

REFUSING THE KING'S MEAT

A Program for Young People's Meetings

By Miss Annie Chresfield

A pre-prayer service.
A song service.
The call to worship by the leader who says, "Blessed be the name of the Lord forever; for wisdom and might are his."
Response: "He changeth the times and the seasons. He removeth kings and setteth up kings. He giveth wisdom unto the wise and knowledge to them that know understanding."
(This response should be written out and a copy given to each one before the meeting begins.)
Prayer.
The leader now announces the subject and reads the Bible lesson from Daniel 1:5-17.
A talk by the leader.
Prayer by the leader.
Singing, "Who Is on the Lord's Side."
Discussion

Tempted to Eat.
Afraid Not to Eat.
When One Refuses to Eat.
Reasons for Not Eating.

1. Name some things that are very tempting to us, yet we know that they are sinful, and tell what we should do.

2. What would you do if your "boss" asked you to do something you knew was wrong?

3. What kind of treatment do most people get who fight against wickedness?

4. Is it necessary for a Christian to suffer? Give your reason for your answer.

Memory verse: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat." (Daniel 1:8.)

Unison prayer: "Dear Father, help us to be brave enough to refuse sinful things, for Christ's sake. Amen."
Singing, "O Jesus, I Have Promised."
Reports from committees.
Offering and prayer.
Report of the Secretary.
Singing, "Lead On, O King Eternal."
Benediction.

The Leader's Talk
Daniel and his companions had been chosen to stand in the presence of a rich and powerful king. They were to give him advice and help him decide important matters. This was a place eagerly sought by the young men of the kingdom. It was considered a great honor to be appointed to this place. These men lived in the king's palace, ate at the king's table, dressed in royal clothes, stood daily before the king and his glittering court of soldiers, pages, wise men and beautiful women. Daniel and his friends risked losing all this and their own lives also in order to obey God. They refused to do anything to win the favor of these people or to hold their places which they felt would displease God. We need men and women like Daniel and his friends today.

Tempted to Eat
There were great temptations to eat the king's meat. It was rich and pleasing to the taste. Why not eat it? What harm could it do to one? Other folks ate it and it did not hurt them. The king had asked them to eat it. They might get into trouble if they did not obey. It might get the man in trouble who looked after them, too. He was a fine fellow and very nice to these young men. They would not like to do him a bad turn. Then, too, all the other young men in training like themselves were eating the king's meat and saying nothing about it. Wouldn't it be odd for them not to eat it? Yes, there were great temptations to eat the king's meat. But these young men were strong and brave and they loved God and were true to Him.

Afraid Not to Eat
It is a wonder that Daniel and his friends were not afraid not to eat the king's meat. The king and his court were powerful and often very cruel. Daniel and his friends had no money, no power, no influential friends, but they were not afraid to do right. There is an

old spiritual song which begins, "God don't want no coward soldiers in His band." This is a true thought. There are people who are afraid to speak what they think, afraid to do what they know is right; afraid of being laughed at; afraid of losing friends; afraid of losing their jobs. Such persons are weaklings and have not the real spirit of Christ. He was not afraid and has asked his followers not to be afraid.

When One Refuses to Eat the King's Meat

When Daniel and his friends refused to eat the king's meat they had reason to expect many things. The king might have them killed for disobeying him or he might have them put in prison for life. He might decide not to accept them as advisors. The others would misunderstand and scorn them. They would be laughed at. The idea of refusing something desirable and pleasing for something rough and unattractive seemed foolish. But it is never foolish to obey God.

When the Christian refuses to take part in sinful, worldly deeds he is hated. Often all manner of insults, trials and hardships are put upon him. But God is just as ready to take care of His children as He was in Daniel's day.

Reasons for Not Eating the King's Meat.

The reason why Daniel and his friends refused to eat the king's meat was that they felt that God would not be pleased if they ate it, and that is reason enough. Those who love God will obey Him. There are so many things we must do if we are real servants of God. There are numbers of things we as Christians must not do. It is often necessary for a Christian to refuse a high salary and accept a low one if he is going to be true to God. Another reason why the Christian should refuse to take part in worldly, wicked things is that he may gain the reward of obedience to God. The reward is sure. Daniel and his friends received it and so will we.

NOTES FROM MT. LISBON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BISHOPVILLE, S. C.

By Miss Florence Wilson

We were very glad to have Dr. and Mrs. Thom with us a few weeks ago. Our revival meeting began October 5th and ended October 11th. Every Christian was revived and showed interest from the beginning to the end of the meeting. Dr. Thom's sermons were very interesting each night, and every one seemed to have enjoyed them. Several joined the church. We are looking forward to the time when they shall come to us again.

Sunday, October 17, a Young People's Society was organized by Miss Isabelle McKay. The following officers were elected: Mr. H. W. Wilson, President; Miss Florence Wilson, Vice-President; Miss Lucile Wilson, Secretary; Mr. Elijah Gregg and Mrs. Ella Wilson, Treasurers.

The Missionary Society is alive and working again. Miss Belle McKay spared no little pains in trying to keep this organization together.

Sunday afternoon, November 1, a program was put on by the Missionary Society, and Young People's Society. We are glad to see the young people work so well and hope they will continue to do so.

Monday morning, November 2nd, at 8:45 our school opened with Mrs. Ella Wilson as teacher. We had a nice enrollment and are looking forward to a bright and prosperous year.

Friday afternoon, November 13th, at 1:30 o'clock, the Colored Women's Conference met with the Mt. Lisbon church. The church was beautifully decorated with lace, ferns and fall blooms. The program was very nicely arranged by Miss McCutcheon (white). Miss McCutcheon has been teaching a class in our Sunday school for more than a year. The program was as follows:

Song, "Holy, Holy, Holy."
Prayer, Mr. Hallie Wilson.
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Devotions, led by Mrs. Yard, (white.)

Prayer, Mr. Charlton Brown.
Welcome address, Mr. Elijah Gregg.

Response by Mrs. R. R. Brown, (white). Mrs. Pierce (white) gave a very interesting talk on "Varied Diet."
Singing, by New Zion Methodist church choir.

Three beautiful talks were given by Miss Virginia Alexander, from Mayesville, S. C., Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, a member of Mt. Lisbon, and Mrs. Emma Bradley, New Zion church. They were delegates who were sent over to Columbia, S. C., in June by our white friends to the Colored Women's Auxiliary which met at Benedict College.

The quartette composed of Mr. Hallie Wilson, Mr. Prince Wilson, Ladie and Beauregard Wilson rendered excellent music. It is an inspiration to hear them sing.

Mr. Cathcart (white) gave us an interesting talk on planting and raising good food.

The Boys' Club (white) of the Bishopville High School furnished us with excellent band music, under the direction of Miss Alberta Woodem. We were very glad to have Rev. and Mrs. T. O. McCutcheon (white). Rev. McCutcheon is a missionary in Korea and he brought to us a wonderful message. We were glad to have so many of our white friends present.

Sunday morning, November 15th, our pastor, Rev. J. M. McKay, preached a soul-stirring sermon from Job 2:12. We all felt uplifted from the beautiful service. We were indeed glad to have the following visitors present: Miss Hannah E. James, Miss Elizabeth Benn, Mr. and Mrs. Reader Thomas, all from Mt. Hermon Baptist church.

THIRD ST. CHURCH, GASTONIA.

Odetta P. Goode

Sunday, November 29th, our pastor, Rev. E. E. Gregg, preached a very inspiring sermon from Daniel 4:35. The subject was "The Government of the World." This sermon was beautifully illustrated to us by the pastor. I am sure every one present enjoyed it.

We were glad to note the presence of Miss Mitchell, our county supervisor in our morning services. She also took part in the Sabbath school by teaching a class.

On Thanksgiving morning the young people of the church rendered a beautiful program under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice Costner.

At this writing we are sorry to add to our sick list Mrs. Sarah Miller, who is confined to her home on Moran Street by illness. Dr. J. A. Rollins is bright and cheerful, though still confined to his home. For these sick members and others we earnestly pray for their speedy recovery.

We were glad to have our pastor back in the pulpit Sunday after a few days' illness. We feel sure our prayers were answered for his recovery.

STEWARDSHIP

Dear sisters in the household of faith in the bonds of Christian love and fellowship! April is fast winging her way here. May our hearts be gladdened by more favorable reports on Stewardship with plays, pageants, reading, contests and a study class wherever it is possible. Happy to be a co-laborer with Jesus.
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Your not being able to hear from us is not an indication that we are at ease. This year has been a very busy year in our church. Several of our district assemblies met with us. But among all of the meetings we have had our revival was the most outstanding. Rev. P. P. Johnson, our pastor, began the meeting on the first Sunday night in September and preached the opening sermon to a large congregation. To know Rev. Johnson in a revival describes the sermon itself. He is a man of few words but profound thought and fervent in spirit. For nearly a quarter of a century Rev. Johnson has been laboring here, teaching and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He has held the respect of both races in and around Raeford and in Hoke Co.

Our meeting was rather singular in that on Tuesday night Rev. Johnson presented his son, Rev. J. P. Johnson, pastor of Church Street Presbyterian church, Salisbury, N. C., to conduct the meeting for the remainder of the week. Four or five hundred people heard him each night. His sermons were Spirit-filled, well worked out and arousing. The meeting resulted in 20 converts and 13 accessions. We are proud of Rev. J. P. Johnson. He is one of our own boys. He went to school to his father and mother along with our children at Freedom East church until he was prepared to go further.

We have no trouble here in getting the people to join our church, for we have a man who preaches the gospel of Christ and lives it and has been doing so for nearly 25 years. But herein lies our trouble: we are not in position to take care of the obligations of our great Church as we would like, owing to the low price of cotton, which is our only money crop here.

On the second Sunday in September the members and friends of our church pounded our pastor with many useful things for the pantry. This was not to pay him for his service but was merely a token of our appreciation for his unselfish service for all of these years. Rev. and Mrs. Johnson spoke their appreciation for this pouncing and would welcome it again.

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The Mary B. Marks School at Great Creek church opened in October with Mrs. Alice Nicholson, teacher. She boards at the good home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bennett. Mrs. Nicholson is the widow of the late Elder Nicholson. She hailed formerly from North Carolina, but more recently from New York. She is rich and ripe in experience. Having been looking this way for three years she was moved by the Spirit to come. Heartiest welcome, Mrs. Nicholson. We bid you God's speed in your noble efforts for Him.

Our sympathy goes out for our former teacher and the other storm-stricken around Chula, etc. We will miss our Miss Theresa Harris, but thank our Father in Heaven for sending us another.

"Why try to tell us that workmen spend their wages before their families can get the money for food and that men beat their wives and children as in the old days? It simply is not the case."—Evangeline Booth.