

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson for October 9th, 1938

GOLDEN TEXT: "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth."—John 4:24.

(Lesson Text: Exodus 20:4-6; 32:1-8; John 4:19-24)

Last week, we considered the First Commandment, which forbids polytheism—the worship of many gods—and commands the worship of Jehovah, the one true God. It isn't easy for us to think back to the time when these commandments were given to the Hebrew people. While they, more than any other peoples, gave to the world a monotheistic faith, still at this particular time that faith had not been completely achieved. They readily accepted the fact that there might be other gods for other peoples and, sometimes, even included in their worship of Jehovah the worship of some other supposed gods which they thought could give them especially desired help.

Not only was the worship of God to be exclusive, it was to be spiritual. They were not only forbidden to worship false gods; they were not to worship the one true God in false forms. The Second Commandment forbids the making, erecting or worshipping of "graven images." While some people have gone so far as to interpret this Commandment as forbidding the development of art or sculpture, the real meaning is that these figures, or images, are not to be carved or "graven" for the purpose of being worshipped.

It might be worthwhile, in this connection, to point out that the reverent, sincere worship of God tends to lift a human being higher while the opposite is true in the case of the idol worshiper. Someone has explained this by the thought that the god of the heathen is lower than the worshiper himself and, consequently, drags him farther and farther down. The Christian's God is infinitely higher than man and, as man worships Him, he is lifted up until he inevitably grows in his image.

Even while these words were being written by Moses on Mt. Sinai, the Hebrew people, irked by his long absence from them and feeling the need of worship, erected a golden calf at the foot of the mountain. Informed by God of this sinful act on the part of the children of Israel, Moses

hurried down. Upon seeing the extent of their sin, he became righteously angry and hurled the tablets of stone, upon which the Ten Commandments were written, to the ground, breaking them to bits. After punishing those responsible for this terrible transgression, Moses sadly returned to the mountain-top to plead with God to forgive the people.

It is easy for us to condemn the short memory of these Hebrew people, who so quickly forgot the goodness of God to them and so easily turned back to idol-worshiping as practiced by the Egyptians among whom they had lived for many years. However, before we condemn them too heartily, let us search our hearts to be sure that we have not erected idols there to some other god beside Jehovah, the one true God. These gods may not be carved or molded of precious metal, but oftentimes they take the place in our hearts and minds and service which rightly belongs to Him. If so, we are as guilty of breaking this Commandment as we would be if we had erected idols of wood or stone before which we bow.

Jesus gave very definite teachings about real worship when he talked with the Samaritan woman at the well near Sychar. In conversation with her, Jesus declared that the argument between the Jews and the Samaritans about the place for the worship of God was not the important thing, for the time would come when neither would they worship on Mount Gerizim nor at Jerusalem. The important thing to be remembered, he declared, was the manner in which God was worshiped. God desires men and women to worship Him in spirit and in reality. For "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth."

To worship God in spirit means that we are to worship Him by communing our spirits with His spirit. Of this, J. Ritchie Smith said: "He is a person. He is one. He is not corporeal or material, and therefore is not apprehended by the senses, nor subject to the limitations of space and time. Thus the question where He should be worshiped is answered. Though for a time He appointed a particular place, that was an accommodation to human weakness, and under the new dispensation worship may everywhere be rendered to Him who is everywhere present. If God is a Spirit, rites and forms and sacrifices will not suffice. He must be worshiped in that part of man's nature which reflects the divine."

waited with bated breath to see if the statesmen could devise a plan to prevent war over the dispute between Germany and Czechoslovakia, few of them went deep enough in their thinking to ponder the causes that have created present world situations.

It is a fact, which intelligence requires us to recognize, that the world has been engaged in an economic war for at least twenty years. The United States has been in the struggle. When the economic fighting began, after the World War ended, the United States was in the strongest possible position. Along with the other nations of the world, we followed a selfish nationalistic policy, with the idea of getting as much from the world as we could and sharing as little as possible.

In the economic struggle, the United States has been triumphant. Buried in Kentucky is more than half of the gold in the world. The seven per cent. of the population of the world, which lives in the United States, possesses a high percentage of nearly all of the most important raw materials. The combination of natural resources and financial strength gives this country a power that is not duplicated on the globe.

What is the result? With resources far greater than our needs, we adopt a national policy of isolation, throw up tremendous tariff barriers

RADIO MAKES HENS LAY; INCREASES COWS' YIELD

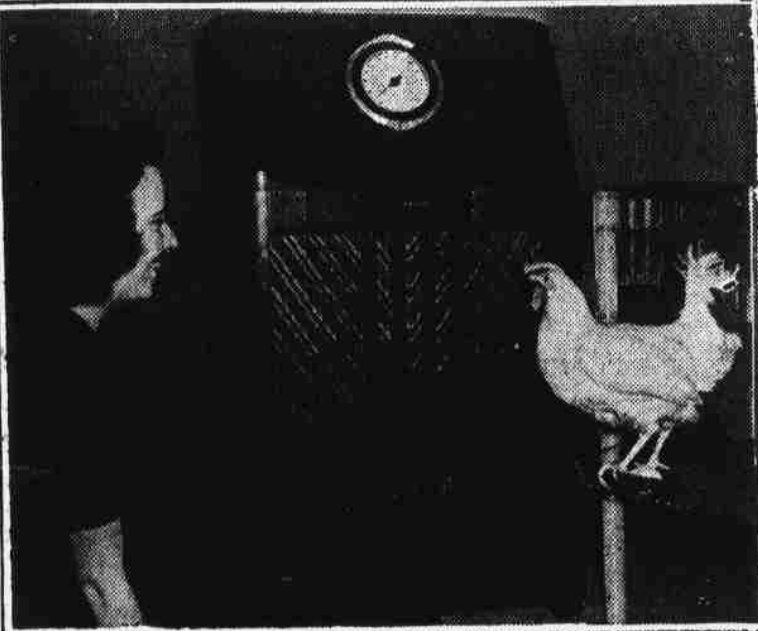
No one would ever think that Charley McCarthy or the Ford Symphony Orchestra, among others, would ever be instrumental in laying an egg or improving the cow's milk yield, but it's true. The radio is no longer merely a musical instrument for the home, but also a commercial device for spurring hens to lay bigger and better eggs and for making contented cows more contented.

Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast, and while the lowly hen and cow are not ranked in the savage class, radio music does have an effect, as demonstrated in the ultra-modern egg factory of Milton H. Arndt, Trenton, N. J., and the equally modern dairy of Benjamin P. Sasser, of Portland, Indiana.

Arndt is the operator of a famous laying battery house, a new system of poultry-raising and egg-production of his own invention. As pictured above, he has installed a Philco radio before the one-room cells where his hens do their stuff under the influence of musical strains. Also installed throughout the battery houses are a number of Philco-Phones which amplify the radio programs throughout the battery houses and form a part of the central control radio system. Arndt uses to study chickens' reactions to various sounds and noises. The system is further used for communication with employees throughout his diverse plant.

Arndt says the use of radio music has increased his, or rather the hens', output by 20 per cent. There are 1,296 White Leghorns in each one of his battery houses and one girl cares for the entire lot of birds, keeping score of the eggs dropped into the individual troughs and also keeping the radio tuned to the music the hens like best. Their taste, from observation, runs to waltzes and slow fox trots. The strains of "The Big Apple" leave them absolutely cold.

Half across the continent at the Long Lane Jersey Farm, just outside of Portland, Ind., Benjamin P. Sasser discovered that his cows gave more milk after he had installed a Philco radio in his dairy barn. It seems that music appeals to the artist in Bossy Sasser, pictured above, with some of his prize herd, states that the cows like singing as well as instrumental music with a marked preference for tenors. He also



Meet Princess Ann, guest star on many radio programs in recent months. When she isn't strutting her stuff before a microphone, this barnyard prima donna is No. 240-B in the egg producing battery house of Milton H. Arndt, Trenton, N. J. The photographer caught Princess Ann as she was stepping out of her private cage for a closer inspection of the Philco radio which is used by Arndt for the music that stimulates his hens to increased production. Princess Ann has appeared on Edgar Guest's program and also was on the air at the International Baby Chick convention in Baltimore. She is a White Leghorn, two years old, and far above the average in egg production. Below: Benjamin P. Sasser introduces his prize cow to

claims they get a kick out of his performance. They do not like Charley McCarthy as much as the golden standard. In this respect they show a disapproval of one thing he is doing, the motion that is almost human.

to restrict international trade and force other nations to do the same. Satisfied and complacent with our possessions, we decline to accept any responsibility to the world at large and cherish the delusions that this country is big enough to set itself aloof from the world and alone enjoy a life of prosperity in peace.

Just how does it work out? Well, our farmers cannot sell their products abroad and so they curtail production while the Government pays them hundreds of millions of dollars in benefits. Our industrial plants, unable to find markets for their products, throw millions of workmen out of employment and the Government spends billions every year to keep them from starving. The richest nation in the world, with more gold and more resources than any other nation, sterilizes incoming gold and buries a yellow board that it cannot profitably use.

This economic phenomena of want amid plenty is attributed to "distribution." The idea persists that it is a domestic problem and that it can be solved by domestic action. Occasionally, some statesman sees that the problem of "distribution" is a world problem, and, in spite of his fear of domestic criticism, makes an intelligent effort to improve world economy by facilitating the development of international trade.

It is about time for the people of the United States, if they are interested in making the peace of the world secure, to understand that the economic problems of other nations must have reasonable solution and that the standards of living for people of other nations have a direct bearing upon the issue of war or

peace. International trade cannot be a one-way street, but must be based upon the exchange of goods and services to the mutual profit of all parties.

In such a work some nation must take the lead, and, naturally, leadership should be expected from the nation which possesses the economic strength of the United States.

It is needless to say that the Reciprocal Trade Treaty program of Secretary Hull is an intelligent effort along the lines that will make for world peace. His insistence upon the sanctity of agreements between nations is vital because world confidence depends upon faith in the undertakings of nations. It is quite probable that some intelligent step toward improving world economic conditions

will hasten the establishment of the stability and confidence upon which civilization must depend.

In the solution of the economic problems of the world, the United States must necessarily play a large part. If the people of this country determine to be selfish and refuse to play the part that their resources and economic importance demands, then the world will have a hard time solving its serious economic problems. So long as they remain unsolved, there will be armies and navies and increasing threat of war.

His Vacation Is Permanent

Every now and then we read about the Duke and Wally being on vacation, and we always wonder what from.—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Weekly Market Report

POULTRY AND EGGS

Courtesy Division of Markets
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture

Eggs, per dozen—Hennery whites, 30-35c; hennery browns, 30-35c; current collections, 25-30c.

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LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

By HUGO S. SIMS

Selfish Policies Bring World to War; Will This Country Use Power for Peace?

The people of the United States were intensely interested last week in the various moves of European statesmen directing their efforts to maintain peace on that Continent.

The intervention of President Roosevelt, who appealed to all powers to continue negotiations, was applauded by practically all Americans. Very wise, indeed, was the President's declaration that there are no victors in war, which does not settle any issue definitely or permanently, and that, in the end, civilization everywhere is the victim of the destruction.

Mr. Roosevelt's insistence that the people of the world look to those in responsible positions to solve their differences without plunging their peoples into war, emphasized the idea that a local dispute between two nations is not sufficient cause to wreck modern civilization through a world-wide clash of arms.

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