

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE SIN OF LYING

International Sunday School Lesson for December 4, 1938

Golden Text: "Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts."—Psalm 51:6.

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:16; Matt. 18:19, 20; John 8:42-47; Eph. 4:25

While the Ninth Commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," refers primarily to the giving of false evidence in court, it naturally follows that it forbids the giving of false testimony against anyone at any time. This would forbid the practice of gossiping, of slandering, of adding extra facts to a story to make it more interesting, and, in fact, all forms of untruths.

It is evident that the practice of lying outright originates in a heart that is unclean. This Jesus recognized and, for this reason, strongly condemned the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of his day, who strictly adhered to all external rituals, such as the washing of the hands before eating, but who were not so careful that their hearts and lives were correspondingly clean. They were examples of "living lies" because their outward appearances testified to one thing, while their hearts were not in harmony with their actions. Lying does not just happen, it proceeds through unclean lips from an unclean heart.

In our reference from John 8:42-47, Jesus is arguing with his enemies, the Pharisees, who, because they were morally unable to receive his message, branded him a liar. Because what he declared did not fit in with what they were teaching, they refused to believe him, incited others to do likewise, and, finally, by the use of paid, false witnesses, had him condemned to death and crucified on the cross.

However, Jesus told them that if they were what they claimed to be—God's chosen children—they would believe that he was what he claimed to be—God's son. If they were really God's children, they would have had spiritual discernment necessary to recognize Jesus as divine. But because they were morally the children of the devil and did the bidding of

their father, the devil, they did not understand or believe him. "Men are responsible for their volitions, and, as sin is not the direct offspring of their own wills, but the offspring of the surrender of their own wills to this mysterious will behind them, their deliverance from this personal influence is possible and is the result of Christ's salvation."—(Geo. Reith.)

Lying, hypocrisy, untruthfulness, dishonesty and the like are just as prevalent today as they were in the time of Moses or of Jesus Christ. In private life and in public life, there are glaring examples of all forms of false witnessing. Very often do we read of witnesses in court being prosecuted for perjury, for giving testimony that is later proved to have been untrue. In international affairs, we also have instances where nations sign treaties, apparently with no intention of abiding by the provisions contained in them. Thus, we have witnessed the breakdown in private, local, state, national and international affairs involving confidence in one another.

When confidence is destroyed, we have undermined the very base of civilization for, whether we realize it or not, our every-day's business transactions depend upon our faith in the trustworthiness and honesty of those with whom we deal. We trust the merchant from whom we buy an article to sell us worthy merchandise at a fair price. We mail a letter to a loved one in a distant city, confident that it will be delivered because we believe in the honesty of the postal employees. We follow our doctor's orders because we have faith in his integrity and confidence in his ability. What a terrible thing it would be if we could trust no one!

Therefore, we should do all in our power to guard ourselves against the formation of the habit of deceitfulness. An easy habit to acquire, it is an unusually difficult one to break. Once one's reputation for trustworthiness is destroyed, it is practically impossible for it to be rebuilt. Let's be honest in our dealings with those in our home, in our business and social life, in the making and keeping of promises, and in the varied and sundry contacts of our lives. Let us so live each day that the telling of a lie, either to our fellow men or to God, will be unnecessary.

N. C. Leads States In Syphilis Fight

5,749 Cases Are Reported During Month of September

North Carolina led all the states in the Union in the number of syphilis cases reported in September, with 5,749, says Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer.

Dr. Reynolds and Dr. J. C. Knox, director of the Division of Epidemiology and Venereal Disease Control, State Board of Health, expressed themselves as being highly pleased with this showing, declaring that it clearly indicated cooperation among the doctors and clinicians in making reports.

"It also indicates an increased interest on the part of our citizens since the launching of the State's intensive drive against syphilis, which has found expression not only in more thorough reports of cases but also an interest on the part of industrialists and those employing household servants in seeing that these undergo examinations.

New York, with a population of approximately 13,000,000 people, Dr. Reynolds and Dr. Knox pointed out, in their joint comment, reported only 5,283 cases in September, while Pennsylvania, with nearly 10,000,000, reported only 1,252 cases, and Ohio, with nearly 7,000,000, only 1,417.

North Carolina's monthly case rate per 10,000 population in September was 16.46; New York's, 4.08; Kentucky's 2.01; Georgia's, 6.41; Minnesota's, 1.00; and Virginia's, 4.74.

Satterthwaite and R. V. Knight, of Tarboro, route 1, to increase beef cattle herds on their farms.

Tuberculosis kills 200 people every day in the United States or one every 7-13 minutes. Buy Christmas Seals.

CROSS ROADS

Hutchings Winborne, a student at Oak Ridge Military Institute, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Winborne.

Mrs. Fannie B. Knight and Mrs. E. N. Elliott visited Mrs. J. G. White, at Center Hill, Mrs. J. D. Hobbs and Mrs. Z. W. Evans Thursday afternoon.

Miss Orene Hollowell, a member of the Reidsville school faculty, and Weldon Hollowell, a student at Wake Forest College, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Mat Smith, in Gates County, Sunday afternoon. Porter Byrum, a student at Wake Forest College, spent the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Byrum.

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

Misses Marguerite and Kathleen Asbell, students at E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Asbell.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dail, of Norfolk, Va., Miss Olivia Mae Barrow and Emmett Dail, of Edenton, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dail.

Mrs. Herbert Dail and daughters, and Mrs. Millie Monds visited Mrs. J. D. Hobbs Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dora Saunders, of Suffolk, Va., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Perry and son spent Sunday afternoon in Suffolk.

Mrs. Rosa Copeland and Miss Doris Copeland visited Mrs. J. R. Perry on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Jr., and children spent Friday morning in Edenton.

Miss Helen Evans, of Manteo, spent the holidays with Mrs. Z. W. Evans. Mrs. Rob Evans and baby, Jeanne, visited Mrs. W. A. Perry Tuesday

afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell visited Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alma Winslow and friends from Chicod, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Winslow.

Mrs. A. Brickhouse and Mrs. John Wilson, of Weeksville, and Mrs. Lillian Kelly, of Norfolk, Va., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Z. W. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Copeland spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry.

Miss Margaret White Byrum spent Saturday night with Miss Marion White, at Center Hill.

George Goodwin, Jr., a student at Washington and Lee University, was the guest of his father, George Goodwin, Sr., at the home of Mrs. Carol Byrum during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Privott visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Byrum, of Edenton, were dinner guests of Mrs. Carol Byrum Thursday.

Misses Annie Belle and Mary Privott were at home from E. C. T. C., Greenville to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Privott.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiggins and

children spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Wiggins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son visited Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott Sunday evening.

Miss Annie Mae Collier, of Whiteville, and Earl Privott, of Rocky Mount, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Privott.

Hiller Fahey Byrum spent the week-end with Hutchings Winborne. Miss May Belle Edwards spent the holidays with her mother at Whaleyville, Va.

Miss Nelle Sample went to her home at Elizabeth City for the holidays.

Miss Eunice Hobbs spent the holidays at her home at Hobbsville.

Miss Marian Fiske spent the holidays with her mother at Moyock.

Misses Helen Evans and Mary Winborne Evans were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Small, in Edenton, Thursday evening.

Miss Louise Wilson spent the holidays with her parents at Chapanoke. Miss Pearl White spent the holidays at her home near Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell attended the Mayo-Smith wedding in Gates County on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Sr., in Rocky Hock, Monday evening.

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WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the population of the United States?
2. What is the production of whiskey in the United States?
3. How many individuals pay income taxes?
4. How do German investments here compare with U. S. investments in Germany?
5. How much money is paid out in Christmas Clubs?
6. In how many States did Republicans make gains in voting strength?
7. How many radios are in the world?
8. Have other nations any legal right to protest German mistreatment of Jews?
9. Do Japanese naval officers operate fishing fleets in Mexico?
10. How many members of President Roosevelt's Cabinet have resigned?

THE ANSWERS

1. July first estimate, 130,215,000.
2. 102,895,872 gallons in year ending June 30, 1938.
3. In 1937, on 1936 incomes, 2,861,108.
4. German investments here, \$365,000,000; United States in Germany, \$228,000,000.
5. About \$330,000,000.
6. Thirty-one.
7. Estimate: 75,000,000.
8. No.
9. It is so understood.
10. Only the Attorney General, Homer S. Cummings.

BUY BEEF CATTLE

Fourteen pure-bred Angus heifers were purchased last week by J. H.

Traveling Around America



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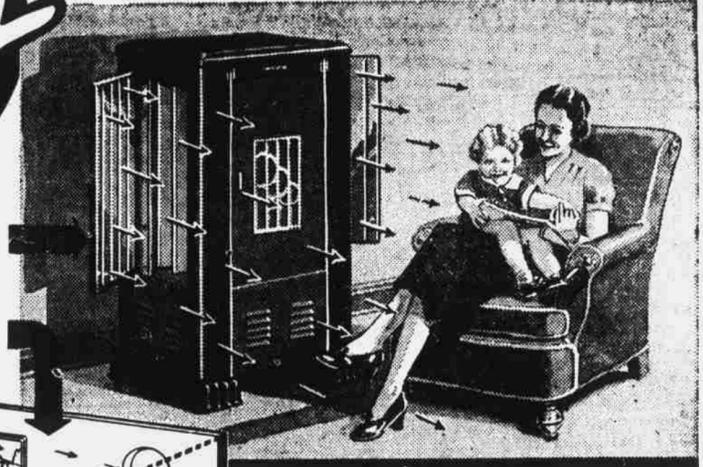
NEW models of harvesters may come and go but in Venezuela's fields of sugar cane oxen still carry on. It is their duty to transport the cane to the trains which carry it to the mills. The cane which grows to a height of from seven to twelve feet has a thick, jointed stalk with purple and yellow markings topped with a cluster of long green blades and from a distance resembles corn. Natives with crude machetes cut the stalks at the base, back away the green leaves, cut the cane into convenient lengths, and load it in trucks which start it on the way to the mills—which are one of the

interesting sights enjoyed by travelers visiting Venezuela on the 16-day Caribbean cruises from New York—have manifold duties to perform. In them the cane is ground, macerated, boiled and limed, crystallized—with tests made all along the way—and finally weighed and bagged for shipment to the factories of the world. In 1931 in the United States the bakeries, confectioners, beverage manufacturers, ice cream plants, canning factories, condensed milk plants, chewing gum factories, manufacturers of chocolate and cocoa products, and of flavoring extracts and syrups used a total of 2,050,000,000 pounds of sugar.

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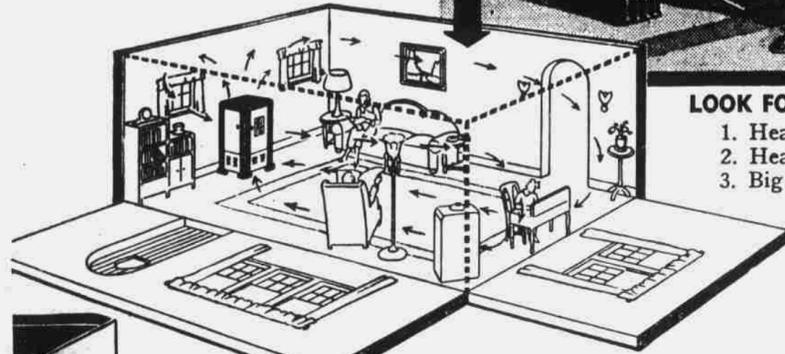


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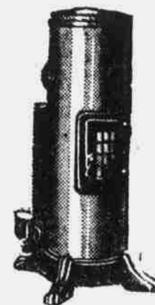
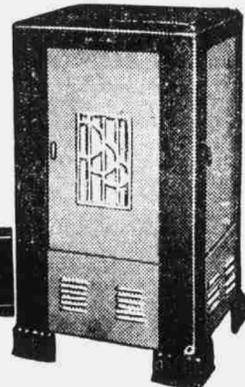
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