

Sunday School Lesson For Sunday
The Scripture Reading, and Comment by
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Golden Text: "In him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28.
Scripture Lesson: Acts 17: 22-34.

PAUL IN ATHENS
Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore you ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us;

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, gaven by art and man's device.

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

So Paul departed from among them. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Paul's speech at Athens stands in a class by itself. Everywhere else, his hearers had been in some measure prepared for the gospel by the influence of the Jewish colony which was to be found in every Gentile city. Athens, however, was the world's mistress in matters of Art and Literature and Philosophy, and her wise men had scorned to learn anything of Jehova, the God of the Hebrews.

For this reason, Paul was forced to treat these scholars as beginners and to teach the "A B C's" of religion. They knew nothing of Jehova, but they did know the restlessness and heart hunger that men everywhere feel for the true God. They had in their city an altar erected to the Unknown God. And when Paul saw that altar, he was moved with compassion for a mass of humanity without God and without Christ in the world.

Paul began with the elemental facts. The true God, he said, was not made of gold or silver or stone gaven by art or man's device; rather he was the "God that made the world." In the next few sentences we could easily suppose the words were those of Jesus as he spoke from the mountain side: "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father, which is in heaven give good gifts unto them that ask him." Paul wants these poor heathen to know more than anything else that God is their father. "We are his offspring," he said, "as certain also of your own poets have said."

There is a saying among woodsmen that it is always dangerous to try to steal the cub of any wild animal. Although the little fellow may seem to be alone, its mother is never out of hearing and she will fly into her worst temper if anyone tries to harm her young. So Paul goes on to say that if God is our Father, he too will be found within calling distance of his children. He "hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he be not far from every one of us; for in him we live, and move, and have our being."

God is so near us that he touches us on all sides. Whoever seeks God finds him. Whosoever feels after him touches him. Imagine a fish who could not find the sea. Or a bird who could not find the air. Or a leaf which could not find the tree on which it grows. "In him we live and move and have our being." My dear reader, if we have not found God, it is not because he is far away. It is not God's fault. The fault lies with us, in our doubt of his goodness or in our preference for our crooked ways.

"Speak to him thou, for he hears; And spirit with Spirit can meet. Closer is he than breathing, Nearer than hands and feet."

Thomasville's Hospital
Some two years ago or more T. J. Finch, of Trinity, offered to donate a beautiful lot containing four or five acres on Amazon Street in Thomasville for a hospital. Nothing was done at that time or little since toward the construction of a hospital on the lot.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

(By W. F. H.)

If new automobiles are a sign of prosperity, Asheboro is doing well. Asheboro barbers charge 35 cents for a hair cut and 20 cents for a shave.

Most important thing about returning from a fishing trip is deciding what to say you caught. Here's great news for boarders. The salmon catch of Alaska may become exhausted soon.

There have been several new houses built at King Tut recently. This locality bids fair to become an ideal residential section in the course of a year or so.

Mr. Page Routh, a substantial farmer and saw mill man of the Millboro section, is erecting a handsome new home on the site of the old one destroyed by fire a few months ago.

Montgomery county roads are the pride of the county and the joy of the tourist. They are substantially built and are in excellent condition.

Randolph county is coming back into the Democratic columns next fall. Work will soon be completed on the Home Building and Material Company's new ware house. It is a large wo-story brick building.

Parents pay more for children to go to picture shows and cold drinks than they give to the church. The test of civic interest is never indicated by what is put in the pocketbook, but what you take out of it.

Mr. W. C. Brewer, a prominent business man of Bennett, has purchased the 200-acre farm of Alson Cox on the Coleridge to Bennett road. The price is in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

Mr. R. F. Cheek, who does a good mercantile business in Asheboro, has purchased the A. C. Cagle house. Mr. Joe Douhan has moved into the house. Mr. Cagle has gone to Candor where he will make his home.

It is reported that Mr. Ed Routh, Democrat, of Franklinville, will make the race for register of deeds next year. Mr. Routh is a splendid man and will make the county a fine register of deeds.

The most important office in the county is that of County Commissioner and level headed men are needed to fill it. Mr. Fletcher Craven, of Ramseur, in our opinion would make the county one of the best commissioners we have ever had. Mr. Craven is not an office seeker—he does not need the office but the office needs him. Having made a success of his own business by economy and fair dealing, he is eminently fitted to safe-guard the county affairs. While Mr. Craven is a conservative man he is also a progressive man. He believes in going forward, but not too fast. Mr. Craven, if elected, will represent the whole county. There will be no favored sections.

Mr. C. E. Spencer, of High Point, spent Saturday night in Asheboro. Mr. Joe Owen, of Greensboro, was in Asheboro a few days ago on business. Mr. Owen is one of the leading building contractors of the state. He has a building contract in Asheboro which is now nearing completion. Mr. Owen and his family resided in Randolph before moving to Greensboro.

Mr. J. M. Brower, of Seagrave, Route 1, has purchased the B. F. Hilliard house on Salisbury street and expects to move to it in the near future.

The time is not far distant when Randolph county will have a commodious brick school building for every one of her twenty townships. There are now nine brick school houses in the county. Montgomery county has nine townships and there are thirteen handsome brick school buildings in the county.

Mr. J. A. Martin and family have moved into their new home in Liberty. It is of brick construction and modern in every respect and one of the handsomest in South Liberty.

Mr. I. O. Hamilton has purchased the John R. Brown property on the concrete road two miles north of Asheboro, consisting of a five-room bungalow with 4 acres of land.

Mr. Casper Warner and family were visitors in Troy Sunday. Nearly all the cotton crop is open in the fields and farmers are greatly rushed to get it gathered before bad weather sets in.

Mrs. Luther Lineberry, of Worthville, has a pair of scissors 137 years old.

Now, friend merchant, as you are facing another fall trading season, think seriously and make a liberal appropriation for newspaper advertising during the fall season. The Courier has a large circulation and there is no reason why any one who advertises in the paper should circularize the county for the paper will do that for you. So set apart a certain amount to be used for regular and systematic newspaper advertising during the next few months.

We clip the following from the Southern Utilities Magazine: "The newspaper of your own home town deserves the hearty cooperation and support of every individual and institution in the town, not only in the matter of advertising in its pages, but in the matter of furnishing the editor with news items. What would your town be without the newspaper? How far would your community drive go, how successful would be your charitable and relief movements and the hundred other movements necessary for home, comfort, community, happiness and business success without the press giving free of cost its valuable space? When you get anything done as an institution, what chance has it of being known to the community, if not through the newspaper?"

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correct it, to put it in the form for printing and for its distribution. He buys the paper and the ink and makes other disbursements such as rent, insurance, taxes, etc., incidental to his business; all of this he gives, absolutely free to you.

"Now, may I ask, what have you done to repay this obligation to your local friend, the newspaper? It certainly is an obligation that should be met. There is not a city anywhere that is so large and none so small that does not feel the beneficence of the personal touch of the local press. It is also the reflector of the community's activities and prosperity. If your local paper looks prosperous, with plenty of news and advertisements, and is a paying proposition, it immediately creates unconsciously in the mind of the reader a favorable impression of your city or community and a desire to look it over. A poorly published paper with scant news and advertisements is a detriment to your community and creates a reverse mental attitude. Give your local press and your Chamber of Commerce your unqualified active and financial support; by doing so you are helping them to help you."

INDUSTRY MAKES THE MARE GO (Editorial in Charlotte Observer) Governor Morrison was accustomed to claim that the rich people and the industries of the State pay the bulk of the taxes in North Carolina. Publication of income tax items sustains the Governor to the fullest extent, for it is developed that the corporations bear the brunt of the burden. The returns from industry and men and women of wealth develop what is described as a "mammoth" tax in governmental support. It is the revenues derived from these sources that has enabled the State to lift the burden of the per capita tax from the backs of the common people. It has enabled North Carolina to build its roads and expand its schools and charitable institutions without imposing a burden of taxation that could be felt by the people.

Hard Surface Historic Route The road from Oak Ridge to Summerfield, one of the historic roads of the State, has been hard surfaced. In the old days it was a part of the main highway from Washington south. Washington traveled over it and so did the armies of Greene and Cornwallis in that memorable retreat and pursuit from the waters of the Pee Dee in South Carolina to the Dan in Virginia. On it, half way between Oak Ridge and Summerfield, Tarleton's dragoons slew Gillis, the bugle boy, of Light Horse Harry Lee's command, and at the edge of the village of Summerfield, then Bruce's Cross Roads, eight of Tarleton's dragoons were ambushed and slain by Lee's men as the dragoons galloped after Captain Armstrong and the few men sent out by Lee to investigate a report that Cornwallis and Tarleton had camped near Oak Ridge, the night before. The road runs along a ridge at an average height of 1000 feet, and overlooks the beautiful valley of the Haw; while off to the north are the Sauratown mountains, flanked by the Blue Ridge.

G. O. P. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS POSSESS LARGEST INCOMES The average income tax paid by Republican Congressmen is about 10 times that of the average per capita Democratic toll. In the Senate the average paid by Republicans exceeds that of Democrats about 15 to 1.

These figures are included in a report compiled by The Wall Street Journal, which estimates the total tax paid by Congress members at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

Rep. Mills, Rep., N. Y., paid \$183,413, the highest in either House. Sen. du Pont, rep., Del., paid \$181,164, the highest in the Senate. Sen. Phipps, Rep., Colo., paid \$157,741.

Sen. Carter Glass, Dem., Va., paid the highest tax among Democratic Senators. It was \$4700.

Sens. Shipstead and Magnus Johnson, both of Minnesota, paid \$25 and \$48 respectively. The late Sen. La Follette's return showed \$141.

Sen. Couzens, Rep., Mich., from whom the government is trying to collect \$11,000,000 in back income taxes, paid \$1214.

Rep. Berger, Socialist, Wis., paid \$127.

Sen. Brookheart, Rep., Iowa, and several Representatives paid no tax.

TOBACCO CURING TIME (Lexington Dispatch) A correspondent of the paper notes that chicken stews and veiner roasts are "the order of the day," or night. It is notice to the world that tobacco curing time is here, even if the weather has not yet recognized its place in the revolving of seasons. It is a time when neighbors come together before the glowing coals under the curing weed and mingle beneath the stars in a most delightful companionship. And whilst they talk of neighborhood things or topics yet beyond those there comes to their nostrils the compelling aroma of the steaming chicken or the roasting "hot dog," or else hot ashes now and then emit explosions of fragrant steam telling that wrapped therein is a baking fowl.

Ploving and hoeing, weeding and worming, topping and priming are all hard jobs. But then there is curing time and nights beneath the stars when friends are just a little dearer and God is a little nearer.

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This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

CLERGY GOOD FIGHTERS. WANT A BISON? NO MARRIAGE—NO CAREER. A LANDING ROOF.

What does the world need? Thousands of preachers, standing on the shore of time and peering into eternity with the strong authority that their vocation gives them try to answer the question.

Here are a few answers made in the pulpits last Sunday: The Reverend Henry Howard: The Bible is now on the shelf, not enough family prayers. Not enough religion in schools—time proves it.

Reverend C. Everett Wagner, Methodist Episcopal: Too much preaching of Hell fire. Too much warning of wickedness instead of talking about goodness. Too much tempting listeners by describing in detail the things that the wicked do.

Rev. Dr. Sookman: Too much shifting about from place to place. Too much roaming. The people becoming nomadic can't settle down.

Rev. Dr. S. E. Young, says voters neglect their duty. They could make this Republic anything that they chose to make it if they would take the trouble to do it. Perhaps that is a solemn truth.

Rev. John Roach Straton, who would willingly help lynch our modernists if his conscience would let him, says we need more revivals. That's proved by the fact that there were ten thousand murders and only a few hangings and electrocutions in this country last year. He saw two holdups in Chicago in one short visit.

Rev. Paul C. Warren: We need modern prophets to interpret the old truths in the pew and in the pulpit. Above purity of heart and length of conviction will bring the millennium.

But the Rev. Charles Francis Potter, prominent Unitarian, says we need a brand new religion, and he proves his sincerity by resigning from his job. It is very enlightening to read twenty or thirty sermons a week.

If you would like a pet bison, you can get one from the Government. Too many of the big animals are in Yellowstone Park, so 100 of them are offered free to citizens that will pay the cost of catching and expressing.

The Government has proved that the "dying bison" can be brought back to life. Perhaps the Government will do as much for the dying and vanishing forests, much more important than the picturesque bison.

Miss Fay Lanphier, young California girl, who "easily and naturally" won the beauty crown of "Miss America" says, "Marriage won't interfere with my career." Of course not. The real business of human beings on this earth is to make it a little better while they are here, and hand on what ability they have to future generations, that they also may work.

Good qualities, as heredity proves, are handed on by women. And the woman whose programme does not include marriage can't possibly have a complete career, no matter what the feminists may say. In a chain, the link that breaks is not the successful link.

It has been suggested here occasionally, during the past ten years, that architects should have their minds on landing roofs for flying machines. Now Chicago, about to build a \$15,000,000 post office, will ask Congress to approve a building, two city blocks long with a landing roof for the flying mail. That would cut an hour off the mail flight from Chicago to New York.

Not far in the future will come the new city, one building devoted to one single business, with a landing roof for buyers and sellers, and employes flying to work in the morning and flying back at night.

The great "congested traffic problem" may be solved from the roof before it is solved in the streets. However, don't let that discourage you about good real estate.

Percy Tudor, of Thomasville, Gets Hurt At Local Fair Ground Percy Tudor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tudor, of Thomasville, suffered a broken jawbone at the local fair ground last Friday night when struck in the face by a man supposed to be a member of the show forces showing in the lot. Young Tudor, it seems, did not know how seriously he was hurt until late Saturday afternoon when he went to a doctor in Thomasville for treatment of his teeth which were painful him. An x-ray photograph disclosed a fractured jawbone near the chin.

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