

International Sunday School Lesson for MAY 29, 1966

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THE FALL OF SAMARIA

Memory Selection: "The ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall fall therein."
—(Hosea 14:9)

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 17: 18-19; Hosea 13; Amos 8.

In today's lesson we see that God CAN be provoked beyond endurance — to the point where retribution follows, swiftly and surely. The wages of sin CAN be death. Herein we see the death of a nation.

For the Hebrew people God had extended himself in many ways that he had not for other nations. He had delivered them from slavery with spectacular displays of miraculous power; He had given them the covenants by which they were to live; and He had given them an awe-inspiring succession of prophets, to convey His Word and His Will to His chosen people.

He had guided them through famine and thirst; had provided them with crops and a prosperity that should have been the more precious in their eyes because of the want and misery that had gone before. Yet they had forsaken Him, in spite of repeated warnings to turn from their transgressions and serve Him again. Idolatry and sacrifices and orgies were the order of the day, and decadence reaped its inevitable reward.

One might expect that the overthrow of the Hebrew nation would have been accomplished by a nation dedicated to God's ordinances, instead of by the Assyrians—a nation just as evil and idolatrous as Israel. But God was making a point . . . the Israelites had had the benefit of His care and instruc-

tion, whereas the Assyrians were not so favored. He was illustrating graphically that a heathen nation could conquer the Hebrew nation because of the Hebrew's sin. The military might of a savage, idolatrous race was used to punish and destroy God's rebellious people.

The world — ever-changing — has not changed so much that our present generation cannot learn from Biblical history.

Christians the world over have benefitted from God's goodness; He sent His Son to bring us His Word; He allowed that same Son to die for our sins on the cross, that we might live in grace.

We are under the same obligation to honor His commandments and lead a Godly life as were the Israelites. But we, too, like the Israelites, often sin in secret. And, presenting an outward appearance of being virtuous, we can disguise from our fellow man our true nature. But we cannot disguise it from God. He does not look to outward appearances only, but to the heart and mind. God intended His laws to apply to man's thoughts and desires, as well as to his actions.

True, we do not set up idols and worship before them — not tangible ones, at least. But how many secret idols do we worship? Money . . . and the pleasures and comfort and luxuries it can buy. Position. Power. Influence. Are not these the idols that enslave present-day mankind, diffusing his thoughts from God and dispersing his energies in a headlong chase after them? Shall we dare to say we are less sinful than Israel at the time retribution overcame her?

Who can save a nation fleeing headlong to destruction, driven by the enemy of moral decay within himself? Only God. He will work through those who serve Him, living in obedience and faithfulness to His Covenants.

Decoration

Decoration will be held at the Cook Farm Cemetery near Belva, next Sunday, May 29, at 2 o'clock. Persons having relatives and friends buried there are asked to attend.

Curtis W. Roberts Passes May 13; Burial in Fairview

Services for Curtis Wayne Roberts, 84, a retired lumberman, who died Friday, May 13, 1966, were held at 2 p. m., Sunday, May 15, in Hot Springs Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

The Rev. Jimmy Rodgers and the Rev. Harry Sellers officiated and burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were friends.

Mr. Roberts was a son of the late John and Margaret Reavis Roberts and a lifelong resident of Madison County.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Claudia Mills Roberts; three daughters, Mrs. S. P. Vail Jr., of Winter Haven, Fla., Mrs. Henry DeMontey of Queens Village, N. Y., and Mrs. L. S. Tucker of Ripley, Tenn.; two sons, Frank of Hot Springs and Sherman Roberts of Lake Grove, N. Y.; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Barnard of Weaverville; a brother, Jay Roberts, of Greenville, Tenn.; 27 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.

With Our Boys In Service

(AHTNC) — Army Pvt. Kenneth G. Hensley, 20, son of Elmer Hensley, Rt. 2, Hot Springs, completed a vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson, S. C., May 20.

During the eight-week course, Hensley learned the fundamentals of internal combustion engines and wheeled vehicle chassis components.

Hensley entered the Army last February and completed basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

He attended Enka High School.

Eulas G. Thomas Passes Saturday Services Tuesday

Eulas Grant Thomas, 58, of Rt. 6, died unexpectedly Saturday afternoon, May 21, 1966 at his residence.

He was a lifelong resident of Madison County and a son of the late Peter and Laura Chandler Thomas.

Surviving are four sons, James of Marshall Rt. 6, Jack of Marshall Rt. 7, and Grant and William Thomas, both of Detroit, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. Jeter Bullman of Detroit and Mrs. Joe Davis of Spartanburg, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Thomas of Marshall Rt. 6 and Mrs. George Chandler of Marshall Rt. 4; two brothers, George of Saluda and Sim Thomas of Marshall Rt. 4; and 14 grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m., Tuesday in the home of a niece, Mrs. Sylvia Waldroup of Marshall Rt. 4.

The Rev. J. A. Griffin officiated and burial was in Chandler Cemetery. Pallbearers were friends.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.

HO-HUMMM!

What This Place Needs, Folks, Is A Few Good Ads In This NEWSPAPER



Vote for "Joby" Henderson for Board of Education. He is capable, friendly and fair.

—Pol. Adv.

DEMOCRATS — Mark Your Ballot As Follows: Show Voting Machine Instruction Ballot

HOW TO OPERATE THE SHOW VOTING MACHINE

NOTE: When voting on the machine LEAVE THE LEVERS WITH CROSSES SHOWING LIKE THIS

OFFICIAL BALLOT PRIMARY ELECTION MADISON COUNTY MAY 28, 1966

	Column 1	Column 2
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For United States Senate (Vote for One)	B. EVERETT JORDAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	HUBERT E. SEYMOUR, JR. <input type="checkbox"/>	
For Member of Congress - 11th Congressional District (Vote for One)	BRUCE E. BURLISON <input type="checkbox"/>	W. SCOTT HARVEY <input type="checkbox"/>
	ROY A. TAYLOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JOE SAM SCHENCK <input type="checkbox"/>
STATE TICKET		
For State Senate - 31st Senatorial District (Vote for Two)	C. BRUCE HUNTER <input type="checkbox"/>	
	HERBERT L. HYDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	S. THOMAS WALTON <input type="checkbox"/>	
	FRANK H. WATSON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
For State House of Representatives - 47th District (Vote for Two)	CHARLES B. McCRARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	ERNEST B. MESSER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	LISTON B. RAMSEY <input type="checkbox"/>	
	ROBERT L. YOST <input type="checkbox"/>	
For Solicitor - 19th Solicitorial District (Vote for One)	WILLIAM C. MOORE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	ROBERT S. SWAIN <input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNTY TICKET		
For Clerk of Superior Court (Vote for One)	HERBERT HAWKINS <input type="checkbox"/>	
	HILLIARD TEAGUE <input type="checkbox"/>	
	LLOYD D. THOMAS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
For Sheriff (Vote for One)	E. Y. PONDER <input type="checkbox"/>	FRANK W. MORGAN, JR. <input type="checkbox"/>
	JAMES B. ROBINSON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ROY ROBERTS <input type="checkbox"/>
For Board of Education (Vote for Five)	NOLAN ADAMS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	W. O. DUCK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	ADAM G. DYCUS <input type="checkbox"/>	
	JOE E. HENDERSON <input type="checkbox"/>	
	MRS. DAVID (WILLEH) KIMBERLEY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	BURLIN RICKER <input type="checkbox"/>	
	BILL ROBERTS <input type="checkbox"/>	
	R. BRUCE SAMS <input type="checkbox"/>	
	WENLEY SHELTON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	GRAND YOUNG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
For Board of County Commissioners (Vote for Three)	PAUL BRIGMAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	BUCK E. MURRAY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	KEET REEVES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	WARREN WALLIN <input type="checkbox"/>	
	EDDIE L. WILLS <input type="checkbox"/>	



ERNEST MESSER

FOR REPRESENTATIVE Haywood - Madison - Yancey

EXPERIENCED— Represented Haywood County in the 1963 and 1965 Sessions

During my two terms in the General Assembly, I have supported and worked for all programs for better schools and roads, for increased industrial development, and for the development of the tourist industry in North Carolina.

My only commitment is that I will do all I can for the total development of the counties I represent and for the State of North Carolina.

With my experience, I believe I can do more in the future than I have in the past.

If I have not contacted you personally, I apologize. The difficulty of campaigning in three counties has made it impossible for me to see everyone. I hope you will vote for me, anyway.