

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FROM DOUBT TO FAITH

International Sunday School Lesson for May 12, 1940

GOLDEN TEXT: "The righteous shall live by his faith."—Habakkuk 2:4.

(Lesson Text: Hab. 1:12-2:4.)

Practically nothing is known of the prophet Habakkuk. The book which he wrote sheds little or no light upon his own life and Habakkuk is not referred to in any other writing in the Old Testament. It is probable that he lived about 600 B. C., during dark and anxious days in the life of the Kingdom of Judah. The good King Josiah had died about nine years before and his evil successors, probably Jehoiakim, had completely wiped out all of his reforms.

The prophet witnessed the downfall of pure religion and in its place a return to idolatry. Injustice, tyranny, oppression, bloodshed, sensuality and unrighteousness were breaking up the nation. The Kingdom of Judah had fallen into the hands of the proud and cruel Chaldeans.

These dark days filled the prophet of God with foreboding. It seemed to him that God had forgotten Israel, because if He really meant to make of Israel a great nation, as He had promised Abraham, why did He permit a heathen nation, such as the Chaldeans, to conquer it?

With his heart filled with doubt, Habakkuk did not sulk, but took his questioning to God and then proceeded to wait for God's answer. And God answered. First, He said: "For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs." Then God describes the fierce enemy which would conquer Judah. Habakkuk listened to God and became even more perplexed. How long would God allow this tyrant to oppress His peo-

ple? How could a pure and righteous God look down upon these sinful men without destroying them?

In due time, however, the answer came and Habakkuk was commanded to write it down in order that "he may run that readeth it." The answer was in seven short words: "The just shall live by his faith." We mortals are so prone to doubt the justice of God because, apparently, the wicked prosper while those who try to live right and do right are often-times put to it to live at all. We think of the span of our lives here on earth as the ultimate, forgetting that our stay on this earth is only a brief period before we enter our eternal existence.

It may be that the righteous prosper in this life, but what about the after life? It may be that the righteous suffer in this life, but what will happen to them in the after life? Remember the story of Lazarus and the rich man—how different their stations were in life—Lazarus was only a beggar at the rich man's gate, getting only the crumbs in this life, while the rich man squandered his wealth in riotous living. The picture was reversed after death, however, because the poor beggar rested on Abraham's bosom, while the rich man languished in the place of torment, begging, not for himself, for he probably realized he deserved the punishment he was receiving, but asking that word be sent to his brothers in order that they might not suffer a similar fate.

This, perhaps, is the lesson that God would have Habakkuk, and all of us who have had similar doubts in our hearts, learn. God is a loving, wise and just God, and while we may not understand everything that comes into our lives, as individuals or nations, we should take the far-sighted view, believing that "All things work together for good to them who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose."

Ours is a generation of doubters. On every hand, doubt and cynicism is

encouraged. Chronic cynicism is often the result of a stubborn determination to reason out everything, not realizing that there are some things in life that have to be accepted on faith. Habakkuk was a doubter. However, while his book opened with questions and perplexities, it ends with praise and prayer in a mood of confident faith. While God showed him that because of their sin the children of Israel would still suffer, Habakkuk had a new vision of God and a new understanding of God's eternal purposes. He realized that God is a God who saves, and he knew that the ultimate end of those who trusted in God would not be disaster but deliverance, would not be death but life, not defeat but victory.

3 Million Pounds Of Food Given For School Lunches

More than three million pounds of surplus commodities were distributed through school lunch rooms to needy children in North Carolina during the period beginning last July 1 and extending through March 31 of this year, A. E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution announced this week.

Surplus commodities, including fruits, cereals, greens, milk, butter, and vegetables, were distributed to 821 certified schools. A total of 72,699 students in these schools were certified to receive all of the commodities listed. However 1,182 schools and 68,894 students were certified for receiving fruits only.

The estimated value of all surplus commodities distributed in the State over the nine month period was \$180,811. It was estimated that 1,018,144 pounds of surplus commodities worth approximately \$60,080, would be distributed during April and May. That would bring the total for the year through March 31.

4,200,000 pounds, worth approximately \$240,921.

A total of 2,003 schools and 141,593 students have been certified for the receipt of one or more articles, he said. Last summer the FSC set North Carolina's quota at 150,000 students for the school year, less than 10,000 above the number certified through March 31.

Figures for 1938-39 showed 843 schools and 48,890 students certified, and figures for the 1937-38 term listed only 359 schools and 35,018 students certified he said.

Commodities distributed so far this year were given as: fruits, 2,104,760 pounds, estimated value \$82,768; cereals and greens, 828,704 pounds, estimated value, \$41,086; milk and butter, 150,951 pounds, estimated value \$63,559; and vegetables, 97,441 pounds, estimated value, \$3,426.

NEW HOPE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Butt had as their guests on Sunday George Lofler, Miss Grace Monds and Mrs. T. A. Trueblood of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Monds of Belvidere; Miss Mary Monds of Elizabeth City; Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Cranford and son, J. D., of Winfall; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sutton and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Monds of New Hope.

Austin Dail and little daughter, Billy, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dail.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boyce, of near Edenton, were Sunday guests of Mr. Boyce's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dail. They were accompanied back home by little Faye Dail, who had spent the week-end with her grandparents.

Mrs. George Hoskins, Mrs. Robert Smith and son, Bobby, of Edenton; Mrs. Edwards and small daughter, of Rocky Mount, were dinner guests of their aunt, Mrs. R. D. Benson, Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Haskett and Mrs. Frank, of Raleigh, are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haskett, this week.

Mrs. Edgar Fields and small son, of Hertford, were guests of Miss Vida Banks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Webb, Mrs. Alphonso Chappell and Miss Rebecca Webb were visitors in Weeksville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burney Rue, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Arthur Pentress and son, of Princess Ann, Va., and Mrs. Annie Butts, of High Point,

visited Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Small Sunday.

Stallings, Ray Morse and Mrs. Henry Onley motored to High Point Tuesday. They were accompanied back by Mrs. Annie Butts, who is visiting her parents.

Mrs. R. D. Benson and Miss Vida Banks were in Norfolk, Va., Monday.

MUST REPAY RELIEF

Jersey City, N. J.—Twenty-four Bayonne relief recipients, charged with fraudulently obtaining relief, were placed on probation for three years and ordered to pay back to the city a total of \$4,299 which they obtained by fraud.

Elmer Larson of Minneapolis became a father and a grandfather the same day. His wife presented him with a son, and his daughter, Mrs. William Vanderbilt, gave birth to a girl.

Burglars who robbed an oil company office in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., pried loose a 150-pound safe buried two inches in concrete, and carried it away.

CLASSIFIED AND LEGALS

ARMY SHOES—NEW SHIPMENT. Rebuilt Army Shoes make ideal shoes for farm work. Julian E. Ward's Shoe Shop, Edenton.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of the authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Alonzo D. Godfrey, to Southern Trust Company, Trustee, on the 1st day of January, 1926, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Perquimans County, N. C., in book _____, page _____, default having been made in the conditions of said deed of trust, the undersigned Trustee will, on the 21st day of May, 1940, at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, at the Court House door of Perquimans County, N. C., offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

All those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land containing 4 1/2 acres, more or less, situate, lying and being on the Woodville-New Hope Road, about 10 miles from the town of Hertford, in New Hope Township, Perquimans County, North Carolina, and adjoining the lands of A. L. Godfrey and others, and more particularly described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at the junction of the Woodville and Body Roads and running thence along the Body Road S. 64 1/2 deg. West 38 1/2 chains; thence N. 32 deg. W. 6.95 chains to a ditch; thence down the ditch N. 54 deg. E. 8 chains; thence N. 60 deg. E. 20 1/2 chains; then N. 19 deg. W. 1 chain; thence N. 65 deg. E. 11.6 chains to the aforesaid Woodville Road; thence along said road S. 19 deg. E. 11.65 chains to the point of beginning, containing 36 acres.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning on the Body Road in the line of the Chas. Layden land and running thence along the road S. 66 deg. W. 10 chains to a point near the canal ditch; thence by the side of said ditch seven chains; thence N. 66 deg. E. to the line of the Layden land, thence along said line to the beginning, containing seven and one-half acres.

The aforesaid two tracts of land being each designated as Lot No. 1 on a certain plat made by J. P. Winslow, Surveyor, duly filed in the office of the Clerk Superior Court of Perquimans County, in the file of a special proceeding entitled "Mrs. Sophie M. Godfrey, et als, vs. H. C. Godfrey et als, instituted for the partition of the lands of Stephen M. Godfrey, deceased father of said A. D. Godfrey, and being the lands allotted to said A. D. Godfrey in said partition, said plat being also recorded in Plat Book in the office of the Register of Deeds of Perquimans County.

The above property will be sold subject to all taxes due and unpaid on the day of sale.

A deposit of five per cent of the amount bid will be required of the successful bidder at the hour of sale. This notice dated and posted this 20th day of April, 1940.

SOUTHERN LOAN & INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee, (Formerly Southern Trust Company) By Worth & Horner, Attorneys, Elizabeth City, N. C. apr.26,may3,10,17

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Caleb T. White, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., Route 3, on or before the 16th day of April, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 16th day of April, 1940. **MRS. ANNIE LEE WHITE,** Administratrix of Caleb T. White apr.26,may3,10,17,24,31

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of the authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Jerome W. Hurdle and wife, Flora W. Hurdle, and Henrietta Hurdle (widow), to Southern Trust Company, Trustee, on the 1st day of December, 1925, recorded in the of-

file of the Register of Deeds for Perquimans County, N. C., in Book 1, at page 30, default having been made in the conditions of said deed of trust, the undersigned Trustee will, on the 31 day of May, 1940 at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, at the Court House door of Perquimans County, N. C., offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

All those certain lands containing 55 acres, more or less, situated on the Up River Road, about 10 miles from the town of Hertford, in Belvidere Township, Perquimans County, N. C., and adjoining the lands of Asbell Bros. Jessup E. Nixon heirs and others, and beginning on the West side of the road in the line of A. Jessup, and running North 27 degrees 30 feet E. 9 chains to a maple stump; thence N. 9 degrees W. 6.20 chains; thence N. 76 degrees 30 feet W. 20.50 chains along a lane; thence S. 30 degrees 30 feet W. 23.50 chains; thence East 8 chains to the edge of the marsh; thence Southwardly along

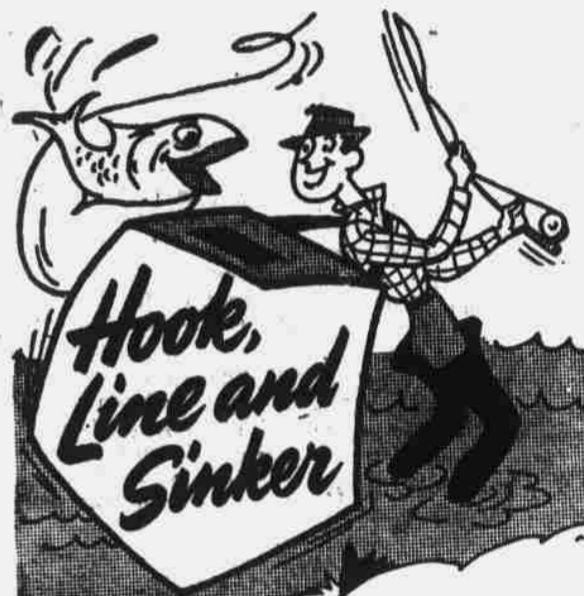
the edge of the marsh to a gum; thence East 2.70 chains; thence North 47 degrees East 3.15 chains to a gum; thence North 57 degrees East 3.15 chains; thence North 67 degrees East 9 chains to the beginning. Being the same lands conveyed to Quinton Hurdle by Rufus White and wife, by deed dated January 4th, 1878, and recorded in Book UU, Page 431, and by two deeds from J. A. White dated February 24th, 1885, and February 23rd, 1898, and recorded in Book UU, Page 427, and Book 5, Page 529.

The above property will be sold subject to all taxes due and unpaid on day of sale.

A deposit of 5% of the amount bid will be required of the successful bidder at the hour of sale.

This notice dated and posted this 30th day of April, 1940.

SOUTHERN LOAN & INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee, (Formerly Southern Trust Company) By Worth & Horner, Attorneys, Elizabeth City, N. C. may3,10,17,24



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