SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

ZEPHANIAH CALLS TO REPENTANCE

International Sunday School Lesson for June 11, 1959

Memory Selection: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye méek of the earth, that have kept his ordinances; seek rightconsness, seek meaness; it may be ye will be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."-Zephaniah 2: 3.

Lesson Text: Zephanish 1: 12-18; 3: 16-20

Zephaniah is one of the minor prophets about whom little is known. The prophecy, in the first chapter and first verse, states that the prophet was the great-great-grandson of Hezekiah and this seems to indicate that he was of royal birth. He shows in various ways that he knows the ways of the royal family and the court, for he condemns them for imitating foreign manners of behavior and dress.

Zephaniah spoke at a time when wise and courageous leadership was needed in Judam. The people had become careless in their religious duties and many of them had taken up the practices of idol worship. More serious was the fact that many of the people were forsaking the ways of God altogether. The prophet saw all this and determined to lead his people to an understanding of what their sins meant.

The prophet condemned the leaders of worship for mixing the worship of Jehovah with that of Baal. To Zephaniah this was as bad or worse than turning away from God. Many of the people had become cynical, claiming that God would do nothing even if they were doing wrong. This was their excuse for entering into all kinds of evil practices.

kinds of evil practices. Zephaniah denounced the wrongs which he saw, from the rulers who were aping the styles and social practices of foreign nations to the coldly indifferent who did not eare what they did. It took real courage for him a descendant of the royal family himself, to tell the members of the king's household of their sins. It always takes courage to tell people about their wrongs, but it is one of the dutics of God's people to help their fellow men to a better, more godly life.

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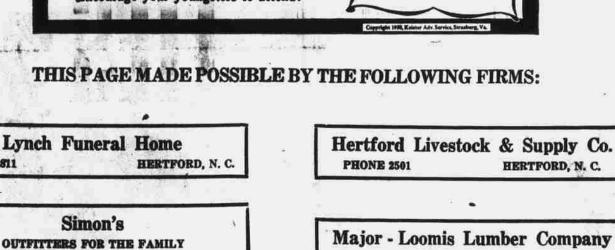
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Church Services HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH C. W. Duling, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Evening Worship, 8 o'clock. Evening Worship, 8 o'clock. Evening Worship, 8 o'clock. Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M. BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST Harold C. Turner, Pastor Church services at 3:00 P. M. Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

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Rev. J. R. Byerly, Paster Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Church service 7:45 P. M. second and fourth Sundays.

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First Sunday: New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M. Oak Grove Chuch, 7:30 P. M.

Second Sunday 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.

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Fifth Sunday Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M. Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

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

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