

The Sunday School Lesson

by John R. Brayboy, Salem Missionary Baptist Church

Living Wisely (I Kings 9:1-3, 10:1-7, 23-24)

I. God's Second Appearance to Solomon I Kings 9:1-3
II. The Queen of Sheba's Visit to Solomon

III. Solomon's Wealth, Wisdom, and Splendor I Kings 10:22-23
Allow me to take a moment and reflect on the sheriff's election. I thank God for the election of Bro. Glenn Maynor as Sheriff. I believe that it was ordained of God. I am thankful that God hears the cries of His people when they are of a broken and contrite spirit. To God be the glory for the election of Glenn Maynor as Sheriff, not taking anything away from the hard work that was put in it. But without God's approval it would have all been in vain. Now I urge every Christian to continue to pray for Sheriff Maynor that God will give Him the wisdom he needs to serve Robeson County's people well.

II. God's Second Appearance to Solomon I King 9:1-3
God had promised David that his son Solomon would build a house of worship for Him. David was denied the desire of building God's House because of the bloodshed during his life. Now Solomon had built the house of the Lord, and for the second time God appeared to him. God told Solomon He had heard his prayer and supplication at the dedication of the House of

the Lord. Solomon had interceded on behalf of the people of God to forgive them when they erred, if they would repent. God told

Solomon that He would make His house holy and that His presence would be perpetual. Now God had a permanent dwelling place in the midst of the nation of Israel. Today God dwells in the heart of His people who have accepted Him as personal savior.

II. The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon I Kings 10:1-7

The news of Solomon's wisdom and wealth spread far and wide. The news caught the ears of the Queen of Sheba and peaked her curiosity. It seemed hard for the Queen to believe the stories she had heard about Solomon, so she went to see for herself. She came with gifts to ensure that she got an audience with King Solomon. The Queen of Sheba had some hard questions to ask the King to see if he was all that people said he was. Sometimes Christians are put to the test by the world to see if their faith is what they claim it is. Solomon had asked God for the one thing every Christian needs to ask of God, and that is wisdom. When the Queen of Sheba questioned Solomon, he answered all her questions and hid nothing from her. When we are witnessing to lost people about their soul, we need to be wise in the word of God so that we can tell them what is right, without them being confused. God had blessed Solomon not only because of the Davidic Covenant, but because he was pleasing to God. When we live in the wisdom of God, we will be pleasing to God. When the Queen of Sheba saw firsthand the wisdom of Solomon,

all of his wealth and the splendor of his house, and the Lord's house, she was astounded. Literally, it took her breath, and she was speechless. Sometimes what we hear we find hard to believe; we have to see for ourselves. The Queen of Sheba had heard about Solomon and was skeptical so she went to see with her own eyes. She had heard about the God of Israel and the things he had done in Israel. Brethren, we ought to live our lives in such a way that God will be manifested through our lives. The Queen of Sheba certainly saw more than she had heard or expected. Her response was that the half had not been told about Solomon's wisdom and fame.

III. Solomon's Wealth, Wisdom and Splendor

God had blessed Solomon as promised. The prominent features of his reign as king was his wisdom and wealth. No other king at that time had more wealth or was wiser than Solomon. Rulers from all over came to Solomon for wisdom, and he recognized that the wisdom he had came from God. What American needs to be seeking for today for answers to its problems is godly men of wisdom. In the New Testament, Jesus said seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these other things will be added unto you. It is a wise man who seeks Jesus. Are you looking to Jesus for the answer to your problems or looking for answers in worldly wisdom? The wise answer to the problems we face today can and will be found in the wisdom of God.

Until next week, God bless you.

Readers Forum

Change Brought to Robeson With Real Votes by Real People

Dear Ms. Connee,

Thank the Good Lord. Glenn Maynor was able to get over that last hurdle to become our first Indian High Sheriff. There were so many obstacles: Prejudice, Preachers, Patronmen Hoos-Pocus and even pray tell, Donkey Duke. They pulled out everything in their little black bag-o-tricks, but fell short in the end. There were a few things that I would like to mention, in particular:

I guess the C & C strategy didn't do Sanderson any favors at all. I took some time to go by several polling sites to kind of get a feel of voter turnout. Miss Connee I witnessed something I had never before seen. Indians, Indians everywhere, nothing but Indians! They seemed as if something was driving them. I knew what that something was - CHANGE! Every one of them was ready for a change. Glenn Maynor was the man that could make it become reality. There was another thing I noticed. As I watched the Sanderson poll workers at the Indian precincts I thought to myself that this must have been the same looks that Custer's men must have had in their eyes that day at Little Big Horn. Their eyes conceded defeat even before the fat squaw hooped and hollered. My heart became overfilled when I saw the elders of the tribe coming forth to be a part of the historical changes that were about take place. I felt a great sense of pride to see our people coming together and seizing the opportunity to finally take control of their destinies.

As I made my way into the Prospect voting booth I was over-

come by a very peculiar feeling. My eyes began to water. My mouth got dry and it seemed as if my breath got short. Immediately I was reminded of the powers of godly dust. I shook my head, sneezed and then voted Glenn Maynor for Sheriff! After the polls were closed, Janice, Ashley and I hurried to the Robeson Co. Fairgrounds to take part in the Maynor for Sheriff festivities. I have never seen so many happy Indians in one place. I hooped, hollered, kicked up my heels and yes, Miss Connee, even cried. The most touching thing I saw Glenn Maynor's mother singing "Victory is Mine." This song represented the sentiment felt by the 2000+ in attendance. Although her eyes were encompassed by wrinkles, the sparkle held within was that of rebirth. She was as a young maiden full of vim and vigor. She touched many hearts to the point all we could do was cry and share her happiness.

As you know all good things must come to an end. On Wednesday November 9th, I was stopped by a friend who was highly upset by something she had read in the Redneck Review. When she showed it to me I shared her anger. Staring at me was the rear end of a donkey! To say the least I was shocked, but as usual, not speechless. Former state trooper, Souny Moore (NO RELATION), showed his true colors when he, in my opinion, told all Indians to kiss his a--!

I couldn't believe his audacity! Well, Souny things are different. It's not "my way or the highway" anymore. Those kind of ethics

don't flush anymore. Elmer is looking for a few good judges. Ruth has a place with her name written on it. As for you Souny, you can do like donkey chips. HIT THE TRAIL! It just goes to show you the mentality that exist in this county when a newspaper supported predominantly by Indians tell them where they can kiss. We Indians are tired of allowing the big game hunters to go unmonitored. That is why I have stopped subscribing to that Redneck Review. As song goes folks, "You've got to get for something or you'll fall for anything." Take pride in your Indian and take a stand - - BOY CO THAT PAPER!

As a final note I would ask of you to keep up with the Anderson Manderings. Mr. Anderson said that all voting irregularities that occurred in Indian precincts accusations go from stuffing ballots to voting the dead. Mr. Sanderson would have the U.S. House have that were approximately 7000 of these irregularities. Let's frank! In my opinion his target is only Indian precincts is no confidence but by plan. If he can make them believe such an idiotic statement Sanderson would have a complaint or at least that's the way he it. Does he really believe he can get two birds with one stone? I DON'T THINK SO! Those were REAL votes, cast by REAL living Indians. Now you have a REAL Indian Sheriff in Robeson Co.

Froud to Be Lumbee Wendy Moore Ledwell

All comments made are the expressed opinion of the writer.

In the Armed Forces

Michael L. Oxendine

Navy Airman Michael L. Oxendine, son of Jevine J and Earl Oxendine II of Route 6, Lumberton, recently participated in an historical decommissioning ceremony while serving as one of final crew members of the 38-year-old aircraft carrier USS Saratoga. Oxendine was one more than 2,000 sailors and Marines who took part in the ceremony held in Mayport, Fla., which marked the end of one of the first "super" carriers built after World War II.

Commissioned April 14, 1956, "Super Sara" patrolled the waters off Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, launched countless aircraft against the North Vietnamese in 1972, and played a vital role in the capture of the luxury liner Achille Lauro hijackers in 1985.

More recently, Oxendine and the crew of the 1,063-foot-long aircraft carrier spent two months off the coast of the former Yugoslavia supporting international sanc-

tions in Bosnia-Herzegovina. After leaving the Adriatic Sea, Oxendine joined ships from 12 other nations for a large-scale exercise in the Eastern Mediterranean.

One of USS Saratoga's most memorable deployments began August 7, 1990, just days after Iraqi tanks invaded Kuwait. "Super Sara" took up station in the Red Sea and six months later when Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm, her aircraft began an air campaign against Iraq which would last more than seven months.

USS Saratoga is just one of many older Navy ships being decommissioned. They are being replaced by fewer but more capable ships. Equipped with the latest technology, the newer ships will require highly motivated and skilled young men and women like Oxendine to operate them.

The 1990 graduate of South Robeson High School of Rowland, NC joined the Navy in August 1990.

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Reader is Thankful for The Lumbee People

Dear Carolina Indian Voice,

As Thanksgiving nears I search for what I am thankful for: The memories of my grandmother and mother (God Rest Their Souls), Aunts and Uncles, Sisters and Brothers, and Cousins, Nieces, and Nephews, and friends.

And then I ask the Lord why he has moved me to a place where people have no chance to improve, where politics over rules the whole being of a land, where greed, lies and unaring occurs. I ask why Lord, bring me to a land where freedom of speech is not allowed,

where fear sets within the hearts of the worker, and why information between two people are based on political gain.

Then I think of my people strong, determined and willing to do the best for the people as a whole. To unite and stand together, yes I'm Thankful, very thankful for my people.

But Lord what can I do for this place you have moved me to?

As my mind and heart search I can only hope that my people (Lumbee Indians) do not end up in the greed and political ruing as the people

(Cherokee) West of them have.

Am I thankful? Yes I'm thankful for my family and my raising and I'm thankful for my husband and his family. But this Thanksgiving I'm not thankful for what the political people are doing to the North Carolina Cherokee Indian People. So as the Lord would have me do I am asking for you, my people to set aside what you have always heard and say a prayer for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian people. And why do I ask this of you? Before Washington politics and



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Federal and State recognition was united and helped each other in the means of just knowing we were neighbors. Thank You, Sincerely, L. Oxendine-Taylor, Cherokee, NC

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