

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

International Sunday School Lesson for November 23, 1941

Golden Text: "Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks."—I Thess. 5:17-18.

Lesson Text: Matt. 6:5-15; Ephesians 5:20; I Thess. 5:16-17.

The first eighteen verses of the sixth chapter of Matthew, a very important part of Christ's Sermon on the Mount, give three specific warnings that godliness is not a hypocritical outward show, but is the quality of goodness in the inner man. The first warning is against hypocritical praying, the second against insincere prayer and the third against fasting, or ceremonial insincerity.

To approach God through the medium of prayer is the greatest privilege and the greatest need of mankind. However, we need to face some very important questions about prayer.

What place in this modern world has prayer? Does the great Creator concern himself with the comparatively unimportant petitions of mere mortal, allowing selfish and trivial personal pleas to compete with the business of world-making and the management of universes?

Do the great mass of men and women who call themselves Christians really believe in prayer as a source of spiritual strength, as an avenue through which the gateway to the goal of their efforts may be found and passed through, or has belief in prayer dwindled to a mere formality in the recitations of belief with no real, concrete application to life and its tasks?

These questions are being asked today and must be answered. Only recently we talked with a sincere seeker of truth, a member of a church, an official in a minor capacity, whose faith in prayer had been shaken badly, who was beginning to doubt if God primarily exerted Himself at the behest of man.

He had seen some things go wrong, which he couldn't explain, and he was selecting that way out of the difficulty of understanding rather than place upon God Himself the responsibility for the outcome of events. With human appreciation he was attempting to strike a balance upon the justice and righteousness of God's dispensations, whereas so many factors enter into such a subject, such as the deservingness of those concerned, the faith entertained, the spirit of their quests, and so on, that no man is in a position to appraise the benefits or evils which might flow from grant or refusal.

In almost every age, even primitive man as studied, we find that a tendency of prayer to higher powers has been instinctive and general to the human race. As Carlyle said, "Prayer is the native and deepest impulse of the soul of man." Numerous examples have been given of those who, buffeted at the power of prayer but who in sudden extremity and dire peril, or facing forces beyond their own power to combat, turned spontaneously to prayer and besought the aid of the Creator of all mankind.

Too often, our prayers are petitions, asking God for something. We are like small children who ask for all sorts of things but who all too often forget to thank the loving father who provides the things wanted. A study of the prayer-life of Jesus reveals that his were prayers of thanksgiving, for blessings received and for promises fulfilled, as well as petitions for things desired.

Jesus never gave mankind any set of formal words in which to couch their pleas to God in the sense of exclusiveness or as with a special charm, for he was concerned not so much with the form as with the spir-

it in which intercourse with God was held, but he outlined in the world-familiar prayer of Christianity, taken from the Sermon on the Mount, a model prayer for mankind. "The Lord's Prayer" has been found sufficient in its simple words to embrace the entire needs of man. It opens with an admission of kinship, which is followed by six petitions, three of which align the petitioner with God's plans while the other three concern his own individual life, closing with its own doxology.

Jesus taught much of prayer, the most intimate and personal approach of man to God. As he retired usually to a private place of prayer, he advised men to "enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy father." He warned against "vain repetitions", wanting human beings to speak only their hearts in prayer. He insisted upon humility as a proper attitude of a supplicant, wonderfully illustrated by the comparison between the publican and Pharisee at prayer. He required a forgiving spirit toward other men as a condition precedent to God's answering prayer, yet he taught time and again that faithful and proper prayer would be heard by God.

NEW HOPE NEWS

Mrs. E. M. Perry, Mrs. E. A. Turner, Mrs. J. A. Sawyer and Miss Billie Hurdle attended the show in Hertford Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goodman, Jr., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Goodman.

Mrs. Joe Turner, Mrs. E. A. Turner, Miss Billie Hurdle and Mrs. J. A. Sawyer were in Elizabeth City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sawyer, of Belhaven, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sawyer recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gray, of Suffolk, Va., spent Sunday with Mrs. Dan Simpson.

Mrs. Jasper Sawyer and Mrs. Patty Sawyer spent Sunday in Weeksville.

Julian Hobbs, of Florida, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Berta Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Collins and daughter, of Richmond, Va., are spending a few days with Mrs. Collins' grandmother, Mrs. Patty Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mills of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Alto Tolar of Washington, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Turner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Webb had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Mac Ward and children of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Webb of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spencer spent

Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Spencer.

Mrs. E. M. Perry visited her daughter, Dot, at Greensboro, during the week-end.

Mrs. Archie Barclift is visiting her husband in Portsmouth, Va., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Humphries, of Virginia Beach, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bargift Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pritchard, of Weeksville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Banks, Sunday.

E. M. Perry was in Hertford on Tuesday.

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Perquimans Youth Gain Jobs Through NYA Project

Five youths of Perquimans county have received employment as a result of training and work experience gained on local projects of the National Youth Administration, State NYA Administrator John A. Lang announced here today.

Receiving private employment as a result of NYA experience and type of training received were: Hertford; Alice B. Weston, sewing production; Marian A. Billups, resident center;

Doris Lewis, clerical project; Belvidere; Agnes Lois Ward, sewing production; Mary A. Baker, sewing production.

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nation in the world. For those who enlist in the Navy there is a wide variety of fascinating work, including everything from aviation to engineering. Pictured here are a few of the thrills that are everyday occurrences in the life of a Navy man. They're open to you right now if you've reached your 17th birthday.



MANNING AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN is real sport—if you know how to handle one. Each man has his station—and a job to do. If he does it correctly, the gun-crew functions as a single man—with deadly accuracy and superhuman speed.



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Sunday, Nov. 23—

Robert Young and Ruth Hussey in "MARRIED BACHELOR"

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 24-25—

Jack Benny and Kay Francis in "CHARLEY'S AUNT" Also March of Time "Norway in Revolt" Matinee 10c-25c. Night 10c-35c

Wednesday, Nov. 26—

Double Feature 10c and 25c Weaver Bros. and Elvira in "MOUNTAIN MOONLIGHT" Victor MacLaglen in "BROADWAY LIMITED"

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28—

Rosalia Russell and Don Ameche in "THE FEMININE TOUCH"