

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. Charles E. Dunn

Review Lesson for March 25th
John 10:7-16
Golden Text: Isaiah 9:6

During this first quarter we have studied some of the principal episodes in the life of Jesus, and have come to grips with basic emphasis in His teaching. Beginning with His birth and childhood, we consider His baptism and temptation, and saw Him launched into a varied phases of His dramatic ministry. We also read the Sermon on the Mount, that sublime epitome of His teaching. We listened to His testimony concerning His own power to heal, cheer, and comfort. And we learned lessons from His parables.

This Sunday assigned for review affords an excellent opportunity for taking stock. Suppose we ask, "Why is Jesus still indispensable? Why is He real today?"

One answer is to be found in the timeliness of His glorious message. What is this message? It is summed up in that splendid proclamation He heralded at the beginning of His ministry, "The kingdom of God is at hand." What is this kingdom? It is a realm over which a sovereign God presides. It is a commonwealth in which love and obedience, not fear and calculation, reign. It is a society in which the individual human soul has absolute value. It is a beloved community where spiritual purposes are supreme. And finally it is a brotherhood whose inward spring is the living Person of Jesus.

Another reason for the Master's continued hold is His sureness of tread in the religious field. He spoke with authority, as one long familiar with the truth He proclaimed.

But a more important explanation of Jesus' attractiveness today is His constant companionship with God. As Dr. Henry Coffin says, Father and Son are united in conscience, toil, and endurance. The Master released His spirit so completely into the larger life of God that He became one with the Father. And there can be no doubt that He found in God the resources He needed.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

By Thad K. Jones

We congratulate you, Mr. Editor, on the continued improvement of The Courier. Your recent editorials are interesting, entertaining, and edifying. Especially the one you wrote on the New Year. You have given us all some mighty good advice which we should consider and heed. What you said about keeping out of debt should be stressed and emphasized. I cannot recall the words, but you gave us worthwhile warning about buying automobiles on credit. The overdone credit business is a curse and blight to many buyers and sellers. The Book tells us to owe no man anything but love one another. Love as brethren, be sympathetic, be pitiful, be courteous. We like Bro. Currin's Short sermons. They are inspiring and edifying, something we should read, consider and heed. Dear people, they are worthy of our profound thought and consideration. In a recent issue of The Courier there was two other short sermons. One by T. H. Jeffers, "How to Make Times Better." His way is about the best way to make times better. More money and worldly possessions and riches are not the greatest need of the present. Right living, good character and conduct has much to do in getting better times. Well did he say, "Think constructively, constantly store your mind with helpful, progressive, useful thoughts, persistently exclude ideas of fear, worry, discontent and depression. And we might add, carry no malice, envy or spirit of revenge toward others who have injured us, as Jesus said, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and pray for them that hate you, overcome evil with good. If our enemy hunger, feed him, if they thirst give them drink."

Mr. W. T. Creath's article was excellent and I would stress and emphasize what he said about reading the Good old Book, the much neglected Book. Why is it so much neglected and rejected by so many people including thousands of church members?

This great Book should be the man of our council and the guide of our life. We should think its thought, imbibe its spirit and we should study, learn, love, live, obey, remember and understand it more. We are commanded to take the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. When we learn and live it as we should it is powerful weapon to use in defense of truth, right and justice.

Bro. Obediah Frazier writes well for a young man. His articles are interesting and inspiring, and he is a true church member, one usually in his place at church. He seems to love public worship.

Other writers for The Courier I could mention who give the public some views, theories and statements worthy of serious, sober, second thought.

I write this to sanction and approve what the good people I have mentioned have written. I have no thought of trying to improve on what they have written.

MR. COGGINS GIVES APPROVAL

Semora, N. C., Mar. 15, 1934.

Mr. J. W. Noell, Roxboro, N. C.
Dear Mr. Noell:

I read with much interest recently your editorial concerning launching in this county the "God's Acre" movement. You asked the opinion of ministers in regard to it. I heartily agree with you. I am pleased that you are taking the lead by giving it publicity in your aggressive paper and encouraging the movement. If fully adopted by the Christian farmers and their good wives it would go far in bringing a new day in our church activities and incidentally to the other phases of life in our county. The more we study and work this plan, the bigger we see its possibilities.

The "God's Acre" plan, I believe, if really worked would solve, for the rural churches at least, many of their financial problems. We have tried this plan several times at the Lambeth Memorial church. Two years ago most of the leading farmers of the church took part in it. Each man or family planted a certain plot and dedicated it to the Lord. As they cultivated and harvested it many testified as to the superiority of this part of their crop in quality and price. As a result of the plan those taking part gave more to the Lord's work than they had ever done before. It is needless to say they experienced unusual joy at the time these gifts were offered to the church. This helped in a great way to lift the burden of debt on the church and gave new life which culminated this month in our being able to finish paying the debt and plan for the dedication of the church building.

By setting aside a definite plot

for the Lord it makes it possible to have a part in the support of one's local church and region, beyond when otherwise it would be seemingly impossible to have given anything to the Kingdom work. Or it would make it possible to offer additional gifts during the harvest season. No Christian can get real joy and happiness out of this life unless he is having some part in carrying on the Kingdom work.

I hold first of all that every Christian, rich or poor, should count himself a faithful steward of the Lord giving at least a tenth, regularly, systematically, weekly or monthly, through his church. But surely here is a plan where in every church a group of women will save for the Lord the eggs laid by their hens on Sunday and men will each plant a plot of ground of a thousand hills or more for the Lord and boys and girls agree to cultivate something for the Lord. This plan would make it not a burden for a few but

a privilege and challenge to all. Yours, in heartiest cooperation,
L. V. COGGINS.

BAPTIST W. M. U. ENDS QUARTER

The Business Woman's Circle of the Roxboro Baptist Church, under leadership of Mrs. J. L. Duke, has completed the work of the first quarter of 1934. During these months there have been three regular meetings and one extra meeting at which time this Circle had charge of the Wednesday night prayer service which came during the March Week of Prayer.

In January Mrs. Duke prepared the first program which was inspirational. After this program and a business meeting Mrs. Duke, assisted by her gracious landlady, Mrs. Kendall Street, served a delicious salad course.

At this meeting two new members were added to the membership,

namely, Mrs. Hilda Thomas and Miss Nina Rogers. Every member rejoiced in receiving two such able helpers and co-workers.

On February 12th the Circle met at the home of Misses Maude, Mabel and Musette Montague. Mrs. W. W. Woods was in charge of the program which was so carefully planned that it proved a source of great helpfulness and worthwhile information. At the conclusion of this program short talks were made by Rev. W. F. West and Rev. K. D. Stukenbrok, after which a sweet course and nuts were served by the hostesses.

The last meeting of the first quarter of the year was held on Monday night, March 12th, at the home of Mrs. W. W. Woods. Miss Musette Montague was in charge of the program which proved very interesting indeed. Another new member was welcomed. The Circle is steadily growing in number and it is the sincere desire of each that this group of workers may prove of great good toward the furtherance of His Kingdom.—Publicity Committee.



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