

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JOSHUA: A CHOICE OF LOYALTIES

GOLDEN TEXT: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Joshua 24:15.

Lesson Text: Numbers 27:15-23; Joshua 1:19; 24: 1-31

This lesson begins a new course consisting of thirteen lessons, each one of which takes up some outstanding leader of Israel, whose life was successful or a failure insofar as he followed the commands of God and had fellowship with him. The aim of this series is to furnish guidance and enrichment for present-day living by following the examples of avoiding the pitfalls of these leaders as the case may be.

Our lesson for this week is a study of the life of Joshua. Significant is the fact that the name "Joshua" means "God's salvation" and in the Greek language it was spelled "Jesus," the name of our Saviour. Joshua in many ways is a type of Christ. He led God's chosen people out of the wilderness into the Land of Promise, defeating their enemies; Jesus leads those who will follow him out of the wanderings of a life of sin, out of the bondage, out of the darkness, out of the death that comes as a consequence of sin, into a life of plenty and peace, and power and joy and freedom as provided by God in Christ Jesus.

Because of Moses' rebellion against God in the Wilderness of Zin, God decreed that Moses would not be allowed to actually lead the Children of Israel into the Promised Land. Instead of pleading with God for Him to change His mind, Moses prays for a worthy successor and God points out Joshua, who had been born in Egypt, had followed Moses' leading throughout the wilderness journey and was one of the two spies who had been sent to spy out the land of Canaan, to bring back a true report of conditions.

After the death of Moses, Joshua heard the words of the Lord, saying: "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel." This was no easy task to which Joshua had been called. To lead so great a throng of people, to try to take the place of so great a leader as Moses, and to go up to fight against so great an enemy

as the Canaanites required all the courage a man could possess. But Joshua was not afraid for had not God declared: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land which I swear unto their fathers to give them." (Joshua 1:5-6.)

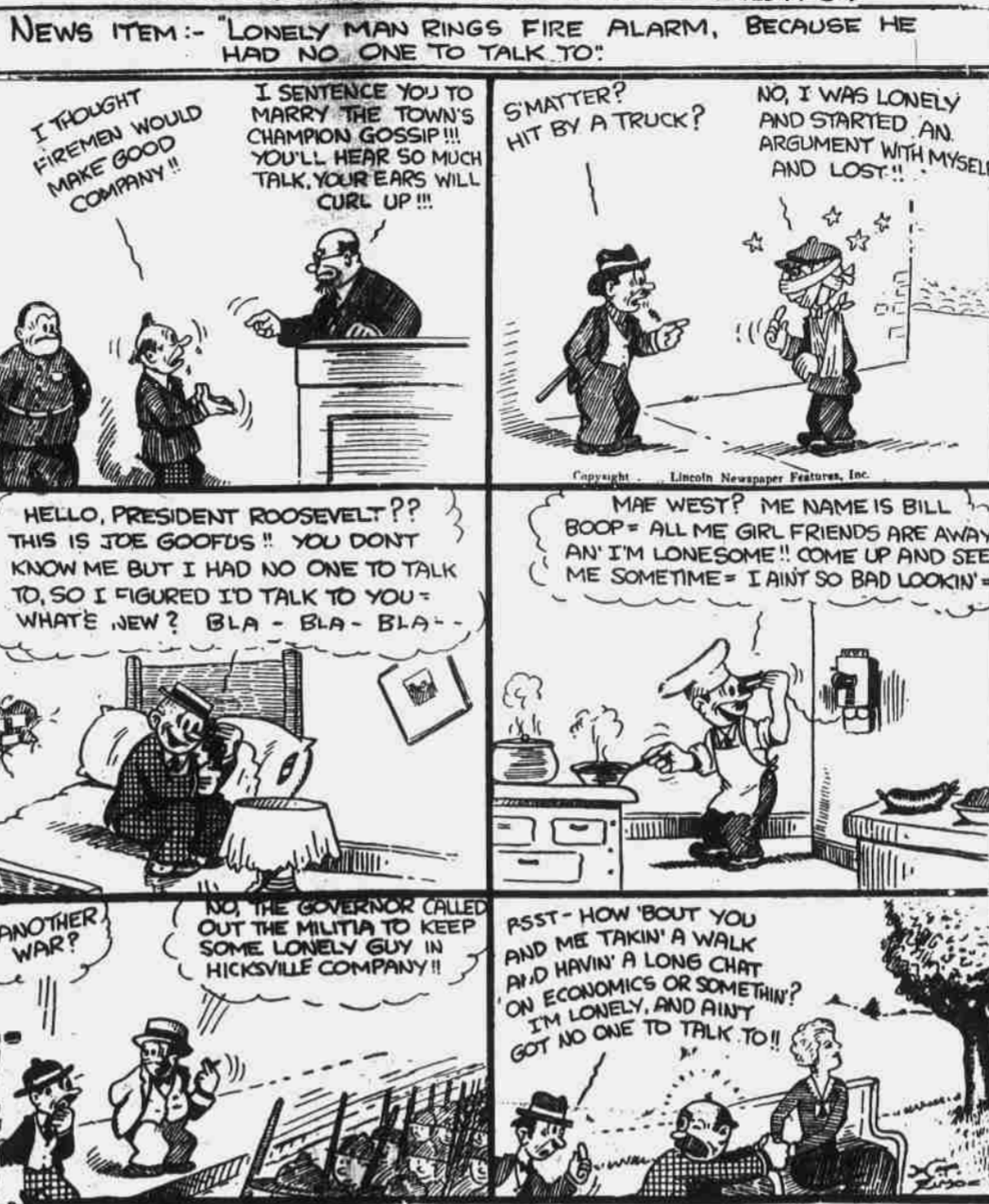
While Joshua was very unlike his predecessor, Moses, he knew that he had a God-given task to perform and he went about to accomplish it. It was Joshua's lot to be a religious warrior, to make a conquest for God's chosen people and to provide for them a permanent place of abode where they might grow up into a united, God-loving and God-serving nation. It was his ambition to get the people of Israel to commit themselves deeply and irrevocably to a position of unqualified loyalty and obedience to Jehovah, their God.

After about twenty-five years of leadership, Joshua, who was about 110 years old, realized that he was about to die. Before going, however, he was anxious to give a farewell charge to the Children of Israel. First, he summoned the elders of the people to his home at Timnath-herah, where he recounted to them the protection and care which God had provided His people ever since the time of Abraham, and because of this they owed Him their service, their loyalty and their love, putting away from them the thought of worshipping any other gods, as did the people around them. Joshua reminded them that the people must make a choice—they could either serve Jehovah, or they could serve the gods of the Amorites, in whose land they dwelled, but they must make a choice.

As for himself, Joshua announced his choice in words which come down to us in ringing tones: "But as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah." He realized as we should realize, that he could not ask others to do what he was not willing to do himself. He had long before made his choice, had remained true to it during his long lifetime and was satisfied with the choice he had made. Therefore, he could counsel others to do likewise.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." As your choice is made, so will your destiny be shaped. Will you choose for time or for eternity?

LAUGHS FROM THE DAY'S NEWS!



PENDER ROAD NEWS

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Russell Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Warner Madre, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stallings, Mrs. Mamie Farmer, Raymond Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. George Bateman, Mrs. Luna Bateman and Miss Pauline Bateman, from near Elizabeth City.

Mrs. J. M. Matthews and three children, Moody, Anne and Carolyn, Mrs. V. L. Proctor and Mrs. Thomas

Matthews were guests of Mrs. W. W. Hanbury, in Norfolk, Va., Wednesday. Miss Anne Matthews remained over with Mrs. Hanbury for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Landing and son, of Greenville, called to see Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Berry Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. A. Perry and son, J. B., visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Perry, near Edenton, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skinner and five children, of Hertford, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott and three children,

Other guests in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Proctor, and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Proctor.

Miss Rosa Lassiter recently visited Miss Mary Louise Parker, near Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Goodwin were guests of Mrs. C. M. Umphlett on Sunday.

Mrs. R. A. Perry and son, J. B., visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hobbs, near Elizabeth City, Friday evening.

WOODVILLE W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Woodville Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting at the church on Tuesday afternoon, June 14. The president, Mrs. J. A. Bray, led the devotional, and was also in charge of the program. Mrs. J. A. Bray gave a talk on the lesson, "Brazil." Mrs. J. F. Stegall and Mrs. I. A. Ward, both of Hertford, gave very interesting reports on the convention held in Richmond, Va. The meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Stegall.

Those present were: Mrs. C. A. Bogue, Miss Beulah Bogue, Mrs. H. G. Swayne, Mrs. G. W. Gregory, Mrs. C. T. White, Mrs. Walton Wood, little Miss Pauline Wood, Mrs. H. C. West, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. Mary Bray, Mrs. J. A. Bray, Mrs. Rupert Stanton, Mrs. Edward Gregory, Mrs. Ralph Mercer and two visitors, Mrs. Stegall and Mrs. I. A. Ward.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell and Miss Eunice Harrell were in Hertford Saturday afternoon.

Miss Beatrice Benton has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Willie Saunders, near Weeksville.

Miss Lucille Cartwright has returned home after visiting her cousin, Miss Clara Hales, at Camden.

Mrs. Willie Saunders and children, of Weeksville, spent several days recently with Mr. and Mrs. George Benton.

Mrs. J. H. Harrell spent several days recently as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Eure, at White Hat.

Miss Sallie B. Wood has been the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matthews, in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell and Carolyn Dean Harrell visited Mr. and Mrs. George Gregory, at Woodville, on Sunday afternoon.

WOODVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitehead and little son, Willie Lee, visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Perry, in Elizabeth City, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deal visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Deal, at Chapanoke, Sunday afternoon.

W. E. Bogue and Mrs. Mary Ives visited relatives and friends at Nixonton on Sunday.

Miss Melva Jane White, of Columbia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Brickhouse.

Billy Hoggard, who is attending summer school at Wake Forest College, spent the week-end recently with his parents.

Miss Helen Davis, of Bethel, who was recently released from Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, after an operation for appendicitis, is recuperating at the home of her sister, Mrs. Willie Sherlock.

Hurley Gregory and Tom Swann motored to Nags Head Sunday.

Week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoggard recently were Mrs. J. J. Peels and daughters, Margaret and Lina Joe, of Lewiston; Mrs. Iferman Sutton and sons, Bernard and Franklin, of Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deal were guests of Mrs. Deal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Godfrey, on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Smith, of Elizabeth City; Murray Smith and Miss Daphne Willey went to Hendersonville on Saturday.

Alpha Bette Godfrey spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deal.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Winslow and son, Leonard, Jr., were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bogue Monday evening.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bogue on Father's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Sharber and son, Charles Bogue, of Newland; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spivey, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Spivey, of New Hope; Miss Margaret Bogue and W. E. Bogue.

Mrs. A. R. Cooke and children, Marguerite, Peggy and Mary Sue, are spending some time with friends in Tarboro.

W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Woodland Church held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. T. Wood, with Mrs. Mary A. Keaton as assistant hostess.

Mrs. Jack Benton, president, had charge of the devotional and the business session, after which Mrs. Robert Beardon, of Duke University, was introduced. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. W. H. Cartwright, who had charge of the pro-

gram, her topic being "Building the Kingdom of God in Japan." She was assisted by Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Mrs. Ralph Harrell and Mrs. Elmer Wood. Mrs. Beardon dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Fruit Jello and cake were served. Those present were: Mesdames Elmer Wood, W. H. Cartwright, Odell Cartwright, Carson Jordan, Vernon Winslow, Marvin Benton, George Jordan and Ashby Jordan.

BETHEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bagley and children and Mrs. Louis Myers, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Perry, of Hertford, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Hollowell, Misses Ruth and Alberta Hollowell, Johnnie and Thomas Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Perry and children, Catherine and Charles, of Ballehatch, visited Mrs. C. W. Perry Sunday afternoon.

Miss Louise Mansfield spent Sunday at Road Landing with Mrs. Virgie and Inez Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs and two sons, William and Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Long spent Sunday at New Hope with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Butt.

Mrs. T. C. Chappell spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simpson and children, Elizabeth and James, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. R. L. Ward and daughter, Catherine, of Edenton, spent the week-end with Mrs. W. C. Perry.

Little Miss Mary Lou Butt returned to her home at New Hope Sunday. She had been the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hobbs, for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bennett, of Edenton, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perry Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chappell and two children, Mary Inez and R. S., Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ehrie Kirby and little daughter, Lois Jane, spent Sunday at Gatesville as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Stallings.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Corporew and children, from near Edenton, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chappell on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Evans and children, Mr. and Mrs. Seth W. Long and children, of Yeopim Station; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Long and children, Howard, Eunice and Madge, of Hopewell; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Proctor and children, S. M. Long and C. H. Ward visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Long Sunday.

Land of the Honeybee
Dessert is defined as the land of the honeybee. The word is taken from the Book of Numbers.

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