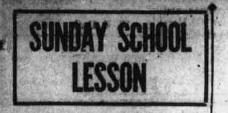
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JEREMIAH, A SPOKESMAN OF GOD

International Sunday School Lesson for November 27, 1949

Memory Selection: "Who unto him that buildeth his house by unrightcousness, and his chambers by injustice; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not his hire."-Jeremiah 22: 13.

on Text: Jeremiah 1:9-10, 18-19; 22: 1-3, 13-14; 37: 15-17.

Jeremiah was born at Anathoth, a little town a few miles from Jerusalem, not very far from the birthplace of the prophet, Amos. Early in life, Jeremiah came to Jerusalem where he was the ally of the Good King Josiah in his various efforts

to reform the people of Judah. Throughout the reign of the last five kings of the nation, Jeremiah continued to preach the inevitable judgement approaching his countrymen for their sin and repudiation of Jehovah, which culminated with the captivity of Jerusalem and the captivity of a great number who were carried to Babylon. Jeremiah remanned in Judah for a few years afterwards, then went into Egypt, where tradition asserts that he met a martyr's death.

In the first chapter of the book, Jeremiah tells of the divine call which he received and relates how he sought to avoid the duty of preaching the destruction of his people by remon-strating with the Lord that he was not a good speaker.

In this respect he was like Moses who sought to avoid his call to ser-vice by saying, "I am not eloquent." Other great leaders of Israel had done likewise, Saul, Joshua, Paul, Mark, etc. But God knows the hearts and possibilities of men and he refused to accept Jeremiah's explanation, saying to him that he should not be afraid for Jehovah would be with him.

It required a great deal of courage for Jeremiah to accept and carry out his mission, so thankless, and unappreciated by those he sought to save. The priests and prophets of his day were corrupt and worldly-minded. The Kings and rulers were devoid, for the most part, of any serious religious acceptance of Jehovah, and the people, as a whole, had been drawn to the worship of various idols and the neglect of their spiritual well-being.

To these, Jeremiah was asked to deliver a message of condemnation, punishment and sorrow, which by its very nature was a declaration that would array the recipients against him, laying him open to being called a false prophet and a traitor to his country.

Regardless of this, unmindful of his own townspeople, who sought to take his life, the treachery of his own family, or the punishment which infuriated rulers meted out to him,



The holiday season is here, and Mother is bringing home baskets of tempting food. One glance at the assorted nuts, the fruits, the puddings and cakes, reminds us that we will soon be enjoying the treats of Thanksgiving. But enjoying our blessings is not enough. We must be thankful as well—and true thanks is

possible only when we share with others. When in the joy and excitement of the moment we stop to remember those who are less fortunate, we are not only bringing happiness to others, but we are making our own pleasures more

In order to develop generosity-and indeed all virtues, we must join wholeheartedly in the work of the Church. Here we learn how to serve our fellow men most effectively, and in so doing, enrich our



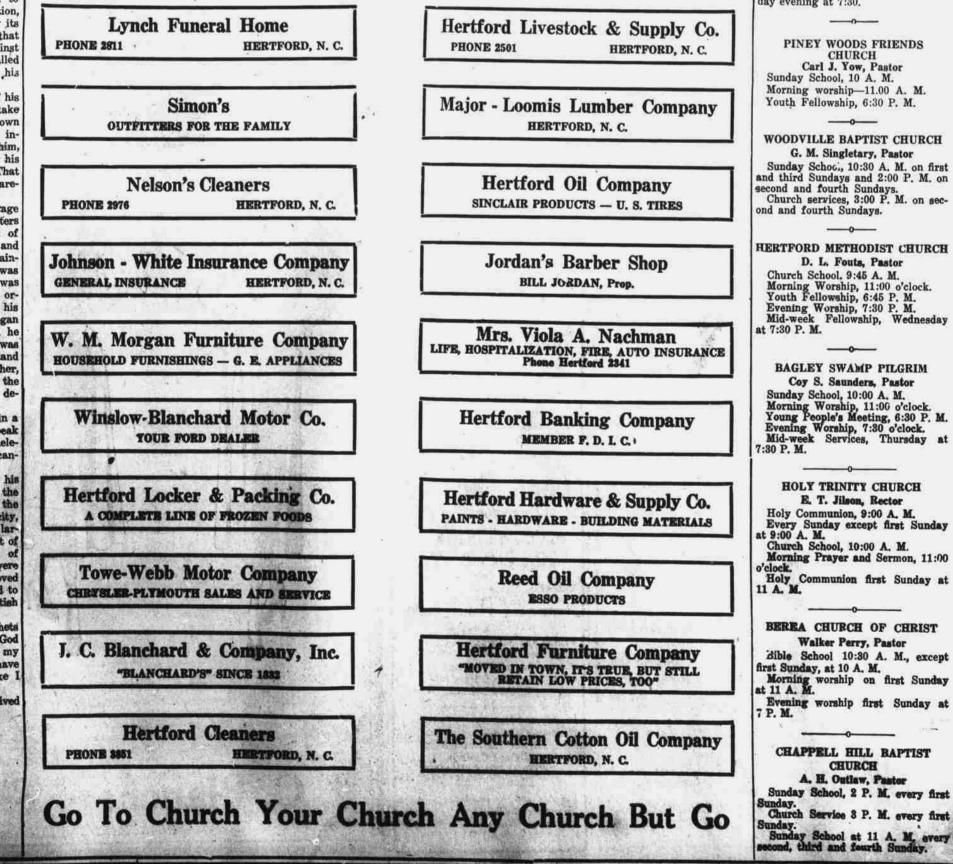
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ALL FOR THE CHURCH The Church is the greatest fac-tor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritud values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and sup-port the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's scke. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and ma-terial support. Flan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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Woodland 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 Rev. J. W. Davis, Supply Pastor Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday. Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH Elizabeth White, Paston 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. Preaching second and fourth Sun-day evening at 7:30.

Jeremiah persevered in delivering his unpopular and rejected message. That required a high moral courage rare ly encountered in human beings.

The same great need for courage and frankness in religious matters has been evidenced in the lives of many great leaders, whose words and actions show that they were sustained by a firm assurance that God was on their side. Bishop Latimer was once rebuked by Henry 8th and ordered to apologize for some of his remarks in a sermon. As he began to preach the following Sunday, he audibly reminded himself that he was speaking before the King of England who could take his life, but, further, that he was an ambassador of th King of Kings and had orders to deliver his message.

So John Knox declared, "I am in a lace where conscience bids me speak the truth," and Luther made his celebrated avowal: "Here I stand; I cannot otherwise, God help me."

Jeremiah faithfully delivered his minful message at the gate of the emple, on the festival day, at the royal palace, at the gates of the city, or wherever he could obtain the largest audience, this faithful servant of duty delivered the condemnation of God to his hearers. Those who were entrusted with religion and proved faithless and Jeremiah quotes God to them, "the pastors are become brutish

and have not sought the Lord." The expedient and false prophets received this message from God through him, "the prophets lie in my name; I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake I unto them."

Even Zedekiah, the king, received (Concluded on Page Two)

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NEXT SUNDAY

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