

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### WARNING AGAINST PROFANE LIVING

International Sunday School Lesson  
For May 4th, 1952.

Memory Selection: "Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain."—Exodus 20: 7.  
Lesson Text: Exodus 20: 7; Matthew 23: 16-23.

The Third Commandment forbids an irreverent use of God's name. It has been some time since we have had a lesson on this subject, although the need for it is and has been great. Webster defines the word "reverence" as "profound respect mingled with love and awe." It is also defined as "honor and respect felt or shown." True reverence subdues the mind and softens the heart. Reverence for Jehovah expresses itself in an attitude of "profound respect, mingled with love and awe."

Profanity has become fashionable in wide circles. The use of profanity by the members of the armed forces of our country is nothing less than appalling. Such a habit begun under such circumstances will naturally follow into civilian life.

H. L. Mencken, who could, under no circumstances, be accused of being a crusader against profanity, declares, "Today words and phrases are encountered everywhere—on the screen, in the theatres, in the comic papers, in the newspapers, on the floor of Congress, and even at the domestic hearth—that were reserved for use in the saloons and bagnios a generation ago."

What does profanity indicate regarding a person. Porter Routh declares: "It indicates first, that he lacks the proper vocabulary to express himself. The impression that profanity strengthens language ought to be corrected. Many who have made a study of the English language have suggested that the continued use of 'hell' and 'dam' and other expletives tends to weaken both the written and the spoken word. . . . Profanity also indicates a spirit of selfishness and a lack of consideration for others. A person might become hardened by the use of profane language, but there are those in nearly any group who object to the use of obscene and profane language. . . . Above all, the use of profanity indicates contempt for God. 'Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.'"

We are not to use the name of God "falsely;" we are not to dishonour God by invoking his name to attest to what is untrue. The penalty to be inflicted on a false witness is stated in Deuteronomy 19: 15-21. The fuller explanation of this commandment in Leviticus 19: 12 is indicated not only against perjury, which is a violation of justice and honor, but also against every flippant or irreverent use of God's name. Profanity is a reckless use of God's name and is frequently a sign of emotional immaturity and a limited vocabulary.

Jesus taught that the plain affirmations of an honest man are sufficient. They do not need to be bolstered by props and oaths. Our speech should be straightforward and on the basis of truth. The plain speaking of the truth is the corrective of suspicion and distrust and the solid foundation of satisfactory human relations. The main emphasis in Christianity is upon the simple, unadorned word of an honest man, whose yes means yes and whose no means simply no.

Straightforward speech is needed in politics, in business, in international relations and in our churches. Pure speech indicates true reverence toward God. We are at the dawn of a new era. Are we ready to seek the truth, to speak the truth and to walk in the truth?

Jesus had a high regard for human life and declared that there is no exchange price for the soul. He taught that every human soul is precious in the sight of God. If persons are of supreme value, we should exercise care in the handling of our own lives and of our influence upon others. It is wrong in the sight of God to do anything that will hurt or stain a human soul or block the path to the kingdom of God of any soul by our indifference or cruelty. We can do much to help others and ourselves by:

Expressing the attitudes of true reverence, speaking reverently of God and of sacred things. This will elevate the conversation of any group and may effectively rebuke loose talk and open profanity which have become so fashionable today.

Using the tongue to bless and not hurt others is the Christian's duty. (Continued on Page Two)

GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

BE A BETTER CITIZEN!

## WHAT WILL IT BE TODAY?

This man is a grocer. He can supply your grocery needs. But, before you enter his store, you think about the things you need. Not far from you there is a church. That church can supply your spiritual needs, the very real, but intangible requirements of the human soul, which are just as important to a person's well-being as the items on the "grocery list."

Go to Church Sunday! But right now take stock of your life! Think about your needs! Faith? Courage? Guidance? Comfort? Not many of us have all we need for today . . . and tomorrow . . . and another day.

As we realize our spiritual needs, the Church makes possible for each of us a higher standard of living.



### 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	Luke	10	38-42
Monday	James	2	14-20
Tuesday	Matthew	6	23-34
Wednesday	1st Corinth's	12	14-25
Thursday	John	14	1-6
Friday	Psalm	27	1-14
Saturday	John	6	22-27

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C. W. Duling, Pastor  
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**  
H. M. Jamieson, Pastor  
First Sunday:  
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Second Sunday  
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Third Sunday  
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Fourth Sunday  
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.  
Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Fifth Sunday  
Woodland Church 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

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

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
James F. Burke, Pastor  
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.

**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. 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, 11 A. M., every Sunday except third Sunday.  
Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

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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.  
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 EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Charles F. Wolf, Rector.  
9:45 A. M., Church School, every Sunday.  
9:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 1st Sunday.  
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.

**BEREA 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.

**CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. H. Outlaw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 2 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