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NEW TYPE GRAPE

DEVELOPED IN STATE

Well, let's mark up a score in favor of the Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Willard. Dr. Charles T. Dearing, assisting director in charge, has finally developed -- after more than forty years of research (that's what we call real perseverance, stick-to-it-iveness) a type of grape which is self-fertile and at the same time capable of pollinating female grape varieties.

that it takes to attain our goal. If there were more of us that possessed the sticking qualities as shown by Dr. Dearing, we all agree, this country of ours would be a much more dependable place in which to live.

Dr. Dearing not only attained his greatest achievement; success, but attained something that will cause people to remember his 40 years of experimentation for ages to come.

The six varieties of grape developed by Dr. Dearing are named Willard, Wallace, Pender, Burgaw, Tarheel, and Duplin. These names were chosen by him to honor the region where the new types were developed, and four of the other improved varieties bear the names of old friends of the Willard Experiment Station: Stanford, Kilmington, Morrison, and Creeswell.

How many of us know what we want and how to get it only we don't have the sticking quality

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for March 3

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A PEOPLE FINDING A HOME LAND

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 1:1-4; 23:1-11. MEMORY SELECTION: Thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. --Deuteronomy 10:10

God is the Lord of nations as well as of homes, and he is concerned that those who honor him in their homes have opportunity to serve him in their national life. This was true in a special way with Israel, but it is also true of us today.

Ready to enter the Promised Land, the people had to part with their great leader, Moses, who was not permitted to enter. The time comes when even the mightiest of men fall, but life must go on and new leadership must be found.

I. The Changed Leader (Josh 1: 1-4)

1. Workers Die--God's Work Goes On (vv. 1, 2)

God buries his workmen at the end of their day of labor, but God's work goes on. The people had become attached to Moses and had longed for his leadership, even though they often murmured. With his death we might have assumed that there would be a letdown, but that was not in God's plan.

The Lord works through men. He gives them abilities and uses them for his glory, often in a way which astounds them and others. But let them not become proud, for God has someone to take their place when they are gone. They are not indispensable.

2. The Need Is the Same, So Is the Promise (vv. 3, 4)

The promise given to Moses was still good. God's promises are always good. They are the only really stable thing in a trembling universe. The question is: Are we ready to take him at his word?

They were to step out by faith. The land was promised to them only as they took their feet should tread upon it. Israel never took out the full promise of verse 4. They lacked faith.

God honors those who believe him and who move forward by faith to plant the foot of spiritual conquest in new territory. Some are doing it now. Are we?

The enemies of God's people were many and mighty, but they were not able to stand in the way of God's people when they were moving forward for him. Here again, Israel failed. They did not drive them out, because they did not take God at his word. The application of that truth to us is obvious.

II. The Unchanging God (Josh. 23: 1-11)

Between our first scripture and this selection will be found the history of the conquest of the land (at least, of the larger part of it), and the division of the territory between the tribes.

Years have passed quickly, and the new leader, Joshua, is now an old man, soon to go to his reward. He gathers the elders who represented the people and gave them good counsel for the days ahead, even as he recalls the blessings of the past.

1. God Did Help (vv. 1-3)

Israel had been in many hard battles. They had gone through the trials of pioneer days in a new and unfamiliar land. Now they were established and at peace. Perhaps they were recalling their mighty exploits and their own sacrificial efforts.

Joshua reminds them that it was God who fought for them (v. 3). We need just such a reminder in our land today.

2. God Will Help (vv. 4, 5). Joshua had a word of encouragement for the days ahead. There was much yet to be done. The land had not been fully taken. He reminded them of God's help in the past, so that they would depend on it in the future.

It is one mark of a great man that he looks beyond the end of his own short existence and plans for the future.

What about the future? Joshua reminded them that every blessing they had received, every victory they had won, everything had come from the hand of God. There and there alone was their hope for the future. And it was enough!

3. Help Yourself (vv. 6-11) To keep true in the land where their neighbors engaged in idol worship and all manner of immorality required definite action on the part of Israel.

They were not to deviate in the slightest from God's way, "to the right hand or to the left" (v. 6) for a little beginning in the wrong direction winds up in awful departure from him.

They were not even to swear by the heathen gods, not even to mention them. They were to "cleave" to the Lord, a graphic presentation of the close relation between God and his people.

These are many thoughts here which can be profitably applied to our daily lives. Faith in God calls for stalwart action and separated living for him.

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