

Sunday School Lesson

New Cattle Breed For Better Beef Raised In Texas

OUR HERITAGE FROM ANCIENT ISRAEL
 International Sunday School Lesson for June 29th, 1947.
GOLDEN TEXT: "He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."—Isaiah 2: 3.
Lesson Text: Psalm 119: 105; Isaiah 2: 2-4; Micah 6: 1-8.

This is the last lesson in our study of Old Testament history for the time being. Certainly, in this study, we have seen the working of God with his people and how, as long as the people remained faithful to God and his teachings, they prospered and when they turned their backs upon him, they stumbled and fell. We have seen how prophets and good kings struggled to keep their people true to their religion and have realized that, no matter how bad conditions were not how far the majority of the people wandered from God, there was always a faithful minority who were true to him and tried to use their influence to turn others from their evil ways.

While Israel fell because of idolatry and sin, the lesson of their defeat was well learned, because they repented while in exile in Babylon. They turned back to God and monotheism, or the worship of One God, was established, preserved and passed on by the Jews to the whole world. This blessing came out of the captivity of the people of Judah, Christians and even Mohammedans owe much to the Jews who suffered severe discipline for the sake of the greatest truth—the oneness of God.

Religion today owes much to ancient Israel, whose fundamental conception is its earliest—the spiritual nature of the Deity and His consequent elevation above all human forms, methods and attributes. Though not clearly expressed in Genesis, this seems to be at the bottom of the lessons taught by the first Hebrew, Abraham, who built altars to the Living God and "called upon His name."

From Moses, we get the idea of a central shrine for the worship of God—in his day of wilderness wandering, only a tabernacle, but later the wonderful temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. Also from Moses, by dictation from God, we have received the Ten Commandments which Jesus confirmed, when he declared, "I came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it."

From the Hebrews, we have received throughout the centuries and handed down to us. This word has been a "lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" to countless millions through the ages. The religion which developed among the Hebrew people laid clear and insistent emphasis on the relation of religion to daily life. A religion which is simple a matter of elaborate ceremonial rites and ritual worship is no religion at all and such religion was vigorously denounced by the prophets.

The Prophet Micah gives a summary of the religion which the prophets taught.

"The teaching of Micah," says Dr. W. G. Elmslie, "possesses remarkable equalities both in style

and thought. His language is vigorous, graphic, and varied. At times he is emotional and pathetic, anon terse and trenchant, and again elevated and sublime, as the occasion and the subject demand. He does not quite command the grand style of Isaiah, but he is more sharply telling and direct. In width of survey and weight of movement he differs from his great contemporary, somewhat as a tribute of the people or a preacher of righteousness differs from a statesman of the first order."

In our lesson text he quotes Jehovah as challenging his people to testify against me. "It is an inspiring thought, followed by a recital of all Jehovah's goodness unto them. Modern folk might accept the same challenge. Even today the inquiring soul can look about and question wherein God has been unkind. The imperfections and wrongs which exist are not of God's choice of manufacture—when He finished creation it was declared "good," but man has had it in his control from that day, and the inquiry should also be made as to what man has done to the world God made and put him into to enjoy and have dominion over.

1948 Expected to Be A Prosperous Year

North Carolina farmers can look forward to a prosperous year in 1948, according to Dr. G. W. Forster, head of the Agricultural Economics Department at State College, who said the national economy is in a highly satisfactory condition, and the immediate future is bright.

This means, he believes, that agricultural conditions, with a few possible exceptions, will also be satisfactory. Explaining his reasoning behind such a prediction, Dr. Forster says that farm prosperity depends almost directly on the condition of the national economy. Therefore, a close relationship exists between the prosperity of farming in North Carolina and America's industrial activity.

As Dr. Forster sees it, this industrial activity will remain high during the next several years, and as a consequence, the agricultural income of this state will remain in a favorable position.

FOUR LIVE IN AUTO
 Chicago—Unable to find a place to live because of landlord's objections to children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tousey parked an old sedan near an elevated station and lived in it. Mrs. Tousey bathes the children, Frankie, 18 months, and Jo Ann, 3, in the washroom of the station while a sympathetic man in a lunch room across the street heats the baby's bottle.

Consumer cites the need for continuing control of credit.

Weslaco, Tex.—A new breed of cattle, big, white and tick-proof, is being developed by two south Texas cattlemen, Fred Turner and Hari Thomas.

The breed, a cross between the Brahman and Charollais, has all the best characteristics of each, Turner said.

When a registry book for the breed, called Charbray, is set up within the next two years, it will become the second ever developed in this country. Charbrays are three-fourths Charollais, the French work-beef and milk breed, and one-fourth Brahman, the sacred cow of India.

"Putting one-quarter Brahman in the Charollais is like adding bacon grease to biscuits," Turner said. "It even improved the Charollais characteristics."

"The best feature of the breed is its rapid growth. Our calves put on 100 pounds a month on the range."

But aside from the growth, the Charbray is as good a milk cow as a shorthorn and will dress out 65 to 68 per cent beef. Most beef cattle dress out around 55 per cent.

Turner pointed to a chunky calf. "Look at that rump. The Charbray grows the high-priced cuts."

Both parent breeds are "skin breathers" and consequently can stand the hot climate of south Texas. The Charbray inherits this characteristic and because of it is tick-free. Cattle ticks only bother the "English" breeds which have few pores in their skin.

Born a light tan, the Charbray usually bleaches out to a cream-colored white in a few weeks. The Brahman hump is bred out but the Charbray carries a slight hint of the Brahman dewlap, the loose skin under the neck. All Charbrays have horns.

"We're trying to prove the breed before setting up registry books," Turner said. "We've shipped cattle to Florida, the swamps of Louisiana, California and Oklahoma. All places report the breed doing as well there as here."

"We think because it's three-quarters Charollais the Charbray can stand the high cold altitudes as well as the hot plains country."

The only other breed developed in this country was the Santa Gertrudis, five-eighths shorthorn and three-eighths Brahman, at Texas' big King Ranch. The Santa Gertrudis breed, a big red animal, is completely owned by the ranch which will not sell its females.

Turner and Wilson plan no such monopoly of their breed. "We want everyone to use the breed and besides, we don't have enough land to handle that many cattle," Turner said.

HOME-MADE LAMP KILLS MAN
 Leesburg, Va.—George Apostopolos, 24-year-old restaurant operator, was electrocuted when he touched the wire in a portable home-made lamp he was using while repairs were being made at his restaurant. Artificial respiration, administered for an hour, proved futile.

PITY THE POOR CUSTOMER, EXPERT TELLS RETAILERS

West Chester, Pa.—Charles S. Wyand, an authority on retail selling methods, says there are three things wrong with retail business. They are:

More customers suffer from an inferiority complex. Most clerks are indifferent, condescending and frequently insulting.

Most employers who hire the clerks are self-satisfied and reluctant to make progressive changes. Wyand, who is assistant to the president of Pennsylvania State College, told a West Chester Board of Trade meetings that the average customer is "a fairly inarticulate person, with frustrations and aspirations and deep-seated inferiority feelings, who is trying to buy self-esteem along with his other purchases."

ARMY SURPLUS PROVIDES LATEST FASHION NOTES

Philadelphia—The regional office of the War Assets Administration announced:

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UNUSUAL RECORD
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The ten leading egg-producing states are Iowa, Texas, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York, Wisconsin and California.

IN OTHER WORDS—IT SMELLS

London—Here's how a judge of a London rent tribunal court described an apartment: "A pungent acrid odor assailed me on entering the premises which paralyzed my olfactory sensibility. The cause would appear to have been a manhole not properly sealed from which effluvia arose, which was immediately adjacent to bedroom and permeated the atmosphere with maledoriferous particles."

ROPE BLOCKS TRACK

Chicago—Two thousand feet of rope, dangling from trees near the right-of-way of the railroad halted a Chicago and North Western passenger train for ten minutes while members of the crew removed the heavy rope, which was believed to have fallen from an airplane.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of W. L. Brown, late of the county of Watauga, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, to present them to me for payment within one year of the date hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This June 10, 1947.
 J. E. EDMISTEN, Admr.,
 Estate of W. L. Brown, Decd.
 6-12-47

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
 Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of George Henson, late of the county of Watauga, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This June 5, 1947.
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EVERYBODY SURPRISED

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