. E. C. Spencer.

Rev. A. D. Duncan, B. D., pastor and founder of St. Daniels A. M. E. Zion church, Wilmington, Delaware, was born at Pleasant Hill, S. C., Feb. 9th, 1872, and was a student at Pleasant Hill school during his boyhood days. He later became superintendent of the Pleasant Hill Sunday School. In 1888 he became a student of the Normal School, Camden, S. C. While here he accepted a position with Dr. White as coachman and worked to pay his way through school. After two years he went to Salisbury, N. C., and attended the State Normal School for three years. In 1897 he joined the South Carolina conference under Bishop I. C. Clinton, D. D., and was assigned to Old Zion or Fort Mill, S. C., and has served many prominent appointments since, among which are Brown's chapel and old Providence circuit. In 1900 he was transferred to the Palmetto conference under the same bishop, serving some of the very prominent appointments in this conference. In 1912 he came to Asbury Park, N. J., and did some very successful evangelistic work and was the means of many souls accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. He served as an evangelist three years. And in 1917 he organized St. Daniels A. M. E. Zion church, Wilmington, Delaware. This is Rev. Duncan's seventh cornerstone, all for Zion Connection and St. Daniel's church is certainly proud

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of such a pastor. Preachers are many but pastors are few. Rev. Duncan has been on the sick list for the past five weeks, but we are glad to say he is now able to be with us again. Conference is drawing near, but we are praying that he will be returned to us another conference year, as he is doing great work here. The members of the Salisbury district of the Philadelphia and Baltimore conference certainly know that Rev. Duncan is in it. The day that our church was set apart every department was thoroughly organized and has been working in perfect harmony with our pastor and the three departments of the missionary society have done wonderful work and have been the means of many people coming into the church.

We have had several converts in the Christian Endeavor, and I feel free to say that our Sunday School cannot be surpassed, and it is all because we have an active pastor who takes an active part in every thing which is for the betterment of the church. He is the right man in the right place.

Wilmington, Delaware.

THE CALL FOR MEN.

By J. Eugene Alexander, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

Our race needs men,
Men who are true,
Whose word is their bond,
Men that when called,
Are sure to respond.

Men who are just,
Men who are kind,
Who will not stoop,
To nefarious crime.

Men who are honest,
Who will not steal,
Men who will handle,
Treasures of the world, and give
men a square deal.

Men who are noble,
In whom we can believe,
Men whom we can trust,
And will not deceive.

Men who are not lazy,
But men who will work,
Men who are thrifty,
Men who are alert.

Men who are brave,
Men who will not cringe,
Men who are respectful,
Men who are men.

Men who are pure,
Men who are clean,
These are the men,
On whom the world's future leans.

REV. J. C. NELSON PREACHES THE ANNUAL SERMON FOR THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS CALANTHEANS AND JUVENILES AT SANDY RIDGE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

Rev. J. C. Nelson, the popular pastor of Sandy Ridge and Millers Chapel delivered the annual sermon to the Knights of Pythias, Court of Calantheans and Juveniles at Sandy Ridge A. M. E. Zion church, Sunday, March 26th, at 3:30 P. M. The Knights, Calantheans and Juveniles formed a line at the schoolhouse; dressed in their beautiful uniforms and regalia and marched into the church for the program. Dr. L. Gibson, M. D., was chosen master of ceremonies and presided with the greatest ease showing his mastery of the Pythian rituals. After the usual formula was observed, and carried out pointedly, Dr. Gibson arose and presented Rev. J. C. Nelson, the beloved pastor of the church to deliver the annual sermon.

Rev. Nelson in Pythias style greeted the order and congregation, saying that he was a "brave man" and had a peculiar interest in the order, and felt that the organization has, and is still doing very much to ameliorate the conditions of mankind.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

By Rev. J. Francis Lee, S. T. D.

I. Historical Background.

Isaiah was a prophet of the court and he prophesied more than 700 years before the coming of Christ. He, like Jeremiah, Hosea and Amos,