

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE BETTER REVELATION

International Sunday School Lesson For October 5th

Golden Text: "Jesus saith . . . he that hath seen me hath seen the Father."—John 14:9.

All through the ages, from the beginning of recorded time, man has been searching for God. As far as any known ruins indicate, the earliest buildings ever erected were structures used in connection some way with religion. The significance of this fact lies in another fact—the instincts of man never lead him astray. As the geese fly south in the winter through instinct and the salmon return to their beds to spawn for the same reason, wherever you find a great instinct, you find some good reason for it.

Certainly, the Bible is a record of man's search for God, as the first paragraph of our text from the Book of Hebrews points out. A study of the Old Testament reveals this fact.



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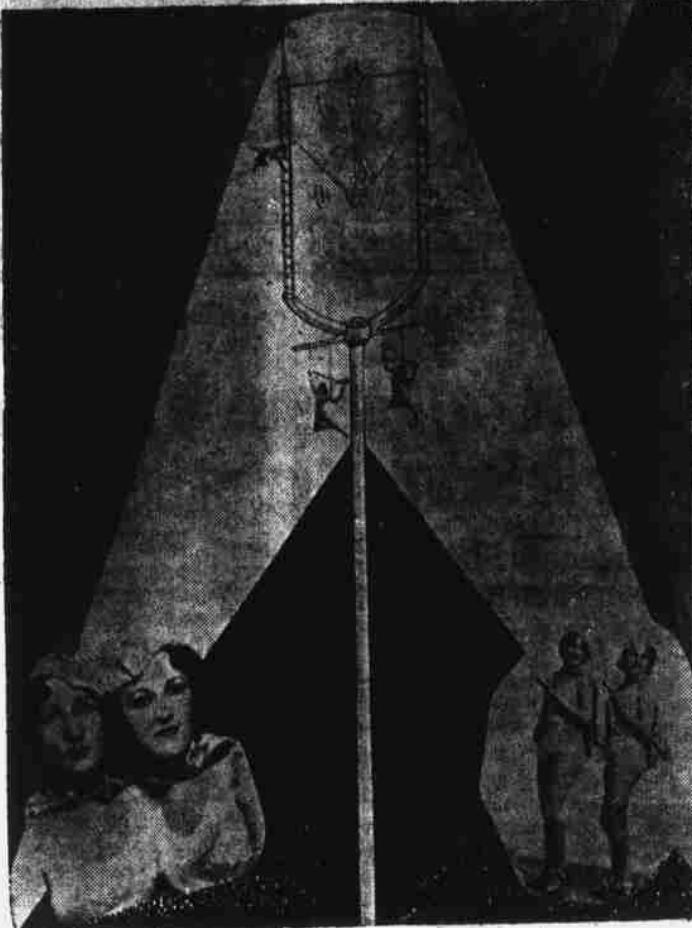
Abraham discovered there was one God; Isaac that God loves children; Jacob that God is everywhere; Joseph that God has a plan for our lives; Micah that God wants us to live together peacefully, and Amos that the poor are not to be oppressed.

In the New Testament, Jesus brought to us a portrayal of what God is like and declared, in the words of our Golden Text, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." If we would really know what God is like, we have but to study the life of Jesus, for He is the real revelation of God to man. If we would know how God would act in any given situation, let us find how Jesus acted in that situation. If we want to know what God thinks about anything, let us find out what Jesus thought about it. There need never be any doubt.

While there is no certainty as to just who the author of the book of Hebrews was, there is no uncertainty as to its purpose. A careful reading of the book will reveal that it was written for the purpose of strengthening the hearts of the Christians in a time of real danger, just what period of persecution we do not know. The writer speaks of his readers as having "endured a great conflict of sufferings" and a knowledge of the early history of the Christian faith reveals just what this might have been. They had been held up to scorn, their civil rights abridged and, in many instances, actually denied them, their property had been confiscated, they were set apart as a people to be despised and every method was made to make life as difficult as possible for them.

Another fact which had caused a "falling away" on the part of some believers was the failure of a conspicuous doctrine of the early Christians and this was the second coming of Jesus. We know that Paul believed that Jesus would soon come and that many others expected his imminent return. As time went on and the promise of a speedy return was not fulfilled, many began to grow faint-hearted. The writer of Hebrews, therefore, is pointing the believers back to a living faith in Jesus Christ, reminding them of Christ's sufferings as an example to be followed and urging his fellow Christians to be steadfast, that they, too, may be perfected through suffering.

Dr. Theodore H. Robinson has written: "Jesus is the theme of the epistle to the Hebrews and the author begins his work, not with the salutations and introduction common to ancient letters, but with this solemn exordium. Seldom has so much been



HELEN HARVEY GIRLS—Setting the pace for thrills at the Eastern Six Counties Fair at Elizabeth City during the week of October 6, will be the Helen Harvey Girls, who perform aerial stunts as a featured attraction of the program. This is a part of the big grandstand show which will be presented each afternoon and night of the fair. The fair will feature exhibits of interest for the whole family.

compressed into so few words. Here (1:1-4) we have set before us the place of Jesus in divine revelation, his relation to God, his relation to the universe, and his superiority to the angels."

The writer of Hebrews also reminds his readers that they are living under a new and far more excellent covenant than the covenant entered into by God and the Hebrews in the wilderness, by which he was to be their Deity and they were to be his people. "The Old Testament itself bears witness to the failure of the Jewish law. God himself pronounced judgment upon it when he gave Jeremiah the promise of a new covenant. If the first covenant had been above all criticism, there would have been no reason for a second. All through the divine promise of Jeremiah there runs the note of criticism of the old order. In passing judgment upon the Jewish law, therefore, and challenging its finality, we are only doing what God himself has done. We claim that the new covenant promised by Jeremiah has been fulfilled in the new relationship established between man and God by Jesus Christ." (Abingdon Bible Commentary).

The God of the Old Testament is a God of law, punishing the guilty and rewarding the faithful. The God revealed by Jesus Christ is a God of love, showing compassion to the suffering and distressed, patience with his short-sighted and stumbling children, affectionate solicitude and care for his wandering sheep and a tenacity of love with which He clings to those who have ever entered into filial relations with himself. Surely, those who have become familiar with the life of Jesus and his teachings have a more perfect comprehension of our Heavenly Father.

BETHEL CLUB MEETS

The Bethel Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. C. E. White on Friday afternoon, September 19th. The meeting was opened by singing "We Believe In Our State," followed by all repeating the collect in unison. The roll was called and minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Miss Frances Maness discussed the plans for the program for 1948 and the accessories for the fall wardrobe. Mrs. J. J. Phillips gave a very interesting reading on Czechoslovakia and Mrs. J. P. Ward, the clothing leader, told and showed pictures of the new fall materials.

Mrs. J. P. Ward, Dan Simpson and W. D. Perry were elected as a nominating committee. Mrs. C. E. White conducted the contest with Mrs. J. J. Phillips winning the prize. The hostess served delicious pineapple cake and bottled drinks to the following: Mesdames E. L. Goodwin, W. P. Long, Leroy Goodwin, J. C. Hobbs, W. D. Perry, J. J. Phillips, E. T. Phillips, W. E. Curtis, E. J. Proctor, Reuben Stallings, Dan Simpson, J. P. Ward, C. E. White, and Misses Frances Maness and Blanche Goodwin and one visitor, Mrs. William Stallings.

SOIL CONSERVATION NOTES

The farmers in the Tom White Millpond section of Perquimans County are interested in improving the drainage on their farms. They recently let a contract for the clearing and excavation of a main canal which will be approximately four miles long. It will require the excavation of approximately 50,000 cubic yards of dirt. When it is completed the canal will benefit an area of approximately 5,000 acres of land.

Soil Conservation Service engineers working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District made a survey of the area and prepared plans and specifications for the canal. The district will assist the farmers further by staking out the canal and checking to see that it is cut according to specifications.

said, farmers who use hired labor as tractor drivers should make every effort to get intelligent and competent drivers who have an understanding of machinery and like to operate it. It is important that the driver like his work so he will take a greater interest in the equipment and try to keep it in good repair, because a repair bill often takes all the profit on a farm.

The operator on the farm, in addition to getting a good driver, can initiate a system of systematic checking equipment at intervals. While making these checks, he may catch many defects in the machinery before they become too serious and costly. Farm operators can afford to pay

high wages to a good tractor operator, Mr. Ratchford declared. If trained tractor operators cannot be procured, then the owner could very well spend time and money in training tractor drivers—it will save on repair bills later on.

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Farm Machinery Repair Runs High On Farms

Farm machinery costs on many North Carolina farms are greater than the cost of the equipment when new, says Brice Ratchford, in charge of Extension Farm Management at State College, and most of it is due to inexperienced operators.

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