

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### CORRECTING WRONG IDEAS

International Sunday School Lesson for March 27

Golden Text: "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Mark 7:6.

Lesson Text: Mark 7:1-13

Wherever Jesus went it seems, the Pharisees were along to see what he did and, if possible, to find fault. On this occasion, Jesus was teaching and preaching in Capernaum and a group of Pharisees and Scribes were sent from Jerusalem to spy upon Jesus, to discredit him with the people and to find grounds for legal action against him. Naturally, they were anxious to discover something upon which to base their claims.

Therefore, noticing that "some of his disciples ate their bread with defiled, that is, unwashed, hands," they went immediately to Jesus to ask him why it was that he had not required that his disciples regard the traditions of the elders. Now these traditions first came into being as interpretations of the Mosaic law and were applications of the law to meet local circumstances. Then, the traditions became interpretations of traditions, and, traditions were the interpretations of interpretations of traditions, until finally there stood between the people of God and the law of God such a mass of traditions that the law of God was lost sight of and practically forgotten.

Such was the case in this instance. While no one would condemn the practice of personal cleanliness and the necessity of washing one's hands before eating, and neither did Jesus nor his disciples, the religious leaders had made a religious ceremonial out of the mere practice, making the habit of cleanliness a burden because of certain rituals which had to be performed. Those who failed to carry out the prescribed rites were de-

clared ceremonially unclean and unfit to associate with.

In answer to their accusations of transgressing the traditions of men, Jesus accuses the Pharisees of transgressing, or putting at naught the word of God. Quoting to them Isaiah 29:13, Jesus tells them what he thinks of them, thus: "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts (traditions) of men." It took courage for Jesus to thus denounce the religious leaders of his day, and yet everything he said was true. He went further, declaring, "Ye leave the commandment of God and hold fast to the tradition of men."

Going into further detail with them, Jesus touches a sore spot. He shows them just how hollow and meaningless was their Pharisaical piety. Taking as an example the Fifth Commandment, which was one upon which the Pharisees laid much emphasis—the honor due parents—Jesus showed them how they had made the law of God of no effect by establishing a man-made rule whereby man could "get by" his obligation to his parents in a way which would ease his own conscience. Moses said, "Honor thy father and thy mother," but "ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, 'That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is Corban, that is to say, Given to God; ye no longer suffer him to do ought for his father and his mother.' In other words, if a man, with parents in need, desired not to help his parents, he could declare that the house which he owned in which his parents might live, or that money with which he might provide the necessities of life for his parents, were Corban, that is dedicated to God, the proceeds of which were to be used for God, then that person would be relieved of his obligation to his parents and could not be forced to provide for them.

Thus was God's word, commanding

## SNOW WHITE AND THE DWARFS



The appealing principal characters in Walt Disney's full feature length Multiplane Technicolor production "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," shown for the first time in North Carolina at the Hertford and Elizabeth City theatres.

one to "Honor thy father and thy mother," rendered futile by a ruling of man. That the case of the Fifth Commandment is only one of many such instances is brought out by the statement of Jesus, "And many such like things ye do."

Before condemning the Scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day too strongly, let us question ourselves closely to see if we are not somewhat deserving of the same condemnation from the Master. Have traditions of men come between us and the Word of God? Have we been willing to take another's interpretation of God's Word, or do we read and study the Bible and attempt to get its truths for our own hearts? Let us remember that the only worship that is really acceptable to God is the worship of the heart and that "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart."

### HELEN GAITHER CLUB MEETS

The regular meeting of the Helen Gaither Home Demonstration Club was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. P. Morris, with the president, Mrs. T. E. Madre, presiding. "America, the Beautiful" was sung. The First Psalm was read, as it is considered the most appropriate for St. Patrick's Day. At roll call Mrs. Ben Thach, Sr., was admitted as a new member. The secretary reported \$2.75 collected for dues. Plans for future meetings were discussed.

Mrs. C. P. Morris had charge of an interesting program, the topic being "Trees." She gave a most interesting talk on "The History of Trees and Their Conservation." Mrs. Lucy Hunter Perry read a poem, "Go Plant a Tree." Everyone joined in playing the Tree Contest arranged by Mrs. Morris. Miss Hamrick read

one of her favorite poems, "A Package of Seed," by Edgar A. Guest.

Miss Hamrick, home agent, discussed and demonstrated the most satisfactory ways of "Selecting Ready-mades."

During the recreation period Irish songs and stunts were enjoyed. Afterward the guests gathered on the lawn and played the "Walking and Backward Relays" and "Forty Ways to Jerusalem."

At the meeting this month as honor guest was Miss Helen Gaither, for whom the club is named.

Mrs. C. P. Morris, assisted by Miss Mary Morris, served a delicious sweet course to the following members and visitors: Mrs. T. E. Madre, Mrs. John T. Lane, Mrs. Joshua T. White, Mrs. C. L. Dail, Mrs. Ben Thach, Sr., Mrs. Harold Thach, Mrs. Lucy Hunter Perry, Mrs. Edgar Sawyer and Mrs. Joseph Rogerson, Misses Helen Gaither, Gladys Hamrick and Pattie Rogerson.

### CISCO

Misses Lena Holmes, Evelyn Britton and Esther Wright, Cecil Harrell, Elton Bunch and Lindsay Bass were out riding Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Garnet B. White, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Bunch and two children, Mildred and Ruby Lee, were guests at dinner on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bunch, near Seabury.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peele and daughter, Ruth, visited Mrs. Clinton White Saturday morning.

Misses Lillie Mae Toppin, Evelyn Britton, Maxine and Edna Ashley were in Edenton Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Toppin and two children, Selma and Leselle, from Cannon's Ferry, called to see relatives and friends here Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mable Craft, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Craft.

Miss Camilla White, Mrs. Blanche White and daughter, Novella, were guests of Miss Annie Coffield on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Beulah White, a student at E. C. T. C., Greenville, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White, during the week-end.

Charles Maag, Sandusky, O., ate 10 doughnuts in 1 minute, 40 seconds.

### HOSTESS TO BOOK CLUB

Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee was hostess to the members of the Book Club, at her home on Front Street, on Friday night.

St. Patrick's Day decorations were used, with a variety of spring flowers.

Miss Mae Wood Winslow, Mrs. S. P. Jessup and Mrs. C. P. Morris took part in the program, which was based on the book which is the subject of study.

An ice course was served by the hostess at the close of the meeting.

Those present included: Mesdames J. R. Futrell, S. P. Jessup, C. A. Davenport, T. P. Brinn, R. M. Riddick, L. N. Hollowell, I. A. Ward, Herman Winslow, J. C. Roberson, J. E. Winslow, J. C. Blanchard, J. O. Felton, C. P. Morris, and Misses Mae Wood Winslow and Kate Blanchard.

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## HERTFORD BANKING CO.

Of Hertford, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on March 7, 1938.

### ASSETS

1 Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$168,872.74
2 United States Government obligations, direct and fully guaranteed	71,339.60
3 State, county and municipal obligations	275,422.37
4 Corporate stocks	4,600.00
5 Loans and discounts	192,615.93
6 Overdrafts	None
7 Banking house owned, furniture and fixtures	10,683.32
8 Other real estate owned	18,976.00
9 Other assets	21,630.24
10 Total assets	\$764,140.20

### LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

11 Deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations:	
(a) Demand deposits	\$273,737.78
(b) Time deposits evidenced by savings pass books	307,242.84
(c) Other time deposits	7,851.75
12 United States Government and postal savings deposits	51,442.48
13 State, county and municipal deposits	42,420.59
14 Certified and officers' checks, letters of credit and travelers' checks sold for cash, and amounts due to Federal Reserve bank (transit account)	2,292.13
15 TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$684,987.57
16 Bills payable, rediscounts and other liabilities for borrowed money	None
17 Dividends declared but not yet payable	24.00
18 Other liabilities	2,831.50
19 Total liabilities excluding capital account	\$687,843.07
20 Capital account:	
(a) Capital stock and capital notes and debentures*	\$ 50,000.00
(b) Surplus	12,500.00
(c) Undivided profits	13,047.13
(d) Reserves	750.00
(e) Total capital account	76,297.13
21 Total liabilities and capital	\$764,140.20

22 On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was \$65,732.87. Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to \$168,872.74.

23 Deferred obligations not included among above liabilities, which are subordinated to claims of depositors and other creditors: None. Undeclared dividends on preferred stock and unpaid interest on capital notes and debentures, accrued prior to end of last dividend or interest period None.

\*This bank's capital is represented by \$25,000.00 capital notes and debentures sold to Reconstruction Finance Corporation and \$25,000.00 sold to public; 250 shares of first preferred stock, par value \$100.00 per share, redeemable at \$100.00 per share; and 250 shares of common stock, par \$100.00 per share.

### MEMORANDA

24 Pledged assets (except real estate), rediscounts and securities loaned:

(a) U. S. Government obligations, direct and fully guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities

(c) TOTAL

\$ 57,000.00

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25 Secured and preferred liabilities:

(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirement of law

(c) TOTAL

\$ 89,016.38

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I, R. M. Riddick, Jr., Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. M. RIDDICK, JR., Cashier.

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