

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

HONESTY TOWARD GOD.

International Sunday School Lesson for June 23, 1940

Golden Text: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Malachi 3:10.

The Book of Malachi consists of four short chapters, and it is the last voice in a long and distinguished line of prophets. It was written probably about the middle of the fifth century B. C. and represented the last prophetic utterance prior to the coming of Christ.

We do not know anything about the writer, nor are we certain of his home. The name of the book in Hebrew means, "my messenger," and it is not exactly certain whether or not this is the name of the author or whether the book was named thus because of the first verse of chapter three. However, all other books of a similar character bear the names of their authors.

The book was written after the re-establishment of temple worship, following the return of the exiles from Babylon. The writer does not hesitate to condemn the practice of offering unworthy sacrifices to Jehovah. Nor does he fail to severely criticize the priests for their neglect in failing to follow the law of truth and genuinely represent Jehovah. Whereas, "the priest's lips should keep knowledge," Malachi tells those of his day that "ye have caused many to stumble." Malachi, also, was unsparing in his criticisms of the people for their social sins, charging them especially with robbing God in the matter of offerings and of shattering their homes by their infidelity to the old marriage customs of their race.

There are germs of great teachings in this short book, however. For example, he urges that they offer God "offerings in righteousness" rather than the formal offerings of an insincere ceremony, reminding the

Jews that in ancient years such ceremonial pretenses did not exist. In another passage, showing an advanced conception of Jehovah is the confident and daring prophecy: "From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles." Malachi also recognizes the common fatherhood of God, asking why should we deal treacherously against a brother.

The Jews were subject to a very definite and strict rule in regard to tithes, but one of the evils which Malachi denounced was the hypocrisy and deceit practiced in this matter. Speaking for God, he indicts his fellow citizens for robbing God by failing to offer the proper tithe and called upon them to prove God by accounting honestly in this matter of free will offerings.

Malachi tried to show that if the people wished to advance materially, they must first set themselves right spiritually. The four chapters in his book is perhaps the greatest passage in the Bible on the relation of national spirituality to national prosperity. One of God's greatest promises to His people is made in this book and He challenges His people to try His plan for prosperity. The only condition for the successful working of the plan is that the people prove their honesty toward God in the matter of tithes and offerings.

Some Christians try to excuse themselves from giving a tenth of their income by arguing that tithing is a requirement of the Old Testament and that Christians are not obligated to tithe. Surely, a Christian owes far more to God because of the atonement of Christ than a Jew did because of a commandment of the law. When we realize the tremendous price which Jesus paid for our redemption and the obligation we assume when we accept that redemption from our sins, then a tenth is not too high a standard.

Not only will the money we give willingly be a blessing to us, but this money will be used to further the interests of the kingdom of God. Consecrated wealth has built hospitals, schools, missions, churches and has relieved suffering all over the world. Surely, every one who loves God wants to have a part in such worthy causes!

Whedbee, Miss Hazel Matthews, Miss Beatrice Benton, Miss Annie Mae Matthews, Miss Ida Perry Matthews, Miss Blanche Cartwright, Miss Eunice Harrell, Miss Maude Cartwright, Miss Stella Mae Benton, Miss Lucille Cartwright, Preston Sawyer, Bob Keaton, Floyd Benton, Albert Lee Benton, Maurice Benton, George Wood, Walter Ray Benton, Carlton Benton, John Marvin Benton, and Wendell Matthews, Jr. Those sending gifts, but not present, were: Mrs. Shelton Harrell, Mrs. Moody Harrell, Mrs. Mary Keaton, Mrs. Howard Matthews, Mrs. J. W. Everett, Mrs. Jeff Pierce, Mrs. Jesse Harrell and Levi Harrell.

Keller Bill Aims At Two Million Trained Reserve Men

Illinois Democrat Would Train 21,850 Youths Yearly — Increase If Necessary

In a plan destined to provide a permanent trained reserve of two million men, for the defense of the United States, Representative Kent E. Keller, (Democrat) of Illinois, Tuesday introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, for the creation of THE AMERICAN SCHOOL ARMY.

To begin with the plan calls for the training of 21,850 youths between the ages of 15 and 18, each year in military, vocational and academic education to be increased as found necessary. These cadets are to be selected according to the apportionment of the various Congressional Districts. In the Keller Plan, the Educational Board, under the Chairmanship of the United States Commissioner of Education, has charge

of the academic and vocational training and is to cooperate with the War Department which provides the housing, discipline and military training. There is to be no educational requirement. The only bar against a boy who wishes to enter is a physical defect which can not be corrected by care and training or mental deficiency as to be classed incompetent.

In reviewing the merits of his bill in Washington, Mr. Keller stated: "I repeat that no country will attack America, with our unlimited resources, if America is fully prepared. The countries that understand nothing but force, can be met only by force. America must start now and fully prepare not only for the present time, but for all time to come. The American School Army plan will provide an adequate defense for future time. Twenty years from now there would be on the rolls of the United States Army, 2,000,000 men who would have had thorough military training in their formative years; who will be sounder of body and trained of hand and mind in the event they should have to bear arms in defense of this glorious country."

CROSS ROADS NEWS

Mrs. Z. W. Evans, Mrs. B. W. Evans, Mrs. Christie, Miss Willietta Evans and Miss Beatrice Wilson Evans visited Mrs. E. N. Elliott and Mrs. Lindsey vans Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Claude Futrell spent the week-end at her home at Rich Square.

Miss Beatrice Ellis and Elton Morris, of Hobbville, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bush Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bush and Miss Louise Bush spent Sunday with Mrs. Lula Rountree, of Hobbville.

Miss Lois Savage has returned from Knoxville, Tenn., where she has been teaching, to spend the summer with her father, J. L. Savage.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Chappell, of Poplar Branch, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bush Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. A. S. Bush visited Mrs. Robert Bunch Friday afternoon.

Paul Byrum has returned home after a visit with his brother, John Ward Byrum, and Mrs. Byrum, at Charlotte.

Miss Pattie Winborne and Hutchings Winborne spent the week-end in Durham as guests of Mrs. Ben Skinner.

Mrs. Lindsay Evans and Mrs. E. N. Elliott visited Mrs. W. H. Winborne Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Chappell, of Poplar Branch, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blanchard and Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson Dail Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hollowell and daughters, of Vanleet, Miss., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell.

Mrs. Gordon Blow, of Edenton, visited Mrs. R. H. Hollowell Saturday afternoon.

Miss Eleanor Winslow called on Mrs. R. H. Hollowell Saturday after-

noon. Mrs. J. T. Byrum was the guest of Mrs. R. H. Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott were called to Tarboro last week by the death of Mrs. Elliott's half-brother, T. F. Knight.

Mrs. Brickhouse Wilson and her daughter, Virginia, have gone to Durham, after a few days' visit with Mrs. Z. W. Evans and Mrs. B. W. Evans.

Miss Ella Mae Nixon, who taught in Burlington, has arrived to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nixon.

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SNOW HILL NEWS

Mrs. Wally Knight has returned to her home in Columbus, Ga., after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood.

Miss Annie Mae Matthews, accompanied by friends, spent Thursday afternoon at Ocean View, Va.

Mrs. Moody Harrell and Carolyn Dean Harrell visited Mrs. G. W. Gregory, at Woodville, on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrell, at White Hat, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Barcliff at Nixonton. In the afternoon they visited Mrs. Matthew J. Reid, at Weeksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gregory, at Woodville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Whedbee, Mr. and Mrs. E. Whedbee and family, of Winfall, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Whedbee on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Sr., and Miss Novella Harrell, of Norfolk, Va., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Whedbee. They were accompanied home by Mrs. J. H. Harrell, who will be their guest for several days.

WOODLAND W. M. S. MEETS

Mrs. W. M. Matthews and Mrs. Eddie Harrell were joint hostesses on Thursday afternoon to the Woman's Missionary Society of Woodland Church at the home of Mrs. Matthews on Route 3. "O For A Thou-

and Tongues" was used as the opening hymn, and Mrs. Ernest Cartwright led in prayer. Mrs. Eddie Harrell conducted the devotional and Mrs. Elmer Wood gave the Meditation. "O Zion Haste" was sung and Mrs. Odell Cartwright presented the leaflet. Mrs. Ernest Cartwright gave a reading.

The vice president, Mrs. Eddie Harrell, had charge of the business session. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved. Cards were distributed and dues were collected. Special collections were also taken. Mrs. Eddie Harrell offered the closing prayer.

During the social hour the hostesses served block ice cream and cakes.

Those present were: Mesdames G. A. Jordan, Carson Jordan, Clifford Lane, Elmer Wood, Wally Knight, Ralph Harrell, Eddie Harrell, J. T. Wood, W. H. Cartwright, Odell Cartwright, Will Elliott, Ernest Cartwright, Kelly Spear, W. M. Matthews, L. S. White and Miss Ida Perry Matthews.

RECENT BRIDE HONOREE AT LINEN SHOWER

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood delightfully entertained a large number of friends on Wednesday night at their attractive home on Route Three, Hertford, honoring their daughter, Mrs. Wally Knight, of Columbus, Ga., who before her recent marriage was Miss Sally B. Wood.

The house was attractively decorated throughout with sweet peas and Queen Anne's lace.

Arriving guests were registered at the door. Games and contests were enjoyed with Mrs. Fred Matthews and Miss Ruby Keaton winning prizes which were graciously presented to the bride. Wishes were then written for the bride.

A large hamper was brought in and as Mrs. Knight opened each gift she thanked the donor and passed the gift around for all to see. She invited all present to visit her at her new home in Georgia.

Ice cream and cakes were served.

Those present included Mrs. Wally Knight, honoree; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. George Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood, Mrs. Wendell Matthews, Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. Edward Benton, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mrs. Carson Jordan, Mrs. Wallace Benton, Mrs. Mason Sawyer, Mrs. George Jordan, Mrs. W. H. Cartwright, Mrs. W. H. Elliott, Mrs. R. L. Byrum, Mrs. William Whedbee, Mrs. Kelly Spear, Mrs. James Harrell, Mrs. W. M. Matthews, Mrs. Marvin Benton, Mrs. Lela Mae Winslow, Miss Ruby Keaton, Miss Maxine Harrell, Miss Barbara Anne Benton, Miss Dorothy

Auto Quiz No. 3
ANSWERS
1. a. before you reach the curve. A car is steadier on a curve when the engine is pulling. A driver should enter the curve slowly enough to enable him to accelerate slightly when actually rounding it. If you have to use your brakes on a curve you label yourself an inept driver.
2. c. within the assured safe distance which you can see. Road, light, weather and traffic conditions vary greatly, making 50 miles an hour safe at times and 20 miles an hour dangerous at others. No matter how straight the road, how good the car or how dry the pavement, if headlights carry only 200 feet you must drive in the dark at a speed which will allow you to stop in an emergency, within 200 feet. Likewise, in daylight, you must drive at a speed which will allow you to stop in time should the car ahead stop suddenly, should another car emerge suddenly from a side road, or should a child dart suddenly into the road ahead of you.
3. Raise. 115 times as many persons are killed in automobile accidents as are killed in airplane accidents.

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