

Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

EXALTING CHRIST IN THE LIFE OF THE NATION

Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 1:26-33
The Birth of Christ Prophesied by Isaiah

By Ben F. Favell

The coming of Christ the Messiah was foretold by the prophet Isaiah 734 years in advance. Says Isaiah, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the Land of the Shadow of Death, upon them hath a great light shined." If ever a people walked in darkness it was the descendants of Juda during the century marked by the birth of Christ. God's people were under the heavy yoke of Rome, the mistress of the world. They had only limited freedom and were forced to pay crushing taxes. Their spiritual life was under a cloud of oppressive regulations and man made commandments. The simple laws of Moses written at the command of God had been so circumscribed with interpretations by scribes and pharisees that all joy

was taken out of religion. No word had come from God and no prophet had arisen for centuries. Isaiah prophesied that the Christ should come as a child. He should be called "wonderful counsellor. The mighty God. The everlasting father, the prince of peace." One needs only to review the record of the life of Jesus the Christ to find that Christ exemplified every one of these titles. The spirit of this same prophecy was also repeated by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary who was to become the medium through which God was to send his son, the prince of peace into the world to establish his heavenly Kingdom.

The Jewish Nation Turned from the Light

The people who walked in darkness saw a great light but they as a people with the exception of a hand full of devout followers, failed to see the way out of their dilemma. They looked for a great military leader. Christ came a great spiritual leader. They expected a political revolution. Christ began a revolution of thought. They were given a wonderful counsellor, but they turned a deaf

ear. They admitted that only one from God could do such mighty works but refused to be convinced by them. Jesus testified, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," but they resented it and called it blasphemy. He taught that the way of peace is the Golden Rule and brotherly love, but they preferred "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." There could be but one inevitable result. Destruction. Even the temple was utterly destroyed and the people massacred or carried away into captivity. During the last few years the descendants of these same people have gone through the most horrible persecutions and deaths ever brought upon a people. Their very lives have been spared only in those countries where the teaching of the magazine have so saturated the thinking of their citizens as to influence the acts of government. The Christian nations were horrified at the inhuman treatment at the hands of the axis powers and went to their defense with their lives and all their resources. The influence of the teacher spurned 1900 years ago makes a lot of difference to the Hebrew of today.

The Great Nations Today Are Being Tested

The world is rushing in darkness. Will we turn to the wonderful counsellor for guidance? There is distressing evidence that the world will follow the same old course of destruction. All great nations are jockeying for positions of power. There are signs of the playing of the old game of power politics. There are many whose faith is wholly in might,

that some philosophy that destroyed Germany. But there are also encouraging evidences that they will turn to the light of lights. As evidence of this let me quote prominent military authorities. General McArthur said "What America needs is better people." General Hodges in an interview when asked what Korea needed most said: "The greatest need of Korea is missionaries." General Eisenhower stated recently that when he first went to Germany he task of making over the German nation seemed hopeless till he found that a number of devout Lutheran pastors were preaching repentance to their people, telling them that Germany had committed a great national sin in bringing about this war of wholesale murder.

Note carefully this exact quotation of Field Marshall Smutts, Prime Minister of British South Africa. "Fundamentally the world has no need of a new order but only the honest courageous application of the historical Christian idea. Our Christian civilization is based on eternal order, an endless plan in the message of Christ. Let us follow that greatest light that has ever arisen on the human horizon and which can surely lead us to that better world, for which we are longing. In the twilight of today I see on the horizon none but the Man of Galilee." Our

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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of W. L. Clark, deceased, late of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 214 Johnston Building, Charlotte, N. C., on or before the 10th day of December, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 10th day of December, 1945.
EMMA SCHOEFIELD CLARK,
Executrix of Estate of W. L. Clark, 214 Johnston Building.
(Dec. 13, 20, 27; Jan. 3)

State of North Carolina,
County of Mecklenburg.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Glenn Thomason, Plaintiff, vs. Linda Lou Thomason, Defendant
—Service By Publication Notice.

The defendant, Linda Lou Thomason, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant on the grounds that the plaintiff and the defendant have been separated for two years according to law, and said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County on the 10th day of January, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 13th day of December, 1945.
MARY S. POYTHRESS,
Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court.
(Dec. 13, 20, 27; Jan. 3)

State of North Carolina,
County of Mecklenburg.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Eugene Dowd, Plaintiff, vs. Hazel Dowd, Defendant.—Service By Publication Notice.

The defendant, Hazel Dowd will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant on the grounds that the plaintiff and the defendant have been separated for two years according to law, and said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County on the 10th day of January, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

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great military leaders are exalting Christ. Let us follow their lead. We must turn to the light personally. Nations are made up of individuals. No nation can exalt Christ and follow his teachings unless its individuals first follow him. As a teacher in the Bible school, however, small your class, you are a vital factor in the saving of our loved America. As a parent your greatest responsibility is to teach by example and precept the better way of life to your child. Together exalting Christ America will become better and greater.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.
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This the 6th day of December, 1945.
J. LESTER WOLFE,
Clerk of Superior Court.
(Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27)

North Carolina,
Mecklenburg County:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Mrs. Pauline Watson, Plaintiff, vs. Leighton Watson, Defendant.—Service by Publication Notice.
The defendant, Leighton Watson, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between the said plaintiff and defendant on the grounds of two years' separation according to law.

And said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County on the 3rd day of January, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

This the 6th day of December, 1945.
MARY S. PAYTHRESS,
Assistant Clerk of Superior Court.
(Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27)

North Carolina,
Mecklenburg County:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Mrs. Loraine Jackson Carter, Plaintiff, vs. Carl Edgar G. Carter, Defendant. — Service by Publication Notice.

The defendant, Carl Edgar G. Carter, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between said plaintiff and defendant on the grounds of two years' separation according to law and said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County on the 27th day of December, 1945, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 27th day of November, 1945.
J. LESTER WOLFE,
Clerk of Superior Court.
(Nov. 29-Dec. 6, 13, 20.)



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