

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY IN PUBLIC LIFE

International Sunday School Lesson for August 26, 1951.

Memory Selection: "We must obey God rather than men."—Acts 5: 29.

Lesson Text: Matthew 5: 13-16; 13: 33; Acts 5: 25-29; 1 Peter 3: 13-16.

In our discussion of the lesson for last week, we called attention to Jesus' answer to the Pharisees as to the obligation of a citizen toward his country and his God. A repetition is not amiss. Surely, Christians should have it impressed indelibly on their minds and hearts that they owe something to their community and have a responsibility, as followers of Jesus Christ, to make their contribution felt in the uplifting and improvement of the moral tone of the place in which they live.

Salt was even more of a necessity in the time of Jesus than it is today. In those days, when artificial refrigeration was unknown, salt was a very necessary element in the preservation of foods, especially meats. Salt was used in sacrifices by the Jews, Greeks and Romans, and was an emblem of purity and of the influence of a holy life upon others. Salt saves from corruption and, by the use of this comparison, Jesus was and is reminding his disciples that it is their duty to keep others from moral corruption.

However, we are reminded that there may come a time when, if unduly exposed, salt can lose its value—its saltiness—and then it becomes worthless, only fit to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men. The warning here is that Christians—the salt of the earth, the saving element in a corrupt environment—must always endeavor to keep themselves "unspotted from the world," in order that they may not lose their helpful influence. "Be ye separate," we are commanded. This does not mean that Christians should cloister themselves, away from the teeming multitudes that need their helpful ministry, but that, in the world, they should exert a saving influence.

Christians are also compared with light—something that brings brightness into dark places. Christian light, thrown into the dark places of history, has time and again created a condition in which evil simply could not exist. If we could remember always that God is the source of all power and that, through prayer, we can link up our lives with that great power-house, we would all be more powerful lights for Him.

Just what is the duty of the Christian in regard to public life? Jesus taught that his followers have social, as well as spiritual responsibilities. He recognized the obligations due existing government. The real Christian accepts and cheerfully fulfills his responsibilities to the state. These responsibilities include, among other things, his obedience to the laws of his government, the prompt and honest payment of taxes required for the support of its functions, participation in elections in order that the proper persons might be placed in positions of authority, and to do all things which might be required of a good citizen.

The church, through its pulpit and through its leaders, has a duty to perform in educating and urging its members to take their rightful place in the state. This great nation of ours stands sorely in need of Christian statesmen, who are above reproach and who can withstand the temptation to graft and bribery. It has come to the place in our political life where men or women, of principle hesitate to offer for public office because of the practices which have become necessary for election. Men with principle, but without great wealth, stand little chance of election to places of authority in our country today, and this should not be!

However, men and women, actuated by Christian principles, should not hesitate to sacrifice personal preferences but should offer their services to their country. And, suffice to say, that should they dare to offer, the Christian people of their communities and states should band themselves together to see that they are elected, if they are worthy.

Charles E. Jefferson has declared: "It is because Christian citizens have, in large numbers, neglected their political duties that political scandals have been so appalling. If good men refuse to vote, bad men will be on hand. If elders and deacons refuse to run for office, the ward-healers will dominate the political world. Our citizenship is rooted in heaven; therefore, we must be sure to vote. If politics are dirty, why not do our part in making them clean? This same principle applies to all our duties and privileges as citizens."

BE A BETTER CITIZEN! GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY



These are the days of innocent childhood, when the world is beautiful and the future is bright; when the morning stars sing together and Nature is attuned to the music of the spheres.

It is a time when boys and girls should heed the counsel of Solomon, who said: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, when the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, 'I have no pleasure in them.'"

It is a time when parents and teachers and friends should endeavor to fortify youth against the pitfalls of the most dangerous period of human life; when a slip or more serious mistake may take the brightness from the skies and leave only gloom and disillusionment.

Youth needs God—needs a deep sense of the Infinite and Eternal in human life. The churches of this community are endeavoring to meet this need.

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.

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Saturday

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Joe Brickhouse, Pastor
First Sunday
11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

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Church services second and fourth 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
J. S. Craffin, 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.

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Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

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Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

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Church Services, 11 A. M.
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Morning worship—11:00 A. M.

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Third Sunday

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Church Service 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