

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CHRIST AND PERSONALITY

International Sunday School Lesson for January 12, 1941

Golden Text: "Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment?"—Matt. 6:25.

(Lesson Text: Luke 14:1-14.)

This materialistic age in which we live seems to have lost sight of the intrinsic value of man. In his quest for the material benefits to be derived, the tendency has been, to a great extent, to under-estimate the contribution made by the men and women who have toiled to produce the resulting wealth.

The Bible tells us that, after the Lord of Heaven created the world He found that it was good. However, not satisfied that it should exist unenjoyed, He "formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Genesis 2:7.) It is well to realize the fact that man came into being because God desired it.

Man is a component part of the creation of God. While in many ways man is similar to the animal life which God also created—being dependent on nature for air, food and water—he is superior to animals in that he was made "in the image of God" and has powers, in a limited way, that are similar to the infinite powers of God. The greatest distinction of man is that he has personality and it is in the fullness of personality that man is most like God.

The world into which Jesus came had various estimates of the value of human life. While the Psalmist sang of man as just a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor, the Philistine, in his prayer to God, declared, "I thank God I am not a Gentile, a woman, or a dog," evidently rating each as of similar worth. The Greeks of his day left their sickly children and their aged people in the mountains to die, and often, girl babies, born in Egypt, were destroyed at birth.

In all of his teachings, Jesus put a higher evaluation on human life. All of his ministry presupposed the eternal value of a human soul. Jesus' teachings was not one of restrictions, as some seem to think, but he declared, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

The incident related in the first six verses of our lesson for this week illustrates that Jesus thought personality more valuable than rules and regulations. While eating at the home of a Pharisee on the Sabbath day, a sick man came before him. Turning to the lawyers and Pharisees gathered in the house, Jesus asked, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" probably mindful of the hue and cry which arose when he healed the woman in the synagogue shortly before. When they would not answer him, Jesus healed the man and let him go. Realizing that they were probably questioning the propriety of his action, however, Jesus answered their mental questionings

Potash Is Deficient In Most Soils Of State

Farmers are thinking of their 1941 fertilizer needs; and J. R. Piland, associate soil chemist of N. C. State College, reminds growers that the majority of North Carolina soils are deficient in potash. This is especially true, he says, in soils where cotton, corn, tobacco and vegetable crops of the Coastal Plain are grown.

"In the fertilization of cotton where cotton rust is prevalent, the use of fertilizers containing 5 to 8 percent potash has materially increased yields," Mr. Piland reports. "Sometimes, under severe conditions of rust, side dressing with potash has proven beneficial."

The chemist says that, in general, the soils of the Coastal Plain are relatively low in their potash reserves, especially under conditions of inadequate fertilization. Tobacco has a high requirement for potash, and usually there is a noted response of the crop to this element with regard to the quality of the leaf produced. The tobacco fertilizer grades now recommended seem to furnish sufficient potash for the production of the crop in most soils.

Explaining the symptoms of potash deficiency, Mr. Piland says, "Potash deficiency is usually accompanied by yellowing of the leaves of the plant, with development of brown spots and death along the margins of the leaves. Cotton, tobacco, corn, soybeans, small grain, vegetables, and fruits are all subject to potash deficiency which can easily be identified by its characteristic leaf pattern."

The State College man suggests that where such conditions were noted in crops in 1940, farmers should plan their fertilization program for 1941 so as to eliminate this trouble again. He urges tobacco farmers, especially, to consider the effect that potash might have on the quality of their crop.

by saying: "Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath day?" They could not answer because they knew that they would do just what Jesus had said. We have heard of farmers who provide well-proportioned feed for their pure-bred livestock who are not as solicitous for their own families, not to mention the tenants on their farm. Have you ever passed a farm on the highway on which there were huge, well-painted, over-flowing barns and silos and the farmhouse was merely a crude, unpainted, unattractive shack?

Again, in verses 7 to 11, Jesus declares that personality is more valuable than ambition. Jesus does not condemn ambition as such, but he does condemn the urge for self-advancement at the expense of others. There is nothing wrong in the possession of wealth provided the rights and welfare of others have not been overlooked or forgotten. After all, Jesus declares, "What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36.)

The only thing eternal in this world is the human soul. Every man, woman and child should be encouraged to develop a personality which will merit the respect of his fellow-men and the approval of God. Christians must come to the place where they can treat every man as an individual, regardless of race or color or station in life, realizing that Christ died for all men.

Beer Industry Paid Seven Millions In Taxes Since 1933

The beer industry has contributed \$7,834,103.96 in taxes to the state of North Carolina and its various political subdivisions since beer sales were legalized by the 1933 state legislation.

According to figures compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee, the state collected \$6,471,578.96; the cities and towns \$375,000 (estimated); and the counties \$987,525 for the period ended last December 31.

The tax on beer has become an important source of income for the state. Only \$183,102.37 was collected in beer taxes by the state for the calendar year of 1933, the first year beer was permitted to be sold under the 1933 act.

For the calendar year of 1940, the state collected \$1,321,024.37; the counties \$121,125; and the cities and towns (estimated) \$25,000—a total of \$1,467,149.37. In other words, the state collected almost eight times as much for the 1940 calendar year as it did for the 1938 calendar year.

In fact, the collections for 1940 were greater than the combined beer tax collections for the calendar years of 1933, 1934, and 1935, according to figures furnished by the State Department of Revenue. The state's share of beer taxes for these three years amounted to \$1,024,471.28.

NEW HOPE NEWS

Mrs. Jimmie Neary, of New York; Miss Rebecca Webb, of Robersonville, Mrs. Mack Ward, of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Chappell, of Belvidere, who spent the holidays in Florida, returned to the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Webb, Friday and reported a grand trip.

Miss Rebecca Webb has returned to Robersonville to resume her school work.

Mrs. Sue Banks, who has been sick for the past week, is somewhat better.

Miss Nina Maude Bateman, of Washington, N. C., is visiting her cousin, Miss Maude Simpson.

Ray Perry, who has been working in Baltimore, Md., for some time, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Perry, Mr. and Mrs. George Cluff and baby, of New Jersey, are visiting Mr. Perry's mother, Mrs. Minnie Perry.

Rupert Banks, who is working in Norfolk, Va., spent Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Banks.

Mrs. S. D. Banks, Mrs. R. R. Perry, Miss Vida Banks, Miss Lillian Davidson, Ray Perry and Rupert Banks motored to Elizabeth City on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. R. D. Benson, Mrs. R. R. Perry, Miss Vida Banks and Hazel Jackson motored to Hertford Monday night to see the show.

Mrs. R. R. Perry, Miss Vida Banks and Ray Perry accompanied Rupert Banks to Norfolk, Va., Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Jim Davis, of Elizabeth City, and her son, Clarence Jennings, of Norfolk, Va., visited her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Dell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Grey, of Suffolk, Va., spent Sunday with Mrs.

Mattie Simpson. Mrs. George Newby, who has been visiting her father, Johnnie Webb, returned to her home in Norfolk, Va., Sunday. Her husband spent the week-end here with his parents and she accompanied him back.

Charlie Newby, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Newby, Sr.

Rich Soil Required For Vegetable Garden

H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist of N. C. State College, is constantly reminding farm people that the vegetable garden is the most valuable and important plot of land on the place. "But it should be the richest soil on the farm," he declared.

Continuing Niswonger said: "You cannot provide the vegetable needs for your family by planting the seeds or plants in soil that is not properly prepared or soil of low fertility. This is the time of the year to prepare the garden plot for next spring's plantings."

The horticulturist recommends that the ground be covered with about an inch of stable manure or one-half inch of chicken manure. Over this, broadcast 150 pounds per one-half acre of 16 percent superphosphate, and if the soil is light, broadcast 50 pounds of potash.

The manure and fertilizer should be turned under now and left in the rough. This will allow the freezing weather to crumble the soil, thereby making it easier to get in shape for spring planting. If there have been peas or beans planted for turning under, broadcast the superphosphate and potash the same as with stable manure before plowing under, Niswonger advises.

As a final suggestion, the Extension specialist says, arrangements should be made when the garden is planned to buy, rent or borrow some kind of sprayer or duster to use in fighting disease and insect pests. "It does not pay to spend money for fertilizers and garden seeds if you let the bugs and diseases destroy the plants," he asserted.

Good Fence Should Last Farmer 7 To 12 Years

Good wire, properly strung between strong, well-braced posts should make a farm fence last from 7 to 12 years, says H. N. Ellis, Extension agricultural engineer of N. C. State

College. There should be a good coating of galvanizing or zinc on the wire to protect it against the elements, he says.

"Some copper in the wire will add still more years of service to the fence," Ellis stated. "The copper content should not run less than 2-10 of 1 percent, which is usually spoken of as '20 point' copper. The quality of the wire is the main consideration in building fences, and it isn't good economy to buy cheap wire."

Ellis also says that for a good, long-lasting fence the quality of the posts and the workmanship in erecting the fence must be of the best. The posts must be big enough, properly spaced, well planted, and well braced. If durable wood is not available, soft timber may be treated with creosote or otherwise to make the posts last as long as the wire.

"It is wise," the specialist declared, "to build your fence on paper before you start cutting posts and buying wire. North Carolina farmers spend thousands of dollars every year maintaining fences that are not essential; fences that are of the wrong type to keep animals in or out; and fences that are not worth maintaining because of poor material or poor workmanship."

In conclusion, Ellis said, "Fencing is an important item of farm management. It protects property and reduces losses of both crops and livestock. A good fence is also an asset in giving a neat appearance and indicating that the farm owner is progressive."

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E. L. CHAPPELL, List Taker

January 15.....At Whiteston, R. M. Baker's Store
January 22.....At Whiteston, R. M. Baker's Store
All other days during the month of January at E. L. Chappell's Store

Bethel Township

R. S. CHAPPELL, List Taker

January 4, 11, 25.....J. C. Hobbs Store
January 8, 15, 22, 29.....J. C. Hobbs Store, at Night
January 8 and 15.....At Court House in Hertford
All other days during January at home.

Hertford Township

J. O. WHITE, List Taker

January 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 20 and every day thereafter through January 31st at the Court House in Hertford
January 15, 22 and 29, at night.....Court House in Hertford
All other days during January at home.

New Hope Township

L. R. WEBB, List Taker

January 4, 11, 18, 25.....At Community House, New Hope
January 15.....At Overton's Store
January 22.....At Woodville, Bogue's Store
January 29.....At J. B. Webb's Store, Durants Neck
All other days during January at home

Parkville Township

N. R. ELLIOTT, List Taker

January 8.....Parkville, Bright's Store
January 14 and 22.....Clapanoke
January 16.....Jackson's Store
All other days during January, Winfall Railroad Station

Each farmer, owner, or his agent must come forward to report the acreage of each crop to be harvested, or has been harvested, on his own, or his tenant's farm of the year of 1940, also the number of acres to be cultivated, lying out, number of bearing fruit trees, and tons of fertilizer used for all crops.

Prepare your lists now, and save time in listing, also avoid PENALTY for being delinquent after January 31st, 1941. This is required by the State Law. See Chapter 310, H. B. 45, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1939.

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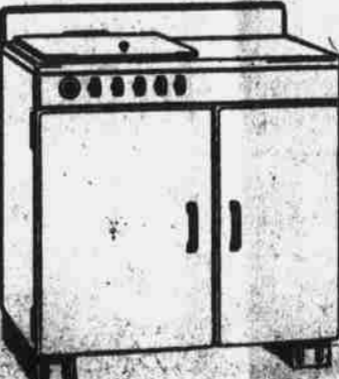
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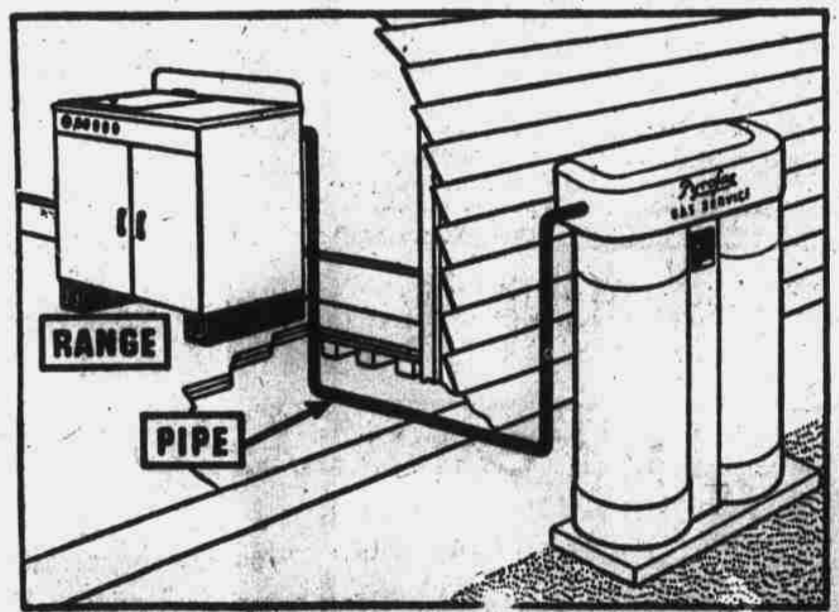


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