

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

GOD'S MESSIAH

International Sunday School Lesson for December 25, 1949

Memory Selection: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased." Luke 2: 14.

Lesson Text: Isaiah 9: 2-7; 11: 1-5.

Out of the depths of Israel's darkest days in her national and spiritual history, a voice arose telling of the coming of the redeemer, one who

would save the people from their sins. The voice was that of Isaiah, the greatest prophet of the Israelites.

The redeemer would be known by a number of names. "Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." His reign would be eternal and justice and judgement were to result from his authority and power. Such was the bold prophecy of this Israelite prophet more than seven hundred years before the coming of Jesus Christ to the earth.

The prophet foresaw an era of peace picturing a time when the wolf and lamb, the leopard and kid, and calf and the young lion would exist amicably in the same world. We sheltered and unfamiliar with the dread of wild beasts hardly grasp the striking meaning of the picture used.

The world's thinking at the present time has been prepared by the growing influence of Christianity for consideration of peace on earth and good will to men but in Isaiah's day his idea of a warless world was revolutionary.

The world is suffering today because of the ravages and destruction during the two great World Wars. Financial and material resources were recklessly expended in a non-productive rampage of death and destruction.

Beyond the material damage, the moral fiber of mankind suffered seriously as a result of the passions and hatreds stirred up during the contest. Sorrow and misery visited millions of homes. Should not all this impel mankind to the abolition of war?

The individual rational mind often questions the necessity for men to be enemies. Christianity for centuries has been advertising the blessings and necessities of human brotherhood. Why is it that nations and races cannot be mutually helpful rather than destructive?

Millions of individuals see the foolishness and wickedness of war but the political machinery of the world is beyond the power of these single units of humanity to reconstruct and control in the interest of their own welfare.

The function of war in civilization has been to settle disputes between nations. No other good purpose is served by such conflicts. As a method of deciding disputes war favors the strong, regardless of right or merit.

Surely, it is reasonable to ask that justice and righteousness be the basis

for adjusting international disputes. It is a fairer and better method not to mention the fact that it operates without waste of lives and treasure.

Christianity should exert itself to prevent war. To accomplish this we must provide peaceful machinery to perform the functions of war, that is, for the arbitration or judicial determination of international disputes.

The nations of the world are trying desperately to set up the machinery for lasting peace in the world through the medium of the United Nations. At time, it seems, their efforts will be in vain because of the bickerings and spirit of antagonism exhibited between the member nations.

However, it is a part of the Christian's responsibility in our day to help keep the hope of international peace alive and to do everything possible to assist in the smooth functioning of any agency whose ultimate aim is world peace.

Chowan Farmers Vote For Cotton Quotas In Election

Only Approximately 50 Percent Eligible Cast Ballots

Chowan County farmers approved marketing quotas in the referendum held last Friday by more than 88 per cent. Approximately 50 per cent of the farmers eligible to vote in the referendum went to the polls and voted. A total of 171 voted for quotas and 22 against.

The eligibility requirement, that only those who produced cotton in 1948, lowered the number of those eligible to participate.

The different communities voted as follows: Edenton, for quotas 29, against 4; Macedonia, for quotas 22, against 3; Center Hill, for quotas 44, against quotas 1; Rocky Hock, for quotas 9, against quotas 12; Ryland, for quotas 18, against quotas 1; Gliden, for quotas 37, against quotas 1; Yeopim, for quotas 12, against quotas 0.

An era in human history is the life of Jesus, and its immense influence for good leaves all the perversion and superstition that has accrued almost harmless. —Emerson.

Gold Star Lapel Buttons Available For Vet Relatives

J. L. Wiggins In Position to Furnish Necessary Information

Gold Star lapel buttons are now available without charge to widows and parents of those members of the armed forces who lost their lives in World War II, according to Stephen H. Alford, district officer of the State Veterans Commission.

Under the terms of Public Law 306, 80th Congress, children, brothers and sisters are eligible to purchase one of these buttons. They cost \$1.50 each.

"Only one Gold Star lapel button can be furnished any one individual, so they should be carefully safeguarded," Mr. Alford cautioned. The wearer's initials are engraved on the back of each button before issuance so they can be identified if lost or misplaced.

"Those desiring to apply for one of these Gold Star buttons will be furnished application blanks and any assistance necessary in completing them," Mr. Alford said.

For further information call or write to Stephen H. Alford, District Officer, N. C. Veterans Commission in Elizabeth City or Jasper L. Wiggins, Chowan County Service Officer, Edenton.

Culture is then properly described not as having its origin in curiosity, but as having its origin in the love of perfection: it is a study of perfection. —Mathew Arnold.

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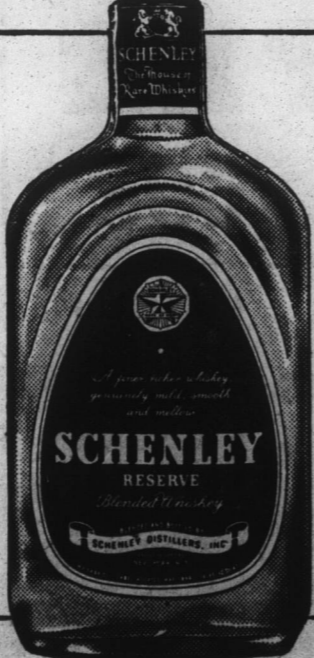
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