

Sunday School Lesson

"What do you find in that old book?" someone once asked me of the Bible. My reply surprised him: "Oh, a lot of stories about people today!"

What I meant, of course, was that many of the Biblical characters are quite like people today in terms of their problems and concerns. What the Bible tells us about these characters is often very helpful in understanding people and life in our own time.

For example in John 12 we find Jesus encountering three types of people who are not strangers to our contemporary religious scene.

"Yet they did not believe..." The first of these is the person who is determined not to believe regardless of what man or God does to convince him. The late educator and philosopher Claude Ducaesse noted that in many people the "will to disbelieve" is one of the controlling factors of life. As blindly as some people cling to superstition, these people, perhaps irrationally, cling to their disbelief.

Jesus acknowledged this kind of person in his parable of "Dives" and "Lazarus." Noting that Dives wanted Lazarus to return from the dead to warn his brothers against disbelief, Jesus observed that some people would not believe even if they saw a man rising from the dead. Thus, too, John tells us: "Though he had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in

him..." (12:37)

No matter how many dramatic works Jesus might perform, some people are determined to remain unconvinced. Many of us come into contact with that type of person every day. In them, disbelief is nothing less than an act of will.

"They loved the praise of men..."

A second contemporary type is the person who believes in Christ but does not acknowledge it except privately. John tells us of this type of person: "...many even of the authorities believe in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it..." Why? The answer: "...lest they should be put out of the synagogue" (12:42).

It is often amazing to me what people will do to persuade you that, although they have a religious affiliation, they do not take it seriously. Nothing seems to unnerve them so much than that someone will think they are serious about their faith. John knew the reason: "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." (12:43). That's not so ancient an emotion, is it?

The third type of person is probably even more common: the person who acknowledges his faith, but fails to put it into practice. Jesus warns those people: "If any one hears my sayings and does not keep them..." (12:47). The consequence, Jesus says, is not that Jesus will judge that person, but that the person will deny himself of the most

precious of all God's gifts: "He who believes in the Son has eternal life..." (3:36).

Legals

Notice is hereby given in compliance with G. S. 143-129 (supplement) that the County of Hoke will contract for an electronic accounting computer, built to withstand continuous service encountered in county use. The equipment shall be of a proven design.

Detailed specifications for said electronic accounting computer may be obtained in the office of the County Manager, Courthouse, Raeford, N. C., any time from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, up to and including December 20, 1973.

Bids shall be directed in a sealed envelope to T. B. Lester, Jr., County Manager, Courthouse, Raeford, N. C., and shall have a notation on the outside of the envelope "Electronic Accounting Computer, Bid opening December 21, 1973, 2:00 p.m."

Bids for said equipment shall be opened by the Board of Commissioners at a special meeting to be held in the office of the County Manager in the Courthouse at 2:00 p.m. on December 21, 1973.

Anyone interested in bidding should contact T. B. Lester, Jr., County Manager, Courthouse, Raeford, N. C.

All bids on the equipment shall be accompanied by five per cent (5%) bid bond or certified check for five per cent (5%) of the amount bid. The County reserves the right to reject any or all such proposals.

This, the 10th day of December, 1973.

T. B. Lester, Jr.
 County Manager

Hostetler & McNeill
 Hoke County Attorneys 32C

For Sale to cover storage, parts and labor 1969 Volkswagen serial No. 119007714. 9:00 o'clock January 3, 1974 at Iron Union 76 Service Station. 31-34C

NOTICE OF SALE NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by James Adams, Jr., and wife, Dorothy Fay Adams, to Charles A. Hostetler, Trustee, dated the 8th day of July, 1970, and recorded in Book 158, Page 283, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said Deed of Trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Raeford, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock Noon on the 2nd Day of January, 1974, property conveyed by said Deed of Trust, the same lying and being in the County of Hoke, State of North Carolina, Raeford Township, and more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot No. 46 according to plat of J.K. McNEILL SUBDIVISION, as drawn and surveyed by R.H. Gatlin, Surveyor, on December 7, 1956, and duly recorded in Map Book 2, Page 240,

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and is re-recorded in Map Book 4, Page 16 of Hoke County Registry. Being described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron stake in the northern edge of Cumberland Avenue, said stake being S 84 - 00 E 150 feet from the Northeast corner of the junction of Fuller Street with Cumberland Avenue and running from said beginning point N 6 - 00 E 165 feet to a stake; thence S 84 - 00 E 50 feet to a stake; thence S 6 - 00 W 165 feet to the northern edge of Cumberland Avenue; thence N 84 - 00 W 50 feet with the northern edge of Cumberland Avenue to the point of BEGINNING.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding taxes, if any, and prior liens of record, if any.

CASH DEPOSIT: Ten per cent (10%) on the first \$1,000.00 bid and five per cent (5%) on any additional amount bid will be required at the date of sale.

Done, this the 26th day of November, 1973.

CHARLES A. HOSTETLER, TRUSTEE
 HOSTETLER & McNEILL
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW
 RAEFORD, N.C.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE NOTICE OF SALE BY

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Larry E. Walker and wife, Patricia Walker, to O. S. Aiken, Trustee, dated the 3rd day of August, 1972, and recorded in Book 168, at Page 431 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina, and by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned, Substitute Trustee, by an instrument in writing recorded in Book 175, Page 510, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the said Deed of Trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded a foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the undersigned, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Raeford, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, on the 17th day of December, 1973, the land conveyed in said Deed of Trust, lying and being in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in the eastern edge of State Road No. 1403, that is located S 86-36 E 30.8 feet from the center of State Road No. 1403, the Northwest corner of that 9.9 acre tract received by Wright & Best Incorporated from William J. Ratley and wife, Ruth B. Ratley, and runs thence with the Shaw Town Community line, S 86-36 E 175 feet; thence S 16-22 W 126.3 feet; thence N 72-38 W 175 feet to the eastern edge of State Road No. 1403; thence with the eastern edge of State Road No. 1403, N 19-28 E 84 feet to the point of BEGINNING. This being a portion of that 9.9 acre tract received by Wright & Best Incorporated from William J. Ratley and wife.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding taxes, if any, and prior liens of record, if any.

CASH DEPOSIT: Ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 and five percent (5%) on any additional bid will be required at the sale.

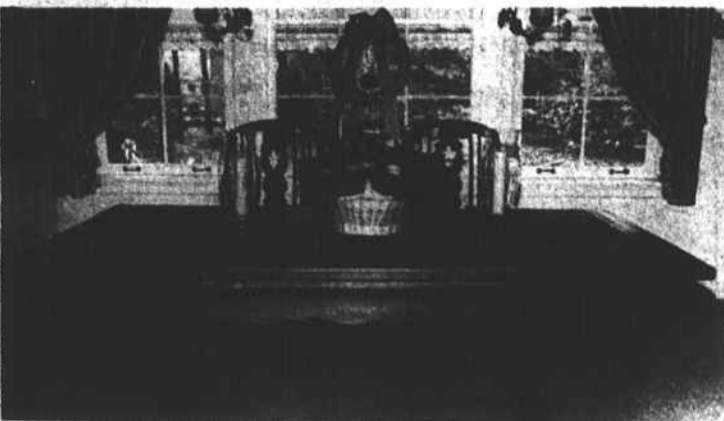
This, the 13th day of November, 1973.

Bobby Burns McNeill,
 Substitute Trustee
 Hostetler & McNeill
 Attorneys at Law
 Raeford, N. C.

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CAR-TRAIN - Matthew Sampson, Fayetteville, a teacher at Southern Pines Middle School, was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital and treated for minor injuries received in a car-train wreck at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning. The accident occurred at a crossing just off N.C. 211 near Marshall Park's Grocery. Leon Allred, engineer of the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railway diesel locomotive said he was sounding his whistle and bell at the time of the accident and never saw the car.



DAVIS HOME - Kitchen table made from flooring of old Sexton House on Fulton Street is ready for Christmas centered with basket of greens and fruit flanked with hurricane lamps. Window sports a straw wreath with burlap bow. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Davis, 415 N. Fulton St., will be included in December 19 Extension Homemakers' Library Benefit Housing Tour. (N-J Photo)

OPEN EVERY NIGHT
 (Except Sunday)
Till 8:30
 Until Christmas
 closed at 6 P.M. on Sat.
Joe Sugar's
 of Raeford



This Is The Law

John Walker and his wife adopt a child. Subsequently John dies. Later his father dies without a will. Can the adopted child inherit anything from the estate of John's father?

Yes. The adopted child will be the representative of his adoptive father, "stand in the shoes of his adoptive father," and take the share his adoptive father would have received had he been alive.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hudson is formally adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith. Henry Hudson dies without a will. Does the child inherit anything from the estate of Henry Hudson?

No. The child does not inherit from Henry Hudson or any of his relatives.

There are no longer any legal ties connecting the child with his natural parents.

Henry Hudson could have, of course, left property to the child by will.

Sidney Sutton in his will leaves property to "the children of Thomas Taylor." Does a child adopted by Thomas Taylor take anything under the testamentary provision?

Yes. Unless the contrary plainly appears by the terms of the will, both the adopted and natural children of Thomas Taylor inherit alike. It would be immaterial as to whether the will was executed before or after the adoption.

The same result would have occurred if the testator had bequeathed the property to "the issues of Thomas Taylor" or to "the heirs or descendants of Thomas Taylor."

But, on the other hand, if the testator had used such terms as "born to," "bodily heirs," "heirs of the body," or "lawfully begotten heirs of the body," adopted children of Thomas Taylor would be excluded.

A testator should be allowed to give his property exclusively to those of his own blood if he so desires. But in the absence of a clearly manifested intention in his will, there is in North Carolina no presumption that the testator intended to limit the beneficiaries of his estate to those of his own blood.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1973
 Read 1 John 3:1-3

The angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people." (Luke 2:10)

One holiday season our church bulletin carried this announcement: "The angel wings that have been used in Christmas programs have been misplaced. If you know their whereabouts, please contact the church office."

As Christmas approaches, all of us frantically search for our angel wings, because this is the time when for a brief period we lay aside selfish attitudes, petty differences, undue criticisms, and extend ourselves to bring happiness to others. But we cannot find our wings by making a telephone call or by running an advertisement in the newspaper.

Although we are, admittedly, a little lower than the angels (angel literally means "messenger"), we can imitate their ways by offering to serve God.

Have we been so busy baking fancy cookies, addressing cards, shopping for gifts, and putting up decorations that we have neglected to look for our wings?

PRAYER: Dear heavenly Father, help us to find our wings, dust them off, and use them to further Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

With God's help we can soar above earthly demands and bring a bit of heaven to others.

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 -Emalene Shepherd, Cincinnati, Ohio

Happy Holidays
 to All!

Walters Supermarket

Hwy. 211
 Open Mon. thru Sat. 8 A.M. until 9 P.M.
 On Sunday 9 A.M. till 8 P.M.

Walters' Has The Best Prices In Town
WEEK END SPECIALS
 THUR. - FRI. - SAT

Hormel Best Meats			
CHUCK ROAST 69c LB.	SHOULDER ROAST 89c LB.	WHOLE CHICKENS 31c LB.	Hamburger 79c LB.
CANNED VEGETABLES 5 FOR \$1.00	CAKE MIX 3 BOXES FOR 89c	TOMATOES 29c	POTATOES \$1.09
LETTUCE 49c	SUGAR 88c	ORANGES 59c	CABBAGE 9c
BANANAS 10c	PEPSI and COKE 4 \$1.00	MILK \$1.65	BOUNTY TOWELS 39c

Song Fest

by
Raeford Kindergarten and Day Nursery

Hear These Angels Sing
 Christmas Carols
 and Religious Songs at
3 P.M.
 on sidewalk in front of

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Edenborough Shopping Center Raeford, N. C.