

International Sunday School Lesson
DECEMBER 30, 1956
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THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH
 Memory Selection: "I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death." — Rev. 21:3-4.
 Lesson Text: Revelation 21:1-8; 22-27.

Our lesson for this week brings us to the close of God's Word, the close of this series on the "Great Passages of the Bible," and also to the close of another year. It is a perfect end and the only possible end if God is omnipotent, as we believe He is.

The word of God begins, in Genesis, with a picture of beauty, of perfection, of satisfaction, with man, the highest creation of God in perfect communion with Him. Sin, in the form of a serpent, soon enters and comes between man and his God.

Sin is committed, a curse is placed on man and, from that hour to the last hour of the earth's existence, under the dominion of man, there has been and will continue to be a conflict between good and evil. It is only when man accepts Jesus Christ and receives salvation from sin which He offers, can man hope to reestablish the communion of his soul with its maker, God.

The ultimate hope of every Christian is to be forever with his Lord, Jesus Christ. John, in his vision, received a revelation of the place where the redeemed souls will spend eternity. Deep down within the human heart there is a firm conviction that death does not end all for the individual — that there is a future life for that part of us that can never die — the soul.

Man has always been interested in the question, asked by Job long ago: "If a man die, shall he live again?" The Christian answers "Yes." We know that the body dies, but the soul — the real self — lives on after death.

Take Jesus as an example. The New Testament tell us that he died physically on the cross, but on the third day, he arose from the grave. We believe he is alive today. Because he conquered death, we believe that we, also, shall live another life beyond the grave.

Granted that this is so, what will our future abode look like, who shall be there and what shall we do? John, in the 21st and

Former Resident Of County Passes In Asheville Hospital

Andy Fender, 42, of Swannanoa, and former resident of Madison County, died in an Asheville hospital Friday, December 21, 1956, after a short illness. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Fender of Flag Pond, Tenn. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cora Martin Fender; three sisters, Mrs. J. E. Reese, Mrs. Maco Wallin and Mrs. T. R. Lambert of Marshall RFD 4; and a brother, Willard Fender of Marshall RFD 2. Fender was a weaver for Beacon Manufacturing Co., at Swannanoa.

22nd chapters of Revelation, gives us a description of Heaven. It is a city — the new Jerusalem — which was the beloved city of the Jews and the home, not only of the king, but the location of the Temple and, in the Temple, the holy of holies.

Dummelow says that "Jerusalem" represents the society of the redeemed on earth, while the "new Jerusalem" represents the society of the redeemed in heaven. In this city there will be no temple, because there will be no need of a Temple — God himself is there.

Heaven will be an inhabited place. The redeemed of the Lord will be there and we have reason to believe that they will be recognizable. Moses and Elijah were recognized when they met Jesus upon the Mount of Transfiguration. Unless souls do retain their identity, some of the joy of Heaven would be lost — that of reunion with loved ones and friends.

Inside the wall which surrounds the city of God will be those who have put their faith in Christ, those who have hungered and thirsted after righteousness, those who have proved faithful. However, outside the walls are pictured the fearful, those who denied their Lord, those who refused to believe in Christ, those who were guilty of idolatry, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the liars or deceivers. Instead of being permitted to enter and enjoy the blessings of Heaven, these will be cast into the lake of fire — Hell — or the scrap heap of the Universe.

The life in Heaven is to be a perfectly happy one, for Heaven is a place of joy. The sorrows of life — tears, death, sorrow, crying — will be done away with. There will be no sickness, there will be no fear, because we will be with God eternally.

Ask yourself this question, now, today: "Will I be with God and his redeemed throughout eternity?" If you want to be you can. Paul declared, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Accept Him, live for Him and live with Him eternally. This life here on earth is extremely short, but eternity is very, very long. Where will you spend eternity?

Donkey Basketball Game At Walnut Gym January 3

Donkey basketball is coming to Walnut at the high school gymnasium on Thursday, January 3 at 7:30 p. m.

This is America's funniest sport—donkey basketball. Fun-loving sports fans are promised a field day of hilarious entertainment when the world's best trained donkeys present their comedy version of basketball. A big program has been arranged in addition to donkey basketball. A series of tricks and stunts by a trick donkey will be presented as a preliminary act. Also, races and tug-of-war on donkeys will add to the evening of fun for young and old.

Advance tickets will be sold. They may be bought from any member of the senior class of Walnut, or from the senior class sponsor, Mrs. Hettie Rice, or tickets may be purchased at the door.

HIS LOSS

Coventry, England — In order to get a little extra needed money a husband sold his wife's sewing machine for six pounds (about \$80). She objected strenuously and made him buy it back. The husband had to pay the dealer's new price — twelve pounds — or about \$60.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE
 The undersigned having qualified as administratrix of the estate of J. R. Kent, deceased, late of Madison County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of December, 1957, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 11th day of December, 1956. MAE KENT, Administratrix, R-1, Marshall, N. C. 12-13-17p

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NOTICE
 This is to notify all persons that the undersigned will at 11:00 o'clock a. m., on Monday, December 31, 1956, at the undersigned's garage, Route 3, Marshall, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy the lien held by the undersigned for wrecker service and storage, the following motor vehicles: One 1948 Model Pontiac 4-door sedan, Motor Number F8PB10392, said automobile bearing no license plates and the name of the registered owner being unknown, on which the sum of ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS is due for wrecker service and storage. One 1946 Model Nash 4-door 600 sedan, Motor Number K54272, Serial Number K119818, said automobile bearing no license plates and the name of the registered owner being unknown, on which the sum of SEVENTY FIVE (\$75.00) DOLLARS is due for wrecker service and storage. One 1947 Model Chevrolet 4-door sedan, Motor Number EAA438946, said automobile bearing South Carolina license plate No. D88625 and the name of the registered owner being Clyde Phillips, Route 2, Pickens, South Carolina, on which the sum of SEVENTY (\$75.00) DOLLARS is due for wrecker service and storage. This the 5th day of December, 1956. COLUMBUS HENDERSON By William C. Reeves. 12-13, 20, 27c

KILLED BY ELEVATOR
 Louisville, Ky. — Miss Mary Ann Logan, 24-year-old medical student, was crushed to death by an elevator in General Hospital as eight persons on the elevator watched, unable to help. Miss Logan had her right foot and head inside the elevator when it started up without warning.

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News for Veterans

Four major deadlines face veterans now being released or discharged from active service with the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration said.

The most important of these, according to VA, concerns GI insurance and affects veterans who have been released from active service since September 4, 1956.

Instead of having 120 days in which to apply for a special type of five-year term, nonconvertible GI insurance, these newly discharged veterans must apply before midnight, December 31, 1956.

This deadline was set by the recently enacted Servicemen's and Veterans' Survivor Benefits Act, which revised the death benefits program for the beneficiaries of veterans who dies as a result of service.

Veterans with service during the Korean conflict (June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955) should remember that they have three years from the date of their discharge or separation to apply for education and training under the GI Bill, VA said.

Korean conflict veterans also should keep in mind, according to the agency, that most of them have only a year from the date of their discharge or separation in which to apply for dental treatment. Exceptions to the one-year rule are those veterans who are receiving disability compensation for a service-connected dental condition, or those veterans whose dental disabilities are as a result of combat injuries or service injuries. They may apply at any time.

The same rules for dental treatment apply to peacetime veterans and six-month enlistees, except that the latter two groups must have been discharged for disability incurred in line of duty or be receiving VA compensation for a service-connected disability.

GI home loan deadline for veterans of the Korean conflict period is January 31, 1957. This date is far enough away, VA said, so that most Korean conflict veterans may take the time they need to select a home, farm or business to be bought with GI financing.

MADE OWN COFFIN
 Danville, Ill. — Twenty years ago, William J. Mellott made a coffin to be buried in. When he died recently, he was buried in the home-made poplar burial box he had fashioned.

NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA MADISON COUNTY
 The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of Queen Ramsey, deceased, late of Madison County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of November, 1957, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 15th day of November, 1956. JETER P. RAMSEY, Administrator, R-3, Marshall, N. C. 11-22-12-27c

NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA MADISON COUNTY
 The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix, C.T.A., of the estate of Hubert E. Roberts, deceased, late of Madison County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of December, 1957, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 10th day of December, 1956. VENA C. DAVIS, HATTIE T. TEAGUE, JULIA R. ELAM, Administratrices, C. T. A., of the Estate of Hubert E. Roberts, deceased, Marshall, N. C. 12-13-17p



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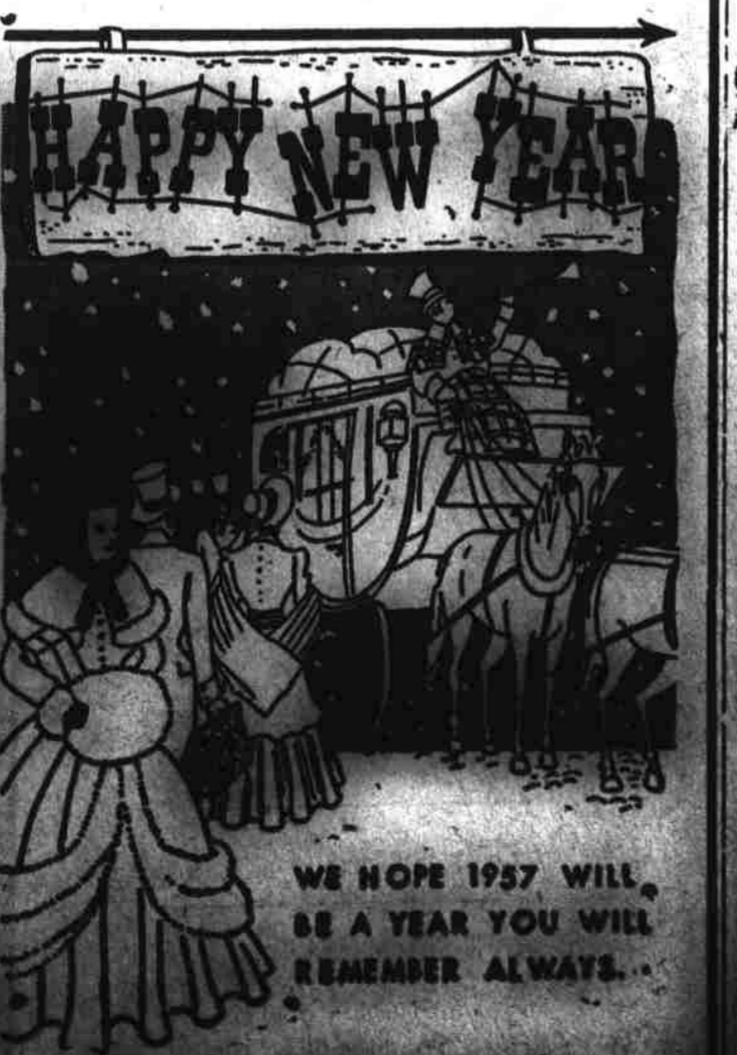


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