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25:12ab; 28; Ecclesiastes 1-3; James
3:13-18.
DEVOTIONAL READING: James 3:
13-18.

True Wisdom

Lesson for October 31, 1948

WHAT is the most important thing in the world? What is worth more than anything else? Some would say Money; some Power; some Goodness; some Truth. Another answer is given by the writers of a group of books, two of which are included in our Bible. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom," they say.



The books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes in our Protestant Bible, and the books of Ecclesiastes and the Wisdom of Solomon in the Apocrypha, all have this viewpoint and are therefore called the Wisdom Literature. Other writers in the Bible divide the human race into the Good and the Wicked, or the Believers and the Unbelievers; but these writers see mankind as the Wise and the Foolish. The books they wrote (especially Proverbs) were intended particularly for those who are so far neither foolish nor wise—that is to say, the young.

Knowledge Is Not Wisdom

WISDOM (as these writers use the word) is not the same thing as knowledge. A person may know a great many things and still be a fool. Or he may not even know how to read and write, and yet be wise. Some modern writers have said: Knowledge is knowing what to do; skill is knowing how to do it; and virtue is doing it. Wisdom is all of these put together.

But the special feature of the "Wisdom Writers" is this: True wisdom begins with the fear of God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom . . . the knowledge of God is understanding." In other words, wisdom without religion, without faith, is foolish after all.

We can see how in our times the story of the Nazis has shown this once more to be true. The German Reich of 1933-1939 had the best of the science of the world; they had scholarship and wealth and "know-how" in many fields; but they rejected God and defied his church—and so a nation was destroyed. We too may profit by their example. We of the western nations have wealth and technical skills beyond any other peoples, we have the atom bomb—but have we the wisdom without which all these things are but as torches in the hands of madmen?

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KNOWLEDGE may be expensive. It costs a great deal of money to know what it takes to be an engineer or a surgeon. Wisdom, strange to say, is less expensive. It is in fact on such a low shelf that most people pass it by. Consider where the "Wisdom Writers" tell us we may learn wisdom. One place is experience. "Experience keeps an expensive school, but fools will learn in no other—and hardly from that," says a more modern proverb.

Many of the proverbs in our Bible are simply distilled drops of experience. "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger," for example. Do you need an angel from the sky to tell you that? Another source of wisdom is just Nature herself. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard (lazy fellow); consider her ways and be wise." A lazy man is a fool; but how shall he learn to be wise? Not by reading books—just by watching the ants.

Inspired Common Sense

A FORMER governor of Virginia used to say that during his term of office he received more practical help from reading Proverbs than from any of the books on political science in his library. For the science, or the art, of government is simply one specialized form of that most important art, getting along with people. And the Wisdom Literature shows us how it is done. Some people think that Inspiration is always mysterious, and that the Holy Spirit would not stoop to inspire what we could learn in any ordinary way. But the Christian church, when it declares Proverbs (for example) inspired, expresses her belief that there is such a thing as Inspired Common Sense.

God may speak to us, and does speak—if we will listen—in the advice of our parents, in our everyday experiences, in the hard-working ant and the majesty of the soaring eagle. All truth is God's truth, even when we find it in our own backyard.

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a stake; thence N 84° W 318.8 feet to the beginning and containing 42 acres, more or less, and being the Eastern portion of Lot No. 16, of the Robinson Division according to the plat of said division.

conveyed to W. L. Best and wife, by W. B. Carter and wife, by deed dated Feb. 21 1948, and recorded in the Duplin County Registry. This September 2, 1948. P. G. CRUMPLER, Trustee. 10-29-4t. PGC

NOTICE

By power of sale in a certain deed of trust from Dudley Williams and wife, Bettie Williams to L. R. Hagood, Trustee, dated December 21, 1946, and recorded in Book 431 on page 322 Registry of Duplin County, default having been made in payment of debt secured thereby and the owner of the same having made request for foreclosure of same, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Duplin County on November 12, 1948, at eleven o'clock A.M., all the lands conveyed in said deed of trust as above, containing ten acres more or less, and being in Limestone Township, Duplin County, North Carolina. Cash deposit of fifteen percent will be required of the highest bidder.

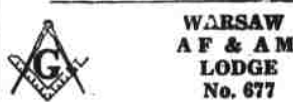
This 11th, day of October, 1948. L. R. Hagood, Trustee. 11-5-4t. LRH

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Inez Crump Boney, deceased, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Rose Hill, N. C., on or before the 8th day of October, 1949, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 30th day of September, 1948. Harvey J. Boney

Mrs. Eunice B. Hamrick
Administrator of Mrs. Inez Crump Boney, Deceased.
1-12-6t. H. B.



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300 feet to a ditch and stake, Adell Mathews corner at another ditch; thence with her line and said ditch S. 2° W. 96 feet to another ditch; thence with this ditch S. 46½° W. 300 feet to a stake near the corner of the work shop adjoining the Service Station known as the J. S. Thomas Station; thence with said ditch and service station line S. 77½° degrees West 216 feet to a stake at the old Avenue; thence with said avenue passing the house N. 3° E. 877 feet to a stake in W. D. Browns' line; thence with his line S. 80° E. 741 feet to a stake J. W. Thomas corner at a fence; thence with his line S. 3° W. 425 feet to the beginning, containing 11 acres more or less. This the 27th day of September, 1948. Grady Mercer, Commissioner 10-27-4t. GM

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day qualified as the Administrator of Addie Viola Blay-

lock, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against her said estate to present them to the undersigned Administrator on or before the 15th day of October, 1949, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 11th day of October, 1948. John W. Blaylock, Administrator. 11-10-6t. VGB

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