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Strawberry Crop Damaged

Wallace, March 30.—North Carolina's commercial strawberry crop was struck by frost Monday night for the second successive time.

Dr. Charles Dearing, director of the State's Coastal Plain Experiment Station, said that it was too early to assess damage from Monday night's frost but that the cold night before killed about 10% of the Blackmores, an early variety of strawberry, and about 2% of other varieties.

Dearing said that before the frost, the section had "the heaviest bloom I ever saw."

"I think in spite of the frost we're going to have a good season," he said, and explained that the cool weather may serve to prevent the berries from ripening at one time and thus might prevent "overloading the market."

The Federal-State Crop Reporting Service has estimated the strawberry production at about 2,300 acres compared to 2,400 acres last year which produced 144,000 crates.

Dr. Dearing said he expected harvesting of the berries to begin about April 15 with the heavy harvesting starting about the 20th.

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SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 14: 34; 36:22-38; 37:1-14
DEVOTIONAL READING: Ezekiel 34: 25-31.

His Message to Exiles

Lesson for April 11, 1948

CONTINUING the theme of last Sunday's lesson, we go further into the ministry of Ezekiel as God's messenger to a people in exile. For this Sunday we have chapters 18 and 34, and portions of the 36th and 37th chapters. The 18th chapter opens with a revealing rebuke to Ezekiel. God tells him expressly that he is not to say any more to the Jews that "the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine." And then God adds, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Dr. Newton

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This truth, or these truths, I should say, are equally applicable for us today. As Ezekiel was sent to remind the people of God's love and care, so must we, early in our youth, accept the responsibility of accepting his love or rejecting his love.

We cannot claim his care if we despise his will. That is the message of Ezekiel for us.

WHAT GOD IS LIKE NOWHERE is the love of God more manifest and compelling than in Ezekiel 34:11-27. I hope that you will open your Bible to this passage. Here the Bible speaks in words that burn with the compassionate love of God for sinful souls.

"I will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and I will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day... And I will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers."

One is reminded here of Jesus, when he said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

A NEW HEART "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you," Ezekiel 36:26. Here we have, perhaps, the sublimest sentence in the prophecy of Ezekiel. God is speaking. Ezekiel is merely the messenger—the voice, as John the Baptist delighted to describe himself.

Ezekiel has faithfully declared that each individual is responsible unto God, and just as faithfully he has proclaimed God's love and care, and now he adds the third great truth, namely, that God waits to bestow the new heart and the new spirit to every repentant soul.

A new heart and a new spirit. That is what the world needs today—a new heart and a new spirit. Only God could give a new heart then, and only God can make such gift today.

EZEKIEL'S MESSAGE FOR US WOULD we listen to Ezekiel today? He has the message we need above all other words that may be spoken. He called the Jews to repentance of sin. That is what America needs today. Boys and girls need it. Men and women need it. And just as God waited patiently to bestow the new heart and spirit to Israel in the long ago, so does he wait to grant us today a new heart and a new spirit.

"Our God, our help, in ages past, Our Hope for years to come; Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home."

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This the 8th day of March, 1948. Myrtle Jones Wiley, Administratrix of the estate of Sarah W. Jones, deceased, Route 4, Kinston, North Carolina. H. E. Phillips, Attorney at Law, Kenansville, N. C. 4-23-6t. HEP

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