

CHURCH

Sunday School lesson

LAST DAYS OF THE KINGDOM

(2 Kings 17:5-9; 1-15; 17-18)
 "The Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of His sight: There was none left but the tribe of Judah only. (2 Kings 17:18)

The Scripture given for today's

lesson is "chuck full" of lessons. So many, in fact, that when applied to today's living, I scarcely see how we can do more than mention them in the space available. However, there is one lesson that stands above the others: it's about destiny. More aptly stated, it is a lesson

about the destiny of a nation and its people. A destiny missed. The great orator Daniel Webster, speaking at the memorial service for both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, quoted the words of John Adams spoken during the debate over signing the declaration of independence

said, "But there is a divinity which shapes our ends." Elizabeth Cady Stanton, in her keynote address to the first women's rights convention, said, "Man cannot fulfill his destiny alone."

John Ruskin bemoaned the degradation of modern life in 1868, and asked the question, "Might we not live in nobler dream than this?" Mr. James G. Van Buren, writing for the Standard Publishing Company, asks a question and makes a statement about it. He asks, "Just what determines destiny?" and replies, "Some people maintain that life follows the domino theory of events. When applied to consequence of prior conditions.

But the Bible indicates that man can make choices and that he is responsible for the choices he makes. Furthermore, those choices have a great part in determining destiny." (Unquote) Our lesson today deals with what happens to a nation that chooses not to walk in God's

calling, but rather scoff at God's way.

One theologian said that God has seventeen characteristics.

While we cannot attest to that for certain, we know that among God's characteristics are patience and long-suffering.

Church news

FAITH EVANGELISTIC CHRISTIAN BIBLE COLLEGE

Dr. James W. Bishop, Th.D., President of Faith Evangelistic Christian Bible College and Seminary of Morgantown, Kentucky, has announced that Rev. Billy Old will be awarded his earned Master of Ministry Degree on July 27, 1984.

Rev. Old completed the required studies for his degree through the off-campus program provided by the school. Dr. Bishop stated Rev. Old's major in his studies for the Master Degree was in Sacred Bible.



REV. BILLY OLD

Rev. Old is Pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Roper, North Carolina, having formally pastored Chappell Hill Baptist Church of Tyner. Old earned his Bachelor Degree in Ministry from International Bible Institute and Seminary of Plymouth, Florida.

It should be noted that Faith Evangelistic Christian Bible college is fully accredited by the American Educational Accrediting Association of Christian School. The school is a member of the American Association of Christian Schools.

Dr. Bishop stated, that although Faith Schools are unaffiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, they are fully oriented in Southern Baptist work and many students are pastors of Southern Baptist churches.

Faith Evangelistic Christian Bible College and Seminary are committed to the defense and proclamation of the Holy Scriptures, upon which all true education has its foundation. The school motto is "Building Education Upon The Right Foundation."

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Oak Grove Baptist church will begin their Summer Festival on Monday night, August 13 at 8:00 p.m. The Evangelist will be Rev. Leigh Hebbard, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church of Wilson.

Rev. Hebbard formerly served as Pastor at Columbia Baptist Church as well as Sound Side Missionary Baptist church. He is a graduate of East Carolina University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Special music will be rendered each night from the host church, and will be under the direction of Mrs. Janice Stillman, Music Director of Oak Grove Baptist Church. Also sharing in the music ministry will be choirs

from other local churches and singing groups from the area.

Rev. Billy Old, Pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, invites you to come and share in this special season of revival which will continue through Friday night of the week.

Oak Grove Baptist church is located on Route 1, Roper, North Carolina, approximately one mile west of the Route 32/64 intersection, toward Roper.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

August 4th is the night, so set it aside. Let this be the night that you visit the Lighthouse of 505 E. Church St., because the Gospel Beacons are coming to minister. The Gospel Beacons do not entertain they minister the Word of God in song. They will be at the Lighthouse August 4th, Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Vacation Bible School will be held at Berea Church of Christ on the New Hope Road August 6-10.

JESUS IS MY ANSWER is the theme for the school. Bible School is held each night from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Classes will be offered for all ages from Nursery to Teens.

For further information regarding VBS at Berea Church of Christ call 264-3486 or 264-2144.

POOLE'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Choir Day will be observed Sunday, August 5th at 3:00 p.m.

The Rev. William Moore, choir, ushers and congregation of Riddicks Grove Baptist Church, Belvidere will be special guests. The Rev. J. L. Wills, pastor invites the public to attend the service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church School will be held at 9:45 a.m. Superintendent R. B. Gibbs will preside.

Morning worship will be held at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. J. H.

A Word From Mt. Sinai

"He arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." (Luke 15:20)

Love is paternal, "His father saw him;" love sees beyond, "He was yet a great way off;" love is sympathetic, "He had compassion;" love is eager to help, "He ran;" love embrass, "He fell on his neck;" love delights to forgive, "He kissed him."

Our revival meetings begin August 5th at 7:30 p.m. We want you to come. We are expecting a great shower of God's blessings and want you to be a part of this exciting time. We love you and have been praying for you. Come see us. Thank you.

George Wilmore, Pastor
 Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

London Pastor preaching from the subject "Partnership In Prayer." The Young Adult Choir will sing under direction of Bro. Larry Felton, Organist. You are invited to worship with us.

The First Baptist Church will worship with Galatia Missionary Baptist Church at 1:05 p.m. (Just after the morning worship.) Rev. J. H. London will preach from the subject "The Life of Christian Joy." The Senior Choir will sing under direction of Bro. John Blout, Jr. Join us in the celebration of their Deacon's Anniversary, Rev. G. W. Haper, Host Pastor.

The Rev. J. H. London, Jr. will be conducting revival at the Alligator Chapel Baptist Church, Columbia, N.C. August 6-10 nightly at 7:45 p.m. Rev. J. C. Chance Host Pastor.

PERQUIMANS UNITED METHODIST CHARGE

Services will be held at 9:00—Epworth; 10:00—Cedar Grove; and 11:00—Oak Grove. Rev. David Goehring, Pastor.

MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH

Come one, come all. Revival meetings August 5-10 at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Guest Evangelist Dr. Julius Lambeth, from Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, Elizabeth City

Special music, puppet shows, choir specials, solo and quartets. Take this opportunity to hear and rejoice in God's word. Mt. Sinai Baptist Church 7:30 each evening.

For Your Information

Dear friends,

A family visit to a shrine of some historic personage can serve to introduce your child to the concept of death. The person's life story can be told - how he or she helped many people while alive - how even now, we are beneficiaries of those good deeds done years ago. Your child will sense how right it is that the living remember and honor the dead in special ways.

Respectfully,

Maureen Swindell

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