

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

HEBREWS EXPLAINS NEW COVENANT

International Sunday School Lesson for August 24th, 1941

Golden Text: "Having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation."—Hebrews 5:9.

Lesson Text: Hebrews 9:11-22

The Scripture lesson for our study this week is taken from the letter which was written to the Hebrew believers by an unknown writer. As a matter of fact, the Epistle to the Hebrews is the one and only completely anonymous letter of the Bible. It has often been attributed to Paul, but many diligent students of the Bible do not agree with this. Others have suggested Apollos, or Timothy, or Silas, or Luke, or Barnabas or Priscilla, as the author, but probably the best conclusion was drawn by Origen, who said, "The author is known to God alone."

While we would like to know who wrote Hebrews, this is not a matter of fundamental importance. The message of the letter is more vital. The theme is: "The Superiority of Christianity over Judaism." Its purpose was "to reveal to the Jewish Christians of that day, and then to all Christians of every age, the infinite superiority of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His person, in the work He accomplished, in the wealth which we have in Him now, in what the future holds for us because of Him; and then, these things being true, to encourage believers to hold fast to their confession, to encourage those to go on and on, in their high calling, and not to turn back to those things which could never really save them."—(Dr. W. M. Smith).

The opening paragraph of our Scripture passage is really the conclusion of an extended discussion of the priesthood of Christ as compared with the older high priesthood given to Aaron and those descending from him. Christ is spoken of as the true high priest. Whereas the high priest of the Mosaic system was a man among men, albeit he had received a divine call from God, Christ had both of these qualifications. He was both human and divine, the Son of man and the Son of God. Whereas the Mosaic high priest ministered in the holy of holies once each year, Christ is an eternal high priest that has sat down at the right hand of God and ministers in the true, or perfect, sanctuary (Hebrews 8:1-2).

And, whereas in the period of the exodus, Israel had its tabernacle, and later, its temple, Christ is the high priest of the perfect tabernacle, the heavenly tabernacle, which the Lord Himself pitched, not made with hands and which does not belong "to this natural creation either in its materials or in its maker."

Whereas, on the Day of Atonement, the high priest chose sacrificial victims for himself and for the people (a bullock and two goats), Christ made the perfect sacrifice, his own blood. Therefore, the offering of Christ is superior. There are three things about Christ's offering which render it superior: (1) it was voluntary (certainly that of the animals was not willing or voluntary); (2) it was pure—the purity of a sinless life, not just ceremonial purity; it was given through the eternal Spirit (the Holy Spirit). Our salva-

tion is brought about by God the Father, who forgives, Jesus Christ, who atones; and the Holy Spirit, who convicts.

In the place of the old covenant which God had made with Israel at Sinai, which had been incorporated into Jewish Law, God gave to man a new covenant which was completed when Christ shed his blood on the cross and, thus became the mediator between God and man. Whereas, the priests ministering in the old covenant were sinners, needing a sacrifice for their own sins, Christ perfectly obeyed the will of God, and needed no sacrifice to be offered for Himself. Through the shedding of his blood, Christ satisfied God and fulfilled the law which called for the shedding of blood. Now, Christ, the high priest, in the heavenly tabernacle, stands in between the sinner and his God and brings the two together.

Christians should respond to this sacrifice of the Saviour by giving their supreme devotion to Him. They should willingly sacrifice their time, their pleasure, their money, or whatever is necessary, to live as they know Christ would have them live. We can show our love by being faithful in our responsibilities as Christians, loyal to our church and Christ-like in our relations to our fellow-men.

Rules of the Road

Speed On Bridges

Section 106, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina:—"It shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle upon any public bridge, causeway or viaduct at a speed which is greater than the maximum speed which can with safety to such structure be maintained thereon, when such structure is signposted as provided in this section."

The State Highway and Public Works Commission has authority to fix the maximum safe speed at which vehicles may travel on any public bridge, causeway or viaduct in the state, and when such speeds are designated by means of signs, drivers must observe them.

Still Time To Dust Cotton For Weevils

Bountiful supplies of winter vegetables growing in the garden of every North Carolina farm family is the objective of the new campaign recently launched by the State Agricultural Workers Council, according to John W. Goodman, assistant director of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Blessed with a climate that makes it possible to grow vegetables the year around in most sections, North Carolina could easily grow plenty of greens to keep its people supplied with these diet essentials during the fall and winter.

H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist, has prepared for distribution to every farm family information which lists vegetables suitable for winter gardens, best varieties, planting dates, amounts of seed needed, maturity dates, and seed cost. In his guide, the horticulturist suggests rape and kale for all sections of the State; mustard and tendergreens for the Eastern and Piedmont sections; collard plants, spinach, and onion sets for the Eastern and Lower Piedmont areas; beets and carrots for the Tidewater and warmer parts of the Coastal Plain.

Goodman explained that the winter vegetable campaign is being conducted in response to a request from M. L. Wilson, director of extension for the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The tremendous campaign in this State will be conducted by workers of the following agricultural and welfare agencies: Farm Security Administration, AAA, Soil Conservation Service, WPA, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, State Vocational Education Department, and the Extension Service.

W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Woodville Baptist Church met on Tuesday afternoon, August 12th, at the home of Mrs. Henry Swayne.

Mrs. Swayne had charge of a very interesting program with Miss Myrtle Onley and Mrs. Johnnie Bray taking part.

One new member, Mrs. Elihu Ren-

Critics' Ridicule Chief Fear Of Hollywood Movie Stars

LIFE for the movie stars, isn't as some fan magazines would have you believe, spent in endless days of lounging around swimming pools, and gay evenings in Hollywood night spots. Far from it. Their days and nights are spent wondering how their all-important public is reacting to their latest efforts on the screen.

Take it from one of the most popular movie idols, Robert Taylor,



Robert Taylor Ca. Tell You Why Stars Slip Into Public Disfavor

who reveals in the September issue of Cosmopolitan magazine why a star gets the jitters. Taylor's been through the painful experience called in Hollywood jargon "slipping" so he knows what it's like. But the reason for it? Well that's hard to tell, says handsome Bob. He thinks that more than anything else ridicule is the deadliest weapon that can be used against a star. Scandal, stupidity, bad performances cannot hurt a man in the public eye so fatally. Hollywood personages, he says, fear labels more than they fear libels, because so few of them can stand lampooning.

frow, was added to the group.

After the business session, refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. M. R. Griffin, Mrs. Henry Swayne, Mrs. Johnnie Bray, Mrs. A. R. Cooke, Mrs. Rupert Stanton, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. F. E. Willey, Mrs. H. C. West, Mrs. Elihu Renfrow and Miss Myrtle Onley. The September meeting will be held with Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Movement Launched For Winter Greens

North Carolina farmers may still have time to protect their 1941 cotton crop from the worst infestation of weevils in years, if the cotton is growing vigorously and there are sufficient squares and bolls to make dusting with calcium arsenate practical, is the report of J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist at State College.

While infestation is spotted, varying from farm to farm and from field to field, over most of the state, Specialist Rowell declared boll weevils are more numerous throughout the cotton belt this year than at any time in a decade or longer.

Mr. Rowell says that since each cotton field is an individual problem, the grower should examine his field

frequently and if boll weevils are present, should begin dusting with calcium arsenate promptly. The State College specialist declares that, growers who make an effort to protect their crops by dusting generally fall into one of the three groups listed:

1. Those who examine their fields frequently and apply calcium arsenate dust promptly and in profitable amounts;
2. Those who examine fields but

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put on too much dust;

3. Those who stop dusting too soon and allow weevils to destroy most of the late squares that develop in August and September.

Proper dusting methods may be learned from county agents of the North Carolina State College Extension Service.

NEW HOPE SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of New Hope Methodist Church held its regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon, August 14th, at the church. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. W. Griffin. "How Firm A Foundation" was sung and Mrs. Haskett offered prayer. After the business session, members present presented the Spiritual Life program which consisted of Scripture reading and comments, an appreciation of Christ, and Christian living.

The fellowship meeting was especially enjoyable.

Those present were Mrs. C. W. Griffin, Mrs. L. R. Webb, Mrs. Walter Barclift, Mrs. Nettie Barclift, Mrs. Steve Perry, Mrs. W. E. Dail, Mrs. I. A. Butt and Mrs. J. W. Haskett.

U. S.-BRITISH AIR SERVICE

Baltimore.—The British transatlantic clipper plane Bristol, one of two clippers purchased by the British from Pan American Airways for \$1,000,000 each, recently landed here, thus inaugurating British air service between England and the United States.

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Manhattan's Glamour Is Partly a Myth

By Katharine Brush (From August Good Housekeeping Magazine)

WHEN people from other places declare that they'd hate living in New York, they are more or less right about it; but not for the reasons they think. It isn't the noise, and it isn't the dirt. It's the little things.

It's the cosy elevator rides in your apartment house, squeezed in between the Joneses' baby carriage and the Smiths' Great Danes. It's the window-washers suddenly appearing on your window sill, when you're not dressed for them—in fact when you're not dressed at all. Full stop.

It's the breakneck speed at which New York's revolving doors get to whirling. It's that thing of being nearly decapitated at the theatre, every time anybody squeezes past you in a row behind. It's the gum on the subway stairs, and the weekend traffic leaving town, and the business of trying to find a doctor who won't just send you to another doctor.

So that's New York, as I was saying. It isn't the carbon monoxide. It isn't the lack of trees or the loneliness in the midst of crowds. No, it's those second degree burns you get on the bathroom radiator. It's other people's alarm clocks waking you at seven, from across the court. It's the air in phone booths. It's catching your high heels in those round manhole covers on the street.

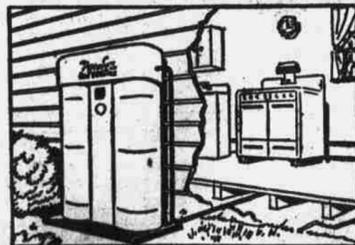
It's Little Old Manhattan, all right. It's Glamorous Gotham, and none other. It's running for your life out of the path of fire engines. It's learning how to talk into two telephones at once. It's New York. It's the town that out-of-towners wouldn't live in if you gave it to them. Neither would New Yorkers as far as that goes. Not if you GAVE it to them. What they like is paying and paying. That's obvious.



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