

The Church of The Nazarene
 100 Depot Street
 Rev. Don E. Conrad, Pastor
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SUNDAY—
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, H. A. Superintendent.
 There is a class for everyone. All are invited to be with us.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, led by the pastor.
 7:00 p.m.—Junior Service. Mrs. Conrad, Director.
 Children under age 12 come and enjoy the Flannelgraph Bible.

WEDNESDAY—
 7:00 p.m.—Young People's Service. Mrs. Rosie Kelly, Pres.
 Teenagers and young marrieds are invited to attend this special service.
 "Fruits from the Book of Ruth," Winston Hattell in charge.
 10:00 p.m.—Evangelistic service, led by the pastor.

THURSDAY—
 7:00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting. Merry Christmas and a Happy Year to all.

Methodist Church
 Rev. Russell M. Elder, Pastor
 Telephone GL 6-3597
 Assembly and Oak Streets, Waynesville.

SUNDAY—
 Broadcast over Radio Station "Moments of Meditation," 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
 Young People's service, 7:00 p.m.
 Evening Evangelistic Service, 7:00 p.m.
 Week Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Church
 Rev. D. D. Russell, Pastor
 100 a.m.—Sunday School
 League, Superintendent.
 10 a.m.—Sermon by pastor. Everyone is cordially invited.

Sunday School

Lesson

Thinking Realistically About Life
 THE AUTHOR CONCLUDES THAT MAN'S SATISFACTION COMES FROM FEARING GOD AND KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS

Scripture—Ecclesiastes 1-5; 12.

NEWMAN CAMPBELL
 HIS BOOK of Ecclesiastes is a series of meditations of "The Preacher," which in Hebrew is called the Qoheleth. The opening verse tells that "the son of David, king of Jerusalem," is the author. Modern writers deny that the work of Solomon, but seem to fulfill all the requirements of authorship of the text.
 We cannot settle a dispute about the authorship, we had better disregard it and see what for our lives in this modern age we can gain from the writings of Solomon, with all his wisdom, occasionally moments of deep depression, may suppose. When he wrote Ecclesiastes he must have felt that life was not worth living.
 When small children have their moments of discouragement. It is an interesting thing to watch how they recovered from such child about their moods. It doesn't take much to discourage a child or to bring him to the doldrums.
 Loving word, embrace and to reassure him of love, a sense of a new toy, or a happy event coming up, will often bring him happy again. And he has taught that even if earthly things fail to comfort him he can turn to his heavenly Father to turn to.

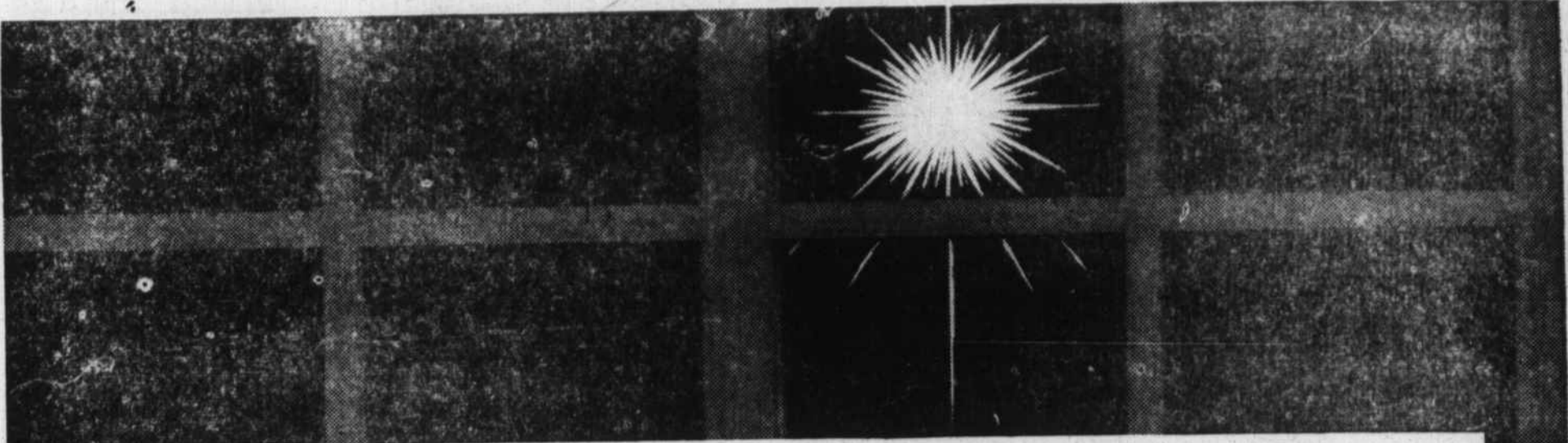
MEMORY VERSE
 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."—Ecclesiastes 12:13.

of vanity, saith the other, vanity of vanities; all vanity." The first definition of vanity is "that which is vain or idle, useless." That is what the preacher meant by using the word here.
 What profit hath a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth forever.
 The Preacher next tells of his search to find satisfaction in life: "I gave my heart to seek research out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under the heavens: this sore travail God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith." "I said in mine heart, Go now, and prove thee with mirth, before enjoy pleasure and, behold, this also is vanity." He also drank wine, but found that drinking was also vanity. Just laughing and empty mirth without cause do no one good as he said, "I was mad; and of mirth, what profit had I?"
 The laughter of children at the mirth of people who are enjoying gay, witty conversation in congenial society—those laughing and worth while. "He is of a cheerful heart hath continual feast."—Prov 15:15.
 "I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. And

who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool?"
 That would be another disaster to the man whose heart and mind were bent only on working hard to achieve earthly possessions. He might think of his labor as wasted if he was succeeded by one who squandered those hard-won possessions which he could not take with him.
 Solomon had accumulated silver and gold, had planted vineyards and gardens, built a beautiful house and filled it with servants, friends, family and music. With all these his heart was not happy—all were "vanities."
 "So I returned and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun; and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter."
 Our world is so much wider than the one in which Solomon lived. We have also experienced more oppression of helpless people and cruelty than ever was known before. However, many who were oppressed turned to God, their Father, and were comforted in their affliction. Who was there to comfort their oppressors? No one; their guilty consciences must have haunted even their dreams.
 "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he

that loveth abundance with increase; this is also vanity."
 "When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?"
 "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep."
 Solomon beheld wickedness even in the place of judgment, and in the place of righteousness there was iniquity. There are so many beautiful verses in the lesson assigned to us today, but we shall have to omit them because of lack of space.
 "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor shall say, draw nigh, when in them: While I have no pleasure in them: While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain."
 The clouds seem to be lifting from the writer's heart, as he concludes the book with these words:
 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."
 That seems a simple enough solution to our moods, doesn't it—whether he be young or old? Let us fear God and keep His commandments. We can try, anyhow, to follow the advice of this wise man who has been preaching to us in today's lesson.

PRINCE OF PEACE



Many centuries ago, in far-away Judea, a little child was born to humble parents. Its cradle was a manger. Its surroundings were poor and unsightly. Sympathetic village women must have ministered to the needs of the mother.

But a brilliant new star shone above this humble birthplace, and those whose ears were attuned to the infinite heard an angel chorus singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

It was the birthday of the Saviour.

This story has been told often, but it loses none of its charm in the telling. It grips men today as does no other human saga. For the birth at Bethlehem turned a new page in world history and gave new hope to mankind.

Throughout the civilized world today people are singing Christmas carols and repeating the drama of the Saviour's birth. Some day, when His spirit triumphs, men will turn from war and strife to the peace that comes from God.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

| Day | Book | Chapter | Verses |
|-----------|---------------|---------|--------|
| Sunday | Luke | 2 | 1-20 |
| Monday | Luke | 2 | 21-52 |
| Tuesday | John | 1 | 35-51 |
| Wednesday | II Chronicles | 6 | 18-21 |
| Thursday | Isaiah | 9 | 2-7 |
| Friday | Isaiah | 40 | 9-17 |
| Saturday | Isaiah | 55 | 1-13 |



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