

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson  
For November 19

Memory Selection: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."—John 4:24.

Lesson Text: Isaiah 1:11-17; John 4:19-24; Colossians 3:16.

Isaiah, the greatest of the Hebrew prophets, condemned hypocritical worship, just as his predecessors had done. Amos declared: "I hate, I despise your feasts and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies. . . . But let justice roll down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream."

Hosea said: "I desire goodness, and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." Micah said: "He hath showed me, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee but to do justly and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Speaking through Isaiah, Jehovah says, "I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth. . . . When ye make many prayers, I will not hear: Your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek justice; relieve the oppressed; judge the fatherless; plead for the widow."

"We have all noticed the vast difference between religious ceremony and moral life," declared Frederick B. Fisher. "It may be said with truth that as the moral life of a people declines, the religious ceremony seems to increase. The history of religious reform is the story of rebellion against excessive ritual and corresponding laxity in morals. And, strangely, the older an organized religion becomes, the more ritualistic it is.

"It was this fact which aroused Isaiah. He was a prophet of ethics. He could not bear to hear the name of God mentioned at a sacred altar by wicked priests; nor could he understand how wicked laymen could enter the temple; take part in the sacred ceremonies of worship, and come forth seemingly satisfied, when their lives were openly immoral. It was an intellectual appeal that he made."

In his conversation with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, near Sychar, Jesus taught the principles of true worship. The story is familiar and we are not concerned with any phase of it except the part of his conversation which deals with worship. In order to change the subject of conversation from her own personal sin and need of a savior, the woman asked Jesus to settle the long-standing dispute between the Jews and the Samaritans as to the right place in which to worship.

Jesus pointed out that God may be worshiped anywhere, the place not mattering nearly so much as the manner in which the worshiper worships. He declared, "God is spirit and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth." Only sincere and real worship is acceptable to God. All worshipers need to remind themselves of this fact if they are to grow as they should in their experience and knowledge of God.

Paul, in writing from his prison cell in Rome to the Christians at Colossae, gave these early Christians some suggested aids to real worship. He recognized the value of "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" in group worship, in addition to teaching and admonishing, and studying the "word of Christ."

Because regular worship attendance is a definite means of Christian growth, we are urged not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25). The Christian who is faithfully present at the public worship services of his church is the Christian who will be best prepared to face the daily trials of life.

BE A BETTER  
CITIZEN!  
GO TO SOME  
CHURCH  
NEXT SUNDAY

# WORLD BEATER



Every Dad thinks his son is going to be a "world-beater." He's not counting on his youngster to floor the Champ for a count of ten, but he dreams of the day his boy will triumph over every obstacle to happiness and success.

"World-beater" is a pretty descriptive name for what Dad envisions. The world is full of forces that destroy the best in a man. To make your life count for anything these days you have to vanquish those forces.

It takes courage and stamina to win the struggle . . . a very special kind of courage that is more spiritual than physical . . . a very special kind of stamina that is more moral than muscular.

Sunday morning is a good time to begin. Weekly training in the Church can help father and son to gain the courage and stamina that will win every bout in life.

## 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 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.

	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Romans	12	9-21
Monday	Joshua	1	1-9
Tuesday	II Timothy	1	1-7
Wednesday	I Corinthians	16	9-14
Thursday	Genesis	22	1-14
Friday	Matthew	6	7-15
Saturday	Exodus	20	1-17

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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 CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor  
Church services at 3:00 P. M.  
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. J. R. Byerty, Pastor  
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.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
E. B. Edwards, Pastor

**First Sunday:**  
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Oak Grove Church, 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.

**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.

**ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
E. R. Meekins, Pastor  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

**WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Carl Bjork, 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, 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.  
Preaching second and fourth Sunday evening at 7:30.

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Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Morning worship—11:00 A. M.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 P. M.

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G. M. Singletary, Pastor  
Sunday Schoc., 10:30 A. M. on first and third Sundays and 2:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.  
Church services, 8:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.

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Ben O. Merritt, 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.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
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.

**BERRA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Walker Perry, Pastor  
2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:30 A. M.  
Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Evening worship first and third Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

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A. E. Outlaw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Church Services 3 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

Go To Church Your Church Any Church But Go