

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PROPHETS PREACH SOCIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS (Temperance)

Memory Selection: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil."—Isaiah 5: 1-12.

Lesson Text: Isaiah 5: 1-12

The first six chapters of the book of Isaiah rebuke the wickedness of his day, and from this part our lesson text comes, enunciating various "woes" upon his people for their derelictions. Their evil sprang from failure to follow Jehovah, and Isaiah's refrain was that punishment inevitably would follow iniquity. Jehovah, he said, had been disappointed; "he looked for justice, but behold, oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry."

Each individual was responsible for his own faults, but, Isaiah preached the same doctrine of accountability for a nation, as it was only the aggregate of individuals. Nations, as well as men, should pursue righteous policies, otherwise the certain day of retribution would await them. Jehovah's divine rules applied to the lives and destinies of peoples no less than to the individual units which made up the races and the countries.

Isaiah did not believe in the accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few. He read that in the fruits and results of injustice and oppression, the forerunner of poverty and misery.

Land was the great embodiment of wealth in his day, therefore, one of Isaiah's first "woes" was a warning to those "that join house to house, that lay field to field." The Jews of his day had forgotten the old law of the fiftieth year, that land was returned to the family-owners.

"God has made the land, not to feed the pride of a few," says George Adam Smith, "but to the natural hunger of the many, and it is his will that the most be got out of a country's soil for the people of the country. Whatever be the system of land tenure, if it is taken advantage of by individuals to satisfy their own cupidity, then God will take account of them." The observation applies to every form of wealth and resources.

Two of the "woes" refer to intemperance and drunkenness. The eleventh verse calls to our consideration the comparatively moderate drinker, out for a good time, improvident careless of higher interests, who "regard not the work of Jehovah." Verse twenty-two refers to the violent drinkers, willing to go any lengths, for whom a terrific punishment is predicted.

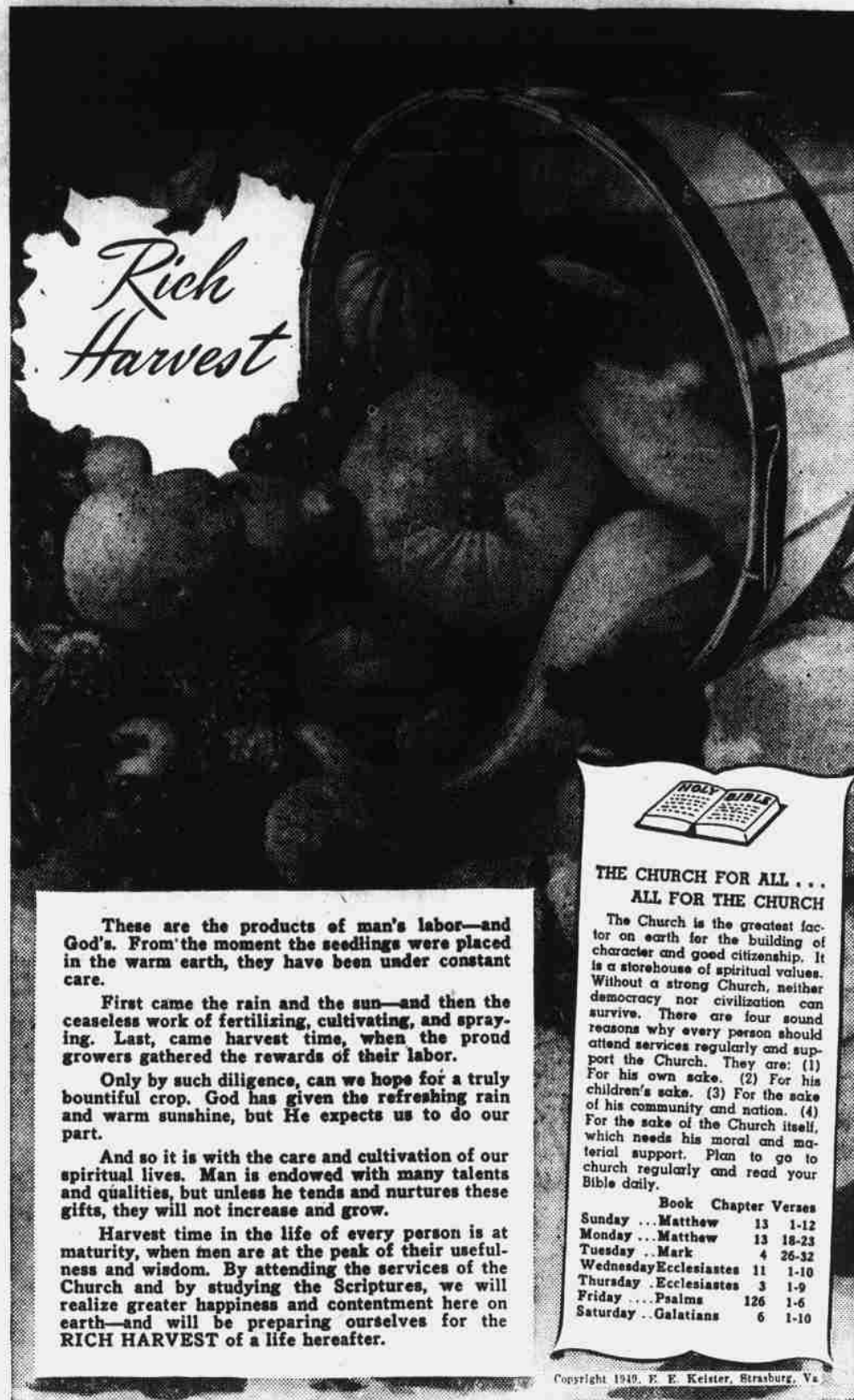
Isaiah lived and preached twenty-seven centuries ago. The evils of human nature which he condemned are surprisingly prevalent in the present day. Human nature remains pretty well the same. Old evils are present under new guise. The need of the day is for earnest social reformers like Isaiah, men fearlessly preaching the necessity for righteousness and the certainty of punishment for wrongdoing. Mankind is still far from the expectations and hopes of the divine creator.

The human race has been using alcohol for many centuries, but, here we see, not without many recognizing the evils it caused. Modern folks are very few who claim any great benefit in the drinking of liquor; on the other hand there is an unending testimony through the ages of the wickedness and sorrow which has accompanied alcoholic drinks.

We challenge any citizen to honestly prepare a balance sheet on the liquor question after carefully and impartially reading the facts and authorities. The only things which would appear on the "credit" side would be such generalities as "personal liberty," and the like; we doubt if the old claim of value as a food would be repeated, and we are sure it would not be as a necessary medicine now. Liberty is all right, but it doesn't mean freedom to ruin other people's lives. If there was any way to confine the evils of drunkenness to the drinker alone, he might talk about his liberty, but when by the term he means the power to injure others, even the law-books would show that any question of his own liberty of action must yield to the common good.

On the other side of the page, how much evil, suffering, and punishment of the innocent could be entered. Poverty caused by drink, entailing its bitter sting upon women and little children. Disease brought on by the weakening of the health-maintaining functions, with the burden again thrown upon others to care for the man who slowly broke his own strength down for appetite. Vice, and (Concluded on Page Two)

GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY



These are the products of man's labor—and God's. From the moment the seedlings were placed in the warm earth, they have been under constant care.

First came the rain and the sun—and then the ceaseless work of fertilizing, cultivating, and spraying. Last, came harvest time, when the proud growers gathered the rewards of their labor.

Only by such diligence, can we hope for a truly bountiful crop. God has given the refreshing rain and warm sunshine, but He expects us to do our part.

And so it is with the care and cultivation of our spiritual lives. Man is endowed with many talents and qualities, but unless he tends and nurtures these gifts, they will not increase and grow.

Harvest time in the life of every person is at maturity, when men are at the peak of their usefulness and wisdom. By attending the services of the Church and by studying the Scriptures, we will realize greater happiness and contentment here on earth—and will be preparing ourselves for the RICH HARVEST of a life hereafter.

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 the sake of his community and nation. (3) 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.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Matthew	13	1-12
Monday	Matthew	13	18-23
Tuesday	Mark	4	26-32
Wednesday	Ecclesiastes	11	1-10
Thursday	Ecclesiastes	3	1-9
Friday	Psalms	126	1-6
Saturday	Galatians	6	1-10

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Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.
Woodland Church, 7:30 P. M.
Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:30 P. M.
Fourth Sunday
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.
Fifth Sunday
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