

International Sunday School Lesson

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WHEN HUMAN WISDOM FAILS

Memory Selection: "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." (Job 28:28.)

Lesson Text: John 4:1-9; 8:1-10; 11; 21; 37: 14-24.

For today, each adult among us should ask ourselves this question: "Is our idea of God too small?"

In the early days of Christianity God was, primarily, thought of as being a tribal deity, rather than the God of the whole Uni-

verse. He was a "local" God, involved only in the affairs of the tribes of Israel. He was pictured as being concerned with intertribal justice, with family affairs, with flocks of animals and the simple industries of a tent-dwelling, wandering people. When they were at war with an enemy tribe, God was thought of as fighting with them against the enemy and the enemy's god. The victory of one side proved to both sides which god was the more powerful.

Eventually, however, through the rising of the prophet Amos, the Israelites' idea of God expanded; and it expanded still further, two hundred years later when the Israelites were captured and carried off to Babylon. There they found that God was still with them. And at this point it would do well if we were to pause and ask ourselves this question: "How large is MY God? Do I have a childish tribal idea at some points? Where does my idea of God need to grow?"

The friends of Job had the question neatly settled. Their God was not a problem to them, for he

was made to fit neatly into their short-sighted views. They were religious men, devout and pious, but with a small idea of God. God had been cut down to size—the size of their own ideas. Job found this to be worthless to him. As he strove to understand his suffering, he held firmly to a view of God which finally lies beyond human understanding. Job's God was too big to be understood fully, but this larger God turned out to be the real comfort-er to Job.

Job's decision to trust God even when he could not understand why such affliction had come upon him in such great measure reminds us that such an attitude is productive both of character and of inner peace. When overtaken by adversity that we do not deserve, we must do more than accept it without self-pity and rebellion. We must believe that God in his mercy is with us and will help us use it for good.

A world that makes possible the growth of human beings requires freedom. And a world that permits freedom makes suffering,



LIONS INTERNATIONAL Charter Night program principals for French Broad District Lions Club Saturday night in the Clyde A. Erwin High School Cafeteria were (L-R): John Self Sr., president of the new club; Hugh Monteith of Asheville and Sylva, an international counselor, the guest speaker; F. Gudger Cabe of Candler, District 31-A governor, who presented the charter; and G. D. Roberson Jr., president of the sponsoring Woodfin club. Mr. Self is well known in Madison County, being the distributor for Phillips "66" products.

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NOTICE

CARS FOR AUCTION

The following four automobiles will be sold at public auction under G.S. 20-77, to satisfy storage liens and wrecker service on Saturday, May 6, 1961, at 12:00 o'clock Noon at Anderson Motor Sales, Hot Springs, N. C.:

One 1963 Oldsmobile Tudor; Motor No. R498747; Serial No. 538M7003; 1960 Tenn. License 78-T493.

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One 1960 Pontiac; Serial No. and Motor No. P6TS36002. 4-6, 13, 20, 27c

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NOTICE

OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION NORTH CAROLINA MADISON COUNTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK ED THOMAS, ET AL, petitioners

SALLIE P. THOMAS, ET AL, Respondents

TO IRENE T. PRINGLE AND HUSBAND, GLENN PRINGLE, AND J. C. THOMAS AND WIFE, BARBARA THOMAS:

Take notice that a special proceeding seeking relief against you for partition of real property by sale has been filed in the above entitled matter special proceeding. The matter of the relief being sought is for the sale of the lands of the late W. E. Thomas in No. 11 Township, Madison County, North Carolina for partition between his heirs as tenants in common.

You are required to make defense to such proceedings not later than the 28th day of May, 1961, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking relief against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This 12th day of April, 1961. (s) HERBERT HAWKINS, Clerk of Superior Court. 4-13-5-4c

even the suffering of the innocent, inevitable. It is virtually impossible to have a safe, snug, comfortable world that shuts out all possibilities of trouble and pain, and at the same time have one that provides human beings with opportunities for growth towards maturity, fulfillment, and all that is meant by life as exemplified so magnificently by Jesus Christ.

But, as the memory of the cross reminds us, suffering need not have the last word. It can be made a servant for good, even our greatest good.

The problem of suffering, especially that which involves the innocent, is a big, thorny question. There can be no easy, smooth answers. We can be sure of this, however: When suffering, trouble, and affliction for which we can find no just reason come to us, at least we can know we are not being punished by a wrathful God. Even when we suffer, we can believe, as Job did, that God is alive, that we have a Redeemer, and that in the end we will know he has been serving our good. More than that, we can

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA MADISON COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Dave Phillips, 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 20th day of April, 1962, 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 19th day of April, 1961.

(s) DEROETHA C. PHILLIPS, Administratrix, RFD 3, Mars Hill, North Carolina 4-20-5-25c

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turn to the assurance of the cross and realize that there is with us a God of love who will help us use our suffering for great good. Therefore we understand what James meant when he wrote: "Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him." (James 1:12)

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