

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LIVING TOGETHER IN THE WORLD

International Sunday School Lesson for September 23rd, 1951.

Memory Selection: "Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us?"—Malachi 2: 10.

Lesson Text: Isaiah 65: 17-25; Acts 17: 24-28.

Narrow nationalism was the curse of the world in the days of Isaiah and of Jesus and of Paul, even as it is still today. Every nation was convinced that it was the finest nation, the noblest in the world. The Jews believed themselves to be the "Chosen People" of God, which they were, but their actions did not match their contention. Isaiah criticized them for this and, certainly, Jesus disliked their attitude in this respect.

Isolated, bitter, armed to the teeth, proud, cruel and narrow-visioned was the world into which Isaiah, Jesus and Paul were born. They were all persecuted, persecuted and even slain by those who denied all brotherhood with those of other nations. Only recently, and then only in part, have the nations cast off their fatal isolationist nationalism to move out on equal footing among the nations of the world.

Isaiah looked forward to the day when brotherhood should reign over all the world. He hoped the time would come when the fierce passions of hate and destruction would be subdued by the power and grace of God. When that day arrives, there will be joy, a sense of security (so absent today) and peace will pervade the earth. The human life span will be increased because of these improved conditions and there shall be no more war, and weeping and weariness. Isaiah also prophesied that there should also be more intimate fellowship between God and man.

How shall this come about? Scholars do not agree. Some expect it at the second coming of Christ, while others believe that it will come about through the process of love, enlightenment and regeneration as a result of the preaching and practice of the gospel of Jesus Christ. However it comes about, Christian responsibility is the same. Each Christian should do all in his, or her, power to bring about a world of peace, plenty, and the reign of God's power in the lives of men.

Paul's message has much meaning for our day. He presents God as ruler and owner of the universe, who has been working through nations and their peoples to accomplish His will. Paul declares, "He has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." This concept of "one blood" has not been generally accepted by the people of the world.

It is said that the Koreans have a humorous legend. Although it is legendary, it has a sharp point to puncture the theory of race supremacy, particularly our white pride. It goes something like this:

When the Creator first made man, he mixed just the proper ingredients, poured it into a mold, and put the ingredients into the oven to bake. Upon the first trial he left man in the oven to bake. When he took him out, he was too black. But God didn't throw him away. He used him to start the Negro race.

Then the Creator mixed up another batch of material and put it in the oven. This time he took it out too soon. He was disappointed that it was not dark enough, but he didn't throw it away. He used it to start the white race.

But the third time the Creator was entirely successful. He took man out of the oven at exactly the proper moment. At last he had succeeded in making a man just the right color—yellow.

From a Korean's standpoint, this is a good story, but each race is guilty of the same racial "pride," and has its own way of saying, "We are superior." While most of us are big enough to laugh at these absurd prejudices and unfounded assumptions, do our actions towards others dispel their feeling that we think we are superior? Let us remember that wherever the gospel of Jesus Christ is truly preached and practiced, it inevitably leads in the direction of true Christian brotherhood.

BE A BETTER CITIZEN!

GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY



Shall I force my child to go to Sunday School and Church?

Yes, definitely! Startled? Why? How do you answer Lucy when she comes to the breakfast table and announces, "I'm not going to school today!" You know, Lucy goes.

How do you answer when Lucy comes in beaming with dirt and says, "I'm not going to take a bath!" You know, Lucy bathes.

How do you answer when Lucy, threatened with illness, says, "I'm not going to take that medicine!" You know, she takes it.

Why all this timidity, then, in the realm of spiritual guidance and moral training? Going to wait and let her decide what Church she'll go to when she's old enough? Don't fool yourself. By that time she'll probably believe that a decision neglected by her parents during her first twenty years might not be necessary at all. You didn't wait until she was "old enough" to decide she should go to school.

Afraid she'll later succumb to the old story about "too much religion when I was young . . . parents made me go?" This tale is obviously false. Just because she takes a bath tonight doesn't mean she'll discontinue them at the age of twenty-one.

What shall I say to Lucy when she announces she doesn't like Sunday School and Church. That's easy. Be consistent.

By firmness and example you can show her that church-going is a necessity. And in later years, she will thank you for bringing into her life the greatest values a mature person can possess—Christian habits and ideals.

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.

Sunday	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Ephesians	5	8-17
Monday	Jeremiah	18	1-10
Tuesday	Luke	17	1-10
Wednesday	Luke	17	11-21
Thursday	II Timothy	3	1-7
Friday	II Timothy	3	14-17
Saturday	Ephesians	6	1-6

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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.
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Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
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Go To Church Your Church Any Church But Go