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Fires Of Fall

Outdoor fires each fall cost American people billions of dollars and account for a number of tragic accidents, which take many lives. The brisk, fall smell of leaves burning, or of straw or other rakes, is nostalgic, but it often produces a very poor ending.

To avoid uncontrolled fires, and the tragic results which occurs in their wake, the accident prevention unit of the Maryland State Department of Health offered several suggestions. Among them were:

1. Burn only in areas where fires are permitted.
2. Never start an outdoor fire on a windy day.
3. Clear an area around the spot where the fire is to be started.
4. If possible, hook up a garden hose for use in an emergency.
5. Use a covered wire mesh basket for burning trash and leaves, when possible.
6. Never start a fire near buildings or overhanging trees or eaves.
7. Keep children away from fires and never leave a fire until you are sure it is completely out.

We suggest that you follow these rules, since they will save you, and your community, not only dollars, but lives, and preserve the beauty of the countryside, an asset too valuable to be defaced carelessly, as we so often do.

A Look Into The Future

Dr. Wilhelm Starlinger, noted German physician who was held in a Russian political prison for six years, until last year, has written a most absorbing book, dealing with Russia, Russia's future and the motivations that move the Russian people.

Dr. Starlinger talked with many Russians in his six years inside Russian prisons. He had the opportunity to talk with generals, high political office-holders who had been ousted, farmers, industrial workers and every type of citizen that today makes up Communist Russia. His book is so stimulating it is said to have had a tremendous influence on West Ger-

man Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The most intriguing conclusion drawn by Dr. Starlinger is as follows: The German physician believes that Russia is faced with several problems which cannot be solved simultaneously. First, the Russian people do not have enough food, and the problem of raising the living standard and improving the morale of farmers cannot be solved so long as emphasis is being placed on heavy industry, as it is today.

Second, the Russians cannot provide the aid to Red China, their principal ally, that China needs to expedite progress in raising its living standard and proceeding with an all-out program of industrialization.

Dr. Starlinger believes the only way the Kremlin can prevent serious distractions inside Russia, and stresses in her economy, is to reimpose a completely terroristic reign such as that exercised by the deposed Secret Police Leader L. P. Beria. If such a reign of terror is not reimposed, then Russia will have to expand her trade, perhaps use her gold reserves to do this, and lower her armaments and military preparations to help solve the economic and food problems inside Russia.

Dr. Starlinger believes Russia faces one mortal question which will present the United States with a great opportunity. He says Russia cannot aid China as rapidly and as voluminously as the 500,000,000 Chinese-Communist nation desires. Only one country can do this and that is the United States.

Communist China and the United States must eventually reach some sort of an agreement, he says and that will suddenly and immediately weaken the ties between Russia and China, and pose Russia with the problem of possible dis-

cord on both fronts—the West and the East.

Only in Manchuria and northward and northwestward, can China find adequate living area. Eventually, then, Russia and China will face each other in the region of the Amur River.

This region, Dr. Starlinger asserts, will eventually become the most dangerous and critical area in the world. It is here that three great powers will be prominent and dominant, and hence—Russia, China and the United States. The United States will be the strongest of the three, and it is likely, according to Dr. Starlinger, that China will be the second most powerful.

The United States should never refuse to come to an understanding with Communist China, in later days, if that nation can be successfully wooed from the Russian orbit, or even neutralized. Such a development would improve the position of the free world in Europe—on the other side of Russia—immeasurably, since it would present Russia with a two-front problem, such as that which has faced Germany for the last fifty years and which has beaten Germany in two World Wars.

Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo. —H. G. Wells.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

EVIDENCE OF JESUS' POWER
International Sunday School Lesson for November 20, 1955

Memory Selection: "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard, how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."—Luke 7:22

Lesson Text: Luke 7:11-23.

Miracles give many people great concern in this modern scientific age. This does not mean that they are necessarily heretics. However, in these days of television, radio, the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb, which we have come to accept without question, it does seem strange that anyone should question the miracles performed by Jesus, the Son of God.

Dr. W. M. Bowie says: "Even on a strictly scientific basis, the miracles of the New Testament story are not put altogether out of court, and the man, who persists in believing them need not let himself be called a back number. Just as one may have some misgivings and difficulties touching New Testament miracles and still be a devout and earnest Christian, so one may accept the miracles without much questioning and still be in touch with his own ultra-scientific age. Science, as a matter of fact, isn't nearly so dogmatic about miracles as it was sometime ago."

In our lesson we are given the account of a case where Jesus raised a young man from the dead. As Jesus was entering the city of Nain, he met a funeral procession coming out of the city. His heart was touched by the sorrow of the mother of the young man, for he was her only son and she was a widow. To relieve this distress and to restore joy in this human heart, Jesus exercised his marvelous gift and brought the young man back to life. Those who witnessed the incident were awe-stricken and realized that a great prophet was in their midst.

"Christianity does not indeed now miraculously heal deafness, blindness, leprosy and the like," says James Stalker, "but, as Jesus promised, it does greater things than these. It is making men and women new creatures; it is making the brutal wife-beater a tender husband, the drunkard a sober man, the harlot pure, the thief honest. It is changing the dregs of society into good citizens and members of churches. The church which saves most souls should and does most to sweeten and purify domestic and political life is the church which is doing most to counterwork skepticism."

Soon after these things, John the Baptist, who was in prison at the time, sent messengers to Jesus to inquire of him whether Jesus was really the Messiah as John himself had testified. It is interesting to notice the answer which Jesus gave to these messengers.

After reciting his aid to the blind, the lame, deaf and lepers, the fact that he changed death into life, Jesus added the fact that "to the poor the gospel is preached." Isn't it significant that this last mentioned evidence should be given such emphasis? Do you think the poor and needy are being neglected by Christians today?

"Doubts are only dangerous when they are not allowed expression and strike inward," declared Marcus Dods. "In a region of fog, such as this life is, there is good reason for going slow and for taking soundings without intermission. Doubts are dangerous when men who are tormented by them think themselves exceptional, and that God frowns upon them for not believing what they find it impossible to believe. God is reasonable. Here Jesus shows in what spirit he meets honest, serious-minded doubt. He knows that beneath that question of John's, which so shocked the bystanders, there lay a heart more capable of loyalty to him than was to be found in any of those who gave their easy assent to claims they scarcely understood."

Jesus concluded his message to John with words of infinite compassion and understanding. He is saying to John "Even if you can't understand my methods, John, I still ask you to trust me." He loved John too much to upbraid him, as shown by the great tribute he made to the great preacher when he heard that John had been beheaded by the wicked Herod.

LEARNING TO SAY "Thank You"

As every parent knows, learning to say "thank you" is one of the elementary lessons in a child's home education. It is page one in the book of good manners. It is also one of the first lessons in a person's religious education. And here it is something more than mere good manners.

In every age man's spiritual insight can be measured by his readiness to recognize God as the source of strength and blessings, and by his eagerness to express his gratitude to the Almighty. No one has ever doubted the religious sincerity of our Pilgrim fathers: they gave us Thanksgiving Day.

Today, in a world hungry for spiritual leadership, how much depends on our faith in God... and our ability to turn to Him in gratitude and prayer!

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	1 Chronicles	16	23-34
Monday	Psalm	107	1-6
Tuesday	Psalm	145	8-15
Wednesday	John	8	9-15
Thursday	Acts	2	22-47
Friday	Acts	16	23-34
Saturday	Colossians	3	12-17

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Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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Joe Brickhouse, Pastor
First Sunday
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E. R. Meekins, 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
P. M. Porter, Pastor
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Charles Sinclair, Pastor
Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.
First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
Orval Dillon, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.
Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.
Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. D. Storer, Pastor
Sunday School 10 A. M.
Morning worship 11 A. M.
Evening service 8 P. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH
D. Virgil Pike, Pastor
Church School 10 A. M.
Morning worship 11 A. M.
Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. Paul Holoman, Pastor
Sunday School 10:30 A. M., every Sunday except third Sunday.
Church services third Sunday at 8:00 P. M.; first Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
I. S. Richmond, Pastor
Church School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock.
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.
Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

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Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11 o'clock.
Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M.
Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week Services Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

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11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer, 2nd Sunday.
11:00 A. M., Holy Communion 3rd Sunday.
7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer, 4th Sunday.
7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer, 5th Sunday.
9:45 A. M., Church School, Every Sunday.

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Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
Evening worship first and third Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

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Rev. Ralph Knight, Pastor
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Sunday School every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday at 11 A. M.

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