

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LAW IN THE BIBLE

International Sunday School Lesson
For October 17

Golden Text: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."—Matthew 22:37-39.

Lesson Text: Deuteronomy 6:20-25; Leviticus 19:9-14, 17-18.

While the first five books in the Old Testament are known as "The Books of the Law," the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy contain the substance of the law of God as delivered through Moses. This study for this week is highly opportune. It not only gives us an opportunity to study one kind of literature found in the Bible, but it also magnifies the laws of God in the Bible.

After leading the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the Wilderness, and after many adventures, Moses led them to the foot of Mt. Sinai, where they pitched their tents. After a sojourn atop the mountain, Moses descended to the people with the laws of God, which we have come to know as the Ten Commandments. Moses taught the people these laws of God and, as disputes arose among the people, they were referred to Moses that he might settle them according to the will of God. These interpretations of the law became known as the law of Moses. After a time, Moses appointed seventy judges who took the law of Moses and used them in their dealing with the people, deciding most disputes themselves but bringing the most serious ones to Moses.

Thus, there grew three kinds of law: First, the divine law, the immediate commands of God; then the law of Moses, and then the law of the judges. Therefore, the law grew, with the words of God as the seed, the word of Moses as the stem and the words of Moses' assistants and their successors as the branch. These laws, beginning with the Ten Commandments and growing through the years, are set down in the last half of Exodus, the first and last parts of Numbers and the whole of Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

Let us remember that God was the author of the laws given to Moses and this fact accounts for the amazing comprehensiveness, concreteness, significance and simplicity of the laws relating to moral conduct. God used a man, Moses, to give his laws to the people and these laws form the basis of the fundamental statutes today.

The fifth chapter of Deuteronomy points out that obedience to law is the only way of life. Here the emphasis is on the absolute imperative of the divine law. To disobey it is to choose the way of death. This is a universe of law. Nature is under law. Seed time and harvest, summer and winter, day and night, follow each other according to God's law. Ruskin has said, "There is no such thing as liberty in the world. There never can be. The stars have it not, the sea has it not." So society today is under law. Little by little the same

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THE LAWYER'S SON

This is a picture of a lawyer's son beginning his studies in *corpus juris*.

Father has won many a case on the legal points and precedents he gleans from these books. But Junior is not going to be so successful in his legal research. He doesn't know what he's looking for . . . even if he did, he wouldn't know how to find it!

Purpose and Method! These are what Junior lacks. And purpose and method are essential, not only to research, but to LIFE. There are no more tragic figures on earth than the men and women who have found neither purpose nor method in living.

The Church can help our youngsters discover the spiritual truths which give PURPOSE to life. And the Church can train them in the beautiful METHOD of living which Jesus Christ taught men.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday . . . Ecclesiastes 12:11-14
Monday . . . I Timothy 6:6-12
Tuesday . . . James 4:13-17
Wednesday Acts 17:22-28
Thursday . . . John 3:1-6
Friday . . . John 6:27-38
Saturday . . . Romans 6:19-23

For schedule of yearly readings, write American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., N. Y. 22, N. Y.

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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, 10 A. 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.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
W. J. Berryman, Pastor
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday.
Church services every third 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.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. E. G. Willis, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 A. M.
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.

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

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
G. M. Singletary, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. on first and third Sundays and 2:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.
Church services, 3:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
D. L. Fouts, Pastor
Church School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

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.

Be a Better Citizen!
Go to Some Church Next Sunday

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.

BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Preston Cayton, Pastor
Bible School 10:30 A. M., except fourth Sunday, at 10 A. M.
Morning worship on fourth Sunday at 11 A. M.
Evening worship fourth Sunday at 8 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

E. T. Jilson, Rector
Holy Communion, 9:00 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.

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