

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. Waylon R. Wallace



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Greetings fellow Bible students! We have a very thought provoking and soul searching lesson before us. It comes from Job 1:1-3, 8-11; 2:4-10. The subject is, "Why Serve God?"

Perhaps our class will begin with a discussion about the origin of the book of Job. Does it come from the hand of Moses as some say? Is it a product of Solomon? These questions should raise other questions for which teachers must be prepared to answer, such as: Is Job a mythical, allegorical, or historical character? Despite all the possible questions, let us not fail to see the truth revealed here.

Why do you serve God? Keep this question in mind as you study the lesson. Do you serve God because you want to go to heaven or avoid hell? Do you serve God to please family members, friends or acquaintances? Do you serve God because it is good for your business or politics? Do you serve God because you are superstitious and think its good to do so? What does it mean to serve God? Read about Job's life before he began to be afflicted and learn!

Job was a resident of the land called Uz, which indicates to us that he was not an Israelite. Yet, he is called perfect, upright, a lover of God and a despiser of evil. Job is described as the epitome of virtue. Folks in those days believed that the righteous were successful and prosperous; that the evil doer was cursed by God to failure and poverty. This story of Job is not so much a lesson on patience as it is an examination of that false teaching. For, it must be false if one such as Job could come to such suffering and affliction.

The story begins with a description of all the wealth of Job and of how he had great concern of all the wealth of Job and of how he had great concern for the spiritual welfare of his children. Our lesson follows that with a description of Job by God. The most significant statement in his critique of Job is found in God calling Job his servant! This is especially true when we consider that our past lesson taught us that those who serve

are the greatest in God's kingdom. But, then we come upon the statements of Satan, man's adversary. He said of Job, and of all who serve God, that he only served God because he was getting something out of it.

God loves all of creation. God loves man especially, because only man has been made in his image. Job realized the love of God and responded to that infinite love with worship and service. But, Satan says that God's love is not great enough draw unselfish and true devotion from sinful man. Satan says that man only loves those things that he can see. He says that man is a materialist. He says man is an animal, that he loves creature comforts. He says that man serves God in order to get something.

We know that the story of Job is not primarily a lesson on patience, for as we shall see in next weeks lesson, because finally Job's patience wore out. But, his faith did not. The loss of wealth and children, the loss of health could not destroy Job's faith. The discouragements of his wife and friends could not destroy Job's faith. Job had a love relationship with God, a divine bond with the Almighty that transcended any bond here on earth. He believed nothing could break that bond not even death. In the end we will find that God did not respond to Job's questions or his impatience, but to his faith. This is a lesson we ought to consider in a day that so many folk are on radio and TV saying that if you have enough faith in God you will be healed or you will become materially prosperous. The Bible is telling us that we can not judge a person's spirituality by a physical or material yardstick but by the deeds his faith produces.

God responded to Job's faith and ours by giving himself. Other gifts or blessings we receive are only incidental to this. This does not mean that the material and the physical are of no significance to us, but that God is of greatest significance. God loves you and offers himself to you. He is life, love, joy and peace. Serve him! Why? For God's sake!

Church News Briefs

Bishop Dunston Says "Black Church Is Hope Of The World"

Special To The Post

Bishop Alfred G. Dunston, who presides over the 4th Episcopal District, AME Zion Church, in a special television interview, Saturday session of the 114th annual conference of the North Carolina Conference, which met at St. Augustus Church, Nov. 22-27, said that the hope of the world was that blacks of America would recognize the essence of nationhood and pass it on to leaders of the Christian religion.

He addressed himself to the quadrennial district motto, "But ye are a chosen generation, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a peculiar people; that you should shew forth the Praise of Him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." The theme was taken from 1 Peter 2:9.

He based his theory on the fact that blacks, in America, embraced the tenets of the Christian religion, because they had a yearning in their hearts, motivated by a desire to enjoy the fruits of life, not for personal gain or power, but for the hope of serving mankind, for the sake of serving.

He took the leaders of the Christian religion to task who used it to satisfy their ego, embellish their personal image in religious politics and to reap a bountiful financial reward. He was critical of those who set themselves up as lords of the Christian religion, who would believe that the saving grace of the Saviour was vested in certain people, instead of all the people.

It was his thinking that American blacks were symbols of a rich heritage, imbued by a burning desire to improve mankind, through dedication to the rights of all people. He was careful to say to blacks that nationhood, the union of black desires, properly implemented, would give birth to a new resolve to use the ability of all persons, in all fields of useful endeavor.

It would dispel the myth that blacks were subject to so many inequities, as Americans, that they did not have the ability to advance in politics, government, science, big business and even education. He stressed the fact that the founders of the black church did not address themselves as slaves or former slaves. This, he believed, stemmed from the fact that they were endowed with the inherent fact that their hearts were free of hate, bigotry and the other evils that beset many, who called themselves Christians.

When asked what he thought of predominately-black colleges, he replied that black colleges grew out of the dedicated hearts of black churchmen, who knew the ravages of ignorance and the base desire to save the whole man. He also said that even though other educational institutions of-



Rev. Wilch Caldwell
...Faith Memorial pastor

ferred greater resources, their faculties, no matter how liberal, are faced with searching questions that have to do with racial misunderstanding and tradition, which the black student feels were not answered, due to the fact he comes from a background far different from that of the teacher.

FAITH MEMORIAL
Hymn Choir No. 1 of Faith Memorial Baptist Church celebrated their 7th anniversary recently.

A number of area church choirs participated on the program and a spokesman said a fine time was had by all.

BAPTIST USHERS UNION
Members of the Program Committee of the Missionary Baptist Ushers Union visited with the residents of Avery's Rest Home on a recent Saturday afternoon.

Participating members were: Ms. Sarah Carrouthers and Mrs. Doris Baker of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church; Mrs. Lola Brown of First Mount Calvary Baptist Church; Mrs.

Recreation

Commission Gets

New Phone Numbers

Phone numbers for three Charlotte recreation centers and two reservation shelters have been changed to non-Centrex listings. Centrex is the central system linking most City and County government phones. The new numbers are currently in operation and were assigned to eliminate the monthly line change the City pays for service to agencies located outside the Southern Bell boundary lines for the Centrex system. The new listings are:

Grayson Recreation Center, 365-1265; Grayson Reservation Picnic Shelter, 364-9794; Hornet's Nest Reservation Picnic Shelter, 399-4744; Methodist Home Recreation Center, 568-3363; Tuckaseegee Recreation Center, 399-4492.

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Ola Mae Jones of Gethsemane Baptist Church; Mrs. Annie Mae McCrorey and Mrs. Elizabeth Allen of New Hope Baptist Church.

Ms. Torrence Powell from Pleasant Hill was the speaker for the occasion and Ms. Carrie Mitchem of Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church is chairman of the Program Committee.

MOUNT MORIAH

The Pastor's Aide Society, Officers and members of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 381 Crestdale Street in Matthews, North Carolina will observe the 32nd Appreciation Service in honor of their pastor, Rev. J.C. Robinson.

Beginning on Saturday evening December 3, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a Testimonial Dinner. The key note speaker will be Rev. J.H. Ferguson, Moderator of Pee Dee Association.

On Sunday afternoon, December 4, at 3 p.m. the Appreciation Sermon will be delivered by Dr. C.C. Graig, the newly elected Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, NC.

Other invited guest consist of ministers, churches, and choirs.

Dinner will be served im-

mediately after workshop service in the lower auditorium. The public is urged to attend these events.

BEREAN SEVENTH DAY

"An Evening of Songs, Music and Praise with the Chorales" will be presented at Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church on Saturday, December 10 at 4 p.m. The concert is in celebration of the choir's third anniversary.

The choir is made up of 50 young people of the church between the ages of 6 and 14. They have toured cities throughout the North Carolina and have been seen on local television.

Jimmy Sellers is assistant director of the choir. He and Pastor Robert Frauklin cordially invite the public to attend this affair.

Berean is at 1801 Double Oaks Road.

FAITH MEMORIAL

Missionary Group No. 2 of Faith Memorial Baptist Church prepared and delivered dinner to 52 residents of Green Acres Rest Home on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Fourteen members of the missionary group, led by Pastor Wilch H. Caldwell, went to the rest home and served the dinner with the assistance of the home's staff.

A brief service was held with Rev. Caldwell delivering a brief sermon.

The menu for the dinner consisted of turkey with dressing, giblet gravy, rice, vegetables, desserts, punch and hot rolls.

FAITH MEMORIAL

The Christian Education Department of Faith Memorial Baptist Church will hold a candlelight service Sunday, December 11, at 6:30. This is a service where the young people of the Sunday School are promoted from one class to another. It is an annual event as part of the church's Christmas activities.

The Sunday School has an enrollment of approximately 60 young people and is under the supervision of Walter Goode, director of Christian Education. Arthur Anthony is the superintendent of the Sunday School Department. Program

chairman of the Candlelight Service is Mrs. Bessie McCain.

Rev. Wilch H. Caldwell is pastor of Faith Memorial which is located at 211 Lakewood Ave.

NCNB Gets Award Of Excellence

NCNB Corporation of Charlotte, North Carolina has received an Award of Excellence for participation in the minority business enterprise programs of the Federal government.

Dr. Randolph T. Blackwell, director of the U.S. Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE), today presented the Award to NCNB Corporation Chairman Thomas I. Storrs in ceremonies at NCNB headquarters in Charlotte.

Blackwell said that NCNB, parent company of the North Carolina National Bank, "has consistently supported the growth and stability of minority business and deserves recognition of the highest order. We feel NCNB should be recognized for their outstanding cooperation with the government." Blackwell said.

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700 Conference Youths

Hear Miss Vanessa Allen

By Alexander Barnes
Special To The Post

More than 700 youth gathered at St. John's Free Will Baptist Church, Blount Street, at 9:45 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 26, to observe the 1977 Christian Education Assembly, North Carolina Conference, AME Zion Church.

The theme, "To Strive, To Seek, To Find and Not to Yield," was discussed in all its ramifications. They were told that striving was the earmark of success. It was the thinking of the leaders that high goals should be set in every segment of life so that one can give the best of service in making the world better by having lived in it.

The speaker, Miss Vanessa Allen, a student at Livingstone College, Salisbury, a candidate for a degree in theology, inspired the audience as she outlined how one could really live the theme. She was quite impressive and persuasive.

The sermon was preached by youthful Hood Seminary student, Rev. Eli D. Smith, also a product of the conference.

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Rev. Coleman W. Kerry

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Elder E.C. Cannon

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