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JESUS AND SUPREME LOYALTY TO GOD

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:3-6; Joshua 24:15, 22-24; Luke 14:25-37.
MEMORY SELECTION—No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.—Matthew 6:24.

The first three commandments bring man into the presence of God, where he is taught how to worship God in spirit and in truth. "The first commandment (Exod. 20:3) bids us worship God exclusively; the second (vv. 4-6) bids us worship him spiritually. The first commandment forbids us to worship false gods; the second forbids us to worship the true God under false forms" (Farrar).

We shall lose much of the value of our lesson if we confine the application of it to Israel. We miss the point if we think only of the gods of wood and stone which the heathen worship and fail to apply the truth to any and all idol worship of our day.

The loyalty to God of which our lesson text teaches may be summarized in four words. It is a loyalty of I. Purpose (Exod. 20:3).

Jehovah means, "I will be what I will be," or "I am that I am," (Exod. 3:14). His very name declares God to be the self-existent, eternal one. How infinitely gracious then is the use of the word "thy" in Exodus 10:21. He—the great I AM—is my God, a personal God. It must be our constant purpose to worship him only.

There are many things concerning which we do not speak dogmatically. There are even Christian doctrines about which spiritual and earnest men may honestly differ, but regarding God we say with absolute assurance and complete exclusiveness—there is but one true God. If he is what he claims to be, if God is not to be declared to be a liar, then it is beyond the realm of possibility that there could be any other God.

Hear it, men and women of America who in an enlightened land and age bow down in heathenish worship "before the god of gold, the god of self, the god of wine, the god of success, the god of fame, the goddess of pleasure, the god of licentiousness." The one true god says, "I am Jehovah. . . Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

II. Performance (Exod. 20:4-6). What is in the heart must show in the life. The second commandment calls for the undivided devotion and worship of man. It expressly forbids idolatry in any form. The injunction is twofold. (1) Men are forbidden to make any material likeness which to them represents a being to be worshiped. It matters not whether it be an image of what men believe God to be like, or the image of an angelic being, a heavenly body, in fact, "anything that is in the heaven above," or on the earth, such as a man or animal; or under the water, such as a fish. (2) If such objects have been made either by ourselves or others we may not bow down to them, nor render any service to them. Let us all examine our religious ceremonies and practices in the light of God's commandment.

Observe that obedience to this command brings rich blessing to "thousands" (v. 6), whereas disobedience is a curse not only to the man who disobeys, but also to his descendants.

III. Promise (Josh. 24:16, 22-24). Before the aged leader of Israel came to the close of his life he called leaders of the people, whom he had led in the taking of the Promised Land, and urged them to continue in the way of faith and loyalty to God.

They promised rather readily, but he made clear to them that God was not interested in lip service. They were to prove their promise by putting away all strange gods. This they agreed to do. Wherein they failed, they suffered defeat, and wherein they kept their promise, God blessed them. We may learn from their experience.

IV. Practice (Luke 14:25-37). It is not always necessary to choose between our natural affections for those near to us and our loyalty to Christ, but if the time comes for that decision, Christ must come first without question and without hesitation (cf. Matt. 10:37).

The word "hate" (v. 26) does not carry with it any thought of malice or personal dislike. We know from other scriptures that we are to honor our father and our mother (Exod. 20:12). The one who fails his own is declared to be worse than an infidel (I Tim. 5:8).

The point is that no personal loyalty or responsibility is to stand in the way of our devotion to Christ. Our own lives must be counted as a glad sacrifice to him as we take up our cross—in the crucifixion of self-will and devotion to his will (see Gal. 2:20; 6:14).

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Q. Is emergency housing as now provided for veterans at some colleges paid for by the Veterans Administration as a part of school expenses?
A. No. Nominal rentals are charged. The VA pays subsistence allowance, or living expenses.
Q. I am receiving a disability pension. Is there any way in which I could have my National Service Life Insurance premiums deducted from my pension?
A. Submit in writing an authorization to the VA for such deductions. A contact representative will assist you if needed.
Q. If a veteran is eligible for loan-guaranty benefits does he lose that eligibility if he reenlists?
A. No. Provided he meets all other requirements.
Q. May a dishonorably discharged veteran be hospitalized by the VA?
A. Yes if he became eligible as a result of a period of military service other than that which terminated in his dishonorable discharge.

Q. Is it legal for a lending agency to require a veteran to give security in addition to the property being purchased in the case of a guaranteed loan?
Yes.
Q. My husband has pulmonary tuberculosis. May I arrange to have the VA transfer him to a high, dry climate for treatment?
A. The VA will transfer a patient for climatic reasons in exceptional cases. However, experience has shown that climate is of little importance in the proper treatment of tuberculosis.

Q. Must a veteran actually live on a farm to obtain a guaranteed farm loan?
A. No. However, he must participate in farm operations.
Q. Is there any limit to the size of a loan which may be guaranteed?
A. No.

STATE COLLEGE HINTS
BY RUTH CURRENT
N. C. State College
A good rule to follow when you shop is to practice the hands-off policy, when it comes to pinching, prodding, and pommeling spud fruits and vegetables. Handling causes rot and results in waste.

A little foresight in purchasing, careful planning of meals, and conservation in the kitchen and at the table are just good sense. It not only makes for more adequate, well-balanced meals but in these days it saves the lives of men, women and children who are dying of hunger.

Many people throw away leaves of the cauliflower, endive, and chard without thinking of the tasty nutrition lost by failing to put them in the stews and soups. Many a tasty healthful dish goes by the wayside if the cook is unwilling to try new recipes that can turn leftovers or not overly popular vegetables into a delicious dish.

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SCOTT FAVORS QUOTAS
In the opinion of Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott, the outcome of the referendum held today will not only affect the welfare of tobacco farmers in 1947 but will also largely determine their economic position in the post-war era.

Turner Returns As Inspector
George S. Turner of Cary, who has just been released from the Army, will resume his position as an inspector with the Weights and Measures division of the State Department of Agriculture, according to C. D. Baucom, Supt.

Beer Taxes Yield All Time High
Beer taxes yielded the State an all-time high of \$3,715,206.72 for the fiscal year ending June 30, according to the N. C. Committee-U. S. Brewers Foundation.

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Charlotte Scale Mechanic Convicted And Fined

Convicted in Monroe Recorders Court of violating the N. C. Scale Mechanics Act, O. M. Rico of Charlotte, an employee of the Commercial and Industrial Scale Co., of that city has been fined \$25 and costs. John Moore, inspector with the Weights and Measures division, said that Rico was charged with the improper testing of a 10-ton scale at Monroe. Moore appeared at State's witness.

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