

IN WASHINGTON
WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY



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As we close the eventful year of 1937 and look to 1938, it seems proper to cite that political events as occurred in 1937—a hundred years ago—bear a certain similarity to those of the year now ending. This is true despite the fact that the tempo of living is now faster and everyday happenings are under more complex conditions.

Then we had, as now, in the White House a President of the people, adored and followed. Then we had, as now, a chief executive whose every effort was to improve the status of the average man. Then we had, as now, a head of our government whose every ambition and every move was questioned by the groups representing so-called "big business." Then we had, as now, a President whose dreams of peace were termed by a few as dreams of war. That we had, as now, in the White House a man whose efforts to life the standards of the mass of citizens were branded as designed to change our very form of government.

What has happened in the United States during the last hundred years, is living proof that the critics of Andrew Jackson were wrong, as those who question the motives and sincerity of President Roosevelt today. The latter has no more de-

sire to destroy or weaken American institutions than did Jackson.

The parallel in the career of the two men are most significant, so that it has often been mentioned in congress. This holiday season is a timely occasion to mention it again.

On the floor of the senate, a noted senator of a hundred years ago said of Jackson: "—where is there a chief magistrate of whom so much evil has been predicted, and from whom so much good has come? Never has any man entered upon the chief magistracy of a country under such appalling predictions of ruin and woe! Never has any one been so pursued with direful prognostications! Never has any one been so beset and impeded by powerful combinations of political and moneyed confederates!"

Keeping in mind that the above words were uttered about President Jackson a century ago, it can be said that they could well be used today in speaking of President Roosevelt. Jackson was charged with endangering the public peace with foreign nations; with destroying domestic prosperity at home, with ruining industry, commerce and manufacturers; destroying the currency and what not. A hundred years later we find the same charges being made against President Roosevelt.

Why? Because he dared to champion the cause of the average man and has continued to champion that cause. And time will prove his critics wrong as time has proven that the critics of Jackson were wrong.

What has transpired since the collapse of our country was predicted a hundred years ago is evidence enough of what we may expect ahead. Many things will be changed in the future as they have been changed in the past. But through it all our great system of government will be maintained.

New platforms, new programs, new policies and perhaps even new parties will come as they have come in the past. Yet, they will not change the basic principles of government. Those principles will stand as they now stand. Under them our country will move ahead and prosper. Upholding those principles is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

This column is a New Year greeting to our chief executive as it is a greeting to North Carolinians.

PRISONERS ARE THANKFUL

Editor Democrat:
I want to ask you to please publish this for us prisoners. We want to thank the sheriff of Watauga county for the nice dinner and the Christmas presents. Also the visitors and people who brought us presents and good food—candy, nuts, tobacco, fruit cake, fruits of all kinds, hot coffee and two plates of dinner. Woods cannot express the appreciation to the sheriff and his family, the people and visitors.
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Lesson for January 2

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: A PREVIEW

LESSON TEXT—Mark 10:35-45. GOLDEN TEXT—And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be the servant of all.—Mark 10:44. PRIMARY TOPIC—What Two Brothers Asked Jesus. JUNIOR TOPIC—Who Are the Great? INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Look at the Gospel of Mark. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Mark's Gospel: Author, Origin, Theme.

Beginning a New Year is always a thrilling experience. The thought of an unwritten record is a pleasant one and at the same time most solemnizing. We must take heed, you and I, what we write upon that page which lies before us with the inviting caption—"1938."

Next to having New Year's day fall on Sunday, it is most appropriate that the Lord's day should come between the holiday of yesterday spent with our family and friends, and the work-day on the morrow, when we begin the year's labors. Today we tarry in God's house to pray and counsel together in the light of his Holy Word regarding the new year of grace and opportunity.

We begin today a six-month study of the Gospel of Mark, which presents Christ as the Servant of God. It is the Gospel of the mighty acts of divine power, rather than of words. It is characterized by energy and spontaneity. It moves rapidly. The characteristic words are "straightway," "immediately," and "forthwith," which are used more than forty times.

Before considering our lesson for today, we would undoubtedly like to "meet the author." John Mark was the son of the Mary in Jerusalem in whose home was "the upper room," where so many important events took place. He was a cousin of Barnabas and went with him and Paul on the first missionary journey. For some reason he lost heart and went home, much to Paul's distress. Happily we find that the young man redeemed himself in Paul's estimation and was later well spoken of by him (Col. 4:10, Phile. 24, and I Tim. 4:11).

The lesson text chosen for our "preview" of the Gospel is one which shows the weakness of human ambitions as contrasted with the true spirit of humble service which characterized Christ.

I. Selfish Ambition Rebuked (vv. 35-41).

Ambition is not in itself wrong, but when it becomes so extreme that it projects self forward at the expense of others it becomes selfish and destructive. The fact that these men were evidently earnest and were, indeed, seeking a place with the Lord in his glory does not change the situation. They were selfish even in dealing with holy things.

James and John had asked for a great honor in the kingdom, but had not sought to share in the suffering that preceded it.

Their own ignorance of what was involved, their own weakness, their observation of God's hand in the carrying out of his own plans, should have deterred them. There is such a thing as holy boldness, but there is also such a thing as unholy temerity.

II. Sacrificial Service Defined (vv. 42-45).

Christianity is not organized after the manner of secular government (v. 42). Much of the mischief that has come to pass in the church is the result of "running the church" as an organization, when it should be allowed to develop as a living organism.

Anyone who observes with even a little care knows that the church of Jesus Christ is hindered most seriously by the presence of pride and selfish ambition. Some people will not work unless they can rule. Their money is withheld unless it buys for them a dominating interest. The pastor is persona non grata unless he recognizes the desires of the "right" people. None of these things are done as obviously as our words would suggest. There is much careful "fixing" and "wire-pulling" behind the scenes. But it amounts to exactly the same thing, and it is all entirely foreign to the spirit of Christ.

Are there then no Christians who humbly serve the Lord? Yes, praise his name, there are many, and wherever they are found they are the salt of the earth. God uses and blesses them to his own glory. They may not be (and often are not) in "positions of leadership," but they are actually the leaders of the church in its true work on the earth.

Man
Man is by nature weak; he is born in and to a state of dependence; he therefore naturally seeks and looks about for help.

Avoid Becoming Stale
I have lived to know that the secret of happiness is never to allow your energies to stagnate.—Adam Clarke.

Success
There is no road to success but through a clear strong purpose.

Missionary Writes About War in CChina

Kiukiang, Ki, China, Nov. 1

Dear Friends at Home:

Kiukiang is still peaceful as far as air raids go. For a week warnings came at least once each day but no planes appeared. Nanding, the capital of Kiangsi, just south of us was bombed several times and other places east and west of us. The Nanchang railroad station is a wreck and the new bridge struck several times but repaired again. Our Kahn Hospital for women and children is badly damaged, all doors and windows broken and ceilings down and kitchen later burned from nearby bombing. Dr. Hwang continues to work in the city and country. After a week of constant warnings, when we never knew when we might be bombed, came four days of peace with no alarm. We almost forgot dugouts, but Saturday at 6 p. m., came the warning, several hours later the "all clear" and lights again. Most of us got to bed by 11 p. m., but at 1:30 a. m. the signal rang again with the "near" quickly following. We dressed, went out to dugouts or stood near, fearing planes might come any minute. We waited around until 5:30 a. m., when "all clear" sounded and hurried back to bed for a little rest before the many duties of the day. We later learned they had been in the Wuhan section, west of us, and along the Poyang Lake just a few miles from us.

Kiukiang is not a medical center. We have a few doctors, almost nothing outside of our Methodist work. But it is a center of wounded soldiers. We have about 3,000 with 2,000 more to come. Our quota is 5,000. This does not include the wounded who are passing through to hospitals in Wuchang, Hankow and places west of us by steamer or transferred to the railroad for Nanchang. Nor does it include the many dropped off here to be cared for until able to go to the city they are assigned to. Many of these are cared for by our medical workers and volunteers and often at the end of a busy day when a message comes that so many hundreds are waiting on a steamer in port or at the railroad station for much needed attention.

The wounded are everywhere in the city. Tents, camps, schools, the new pavilion plant under construction, every available space and we wonder where they will put those still due. Dr. Perkins has over 100 at the Water of Life Hospital and making room for more. This in addition to his regular hospital work and heavy clinic and out practice. He and the small staff are overworked. We have 30 at our Danforth Hospital, all we can take as we have to keep the clinic on first floor and the second floor for women and children. Every inch is filled. The operating room is much in use for the wounded. We take the most serious cases into our hospitals and go out for the others. Dr. Beh is the only surgeon in our hospital and is working almost night and day. We all do the best we can with the staff

and supplies we have.

I was at Danforth Hospital when 20 new serious cases came in. They were busy getting them cleaned up and in beds and some ready for emergency operations. They were in the same clothes they had been wounded in. While all this was going on, twins were born upstairs, a new baby having arrived earlier and two more later that same day. Twelve of these little babies in the nursery starting life in a new and troubled world. I looked into the clinic where Dr. Chen was busy and women, children and babies, waiting to be cared for and both doctors so very busy. So it is in both hospitals, from early until far into the night, day after day.

Our women are working hard on supplies, with even the children of our primary schools helping. It is difficult to raise large sums here as people are taxed so heavily. They had to buy liberty bonds then each family furnish a laborer for ten days or pay \$5.00. Then an appeal for rice for the thousands in camps in need of food, then 2,000 bamboo cots and straw mattresses and wadded quilts, all this outside of many other appeals and a certain percentage paid from wages and salaries to the war fund. More appeals will come with the cold weather and with the added number of wounded. We are much in need of old cloth, bandages and dressings. Old muslin is precious these days. Medical supplies of all kinds are needed. Packages do come through, even though a long time on the way. Mark them "old material for war relief" or if new, medical supplies for war relief. Not for sale. We are also much in need of funds for relief work. And will be most thankful for all gifts that come for that purpose at both our hospitals. Gifts can be sent through the postoffice or by bank draft or by personal checks, which are always honored at the banks and in exchange into Chinese currency. We wish it were possible for some of our

missionaries to be returned to us and hope they will be sent at the earliest possible sailings when the bars are lifted.

All our work is going on in the educational institutions with a real shortage of staff in the city and on the districts and evangelistic work in city and on the districts as well as much work among the soldiers in the camps and hospitals. They are very courteous and very appreciative of the help that is being given to them and we are glad we can help. The need is tremendous and will be for some time to come. Do pray that we may all have strength for the heavy tasks ahead and the responsibilities of each day.

Cordially yours,
EDITH FREDERICKS,
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CARD OF THANKS
Please allow me to thank each and everyone of you good folks for the fine co-operation and aid you have given me in the past two years in the beautifying of our cemetery. To those that remembered me so nicely Christmas, I thank you with all my heart. I appreciate your fine co-operation more than I can ever express to you. I hope to make our cemetery in the future more attractive than it now is. Wishing each one of you a happy and prosperous New Year. I thank you.
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