

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Daniel Stands By His Convictions

International Sunday School Lesson
For May 30, 1948

Golden Text: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties, nor with the wine which he drank."—Daniel 1:8.

Lesson Text: Daniel 1:8-21

The story of Daniel is almost too familiar to be repeated here, but the facts as related in the first half of the book of Daniel need to be emphasized particularly. Daniel, a young Hebrew nobleman, had been carried captive to Babylon along with a group of young men of proved intellectual ability and physical perfection.

This company of choice youths had been selected for service to the king after a period of special training. They were destined to become teachers and scholars of the culture and learning of Babylon and were to be attached to the king's court. To this end, they were assigned to a daily routine for three years, eating "the king's meat" and drinking wine from the royal cellars.

There were three young men in the selected group who were not altogether pleased with the life confronting them. They were Daniel, Hananiah, Misheal and Azariat. Daniel was evidently the leader of the group.

When Daniel saw the unholy pagan way of life he seemed destined to live and that it involved giving up the simple life to which he had been accustomed, he "purposed in his heart" that he would refuse to defile himself with the portion of the king's meat or drink the wine set before him.

The easier thing for Daniel to have done was to do, as so many people do today—accept the customs of those into whose midst one moves, and, in the words of the axiom, "When in Rome, do as Rome does."

However, Daniel had convictions and he also possessed the courage to do something about these convictions. He therefore requested that he be exempt from the regimented court life in the matter of food and drink, appealing to the "prince of the eunuchs."

It required considerable persuasion for Daniel to obtain permission to continue his simple life. Only when Daniel proposed a test of ten days to prove his point was permission given. At the end of the period, Daniel and the two other Hebrew youths who joined him in his request to the king, were found to be in better physical condition than all the others and upon examination mentally, they were considered "ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his realm."

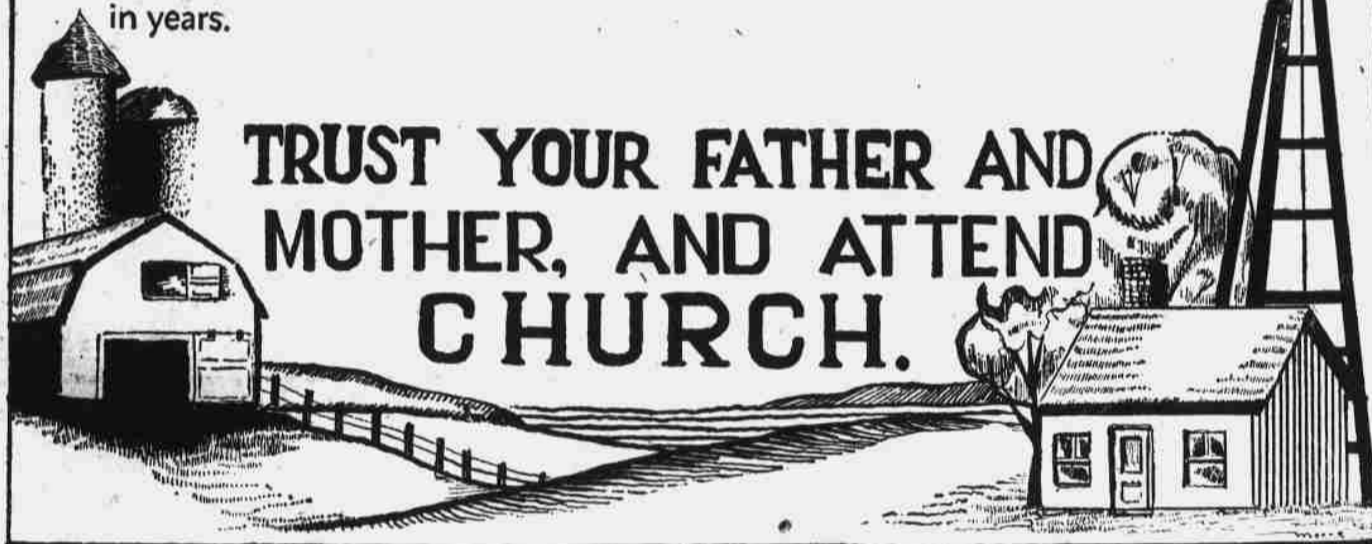
Live simply! How quaint the idea seems. The trend in America today is definitely away from simple living. One writer has declared however, "Only the simple lives are really free: the others are more or less enslaved."

Perhaps the commonest form of



WHAT do we not owe to Dad and Mom? What do we not owe to our parents who have brought us up as Christian boys and girls? It is a notable fact that the youngsters who go astray did not pay that respect or give that affection and confidence to their parents that they should have given. Children should learn to be candid with their parents and enjoy a precious relationship with them.

THE religious atmosphere of a home is the foundation on which the young generation builds with confidence and purpose. Young people should remember to have respect for parental authority. Juvenile delinquency clearly demonstrates that those youngsters who have gone astray from the paths of rectitude have side-stepped the teachings of their parents and the admonition to be found in the scriptures. Under no condition commit an act of disrespect to your parents. Time clearly demonstrates that "Mom and Pop" only want to do that which is best for their children. You cannot climb the difficult mountain until you have grown in years.



slavery caused by complicated living is debt. Many a person, used to a simple life, begins living beyond his means, borrows money, and becomes little by little enslaved by debt. He gave up the simple life for—debt."

Many a person has been swept away from the simple life into a life

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Be a Better Citizen! Go to Some Church Next Sunday

BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
D. L. Fouts, Pastor
Church School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Youth Fellowship, 7:15 P. M.
Evening Worship, 8 P. M.
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

Perquimans Church Services

HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH
C. W. Duling, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
W. H. Marler, Pastor
Church services first and third Sundays at 3:00 P. M.
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. R. Byerly, Pastor
Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.
Burgess and Bethlehem Churches hold Christian Union together on second and fourth Sundays.

PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES
E. B. Edwards, Pastor
First Sunday:
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.
Oak Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.
Second Sunday
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.
Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.
Fourth Sunday
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 3:00 P. M.
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.
Fifth Sunday
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
E. T. Jilson, Rector
Holy Communion, 9:45 A. M.
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
Elizabeth White, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Church Services, 11 A. M.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Harry F. Bean, Pastor
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday.
Sunday School third Sunday, 2 P. M.
Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS MEETING
Bertha V. Smith White, Minister
Bible School, 10 A. M.
Meeting for worship, 11 A. M.

CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
A. H. Outlaw, Pastor
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.
Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday.
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

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