

PREPARATION FOR THE MODERN WORLD



SCRIPTURE: Revelation 9:15; Isaiah 62:7; Luke 2:1-30. DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 2:9-20.

The Prince of Peace

Lesson for December 21, 1947. 'T IS Christmas now that we are all thinking about, and our lesson for Sunday helps us to rightly approach this blessed season of joy and thanksgiving. It is suggested that we read Revelation 9:15, Isaiah 9:2-7, and Luke 2:1-20.

Thus Isaiah sings of the coming Saviour, and in countless hearts this glad refrain will round and resound as we come on in these waiting hours for Christmas Eve. It is the season of giving, because God made the Best Gift.

WE NEVER truly observe Christmas until we live again in the message of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The Christmas story is the story of God's love. There is not enough goodness in man to produce the Christmas spirit — the true Christmas spirit. Only God could so love, and only God can create within our hearts the proper attitude to worthily celebrate the birth of the Saviour.

Wisdom is fled from us if we drop down into the lowlands of commercializing the Christmas season by seeking gain for ourselves.

THE gift of Jesus is the greatest gift for the reason that it represents divine giving. Jesus was not forced to give himself. "God commendeth his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." The gift was but an expression of the love that lay be-

NEXT WEEK: ANOTHER BIBLE LESSON

Southern Farm Market Summary

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12 — The normal seasonal decline in cattle marketings was sharpened by rainy weather this week and prices pushed upward as much as \$1.50 reaching a new season's high. Almost a third fewer cattle showed up and calf marketings declined also.

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Celebrate At Wright Memorial

Igor Sikorsky, Russian-born designer of aircraft and inventor of

the helicopter delivered the principal address at the observance on

December 17 at the anniversary of First Flight and, from the top of Kill Devil Hill, where aviation was born, watched a flight demonstra-

tion of virtually every type of rotary wing aircraft now in existence.

For the first time since Pearl Harbor, the flood lights on the monument were lighted.

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And Thou, Bethlehem

This is Bethlehem as it appears today, built upon the ruins of the ancient town in Palestine. The highway in the foreground follows approximately the course of the old road running south from Nazareth.

Along this ancient thoroughfare trudged Joseph and Mary, on their way to Jerusalem to be taxed. Worn with their journey, they spent the night in a kham at Bethlehem. Here Mary's child was born, and they called his name Jesus.

For the prophet had said: "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of thee shall come a Governor who shall rule my people Israel."

The incidents at Bethlehem that first Christmas morning when Jesus was born, have more profoundly affected human life than any other event in world history. For the spirit of that humble child has become the most potent influence in modern life.

Millions of churches, dedicated to the worship of God, are founded upon the faith born at Bethlehem. And countless millions of people turn to that faith for strength and comfort in life, and for hope of a better life beyond the grave.



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