

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Theme For Quarter: "A Nation In The Making" Lesson for February 3, 1946: "Feast Days Of A People"

Basic Scripture—The Book of Leviticus. Devotional Reading—Psalm 65:1, 9-13.

Comments to guide further study. By Rev. R. E. McClure,

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Details on the horizon are usually better understood with a panoramic picture of the entire scene in mind. Leviticus is a panoramic survey of the feasts and festivals, sacrifices and services

on the worship of the Children of Israel (last week's study.) Time is too short to study the entire panorama, but it will pay an teacher to spend the time (two or three hours) in reading the entire book then give special attention to the particular detail, "Aids To the Worship of the People."

Worship is not so much a single act as it is a continuing relationship, expressed by a series of acts—public and private. The public acts of worship—with other people—sustains faith and bears continued testimony to the reality of man's private fellowship with God.

Thus the entire book of Leviticus deals with these continuing acts, these repeated ceremonies, these anniversary festivals. Because they were directed by the Levites, sons of Levi, the book was called "Leviticus."

Those under twelve are directed their special attention to the 23rd chapter, those over twelve the 20th chapter. Here Primaries and Juniors should see in the story of the Feast of the Tabernacles, "A Happy Feast Day" with sincere gratitude to God for all things. Intermediates and Seniors should sense the distinction between "Holidays or Holy Days." Here is an opportunity to lay the foundation for the Young People and Adults to evaluate "The Worth of Religious Anniversaries."

Let it be noted first that the faithful Jew, obedient in observing all these feast days, would never forget his God. In years to come the Jew who neglected these days, or substituted the days set by heathen religions, led to the downfall of Israel.

Secondly, came the spiritual lessons of the occasions. They afforded days of repentance, days of thanksgiving, days of dedication and regularly one day in seven a day of rest and worship. In addition they taught other lessons by symbolish and prophecy that were to prepare the Jew for the fuller revelation of God in Christ. This further strengthened the habit of worship by lifting the eyes of the worshipper through faith to the promises of God.

The first book of history was Genesis. Exodus dealt with the birth of a nation. Leviticus outlines the way to keep this nation, and all men, spiritually alive. Numbers (next week's lesson) points to hardships in the pathway of duty. These can be stumbling blocks. They can also be stepping stones to success.

NATURE STUDY
"GOD'S GIFT"—"At Home With The Stars"
By MRS. THOS. S. SHARP

Orion, the splendor of the winter sky!

"Many a night from yonder ired casement, ere I went to rest, Did I look on great Orion sloping slowly to the west."
Tennyson: "Locksley Hall.

Many and many a night during those first heart-rendering months of World War II, we would go up to the roof garden of our apartment in New York City, and find comfort in the winter constellation as the silver planes roared overhead, played upon by streams of search-lights until they were out of sight. The "beams" followed them from the second the first "sound" was caught in the far distance. It helped us to realize more fully that the "beam" of God's love would watch over and protect us when separated as we soon would be just as these "beams" were watching over and protecting the people working, resting, or sleeping trustingly below on Manhattan Island. At that time we did not know Lt. Warner Boulden who was directing those great lights for our safety. We met him here, in Black Mountain, a year later, and so had an opportunity to thank him, and to show him our appreciation of his arduous and nerve-wracking "watch."

Orion, the mighty warrior, has been considered the most beautiful constellation. The entire southern group formed about Orion presents the most brilliant spectacle in the winter sky, in all the sky! Orion may be recognized by the row of three stars forming his belt above and to the left of the belt is Bebelgeuse in his right shoulder. Orion with club upraised in his right hand, drives Taurus (the Bull) before him. The diameters of these big close stars have been measured by an instrument called the interferometer. The diameter of Bebelgeuse is about four times the distance of the earth from the sun (270,000,000 miles). It is 300 light years away—3600 times that of the sun. It is a blazing sun more than 250 times larger than our own and 3,000 times brighter! Rigel marks the knee of Orion uplifted left leg. This star is four times brighter than Bebelgeuse.

Rigel's diameter is 21,000 times that of the sun and it is 540 light years away. It has a "companion star" once every three weeks.

One light year is six billion miles—the time that light will travel in a year with a speed of 186,000 miles a second.

The hazy light surrounding the middle star in the sword of Orion (just below his belt) is the famous Nebula of Orion. Like the one in Andromeda, it can be seen without a telescope—the only two visible to the "naked eye." This nebula is an irregular mass of luminous cloud, pearly white. It has two great wings spreading from a very dense center.

Following Orion are his two hunting dogs—Cane's (ka-nis), Major and Cane's Minor. Cane's Major. Contains Sirius, the Dog Star, the brightest star in the sky and one of the nearest—less than 9 light-years distant (54 trillion miles). Sirius is 30 times as bright as our sun. It is attended by a curious smaller star companion (called the "Pup") of the "white dwarf" class, made of stuff so dense that handful would weigh many tons—a tablespoonful weighs one ton!

The ancient imagined the crisp, sharp barking of a dog in it scinbillation. That is why it marks the mouth of the Great Dog. This star, is also called Cynosura from which we derive the word "cynsure," and the cynsure of all eyes."

Cane's Minor, the lesser dog, is nearly behind Orion, between Genuine and Cane's Major. Its bright star, Procyon, is only slightly fainter than Rigel.

Procyon is a double star. It takes forty years for the two stars to revolve around their center of gravity. It is our closest neighbor, just 11.1 light yeras distant! Pro-cyon, "Precursor" of the Dog so-called because its appearance above the horizon showed that Sirius would soon rise.

Legend tells us that Atlas, who held the world upon his shoulders and from whom our globes and maps are named, had seven daughters. Look for the Little Dipper in the shoulder of Taurus, the Bull, a most interesting constella-

All-Stars Defeat Beacon Mills Team

The Hendersonville All-Stars defeated the Beacon Mills five, 54 to 38, in a Western North Carolina league game in Hendersonville Saturday night.

The lineup:
Beacon Mills (38) All-Stars (54)
F—Hardin (10) Griffith (3)
F—Burgess (2) Peek (7)
C—Suttles (5) Drake (20)
G—Poteat (6) Pryor (14)
G—Davidson (6) Arledge
Subs: Straehla 9, Bagwell 4, Shealy, Williams, Patterson 4, Lytle, Hill 2.
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(Copy of sworn statement submitted to insurance commissioner as required by law)

ASSETS

The Association owns:

Cash on hand and in banks.....	\$ 297.72
State of North Carolina and U. S. Government Bonds..	1,500.00
Mortgage Loans	150,625.25
Office Furniture and Fixtures	57.87
Other assets	115.92
TOTAL.....	\$152,596.76

LIABILITIES

The Association owes:

To Shareholders	
Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on shares as follows:	
Installment Shares	\$71,075.90
Full-Paid Shares	42,300.00
TOTAL.....	\$113,375.90
Notes Payable, Other	23,500.00
Undivided Profits	9,444.34
Reserve for Contingencies	6,197.45
Other Liabilities	79.07
TOTAL.....	\$152,596.76

State of North Carolina,
County of Buncombe,
Margaret Matthews, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

MARGARET MATTHEWS,
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E. E. WHITE, Notary Public.
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OUR SHORT SERMON

By J. C. Cornelius

To believe fully and completely in the forgiving love and grace of God is to know that the very moment we turn to God in prayer we can be freed from all mistakes of the past. The forgiving love and grace of God can instantly dissolve bitterness, resentment, and condemnation.

Not only do many of us find it necessary to forgive another for something that does not meet our approval, but it is often necessary to forgive ourselves for deeds that continue to haunt our memory. Many of us wish we might retrace our steps in life and start all over again, because we cannot seem to forget some mistakes we have made, but we must remember it is only by living that we learn and gain a larger vision.

No matter what we have done or what circumstances caused us to do it, we can reorder and make our life a better life because experience teaches us what is detrimental to our growth and gives us a vision of the things in life that are better.

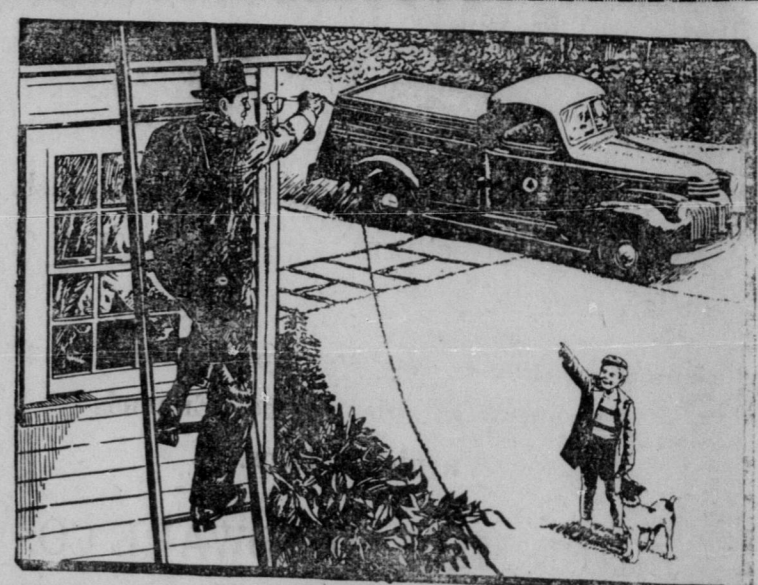
There is forgiveness with you. Psalms 130:4.

COUNTY CLINICS IS ANNOUNCED BY HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. H. C. Whims, Buncombe county health officer, has announced the schedule of county health department clinics for the week. It follows:

Thursday, 2 p.m., Black Mountain health clinic, Dr. E. J. Anthony's office; Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon, maternity and infancy and immunization clinic, court house; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon, general and immunization clinic, court house.

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