

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PETER EXHORTS TO CHRISTIAN LIVING
International Sunday School Lesson
for March 19, 1939

Golden Text: "Like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living."—I Peter 1:15.

(Lesson Text: I Peter 3:8-19)

Definite and unquestionable facts about the last years of Peter's life are few. We see him escaping from a Jewish prison and going to Jerusalem, we have a reference to him at Antioch, but that is all. Tradition tells of missionary work in Syria and elsewhere, and, finally, of his death at Rome—crucified head downward at his own request because he felt unworthy to die as his leader had done some thirty years earlier.

Two epistles are ascribed to Peter, however, in the New Testament, and of the first little serious question is raised as to the authenticity of authorship. Written from Rome about the time of Nero's persecutions, its mission to the Christians in other lands has been summarized by Bishop Leighton as having been "to establish them in believing, to direct them in doing, and to comfort them in suffering."

Little doubt is left, after reading this letter, that some strenuous trial was ahead of the believers, and the insistence upon respect for political authority probably indicates the direction from which such affliction was coming. The scattered members of the new faith were told to endure suffering patiently and the example of Jesus under similar persecutions was recalled. At the same time, Peter sought to reassure his readers that God, through suffering, would perfect their characters.

In our lesson text today, Peter outlines some of the outstanding characteristics which a true Christian should continually show to the world, especially in times of suffering. In I Peter 3:8 and 9, he says believers should be "like-minded" because they are members of the same body, the Lord Jesus Christ, having the same hope, the same Lord, the same baptism, the same God and Father. Christians should also be "compassionate," sympathizing one with another, because of the love they have for Christ and for one another. They should be "tender-hearted," capable of loving and showing pity one for another. Another characteristic believers should display is "humble-mindedness." The virtue of humility is often commended in the New Testament and is a virtue which all of us would do well to practice.

The next virtue which Peter would have Christians possess is the ability to refrain from returning evil for evil. How hard it is for us modern believers to practice this in our daily lives! How much easier and more natural it is for us to slap those who slap us and, if possible, slap back a little harder. We should remember, however, that when we accept Christ, we should try to live as he lived and surely no one ever practiced the principle of returning good for evil as did Jesus Christ when he was on earth. Not only will such a practice be good for our characters, but we are promised the blessing of God upon us for so doing.

Peter then, in verses 1-17, declares

that the life that pays is the life of righteousness. The first suggestion given is that Christians should guard their tongues, "let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile." J. H. Jowett says, "It is stupendously significant that in the secrets of the blessed life the Psalmist should immediately turn to the government of the tongue. Our speech is so often destructive of our blessedness. Venom that passes out also seeps in. Where the lips are untrue, the heart abounds in suspicion."

Not only are these Christians advised to speak no evil, but they are admonished to do good, to seek peace and pursue it, with the promise to them that the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and that He will hear their prayers. This confidence in the ultimate justice of God, and the assurance of rewards for righteousness, help to keep us diligent in pursuit of these finer virtues of life.

Knowing of the persecutions which the believers had suffered and would still suffer, Peter reminded them, and us, that Jesus, though perfect, also was persecuted and that they should rejoice that their persecutions were not brought on because of their evil doings, but that through their sufferings, they might be able to witness for their Lord, Jesus Christ.

A TRIBUTE

The toils of life are over,
With Jesus you are at rest
On that beautiful shore
Forever with the blest
There to be with Christ the Savior
And to lean upon his breast,
There to join the choirs of Heaven
And enjoy rest, sweet rest.
Sometime we'll understand why our
loved ones are called away,
Just when they are to us so dear
And we long to have them stay.
But I know that God knoweth best
So He sweetly bids us come
To be with Him at the Heavenly home
And forever at rest.
We are waiting and watching
For those dear faces to see
And we trust that we'll be united
With them in Heaven some day.
Years have gone and passed away
Beautiful locks have turned to gray,
Golden ringlets, once they'd say,
Time has changed to silver gray.
Now we are near the river side
Soon we'll be going with the tide
Soon we'll be with noiseless oar
Safely on the beautiful shore.
God speed us on our way,
Let all blessings come that way
For I see you light a gleam
As we go drifting down the stream.
Soon we'll be among the blest
And our weary souls at rest
Soon we'll be where angels roam
And God's city will be our home.
The world is bathed in a sea of gold
Purple and red are the rays,
A beautiful scene to crown the close
Of glorious winter days.
The clouds are still, the birds sing low
The wind is calm, at rest,
The glory of the waning days
Is the sunset in the West.
The sea is calm, the waters drift,
The crested waves are still
The gentle breeze is whispering low
Its echoes o'er the hill.
The earth is bathed in a sea of gold,
Purple and red are the rays,
Oh glorious calm that crowns the end
The sunset of our days.
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What a Team!



Jane Withers and Leo Carrillo in "The Arizona Wildcat," together with Rosalita Towne in "The Adventures of Jane Arden" at Taylor Theatre, Edenton, Sunday.

Weekly Market Report

Eggs, per dozen—Hennery whites, 14-19; hennery browns, 15-19; current collections, 13-16.
Live Poultry, per lb.—Rocks, 16-18; reds, 16-18; mixed colors, 16-18; light breeds, 15-17; broilers, 16-20; fryers, 18-20.

Commissioners' Proceedings

The County Commissioners met March 1, 1939, with a full Board present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following standing order was passed for help in support:

Evalina Blount (for Mack Skinner) \$5.00.

The following bills were ordered paid:

J. N. Pruden, Judge Recorder's Court, \$50.00; John W. Graham, prosecuting attorney, \$50.00; Miss Rebecca Colwell, salary, \$66.66; N. K. Rowell, salary and expenses, bill, \$116.16; Geo. C. Hoskins, treasurer, bill, \$50.00; M. L. Bunch, bill and services, \$13.29; Leggett & Davis, bill, \$1.00; Albemarle Hospital, bill, \$64.40; Wm. M. Perkins, superintendent public welfare, salary and travel, \$168.33; Mrs. Carolyn C. McMullan, case worker, salary and travel, \$100.00; Margaret Satterfield, stenographer, \$50.00; Dr. J. A. Powell, rent and lights, \$15.00, stamps, \$8.00, telephone bill, \$9.10; Mrs. J. J. Buffalo, care Alice Belch, \$5.00; Ruby Lentz, bill, transporting Jones child to Greensboro, \$20.00; Charlton's Funeral Home, bill (Skinner child) \$14.50; J. A. Hooper Co., bill, \$5.13; Dr. L. P. Williams, bill, \$3.70; Mrs. Etta Williams, bill, care John Sutton, \$12.00; George Harrell, bill, care Hallet Copeland and Arthur Byrum, \$20.00; Byrum Grocery Co., bill, \$4.50; Pender's Store No. 238, bill, \$4.00; H. T. Layton, bill, \$4.00; J. E. Peele, bill, \$2.00; A. & P. Co., bill, \$4.50; Edenton Ice Co., \$1.50; T. W. Jones, bill, \$4.55; Commercial Printing Co., \$5.10; Industrial Laboratories, bill, \$7.50; The Chowan Herald.

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bill, \$7.40; Mrs. A. Nejam, rent F. S. A., office, \$10.00; Bertie-Chowan District Dept., \$129.50; S. W. Moore, bill, care of prisoners, \$105.25; Byrum Hardware Co., bill, \$6.86; Town of Edenton, bill, \$17.55; G. L. Boyce, bill, \$6.31; Jesse Murphy, bill, \$4.90; Storr Engraving Co., bill, \$45.00; J. A. Bunch, sheriff, bill and salary, \$265.10; R. D. Dixon, bill and services, \$125.00; M. G. Brown Co., Inc., bill, \$10.21; Powell Clinic, bill, 1 month county physician, \$25.00; coroner N. L. Ward, \$5.00; total, \$30.00; G. A. Helms and R. L. Pratt, bill, \$22.75.

It was moved and carried that the County Commissioners relieve J. E. Moran \$7.50 error in valuation amount of taxes received by Sheriff, \$8.62.

It was moved and carried that the county pay for the office fixtures of J. B. Small, Negro county agent, \$9.90.

It was moved and carried that the county pay bonds due March 15, 1939 and April 1st, 1939.

By motion of W. H. Winborne and seconded by J. A. Webb that the Bank of Edenton names as depository of county funds and Chowan County bonds, Town of Edenton bonds, State of North Carolina bonds and government bonds are acceptable at face value as collateral, also Federal Deposits Insurance as guaranteed.

It was moved and carried that the County Commissioners elect tax supervisor by a written ballot.

W. S. Privott was elected tax supervisor for the year 1939 at a salary of \$300, or \$75.00 per month, for 4 months and list takers to be paid same as 1938.

It was moved and seconded that the County Commissioners appoint R. C. Holland judge of Recorder's Court pro tem.

The following names were drawn for jury duty for April Term of Superior Court:

L. G. Bateman, B. T. Boyd, W. W. Small, Norman Hollowell, W. L. Bateman, William P. Goodwin, C. S. Chappell, J. N. Smith, Horace Hassell, L. R. Sutton, Jesse W. White, J. Roy Winslow, J. I. Boyce, I. R. Blanchard, R. W. Stokely, J. Wallace Goodwin, C. W. Swanner, Clarence P. Harrell, Geo. T. White, J. C. Leary, C. R. Satterfield, S. F. Small, Josiah Elliott, J. E. Brabble, R. W. Leary, Sr., Wayland Moore, Eli T. Byrum, J. G. Campen, Jr., Luther Barrington, H. J. White, C. E. Nixon, J. E. Debnam, W. E. Bunch, S. W. White, Bertram Hollowell, W. L. Langdale.

The following resolution was introduced by J. A. Webb, seconded by A. C. Boyce, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the John L. Savage

property, to be conveyed to the County Commissioners for the purpose of erecting a community building thereon, be held in trust for the Chowan Woman's Club for use as a community building, provided that all expenses in connection with the purchase of said land and the erection of said building over and above the amount provided by the Works Progress Administration be paid or provided by the said Woman's Club.

The following reports were ordered filed:

Sheriff, Treasurer, Home Demonstrator, J. B. Small, colored county agent, Public Welfare.

No further business the Board adjourned.

M. L. BUNCH, Clerk to Board.



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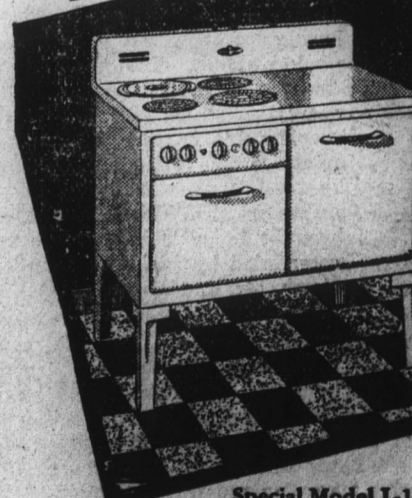


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