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**International Sunday School Lesson**  
 for  
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**GOD'S PEOPLE IN CONFUSION**

Memory Selection: "In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

—(Judges 21:25)  
 Lesson Text: Judges 2 to 3:6; 5-7; 8:33-35; 17:1-6; 21:25.

As we study of Scriptural passage for today we cannot help but reflect that human nature changes very little through the centuries. The earth, the sea, the firmaments may change radically in answer to the inexorable demands of nature and the universe . . . but man's nature stays pretty constant — ruled by self-interest, fluctuating faith, money-worship, lack of self-discipline; bemoaning our fate when things go wrong; coasting along on the crest of the wave when things go right — and all too often forgetting from whence our blessing flow!

Our Lesson today concerns the descendants of Israel . . . that generation which had not been in-

stance when the Lord led their forefathers out from the bondage of Egypt. True, they had been regaled with the history of those happenings; these events were the foundations of their faith. But . . . with the hand of the Lord upon them, they had nevertheless conquered a pagan nation. Inter-marriage inevitably followed, and there were many converts to the worship of pagan gods, foremost of which were Baal and Astarte — god and goddess of fertility.

Time and time again God appointed one to be a Judge, to lead the people and deliver them from their sinning; time and time again Israel returned to her old ways . . . the easy ways of idolatry and self-worship. God's infinite patience was sorely tried, but He never gave up hope of saving Israel, nor of her taking her rightful place in His plan.

As we have pointed out earlier in this Lesson, man's nature changes little over the years. Today we have false gods — not Baal or Astarte — but false gods, nevertheless. Prestige, money, greed, avarice . . . the gods of self-pleasure, whereby respect for ourselves and others, as individuals, with individual rights, becomes non-existent. We oftentimes forget our loyalties . . . to ourselves, our loved ones, to mankind in total — but, above all, to God.

We, today, live in a world of confusion . . . as did the Israelites when the nation was finding itself. We, too, are as blind as she was; God delivered, exhorted, forgave, rewarded . . . time after time. Yet time after time the people forgot God, delivered themselves to false gods, suffered, repented, prospered . . . time after time! The lesson came hard. And it seems it is as hard for us to learn today, with history spread before us!

Christ's command to mankind remains unchanged, as He is unchanging. Christ, to Gideon, said "Go ye" (Judges 6:14; Matthew 28:19-20) . . . and He says that to each one of us today. He is forever looking for men of strong faith, of boundless love of fellow

**Minnie Radford Dies Wednesday Of Last Week**

Mrs. Minnie Radford, 80, of the Middle Fork section of Madison County, died Wednesday, August 20, 1969 in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

A native of Madison County and the widow of Barnett Radford, she was a member of Paint Fork Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Pansy Allen of Mars Hill and Mrs. Sallie Franklin of Asheville; four sons, Spurgeon and Coy, both of Mars Hill, Roy of Indianapolis, Ind., and Overton Radford of Stroudsburg, Pa.; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m., Saturday in the chapel of Holcombe Funeral Home.

The Rev. James Capps and the Rev. Harold Ray officiated. Burial was in Radford Cemetery. Grandsons were pallbearers.

**Singing**

The regular 5th Saturday night singing will be held this Saturday at the Walnut Free Will Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 o'clock. All singers and listeners are invited.

man, to lead us, His people.

To be really true, good Christians we do not necessarily have to be overbearing with our beliefs. Personal example of Christian living, Christian concern, quietly and unobtrusively performed can have more impact on mankind, both on personal and national levels, than all the Hossannas and "bible-thumping" of the lustier types.

A receptive ear, an understanding and forgiving heart, an act of positive kindness, quietly and unobtrusively performed, becomes mute testimony to the strength and beauty of Christianity . . . an example that leads others out of confusion to deep personal convictions and values, both at a personal and national level.

How Christian-oriented are you? . . . your home? . . . your Church? How fearless? How un-confused?

**NOTICE OF SALE**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF MADISON IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION, BEFORE THE CLERK

JOSEPH B. HUFF, administrator of the Estate of Wade E. Payne, deceased,

Petitioner,

vs.

BETTY JO LOWERY AND HUSBAND, BILLIE LOWERY.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of an order of the Superior Court made in the above entitled action, the undersigned commissioner will on the 17th day of September, 1969, at eleven o'clock in the morning at the Courthouse Door in Marshall, Madison County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash but subject to the confirmation of the Court that certain tract of land lying and being in No. 1 Township, Madison County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land lying and being in No. 1 Township, Madison County, North Carolina, on Bailey's Branch Road adjoining the lands of and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake at the Bailey's Branch Road and at the mouth of a gully and where a culvert is under the road, being a corner referred to in the 5-acre tract described in the paragraph just above; thence up said road to John Wilson's line; thence with John Wilson's line to the Dallas James line; thence with the James line to the Robert Ball line; thence with the Robert Ball line to the Ponder line at a rock corner; then with the Ponder line to a small apple tree near a gully, a corner called for in the second tract described in Paragraph 4 just above; then down and with said gully and cross fence to the Beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM that certain 4.33 acres, more or less, conveyed by Wade Payne to Clinton Wilson, said deed being of record in the Madison County Registry in Deed Book 91, page 486.

Subject to whatever defects will be revealed by an accurate survey. A ten percent (10%) cash deposit will be required of the highest bidder.

This 7th day of August, 1969. JOSEPH B. HUFF, Commissioner

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**Singing**

The regular fifth Sunday afternoon singing will be at Laurel Branch Baptist Church August 31 at 2 o'clock.

All singers and the public are invited to attend.

**Hayes Run Junior 4-H Club Has Meeting Aug. 19**

The Hayes Run Jr. 4-H Club held its monthly meeting August 19 at the Madison Seminary Church Annex. The meeting was called to order by Faith Wise, vice president. The American and 4-H pledges were led by Suzanne DuVall and Nannette Sprinkle. The devotions were given by Mickey Luther. Our recreation leaders taught us a song they learned at 4-H Camp. Rhonda Sprinkle, secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The old and new business was discussed. Then the meeting was turned over to Earle Wise who gave us a very good program on bicycle safety. After the program we had a quiz on bicycle safety followed by refreshments.



Pictured above are members of the Marshall Junior Little League team who won five of the six games played this summer. The team was coached by Otto McDevitt, who also coached the Senior Little League team here.

**Laurel Seniors Elect Officers**

The Laurel seniors met at home room period Monday and elected class officers. They are as follows: President, Randy Tweed; vice president, Gary Johnson; secretary, Keith Ray; treasurer, Dwayne Cutshall; reporter, Gary Rice.

**John W. Drumheller Passes; Rites Held In California**

John W. Drumheller, 58, died Friday morning, August 22, 1969. Mr. Drumheller lived in Walnut until he finished high school and then, after World War II, he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he passed away.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Minnie Davis, Mrs. H. J. Buckner, Mrs. A. R. Ramsey and Mrs. Carl Ammons; three brothers, George Drumheller, Tom Drumheller and Edwin Drumheller.

Burial was in Santa Monica, California.

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**Auction**  
**Saturday, August 30**  
 10:30 A. M.  
**The Late Isaac Shelton Farm**  
 Located in Unicoi County, Tenn. In The Devil Park Community, 2 miles off U. S. Highway 23 Leading From Erwin, Tenn. To Asheville, N. C.  
 160 Acres Subdivided or As A Whole  
 Farm consists of 35-40 acres of rich cropland with 1.4 acre tobacco allotment. The remainder of farm is in timber. The timber is estimated to cut 250,000 to 300,000 feet. Timber is oak, pine and poplar.  
 The farm is well watered; 6 springs and two branches. The improvements consist of 5-room house with water in house from large spring by gravity flow. Other improvements consist of two barns and tenant house.  
 This is not only a good farming community but is rapidly becoming a good recreational area.  
**EVERYBODY INVITED — EVERYBODY COME TO THE AUCTION!**  
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 Office: Town House Hotel, Erwin, Tenn.; Phone 743-4642  
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**"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"**  
 By Sugar Campbell

Honesty is the best policy, but he who is governed by that maxim is not an honest man.

The man who insists on seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides.

Baloney is flattery so thick it cannot be true, but blarney is flattery so thin we like it.

Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.

You can understand people better if you look at them — no matter how old or impressive they may be — as if they are children. For most of us never mature: we simply grow taller.

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