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MRS. IRENE FOXX HUNTLEY. A NOBLE LOVER OF PEOPLE

Mrs. Irene Foxx Huntley, who died Sunday, February 6, 1972, in the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, was a lover of people. Her entire adult life was spent in concern for others in the community as well as for the members of her immediate family. She spent her active life mingling with people in one form or that of another. Years ago before insurance came into being for protection of many people, particularly the poor and those of her race, the Lodges and organizations and societies were in power, especially for the aid of those in sickness and in death. Mrs. Irene Huntley was a member of most of them. Some of the societies had been forgotten about. Name it, and Mrs. Huntley was a member. She was a member of The Household of Ruth, The Eastern Star, The Tents, The Daughters of Isis; she served as past president of The Ladies' Auxiliary of The American Legion and the Magnolia Community Club.

While giving full service to these organizations, she also, with her husband, operated a small clothing store. It was known that she gave away half the profit to the lonely and sick, to her grandchildren and to many forgotten children running in the streets. When she fed her grandchildren, she also fed others who were around, whose parents had forgotten or neglected to feed them.

When asked, "Why keep doing like this?" Mrs. Huntley answered, "I don't know; I just love people. Several times I had to be late to church, to work or to some meeting because I had to give my grandchildren some food, or be Den Mother of children in the community." The profit left from what she gave the children was often given to her church, to the lodges or to some other worthwhile organization.

A lover of people, Mrs. Irene Huntley lived a long and useful life, to the age of sixty-six, when death came suddenly last Sunday. She had worked for fourteen years in the Soda Shop at Cone Hospital, and made many friends wherever she went.

Due to the many organizations to which she belonged, The Eastern Star gave part of their services in memorial, between the hours of seven and nine o'clock, Tuesday evening at the Hargett Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 9, at The Shiloh Baptist Church where she was a devoted member. She was a member of the church choir and served as secretary of several church groups. Interment was made in Amos Grove Cemetery, in Liberty, North Carolina, her native home. While the body lies there at rest, memories of her kind spirit will live on in the hearts of those who survive, and in the hearts of those she loved and helped.

Mrs. Huntley is survived by her husband, I. Huntley, son, Maurice Wilson of Stamford, Connecticut; stepson, James D. Huntley of Norfolk, Virginia; sisters, Mrs. Velma Walker and Mrs. Naomi Goins of Greensboro; brothers, Lonnie Foxx and Fonnie Foxx of Liberty.

Other organizations gave their tributes to her on Tuesday night at the Hargett Funeral Home, where the family met their friends. The Rev. Otis Hairston, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church gave the Eulogy in the final rites of this deceased, a noble lover of humanity, of one who did unto others as she observed the keeping of God's great commandment, while she lived among us during her active years.

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

ENDURANCE AND THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

What Is Our Concern?

As they were being ejected from the Garden of Eden, Adam might well have said to Eve. "This is a time of crisis and it becomes apparent that the regreat change." Perhaps each sources for victory today are generation since has felt the same way, for change seems to be an essentia' part of life.

The crises of our day may not be more acute than many others, but they seem so to us. At least, with the terrible conflicts of two world wars and the events and movements connected with them, we appear to have crossed a great divide. We have seen the end of nineteenth-century colonialism and the rise of "the common man." The great advance of science and technology has brought us into the space age with undreamed possibilities. Social and political revolutions seem to increase rapidly in number and intensity.

In America radical forces challenge the traditions and customs and even the basic laws of our nation. Minorities -Blacks, Mexican-Americans, Indians, and others - demand sweeping changes that they believe are rightfully due them. Protests are commonplace, often accompanied with violence. Drug use, pornography, sexual perversion, and many practices long considered clearly evil are now widely defended as art, freedom, or fun.

What should be the Christian's attitude about this situation? Two extremes are often advocated. There are the reactionary superpatriots who see nothing but evil in such changes. They easily become negative and hypercritical and join forces with those who would require all people to conform to their rigid pattern.

The oposite extreme joins the revolutionaries. In an effort to make the church "relevant," these radicals may seek to get rid of traditional beliefs, forms, and practices of the institutional church. They advocate entirely new forms of ministry in order to have the church involved "where the action is." They try to interpret Jesus as a revolutionary firebrand and thus baptize their movements as the only ones truly "Christian."

If the Christian church is to be effective in this crisis or in any other, we need first to be quite sure about the nature and meaning of our Christian hope. It is easy to claim the name of "Christian" for our own dreams of the good life.

Probably neither extreme has a complete answer. Like the conservative, the Christian remains steadfast in spite of changes swirling about him. But

the "God of hope" who ever moves on before us.

Surely our times call for great courage and stability on the part of all Christians. More and more not to be found in human skill and energy. We have reason to be concerned about forces we have let loose in our world but control. Our gospel has long spoken of faith and love - perhaps it is time to emphasize the saving dynamic of a Christian

Searching the Scripture

The Scripture for this lesson is Luke 17:20-37; 21:5-38. Selected verses are printed below. Luke 21:25-36

25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

29 And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; 30 as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass way, but my words will not pass away.

34 "But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; 35 for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. 36 But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man."

Memory Selection: Heaven and earth wll pass away, but my words will not pass away."

-Luke 21:33 What the Scripture says to us

The Scripture in this lesson uses the language of apocalypse a word meaning a revelation or unveiling. (Compare the symbolic language of much of Daniel and Revelation.) This type of biblical writing was popular in times of crisis. Its purpose was to encourage faithfulness

The Bible is a transcript of like the liberal, he endures "as human life, especially as life is

seeing him who is invisible," illuminated by a vital faith in God. The way in which men of past ages met their crises may therefore be helpful to us. The Bible is severely honest about the problems and troubles of life: vet it constantly maintains the vision and the hope for a better life and a better world because of God's involvement in our deepest concerns.

Certainly Jesus faced a mawhich now appear to be out of jor crisis for himself and his people as he came to Jerusalem. on his last journey. He was no impractical dreamer as he confronted the hatred and opposition of the leaders. He knew well that the cross was inevitable in the circumstances before him.

But Israel had long held a unique place among the nations in their clinging to the hope of God's decisive action on their behalf. The messianic hope had sustained them through the long, dark days of the Exile and the years of their oppression and misery.

Increasingly Jesus had come to identify his own life and work with this hope of God's intervention into the history of Israel. It is the bitterest of ironies that, in a misunderstanding of their own national hope, they destroyed him who alone could have saved them from despair.

Looking out over the doomed city of Jerusalem, Jesus gave his disciples a message unmatched for stark realism and invincible hope. He said. "In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) In his endurance is our hope, for he made it possible for us to share both his suffering and his victory.

Christians Face Troubles

Jesus never gave any encouragement to the notion that people who are right with God will escape suffering and hardship. At the least such a view would make hope largely meaningless. (See Romans 8:24-25.) His own experience, culminating in the cross, should forever dispel this theory as false.

Rather, Jesus honestly warned his followers that they must expel all kinds of troubles. The Temple, the national symbol of their faith, would be destroyed. The far-reaching consequences of this tragedy would be hard for them to comprehend.

In the collapse of the order centered in the Temple, Jesus pointed out, there would follow confusion, claims of would-be leaders, rumors of great evils. theories of God's timetable, and vague fears. (Luke 21:8-9) War, natural disasters, famine, epidemics, and terrifying "signs from heaven" must be expected. (Luke 21:10-11) Instead of the

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