

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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GOD'S ESTIMATE OF HUMAN LIFE (TEMPERANCE)

International Sunday School Lesson
For May 25th, 1952.

Golden Text: "Thou shalt not kill."
Exodus 20: 13.

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Matthew 5: 21-26; 18: 5-6;
Luke 9: 51-56.

While the Sixth Commandment reads: "Thou shalt not kill," the Hebrew word translated "kill" is not the usual word for that verb, and the English Revised Version translates the sentence, "Thou shalt do no murder."

Of course, any intelligent person knows that, in our courts of justice, one who kills another in order to save his own life, or the lives of others, or who kills another accidentally, is charged with manslaughter, not with murder. One who commits murder is actuated by personal motive or uncontrolled passion. The soldier in battle is not actuated by any personal feeling against the one whom he kills. He is fighting for his country and for the lives of others and, therefore, does not violate this commandment.

Of this, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan once declared, "Killing is unwitting and unintentional taking of life; murder consists in the intentional taking of human life on the lone responsibility of human will. However, let it be clearly noticed in passing that killing unwittingly was not looked upon as a light offense. The man who took life in this way was denied his liberty for an indefinite term."

In speaking of this commandment, Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment (the lower Jewish court, found in every village), but I say unto you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment." He warns against unjustified anger or animosity, thus forbidding the angry thoughts which often lead to the angry word and sometimes to the angry deed of murder.

Jesus warns against contempt and hatred which, while they do not destroy the body of man, oftentimes his will to live—his ambition to better his condition or make progress in his field of endeavor. Walter Rauschenbush says, "Jesus pushed up the whole schedule of crime and made it an offense justifiable in the High Court even to call your brother a worthless fool. To break down a man's sense of his own worth chokes the good in him just as surely as faith in the higher possibilities awakens the soul in a lost man to a new birth."

The antidote to murder is found only in the love that seeks reconciliation for every difference which might deepen and darken into hate and harm. From the religious point of view, reconciliation should be so immediate that a worshipper at the altar and in the act of offering his gift, should leave his gift and find the brother who felt coldly toward him for any cause and seek full reconciliation with him before proceeding with his sanctuary devotions.

Jesus sought to reach the motives behind every action. He reached for the motive of killing and murder and found "anger," and He condemned anger as the root of murder. The angry man stands in danger of condemnation, as well as the one whose hands are red with his brother's blood!

Human life was held as cheap by the world into which Jesus came. The condition of the slaves, of women and children, were almost unspeakable. With the coming of Jesus and his teachings, things began to be different. The good news which Jesus brought into the world gave to all men the sense of a new dignity and a new worth, for Jesus taught the Fatherhood of God and consequently, the universal brotherhood of man.

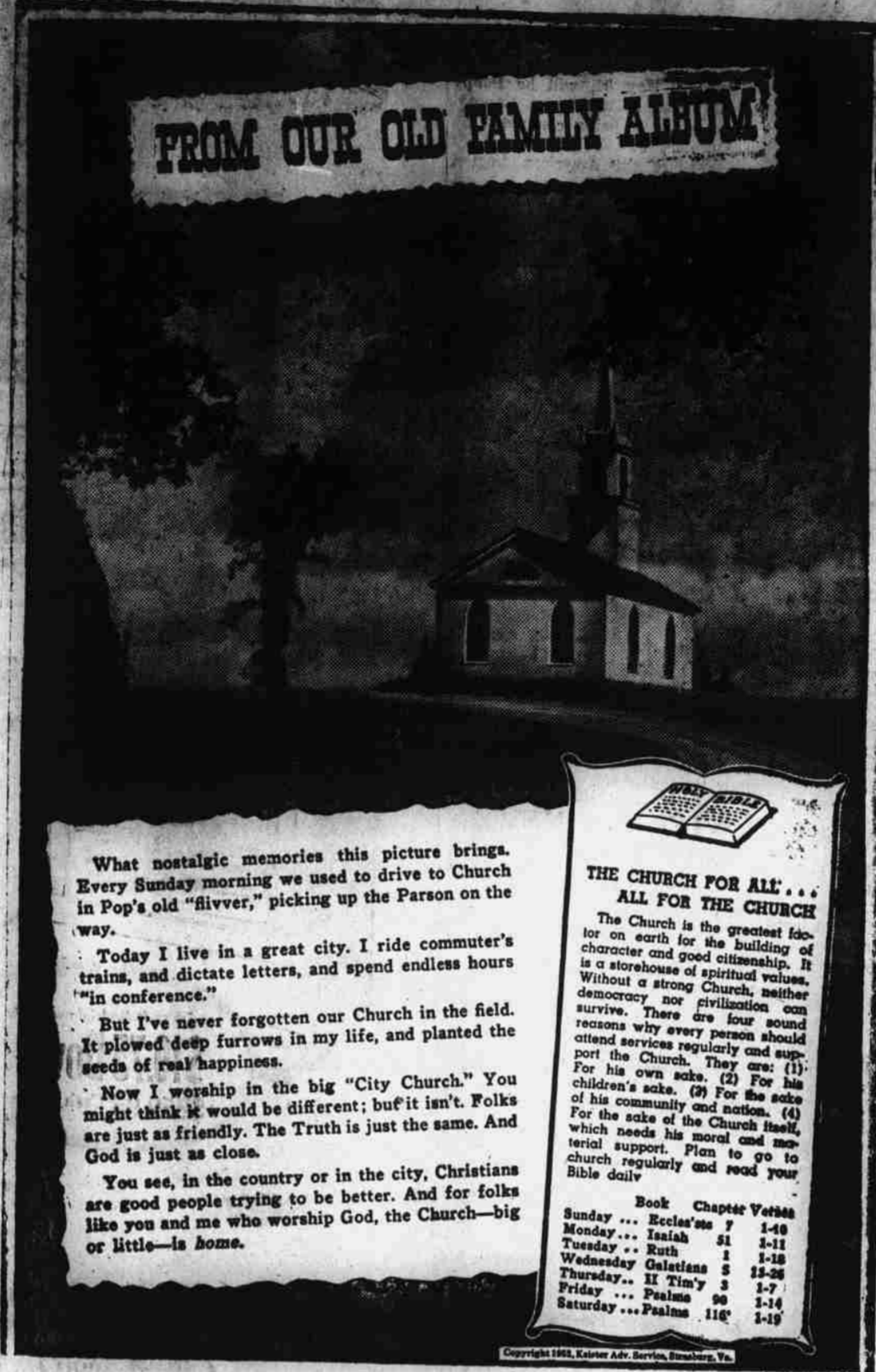
Jesus showed that, in order to keep man from killing his brother man, the feelings which engender strife must be removed from his heart and love must fill the gap. Therefore, instead of hatred, malice, jealousy, revenge, unforgiveness and like feelings, which, sooner or later, break out into violence, men should be taught to fill their hearts with love so that there would be no room for such sinful feelings.

If Christians generally, in all of their dealings with their fellowmen, would practice the teaching of the Golden Rule, as given by Jesus—"Inasmuch as ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also unto them," not only would their individual lives be happier, but their community would be a better place in which all might live.

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BE A BETTER CITIZEN!

FROM OUR OLD FAMILY ALBUM



What nostalgic memories this picture brings. Every Sunday morning we used to drive to Church in Pop's old "fivver," picking up the Parson on the way.

Today I live in a great city. I ride commuter's trains, and dictate letters, and spend endless hours "in conference."

But I've never forgotten our Church in the field. It plowed deep furrows in my life, and planted the seeds of real happiness.

Now I worship in the big "City Church." You might think it would be different; but it isn't. Folks are just as friendly. The Truth is just the same. And God is just as close.

You see, in the country or in the city, Christians are good people trying to be better. And for folks like you and me who worship God, the Church—big or little—is home.

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 sake of his community and nation. (3) 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 ...	Recl'ases	7 1-49
Monday ...	Isaiah	51 1-11
Tuesday ...	Ruth	1 1-18
Wednesday ...	Galatians	3 13-28
Thursday ...	II Tim'y	3 1-7
Friday ...	Psalms	96 1-14
Saturday ...	Psalms	116 1-19

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Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

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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
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.

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

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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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Morning worship—11:00 A. M.

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Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

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Church School, 9:45 A. M.
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BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
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Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

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Rev. Charles F. Wulf, Rector.
9:45 A. M., Church School, every Sunday.
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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 Perry, 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, 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.

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