

TODAY'S meditation

The Upper Room
THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

He is before all things, and by him all things consist. (Colossians 1:17.) Read Colossians 1:9-17.

One day during the war in Korea someone was offering sympathy to a Korean pastor. The pastor had had to flee several times. He had lost all his possessions and three precious children. He said: "We Koreans have lost everything but our souls. So long as we save them, we shall build our nation and our lives again."

Observing the situation in war-torn Korea, a retired missionary writes: "It is great to find so many of our Christian leaders still alive and carrying on in spite of great difficulties. There has been great destruction. Many have been captured or killed, but the remaining five of those last de-

ces have done their work. I find much pure gold in character."

Christians in the second century were spoken of as "holding the world together." It is no less true today that Christians still are doing much to hold the world together.

PRAYER

Help us, O Lord, to forget ourselves and fix our faith in Thee. Help us to wake up and live in Christ and then, in His strength, do our part in holding the world together. Grant to us faith like that of the early Christians. In our blessed Saviour's name. Amen.

Thought For The Day
Being faithful in trials is the common experience of all Christians.—Helen I. Billings (Hawaii)

of almost a million and a half dollars more than it would get from a 1/2 bale to the acre average. It is for the benefit of the merchants and business men, as well as the farmers, that we make more cotton per acre than we have been making.

If you have not already received a letter from the Hoke County Cotton Committee, you will receive one in the near future. This letter explains the first steps in producing a bale of cotton per acre. The Committee has studied, very carefully, the records of farmers who produced over a bale per acre in 1953. These records are very uniform, in that they used recommended practices and followed the seven steps to efficient cotton production as recommended by the Agricultural Agencies. This column will carry, from time to time, the suggested practices for producing more cotton. The first good practice to follow is to use enough fertilizer.

Cotton fibers, as well as the stalks, have to have a large amount of plant food, so don't try to cut the cost of production by leaving off your fertilizer. Your cotton will need 500-700 pounds of fertilizer depending on your soil and the rotation you have been using. If you have had your soil tested, go by the recommendations of the Soil Testing Division. If you have not had your soil tested, use at least 500 lbs. of 5-10-5. If your crops have shown a potash deficiency in the past or fail to mature as you thought they should, make it a 5-10-10 fertilizer. If your seed are placed directly over your fertilizer or in your fertilizer, it will reduce your cotton stand considerably. The best stands have been obtained from using side placement of fertilizer or either by mixing the fertilizer thoroughly with the soil. One of the big reasons that people tell me that they don't use enough fertilizer on cotton is that it makes

the stalk too large. The reason the stalk gets too large is that the boll weevil punctures the first squares that come on your plant, and the fertilizer goes to the stalk instead of to the boll. If you have a good boll weevil control program and bad weather doesn't keep your poison from being effective, you will prevent this overgrowing of the stalk.

The state, district, and county cotton contest is explained to you in the letter from the Cotton Committee. Hoke County is one of the smaller counties, but we have some good cotton land along with the best farmers in the state. I challenge you to help the Cotton Committee bring North Carolina's first prize to our county. Talk to your neighbors and try to have your community make A BALE OR MORE IN '54 on every farm.

I notice that there is considerable small grain that is approach-

ing the stage for harvesting. Generally speaking, much more progress has been made in Hoke County in producing grain than in storing grain. It's expensive to produce crops that you can't sell because they are damaged before market time. I would suggest that you check with the ASC office and see if your storage facilities will meet with their requirements for the support price. We are selling grain too cheap in Hoke County. They are prepared to make you a low interest loan toward getting your storage facilities to meet their requirements.

The tobacco plant beds that were fumigated with Methyl Bromide before sowing season are showing wonderful results. The beds on the demonstration area of Walter Maxwell's farm had almost perfect weed kill and he got good stands of plants.

Ira Newton reports that his son, H. C. Newton, treated his beds

with Methyl Bromide and also got almost perfect results.

The bulletin featured in the County Agent's office this week is in connection with the Cotton Committee's efforts to increase cotton production in Hoke County. It is entitled "7 Steps to Efficient Cotton Production."

A total of 834 counties are included in the corn acreage allotment-price support area.

LEARN AND EARN IN YOUR SPARE TIME WITH THE NEW National Guard

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST
Rev. C. P. Hopkins, Pastor
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

PITTMAN GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. Taylor, Pastor.
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Worship service each 1st and 3rd Sunday.

RAEFORD METHODIST
Rev. J. Herbert Miller, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Church School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
6:15 P. M.—Senior Fellowship
6:15 P. M.—Intermediate Fellowship
3:15 P. M.—Wednesday, Children's Choir Practice
3:15 P. M.—Wednesday, Junior Choir Practice
6:45 P. M.—Wednesday, Young People's Choir Practice
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Mid-Week Service
8:00 P. M.—Wednesday, Senior Choir Practice

SANDY GROVE METHODIST
Rev. N. P. Edens, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School
Each third Sunday preaching at 11:00 A. M.
Each first Sunday morning at 9:45 A. M.

PEOPLE'S METHODIST
Luther Wesley, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P. M.—Young People's Service
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship
7:30 P. M.—Friday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

COMMUNITY METHODIST
Rev. James Hamilton
9:00 A. M.—Sunday School
9:45 A. M.—Morning Worship
Each 2nd and 4th Sunday

6:30 P. M.—Sunday, Methodist Youth Fellowship

PARKER'S METHODIST
Rev. N. P. Edens, Minister
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship 1st and 3rd Sundays.

CHURCH OF GOD
C. O. Carter, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P. M.—Y. P. E.
7:30 P. M.—Evangelistic Service

EPHESUS BAPTIST
Rev. E. C. Taylor, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school
Worship every 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 p. m. Every 2nd and 4th at 11:00 a. m.
B.T.U. at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Service Sunday Night at 7:30.

RAEFORD BAPTIST
James E. Baker, Pastor
9:45 A. M.—Sunday school
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P. M.—Training Union
7:30 P. M.—Worship Service
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Prayer Services

ROCKFISH TABERNACLE BAPTIST
Scott Turner, Jr., Pastor
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
6:45 P. M.—B. T. U.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Worship
Prayer Meeting 7:30 P. M. Wednesday
Choir Practice 8:30 P. M. Wednesday

ASHLEY HEIGHTS BAPTIST
W. Ray Gosnell, Pastor
Worship Services
Second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a. m.
First, third and fifth Sunday at 8:00 p. m.
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Thad Cowder, Supt.
Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

RAEFORD PRESBYTERIAN
W. B. Heyward, Pastor
9:45 A. M.—Church School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
9:00 P. M.—Pioneer Vesper
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Adult Choir Practice

ANTIOCH PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Gower Crosswell
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship

SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship, every first and third Sunday.

LUMBER BRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN
C. M. Bowling, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship, 1st and 3rd Sundays.

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Every second and fourth Sunday, Morning Worship

DUNDARRACH PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Gower Crosswell
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
Worship services every 2nd and 4th Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M.

PHILIPPI PRESBYTERIAN
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
7:30 P. M.—Prayer Meeting
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Pioneer Fellowship

GALATIA PRESBYTERIAN
B. O. Shannon, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Church School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
Every Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Choir Practice 7:30 P. M., Wednesday

THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Floyd B. Haywood, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship



Thy KING Cometh

Amid joyous hosannas and waving of palm branches, He rode into the city of Jerusalem, past these same walls which are standing today.

Long ago in ancient Palestine, the prophet had heralded the coming of a king. But now few thought it more than the usual procession of some new earthly ruler. Yet no king ever came as He came. No king ever built such a kingdom.

This was the King of Heaven who rode into the hearts of men and built there a Kingdom of Love!

They crucified Him, but death could not stop His coming. He comes in every age to all who will believe. He comes to you.

Go to church this Palm Sunday, for "thy king cometh." Let the King of Heaven ride into your heart.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

| Day | Book | Chapter | Verses |
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| Sunday | Mark | 11 | 1-18 |
| Monday | Mark | 12 | 28-34 |
| Tuesday | Mark | 14 | 32-42 |
| Wednesday | Mark | 15 | 22-39 |
| Thursday | Philippians | 3 | 2-14 |
| Friday | Colossians | 3 | 1-17 |
| Saturday | 1 John | 3 | 13-24 |

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WHEN IT'S TIME TO ACT

THINK of Jake AUSTIN

Will you be able to make up the loss? Lots of times you face large, unexpected losses in your business due to reasons beyond your control. That's why the wise thing to do is to carry the right insurance.

Jake AUSTIN INSURANCE AGENCY
DON'T MAKE A MISTAKE—INSURE WITH JAKE
104 E. ELWOOD AVE. RAEFORD, N.C. 667-1

Would you trade a Penny for a Dollar?

You can if you use Natural Chilean Nitrate of Soda for your top-dressing and side-dressing needs. It costs a little more because it's worth more. But the difference in cost usually can be measured in pennies per acre, while the difference in value often amounts to dollars per acre.

Chilean "Bulldog" Soda gives you generous extra value. The nitrogen is 100 per cent nitrate. It's 100 per cent available (quick-acting); 100 per cent dependable. The minor elements make crops stronger, healthier. The sodium—26 pounds in every 100-pound sack—is a key to maximum returns on your entire fertilizer investment. It offsets the bad effects of acid-forming fertilizers...increases the efficiency of mixed fertilizers containing them. It releases "locked-up" potash in the soil...increases the availability and efficiency of soil phosphate...reduces potash, calcium and magnesium losses by leaching...develops larger, deeper root systems.

Sodium builds up the productivity of your land—more each year. It's an essential element for some crops...beneficial to most and necessary for maximum yields of many.

Pennies-per-acre difference in cost may mean dollars-per-acre difference in value to you. Chilean "Bulldog" Soda is the best fertilizer your money can buy. Use it for all of your top-dressing and side-dressing needs.

CHILEAN NITRATE of SODA

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GUARANTEED 100% NITRATE NITROGEN
80% SODIUM (26% Na)
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