

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE HEBREWS IN SLAVERY

International Sunday School Lesson
For October 28th, 1951.

Memory Selection: "Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come... and save you."—Isaiah 35: 4.

Lesson Text: Exodus 1: 7-14;
2: 23-25.

The first five verses of the first chapter of Exodus give a brief census of Jacob and his family when they first arrived in Egypt. From this small beginning—Jacob and his 12 sons, his wives and servants, or the "seventy souls" in all, that came into Egypt to escape the disastrous famine that was threatening their very existence, the children of Israel were "fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them."

Upon the death of Jacob and Joseph, and later, Pharaoh, and the ascendancy of a new king, who knew nothing about Joseph, fear came upon the Egyptians lest the Israelites become mightier than they and take over their land. Therefore, the new king called together his counsellor and they decided that something drastic must be done about the situation.

As a result, the children of Israel were reduced to slavery, with harsh taskmasters placed over them, and were assigned difficult and well-nigh impossible tasks to perform. From their accustomed work of keepers of sheep, these people were made to perform laborious tasks of construction, of digging canals and making brick from the sticky clay of the Nile river.

In spite of the hardships heaped upon them, the Israelites continued to multiply and, seeing this, the Egyptian rulers made their lives bitter, with harder and harder service, so much so that the Israelites cried out to God for help. And, our scripture reference declares: "God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And saw the children of Israel, and God took knowledge of them."

As one writer, referring to God's providence, points out: "We find it difficult to accept the doctrine that there is a Providence in the individual life, that is interested in and watches over and cares for each man and woman and little child in all the world, and it is not easier to believe in a Providence for the nation, a God to whom the life and needs of the people as a whole are matters of concern, and to whom the destiny of races is a supreme care. The forces that seem to control in the life of a people seem far removed from any purposeful planning of a wise and beneficent God.

"But, as we take the long view, look over the broad stretches of history, we find it easier to believe that he has taken knowledge of them, and while he cannot always save peoples any more than he can save individuals from the results of their own folly and willfulness, He is nevertheless working for beneficent ends. We readily see this in the history of the Israelites.

"Their very oppression in Egypt was providential. Had they not been oppressed and thus eventually forced to return to Canaan, they never would have become the Chosen People through whom God was to work such great results for the world."

"Benjamin Franklin said: 'God governs in the affairs of men; and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, neither can a kingdom rise without his aid.' While a long period of time, probably several hundreds of years, elapsed between the death of Joseph until the call of Moses by God to deliver his people, God is watching them and will bring them out of their distress in his own good time.

The words of our Memory Selection come to us in a day when great courage is also needed. Dr. H. C. Monre declares, "The folk of the fearful heart are in their own way and in the way of others. They may not be cowards, but their acts are cowardly. They may not mean to be hinderers, but they block the way with their hesitation. . . . To one and all comes the word of courage in hushed notes from the throne on high: 'Be strong, fear not.' Strength first for the tonic of strength is needed to quiet the fearful heart. Behold, your God will come . . . and save you!"

BE A BETTER
CITIZEN!

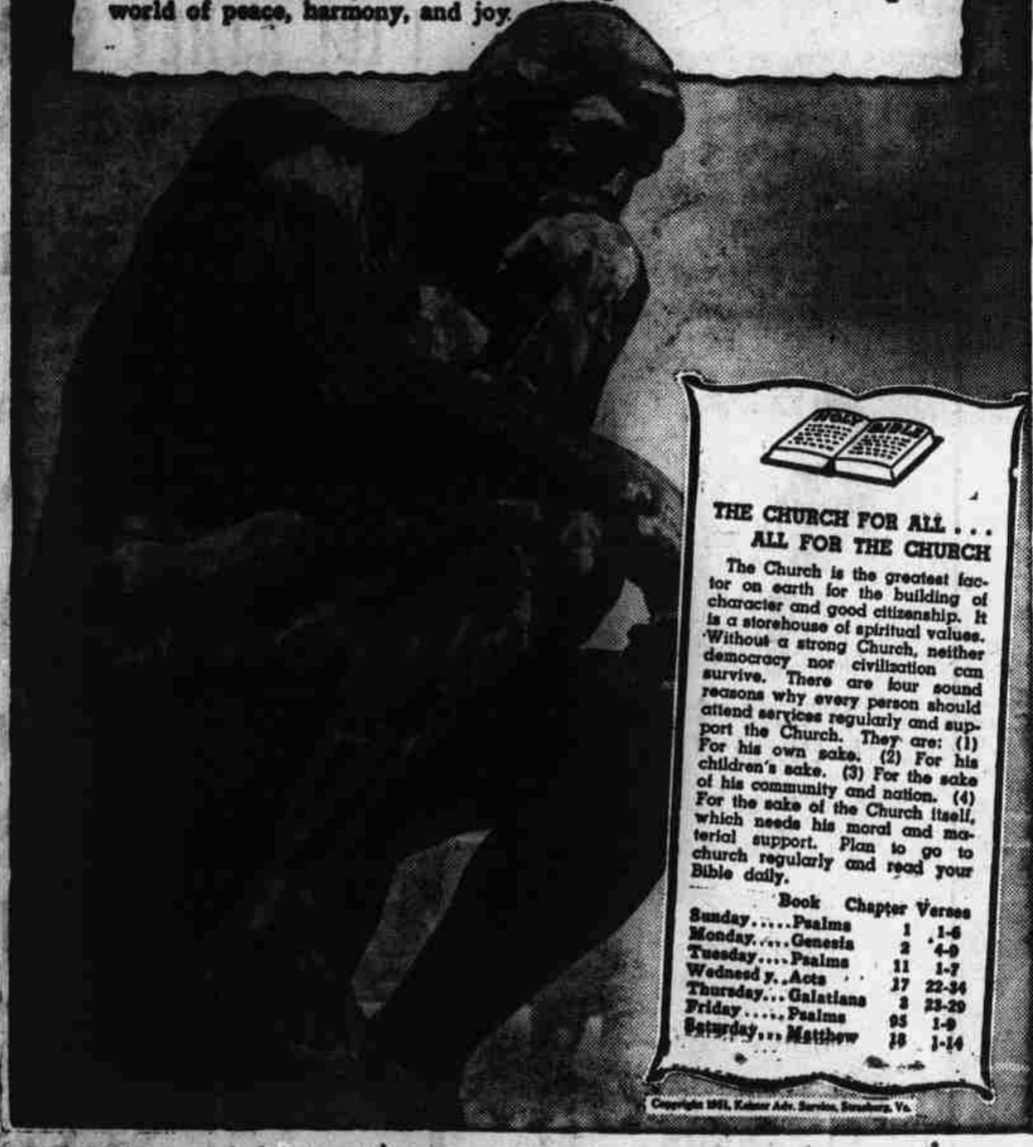
GO TO SOME
CHURCH
NEXT SUNDAY

Creating AN IDEA

This famous statue represents an idea. Rodin's "The Thinker" is not particularly the portrait of a man immersed in thought. It is the creation of a sculptor's sense of design, his love and appreciation for rhythm and form.

The artist transfers thoughts and ideas into visual beauty. In much the same manner, the Church is the sculptor of man. It strives for perfection through instilling an understanding and glorification of God. The Church works with the beauty of soul.

Through the Church we realize that the only lasting and real beauty comes from within. We are enabled to perceive the divine nature of God by seeing His Spirit reflected in the ideals and actions of His creation. In this way is the Church our greatest asset in building a world of peace, harmony, and joy.



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.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Psalms	1	1-6
Monday	Genesis	2	4-9
Tuesday	Psalms	11	1-7
Wednesday	Acts	17	22-34
Thursday	Galatians	3	23-29
Friday	Psalms	95	1-9
Saturday	Matthew	19	1-14

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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
First Sunday
11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH
Colon Jackson, Jr., Pastor
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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Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

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Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.
First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

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Elizabeth White, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Church Services, 11 A. M.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

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Rev. Bennie Crawford, 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.

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Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

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A. L. Chaplin, Pastor
Church School, 9:45 A. M.
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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.
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Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Charles F. Wolf, Rector.
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8:30 A. M., Holy Communion, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays.
11:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday.
11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays.
10:00 A. M., Holy Communion, Fridays and Saints' Days.

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Walker Parry, Pastor.
2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:30 A. M.
Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
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Sunday School, 3 P. M. every first Sunday.
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