

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DEBORAH: EMERGENCY LEADERSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson for July 17, 1938

GOLDEN TEXT. "Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"—Esther 4:14.

(Lesson Text: Judges 4:1-5; 31)

The period of Israelitish history covered by the Book of Judges extended over about two and one half centuries, lasting from the death of Joshua to the advent of Eli. This period was chaotic, no centralized government existed, no great national leaders reigned over the country and the people wandered away from God.

There were various emergencies when the Israelites were threatened by their enemies, at which time a temporary figure would emerge to stand in heroic proportions, under whose influence the danger would be overcome. These leaders were called judges. There were twelve leaders of this type among them being Ethaniel, Thud, Gideon, Samson, and a woman, Deborah.

Deborah was a prophetess, living not far from Jerusalem, who had gained a wide reputation for her judgment and vision. The particular oppressor of the Israelites at this time was Jabin, King of the Canaanites in the North, and his military commander was Sisera. Deborah realized fully the suffering and trials which sorrowed some of her people and became the instrumentality by which relief came to them.

This courageous woman sent for Barak, who lived at Kedesh, evidently a leader of some consequence, and repeated to him the inspired message that he should lead the Israelites against the army of Jabin. Barak doubted and hesitated but became convinced when Deborah agreed to accompany him at the head of the attacking forces. So, the Israelites gathered at Kedesh and prepared for the campaign.

The battle which followed was precipitated by the counsel of the inspired Deborah. Although Sisera had nine hundred war chariots under his command and the Israelites none, Deborah's faith in the purpose of God was sufficient to overcome the fears which otherwise would have prevented an attack. As the battle developed a storm created confusion in the ranks of Sisera's army and it was entirely routed.

Sisera, the leader of Jabin's soldiers, fled from the battlefield and took refuge in the tent of Heber, the Kenite, who was friendly to Jabin. However, Jael, Heber's wife, killed the trusting leader by treachery. The

fact that Deborah hailed this death with triumph and glee illustrates the barbarity of the age, many centuries before the religion of Christ began to make even warfare more humane. Yet, it is well to bear in mind, modern wars also have their own atrocities.

Celebrating the victory, we have the Song of Deborah. This is more patriotic than moral and more warlike than religious, but it is well to bear in mind that to the ancient Israelites, Sisera was the embodiment of evil. What Deborah says of Sisera, as J. D. Jones comments, "is true of every evil man, of every evil power—of all wickedness and wrong—the stars in their course are fighting against them; the trend and constitution of things are working steadily and irresistibly for their defeat and overthrow. The universe is so made that it is against all wrong and on the side of right."

The modern reader of this episode may wonder at the storm which aided the Israelites, but history is not without similar incidents. When the huge Spanish Armada sailed to conquer England, a storm contributed more to its defeat than the English ships—as the English themselves said: "God blew upon them and they were scattered." When an early winter insured the defeat of Napoleon's invasion of Russia, the great Frenchman said, "God Almighty has been too much for me." The story of Joan of Arc, the little French peasant girl who left her sheep and flax to don the soldier's armor, and who rescued her France from the invaders, is another example of what a woman inspired by faith in God can accomplish.

Other women have likewise done their part to improve the world always inspired by a great faith. Florence Nightingale, Jane Adams, Evangeline Booth and many others might be mentioned. Frances Willard, the only woman whose statue is in the Statuary Hall, led the movement for women's suffrage and prohibition. The modern woman should take a patriotic interest in her government—none should shirk this responsibility.

As Minnie Pallister says: "Not interested in politics? Do they realize what they are saying? Do they care whether there is war or peace? Do they care whether people are ignorant and brutish or educated and refined? Do they care whether babies are fed or not? Do they care whether food is pure or poisoned? Do they care whether their children die of the small pox and diphtheria, or live healthy, wholesome lives? Do they care whether there are slums or homes—rubbish heaps or gardens—prisons or universities? If they care at all for any of these things then they must be interested in politics."

CROSS ROADS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry spent Sunday morning with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Perry.

Mrs. Lindsey Evans spent the week-end in New Bern with Mrs. Bill Byrd.

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

Mrs. W. A. Perry and Eugene Perry spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott spent Thursday in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans, of Camden, N. J., spent Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Evans.

Mrs. W. A. Perry and Mrs. W. A. Craft visited Mrs. Lee Leary Monday afternoon.

Miss Frances Evans, of Manteo, spent the week-end with her sisters. She was accompanied home by Misses Marguerite Etta Evans and Etta Pardee, who will be her guests for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Privott and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Layton, in Rocky Hock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hollowell and daughter, of Edenton, and Mrs. S. R. Burch, of Baltimore, Md., visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott spent the week-end at Morehead City and New Bern.

Misses Willietta, Esther and Helen Evans and Mrs. Margaret White spent Monday in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiggins and Lindsey Privott spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wiggins, at Harrellsville.

Misses Dorothy and Helen Ray Privott are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Wiggins, in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Baumgardner and Ann Baumgardner visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Byrum visited Mrs. Charlie Chappell, at Belvidere, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. A. B. Hollowell and son, Asa, Jr., Miss Esther Elliott and Billy Hoggard, of Aulander, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott.

Norman Hollowell and Alma Boyce spent the week-end in Morehead City. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Boyce, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Styron.

Mrs. A. B. Hollowell, Mrs. E. N.

children visited Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Silas White Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ward spent Sunday with Mr. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. William Byrum and son, Scotty, of Colerain, spent Sunday with Mr. Byrum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Byrum.

Miss Myra Boyce spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Emmett Parker, at Sunbury.

Robert Byrum is visiting his brother, William Byrum, at Colerain.

Mrs. Eugene Jernigan and daughter, Sylvia, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Byrum, Monday.

Mrs. C. D. Hollowell and Mrs. Baker Byrum, of Sunbury, Mrs. Susie Ward and Katherine Hollowell visited Mrs. W. W. Byrum Friday.

Mrs. Martha Monda is visiting Mrs. T. H. Byrum.

Willie Monda has accepted a position at Halifax.

Miss Muriel Monda called to see Miss Irene Furry Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Turner and two children, Robert and Peggy, Mrs. Eugene Jernigan and daughter, Sylvia, Mrs. T. H. Byrum and Mrs. Martha Monda visited Mrs. Willie Byrum Monday afternoon.

Rev. Frank Cale visited R. O. Furry Saturday afternoon. Mr. Furry's condition remains unchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lamb and son, Stacey, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Boyce visited Mrs. Hollowell, at Hobbsville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Smithson and son, of Edenton, spent Sunday with Mrs. Smithson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lane.

Mrs. Carey Privott visited her mother, Mrs. Dodie White, Thursday afternoon.

Don'ts For Vacationists Designed To Save Life

Vacationists have been warned of small boat accidents by the Department of Commerce.

This is the season of small boat accidents states the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, Department of Commerce, in issuing the following "Don'ts" to vacationists:

Don't overload the boat. No boat is safe overloaded.

Don't rock the boat (That's like saying, "I didn't know it was loaded.")

Don't try to show off in a boat. Don't fool in a boat.

Don't brave a thunder squall. Seek shelter in time.

Don't take chances when non-swimmers are along.

Don't forget spare oars and anchor. Don't fail to provide life belts for children.

Don't expose others while you are learning.

Don't be afraid of a boat—respect it.

Small sail boats must be cautiously handled.

Don't make fast the main sheet. Don't jibe in a hard wind.

Don't be afraid to shorten sail. Don't attempt to carry sail through a thunder squall.

Motor boats have particular hazards.

Don't take chances with fire and explosion.

Don't tolerate an installation which lacks modern safeguards.

Don't allow gas or oil in the bilge. Don't forget your wake can damage others.

Don't operate near swimmers in the water.

Violation of these ordinary precautions can bring disaster.

PENDER ROAD NEWS

Miss Mary Louise Parker, of Edenton, spent last week with Miss Rosa Lassiter. Miss Lassiter accompanied Miss Parker home on Sunday and is her guest this week.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eaves—Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cox, from near Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell, of South Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McNider, of Hertford; Mrs. S. I. Cullipher and Mrs. R. A. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Matthews and son, Thomas, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Godwin, at Belgrade.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Morgan, from near Winfall, visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eaves Sunday evening.

Clarence Lane, of Buxton, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Lane. Mrs. Clarence Lane and small son are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lane this week.

Mrs. Mary J. Wood and daughters, Minnie Wilma and Mary Ruth, spent Thursday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boyce, at Sandy Point, Chowan County.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barber and children, Hilda, Martha and Edward, from near Edenton, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Davenport Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell, of South Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cox, from near Norfolk, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Berry, at dinner on Sunday.

Mrs. Sidney Sutton and her son, Sidney Tucker, from near Elizabeth City, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. R. A. Perry.

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Elliott, Miss Esther Elliott, Asa Hollowell, Jr., and Billy Hoggard spent Wednesday in Elizabeth City as guests of Mrs. Clarence Twiford.

Asa Hollowell, Jr., and Billy Hoggard spent Tuesday with Melvin and Lindsay Evans, Jr.

Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and Mrs. J. C. Leary visited Mrs. Mattie Evans on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Hobbs, at Hobbsville, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hollowell and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Several of the fishermen from here attended the meeting at Morehead City Monday.

W. H. Winborne and Miss Sarah Winborne visited Mrs. A. B. Hollowell and Miss Esther Elliott, at the home of E. N. Elliott Sunday evening. Melvin and Lindsay Evans, Jr.,

CENTER HILL

Mrs. J. T. White has returned home after visiting her son, Shelton Gray, and Mrs. Gray, in West Virginia, for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter and son, Olan, Miss Lillian Furry and Sherwood Roberson, of Richmond, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner and two children, Robert and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Byrum and daughter, Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollowell and two daughters, Elizabeth and Bernice, of Sunbury, went to Tuscarora Beach Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Jones, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Ida Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Bunch and their two daughters, Mildred and Ruby, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bunch at supper Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Smith and daughter, Betty, have returned to their home near Skyline Drive, after visiting Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Goodwin.

Miss Lois Hope Lane is at home after visiting friends at Bayview.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Walston and Miss Lucy Myers White attended a Young Peoples' Conference at Belhaven Thursday evening.

Mrs. Raymond Goodwin's brothers, O. B. and Jesse Jones, of Sunbury, are visiting her.

Mr. and Mrs. Nearest Jordan and