

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE VOICE OF WISDOM

International Sunday School Lesson for September 22, 1940

GOLDEN TEXT: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."—Proverbs 4:23.

Lesson Text: Proverbs 4

While our lesson for this week is entitled, "The Voice of Wisdom" and we have no quarrel with that, we call your attention to the subject assigned for the consideration of young people, in their quarterlies, based on the same scripture reference, Proverbs 4. It is "Living Intelligently." We are going to try to treat this lesson with that subject in mind.

Surely this generation needs the injunction from the Bible and from any other source, to live intelligently. So immersed is the world in the pursuit of material possessions, of personal entertainment and gratification of individual desires that in the mad race to accomplish its aim, it forgets the real values in life and fails to use the intelligence which God has bestowed upon it.

There are two essential elements in creative living—intelligence and love. The Christian life is always characterized by reasonableness and good will. While there were people in Jesus' day who thought he was crazy, he was the clearest expression of wisdom, the power and the love of God. A study of Jesus' life will show that he lived intelligently and he invited us to share his mind, to walk in the truth he revealed and to live sanely and creatively.

The Book of Proverbs, written mostly by Solomon, David's son, is a book of wisdom, of advice, addressed especially to young men who really desire to make the most of their opportunities in life. It answers such questions as: "Who is the wise man? What is the best way for an intelligent person to conduct his life? Where can one find dependable guidance for his life? Does wickedness pay? What are the results of wisdom in the individual's life?"

After all, what is wisdom? Dr. H. C. Moore answers: "True wisdom is more than knowledge, or skill, or judgment, or prudence; it implies the highest and noblest exercise of both moral and intellectual powers. And

it has seven prominent traits (James 3:17): purity which is chaste and sanctified; peaceableness in spirit, endeavor, and effects; gentleness which is forbearing as to faults and winsome in doing God's work; tractability, accessible, forgiving, docile; fruitfulness, especially in acts of mercy; impartiality which sees good in the unloving and bad in the veneered moralist; sincerity which is without dissimulation.

"Such wisdom can come from but one source. It must come 'from above' like rain in time of drought and daybreak dispelling darkness. And without question or reproach it is to be had for the asking. (James 1:5)."

Why is wisdom so necessary for the Christian? Again, Dr. Moore says: "The Christian needs wisdom in his duties that he may know what they are and how to perform them; in his temptations that he may effectively resist or endure and finally conquer; and in his trials that he may turn them to good account and get the most out of them. It is important then, that we ascertain the wisdom we want and where and how to get it."

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom. In other words, religion is the foundation of all true education and no man can be adjudged wise who does not love the Lord and serve Him.

He who would be wise, whether young or old, will listen to the words of God, as revealed through His Son and His Word, and will also benefit from the experiences of others in the past. Can we look around us, or into the records of the past, and truly say that the wicked were ever wise? If we would be wise, let us follow the guidance of God, as given to us in the Bible, shunning the evil, keeping our hearts pure and dedicated unto His service.

BOOK CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Bob White, Mrs. R. M. Riddick and Mrs. Cecil White were joint hostesses Friday evening to the Book Club at the home of Mrs. Bob White. It was the first meeting of the fall and a very interesting one. The new president, Mrs. I. A. Ward, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Sidney Jessup, Mrs. Cecil White and Miss Kate Blanchard gave interesting readings. About 14 members were present. The hostesses served a dainty salad course at the conclusion of the meeting.

Excessive Rains Mar Cotton Seed Quality

Heavy rains about the middle of August and frequent showers since then have caused considerable damage to open and cracked cotton bolls, according to P. H. Kime, agronomist of the State College Experiment Station.

As a result, it is anticipated that seed from the first picking will be of poor quality in the southern and eastern parts of the State. Seed from bolls which have been open for several days will germinate poorly. Where the bolls cracked, the damage has been much worse.

Kime recommends that where cotton is badly damaged the crop be picked over as soon as it is dry enough. After ginning the seed should be sold to the oil mill, since the risk of their germinating properly is too great.

If the farmer wishes to save seed, he should wait until bolls are produced that are not weather-damaged. Handling seed cotton after it leaves the field is also important. Care exercised in harvesting and storing seed cotton or seed will prevent much damage caused by heating.

A large acreage of this year's crop is eligible for certification by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association. Kime explained that cotton grown from seed of approved varieties secured direct from breeders is eligible, provided it meets the requirements for certified seed.

Seed certified last year are also eligible for certification this year if they pass requirements. Varieties which may be approved are: Coker 100, Coker 200, Farm Relief No. 5, Mexican, Deltapine, and Stoneville in the non-wilt-resistant group.

NEW HOPE NEWS

Mrs. Jimmy Neary and two children have returned to their home in New York, after visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Webb, for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Jones and Mrs. Archie Bardiff spent Friday night at Nags Head with Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. Moody Haskett, and Mr. Haskett.

Mrs. Sallie Hurdle's condition is reported as much improved. Mrs. Hurdle suffered a light stroke of paralysis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce, of Portsmouth, Va., visited Mrs. Sallie Hurdle and

family Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Holoman were also guests of Mrs. Hurdle on Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Foster and Miss Vida Banks are spending this week in Philadelphia, Pa., visiting Mrs. Foster's daughter, Mrs. Jerry Jackson, and Mr. Jackson. They will attend the World's Fair in New York while away.

Mrs. S. D. Banks returned home Saturday after spending the past two weeks visiting with her children and friends in Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., and Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Butt and children visited her sister in Washington last week.

New AAA Farm Program Follows Defense Idea

With national defense the paramount issue in the country today, the 1941 AAA farm program has been designed to tie in closely with defense aims, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College.

The new program, which has just been announced, will emphasize conservation of the soil and the maintenance of abundant supplies through an ever-normal granary plan.

Based on recommendations of farmer-committeemen who met in Washington earlier in the summer, the 1941 program will follow the same general lines of the 1939 and 1940 programs.

Small farmers' needs have been given further consideration in the new program, Floyd said. For instance, the provision under which at least \$20 may be earned on any farm through conservation measures will be continued in 1941. If as much as \$15 is earned by planting forest trees, any farm may receive as much as \$35 under the program.

The program also provides that on small farms where the maximum payment is not more than \$20, any part of the soil-building allowance may be earned by carrying out locally adapted conservation practices not included in the National program.

This provision will be applicable in designated areas where needed, and the practices for which payment will be made in this special group will be recommended by local committeemen.

Likewise, Floyd said, in areas where feed crops are not generally produced for market, any farmer may grow as much as 30 acres of soil-depleting crops without incurring a deduction for exceeding the total soil-depleting acreage allotment.

Wedding Of Interest To This County Takes Place In Virginia

A wedding of interest to Perquimans County people took place in Rockingham County, Va., on Tuesday evening, September 10th, when Miss Doris Virginia Heatwole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heatwole, of Mt. Clinton, Va., became the bride of Mr. Joshua H. Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Skinner of Washington, D. C., and Hertford, N. C.

The ceremony was performed at five o'clock in the evening by Rev. H. G. Allen, rector of Cooks Creep Presbyterian Church, in the Shenandoah Valley near Harrisonburg, Va., founded by the forefathers of the bride and the maternal ancestor of

the groom. The bridal party included three bridesmaids, all of Harrisonburg, Va., Mr. Frank B. Skinner of Hertford, brother of the groom, was best man. A reception at the Mt. Clinton home of the bride followed the ceremony.

Attending the ceremony were many relatives and friends of the couple from Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Skinner of Hertford, and Mr. and Mrs. John Forester of Manchester, Conn.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Skinner have many friends in Perquimans County. Mr. Skinner has spent considerable time at the Skinner family home in Old Neck. The bride has been an occasional visitor there. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner will make their home in New Haven, Conn.

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