

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### COMFORT FROM GOD.

International Sunday School Lesson  
for April 28, 1940

Golden Text: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."—Psa. 46:1.

Lesson Text: Isaiah 40:1-11.

There is a conflict among scholars as to the authorship of the Book of Isaiah. These are divided into two schools, one of which credits the writing of the entire book to Isaiah who lived in Hezekiah's reign, and they explain certain other passages in the latter part of the book as being prophetic in the popular sense of the word. These think that the ideas carried throughout the book are similar, especially the titles used for Jehovah, the idea of a "remnant," and point to the fact that the literary style differs from the other Old Testament writers. These also point to the fact that in the latter part of the book references are made to Judah, such as in verse 9 of the lesson text.

On the other hand, there is a considerable group which believes that the Book of Isaiah was the work of two authors and that the question of authorship is not as important as a consideration of the contents.

These think that Isaiah wrote the first thirty-nine chapters and that an unknown prophet completed the book approximately two centuries later, which explains the reference to the exile and to Cyrus. They point out that the theology of the two sections of the book have differences and that the characteristic phrases and idioms in the first part are rare in the second part and vice versa.

This viewpoint is supported by the fact that, as a rule, the messages of the prophets were for his own generation and people. All agree, however, regardless of authorship, that the book is inspiring and worth-

while to us all.  
The first two verses of the printed text today urge that a message of comfort be given to the people, that the iniquity of Jerusalem had been pardoned and her sins done for Jehovah was directing his speakers to encourage the people who may have been in exile at this time. They were to be comforted for the task ahead and the consolation was to be cheerful and reassuring. The knowledge that they had received pardon for their transgressions was to bring happiness to their hearts.

Need for preparation was emphasized by the second voice, verses 3-5, which furnished the theme upon which John the Baptist subsequently was to base his great work, preparing the way. The people were urged to make ready a highway for God, which, applied to modern times, should be interpreted as meaning that Christians should strive to remove worldliness, injustice and sin in order that God might become real and powerful unto them.

No great work is accomplished without adequate preparation, yet so many people go through life expecting spiritual growth and blessing to come spontaneously, and without any effort upon their part to properly prepare themselves therefor.

The uncertainty of life and the faith which should result from a realization of the providence of God is the theme of the message contained in verses 6-8. Daily those we love pass away and no comfort can be offered for this loss except that which is contained in the promise of eternal life through faith in the promises of God. As the grass withers and fades, so with human life, but the consolation and assurance of the Christian believer comes through the fact that the word of God stands forth and that those who believe can depend upon its fidelity.

The closing verses of our lesson text, 9-11, bring a message of reassurance which was to be spoken from a high place so that all might hear the good tidings. This voice summoned the people to a high des-

tiny when they would behold God and, as a result, He would care for them. Especial notice was given to the message to the cities of Judah, which carries a suggestion to us that the cities of the world today would find happiness and peace in a clearer perception of the righteousness of the Kingdom of God.

### Home-made Brooder Costs \$5 To \$7.50

A home-made lamp brooder that will accommodate from 50 to 60 chicks can be constructed for as little as \$5.00 to \$7.50, says C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist of N. C. State College. It is of simple design, easy to operate, and is heated by one to three lamps, depending upon the severity of the weather.

Plans for building a home-made lamp brooder may be obtained from county farm or home agents, or from the Extension Poultryman at State College, Raleigh, upon request for Blue Print No. 46.

Parrish said the lamp brooder is intended for operation in a protected place, such as under a wood shed or wagon shed, preferably where the wind will not blow directly on the brooder, yet the sun will shine directly on the sun porch attached.

Here are general directions the specialist gives for such a poultry unit: The brooder is constructed in two parts. The bottom section houses the lamps; the top section accommodates the chicks. The tray that separates the two sections is covered with 26 or 28 gauge tin. The tin side is placed downward, next to the flame of the lamp, and the top part of the tray is covered over with one inch or more of sharp, coarse, dry sand. The chimney of the lamp should be one to one and one-half inches below the metal tray which divides the top and bottom sections.

The tray should be kept covered with sand at all times. This acts not only as a conductor of heat, but also as a litter. It should be kept clean at all times.  
A sun porch is attached, and after the first few days the chicks may be allowed to run on it in mild weather. The roof, or top of the brooder may be covered with tin or roofing paper.

### RYLAND NEWS

Miss Thomasine Ward and Miss Marguerite Ward were in Greensboro last week. They attended the State Music Festival with the Glee Club of Chowan High School.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jordan, Rudolph and Eugene Jordan visited Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Knox, at Oxford, on a recent Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Knox's little daughter was quite ill with pneumonia, but is now convalescing.

Misses Rella Spivey, Evelyn Jordan and Juanita Lane were in Edenton Friday afternoon.

William Ward spent Saturday night and Sunday in Edenton with George Ward and accompanied him to the tulip farms at Terra Ceia on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Ward, their daughter, Marguerite, and son, Rudolph, were in Edenton Saturday afternoon shopping.

A. D. Saskowski, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week-end with his wife and daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hollowell.

The Ashley Brothers will present a program at the school building on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. The Woman's Club is sponsoring the entertainment and assures an evening of entertainment.

### TYNER

Mrs. W. O. Boyce visited Mrs. Cecil Byrum Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Clifton Griffin and son, James, called on her mother, Mrs. N. B. Dail, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. E. B. Byrum and Miss Hilda Boyce visited Mrs. Arthur Overton Wednesday afternoon.

Marjorie Anne, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Byrum, is improving, after being quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. G. L. Twine, Mrs. O. C. Twine, Mrs. Alonza Mansfield and Mrs. Melvin Burke were guests of Mrs. Robert Twine and Mrs. Preston Dail Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. N. B. Dail called on Mrs. J. R. Byrum Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Twine visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Byrum Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. E. Byrum of Suffolk, Va., visited relatives here last week. Mr. Byrum came Sunday and accompanied her home.

Mrs. Josie Copeland of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. George Forehand and daughter, Nellie Mae, of Virginia, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Dail Sunday. Additional afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. Byrum and son, Eugene, of Virginia.

Mrs. Freeland Chappell and Mrs. Tom Byrum visited Mrs. Robert Twine and Mrs. Preston Dail Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. G. L. Twine, Mrs. O. C. Twine, Mrs. Alonza Mansfield and Mrs. Melvin Burke called to see Mrs. Arthur Overton Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Howell and little granddaughter called on Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Dail Monday morning.

During his two terms, President Grant had 33 different cabinet members.

### Who Knows?

1. How close does Denmark come to Sweden?
2. What was the original membership of the House of Representatives?
3. Are alien residents counted in distributing congressional seats?
4. How old is Chief Justice Hughes?
5. What is a fjord?
6. What is meant by the Iron Gate?
7. When did Norway declare its independence of Sweden?
8. What product did Great Britain get from Denmark?
9. Who invented the typewriter?
10. How many nations have lost their independence since 1938?

### THE ANSWERS

1. At one point, within two miles
2. 66 members.
3. Yes.
4. A narrow inlet of the sea, between high banks or rocks.
5. The pass which the Danube river has cut through the Carpathian mountains.
6. In 1905.
7. Bacon, eggs and butter.
8. Christopher Sholes.
9. Eight—Austria; Czechoslovakia, Albania, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Denmark.

### CAR KILLS CHILD

Albuquerque, N. M.—Seeing her two-year-old daughter, Carol Jean, lying at the curb, Mrs. H. P. Hughes thought she was playing a prank. When she investigated, however, she found the child dead, the victim of an automobile.

### NEW HOPE NEWS

Gaston Banks, U. S. C. G., New York, is spending some time at home. Mrs. E. G. Banks is a patient in Duke Hospital, Durham.

Miss Elizabeth Deans, a nurse in Norfolk, Va., accompanied by a friend, Mr. Hogge, and his mother, Mrs. Hogge, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. S. T. Perry, and Mr. Perry, and also visited her father, Jasper Deans.

Rupert Banks, CCC, Manteo, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. S. D. Banks.

John Foster, Jr., who has recently joined the CCC, Manteo, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, over the week-end.

Mrs. George Simpson of Lexington, is visiting her husband, George Simpson, for a few days.

Billie Carol Divers of Edenton, was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Perry, a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bardiff spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Story, at Parkville.

Marshall Sawyer, U. S. N., Nor-

folk, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sawyer. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer of Portsmouth, Va., visited relatives here Saturday.

Jasper Sawyer is visiting his mother, Mrs. Pattie Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer is in Government service in Colorado and this is his first visit home in twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian White of Hertford, visited her mother, Mrs. Minnie Perry, Sunday.

Elmer Banks and sons, Gaston and Calvin, and daughter, Louise, visited their wife and mother at Duke Hospital, Durham, Sunday.

### Y. W. A. GROUP MEETS

The Mattie Norman White Group of the Y. W. A. of Woodville Baptist Church met Friday evening with Miss Helen Davis. The president, Miss Beulah Bogue, presided over the meeting. "He Is So Precious To Me" was used as the opening hymn, and the watchword was repeated. Miss Bogue led the devotional and Miss Opezine Cooke read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll. The collection totaled 60 cents. During the business session the treasurer, Miss Katherine Godfrey, and Miss Gezelda Godfrey, were visitors.

personal service chairman, gave reports for the quarter. Personal service for next month is to send washcloths to the Baptist Orphanage.

The May meeting will be held on Friday after the second Sunday, the change being made due to the graduating exercises at Perquimans High School.

Mrs. J. A. Bray, leader, told of the district W. M. U. meeting held in Elizabeth City on March 29.

The program chairman had prepared an interesting program with the following members taking part: Misses Katherine Godfrey, Frances Perry, Dorothy Whedbee and Opezine Cooke, with Miss Helen Davis calling out the numbers. Mrs. Bray dismissed the meeting.

Miss Davis and Miss Daphna Godfrey conducted two contests during the special hour, with Miss Dorothy Whedbee and Mrs. Bray winning prizes. Delicious fruit salad and pound cake were served by the hostesses. Those present were Misses Helen Davis, Dorothy Whedbee, Beulah Bogue, Opezine Cooke, Katherine Godfrey, Edna Morgan, Frances Perry and Mrs. J. A. Bray. Mrs. W. H. Sherlock and Miss Beulah Bogue were visitors.

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