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**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

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**Lesson for September 2**

**MICAH CHAMPIONS THE OPPRESSED**

LESSON TEXT—Micah 2:1-3; 3:1-12;  
6:1-8.

**GOLDEN TEXT**—He hath shewed  
thee, man that is good and aright  
doth the Lord require of thee, but to  
do justly, and to love mercy, and to  
walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

**PRIMARY TOPIC**—Micah Tells How  
to Please God.

**SECONDARY TOPIC**—What God Requires  
of Us; Intermediate and Senior Topic—  
What God Expects of Us.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—  
Applied Religion.

**I. Evil Workers Denounced (2:1-3).**  
1. How they worked (v. 1). Their  
evil work was not a matter of impulse,  
but of deliberate purpose.

a. They gave themselves to the de-  
vising of wicked schemes.

b. They worked evil upon their  
beds. They not only deliberately gave  
themselves up to the devising of  
wicked schemes, but used the quiet  
hours of the night while honest peo-  
ple were sleeping for planning ways of  
accomplishing their wicked schemes.

c. They executed their plans in the  
morning light. They did what their  
wicked minds devised.

2. What they did (v. 2).

a. They coveted fields (v. 2). In  
this they violated the tenth command-  
ment.

b. They violently took away fields  
and houses (v. 2). A noteworthy ex-  
ample is found in the case of Ahab  
taking Naboth's vineyard. This in  
turn is an apt picture of the monop-  
olists of today taking possession of  
land, oil, gold, silver, and other com-  
modities.

c. They oppressed men and their  
houses (v. 2). By house here is meant  
a man's descendants, that is, the in-  
heritors of his property.

3. Their punishment (v. 3). Against  
such evildoers righteous retribution is  
being devised and shall fall upon the  
wicked with such weight as to humble  
them.

**II. Upon Whom Judgment Shall Fall (3:1-8).**

1. The unfaithful rulers (vv. 1-4).  
Because of love for the evil and a  
hatred for the good, the rulers mercilessly destroyed the people.

2. The false prophets (vv. 5-8).  
They served for hire. As long as sup-  
plied with food, they prophesied to  
please the people.

**III. The Judgment Which Was to Fall (vv. 9-12).**

Jerusalem was destroyed because of  
the sins of the people. Just as the  
righteous retribution then fell, we are  
assured that there will be no escape  
from the coming judgment for those  
who destroy the people.

**IV. God's Controversy With His People (6:1-13).**

Wicked men may go on to a certain  
time with their schemes, but eventually  
they will be obliged to give an ac-  
count to God.

1. The hills and mountains are called  
to bear witness against Israel (v. 2). The  
people had turned a deaf ear to God, so that the inanimate  
creation was called to witness against  
them. The whole realm of nature  
bears witness to the fact of God's being  
and his goodness.

2. The guilty to be left to state the  
case (v. 3). Through the prophet,  
God, the King of the Universe, abdi-  
cated his rights and allows his sinning  
people to make charges against him.  
The one who has right on his side  
feels no argument.

3. God recounts his mercies unto  
the people (vv. 4, 5). Having called  
for the charge and none having been  
brought, the Lord thrusts home upon  
their conscience the memory of his  
great mercies unto them.

a. He brought them out of Egyptian  
bondage (v. 4). He has done even  
more for us who were under bondage  
to sin and Satan.

b. He sent before them a trio of  
leaders (v. 4). Moses the lawgiver,  
Aaron the high priest, and Miriam  
the prophetess were sent as his wit-  
nesses.

c. Turned Balak's curse into a  
blessing through Balaam (v. 5).

4. God's requirements (vv. 4-13).

a. The great question "Wherewith  
shall I come before the Lord?" (v.  
8). The Jews could not deny the  
charge brought against them by the  
Almighty. They could make no plea  
for justification.

b. The complete answer (v. 8). (1)  
"To do justly." Strict equity was to  
characterize all their dealings with  
their fellowmen. (2) "To love mercy."  
The heart is to be diligently set to do  
good to our fellows, especially the  
needy and dependent. (3) "To walk  
humbly with thy God." To recognize  
that they were sinners before God,  
that they had no claim upon him.

**Honor Your God**

"More than conquerors" means not  
only to win your battle and save your  
territory, but to do honor to your Captain  
and your God, to be a credit to  
your cause, and so to acquit yourself  
in the campaign that God shall be glorified.—A. B. Simpson.

**Need of Christ**

He who thinks he hath no need of  
Christ, hath too high thoughts of himself.  
He who thinks Christ cannot  
help him, hath too low thoughts of  
Christ.—Mason.

**READ**

**THE OMAHA GUIDE EVERY WEEK**

spite of the disappointment of the  
non-arrival of Rev. J. Jackson, a very  
inspiring message was brought to us  
by our acting pastor, Rev. F. S. Good-  
lett, which was enjoyed and appreciated  
by all. His subject was, "The Hiding  
of God's Power," which was found in  
Habakkuk 3rd and 4th verse.

After the morning services worship,  
a very delicious dinner was served in  
the church hall, under the chairmanship  
of Mrs. Emma Lee Farmer.

Our Few Services were very enjoyable  
and entertaining. The principle speakers  
in the Few Services were, Miss Rachel Taylor, executive Secy of the  
Y. W. C. A.; Dr. Craig Morris. The  
women bring in the highest amounts  
in the rally were, Miss Adie Foxall, \$15.  
03, and Mrs. Stella Killings, \$6.21. A  
highly enjoyable day was enjoyed by  
all. Visitors and friends are always  
welcome to worship with us at Bethel  
Baptist Church.

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**STRUGGLE AND STRIVE  
AND PRESERVE**

By R. A. Adams

(For the Literary Service Bureau)

Tis not enough to wish, and wait  
Fortune's arrival at your gate,  
For all who've been by fortune blessed,  
Of their desires have gone in quest.

Tis not enough to sit and hope,  
But with circumstance must cope,  
And overcome opposers strong,  
Who'd sing at last, victorious song.

It has been often proved, also,  
Tis not enough alone to sow,  
But one must cultivate his field,  
If he would have abundant yield.

This corollary then is true:  
All who the things worthwhile would do,  
Must conquer indolence and rear,  
Struggle and strive—and persevere.

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**CHRIST TEMPLE**

26th and Burdette Streets

O. J. Burckhardt—Pastor

J. W. Goodwin—Asst. Pastor

Edna Pankey—Reporter

Our pastor delivered another wonder-  
ful gospel message. His subject was,  
"The Certainty of Christianity," text found Matt. 1:2.

The B. Y. P. U. opened at 6 p. m.,  
with Mrs. Lambert acting as pres-  
ident.

A splendid missionary program  
was given by group No. 2, the women's  
group.

You are welcome to Salem at any  
time.

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**"RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE"**

By R. A. Adams

(For the Literary Service Bureau)

There is abundant truth in the de-  
claration: "Retributive justice is con-  
stantly at the heels of every evil-doer."

The inference is that no matter how  
fleet may be the evader, he will per-  
sistently overtake him.

This Ruth was manifested in the death  
of a once prominent physician, the other  
day. Once he was rich, prominent,  
prosperous, popular, and hopeful, with a  
bright future before him. He lived in  
a large city. He numbered his friends  
by the thousands. He died in an ob-  
scure town where for twenty years he'd  
lived in seclusion, almost incognito.  
And he actually died, "Unwept, un-  
ordred and unsung."

This man as a young physician wanted  
to be rich. He wooed and won the  
daughter of a multi-millionaire. Her  
family had no faith in him and used  
every means to prevent the marriage.  
As thousands before her had done, the  
girl sacrificed all on the altar of love  
and became estranged from her family.  
Even her mother severed all communica-  
tions with her.

This physician, so it was charged  
and so the world believed, undertook  
to murder the entire family of his  
wife so as to get control of all of the  
millions. Her father died, then her fa-  
ther's brother, and her own brother.  
It was practically proved that this  
doctor had maintained a culture of  
typhoid germs—as a matter of re-  
search, he claimed. It was discovered  
that all three of the persons who had  
died so suspiciously had been given  
such germs from which death resulted.

This man was three times tried for  
murder, and his murder millions pre-  
vented conviction. The civil law gave  
up; he was released and allowed to go  
free. In all his wife stood by him  
and his attitude sent her mother pre-  
maturely to her grave. A few years  
afterward, the wife secured a divorce  
and the custody of the two children.  
The doctor faded out of the picture.

Yes, the murder-millions beat the law.

The civil law gave up. But retributive  
injustice was relentless and inexorable.  
For emphasis, I repeat. Retributive  
justice is constantly at the heels of  
every evil-doer.

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**SOCIAL SINS**

(Exerting Evil Influence)

By Dr. A. G. Bearer

(For the Literary Service Bureau)

Sunday School opened at the usual  
hour, with the Supt. Sis. M. E. Hill  
full of pep, and prepared for the task.

Attendance was as usual, the lesson was  
very well discussed. Much good is  
being done in the Sunday school.

At 11:30 a. m., the pastor discussed  
"Two Keeps," text—Jude 21:24.

The pastor showed that it required special  
effort on our part, as well as faith, in  
Jesus to keep us from falling into temptation.

At 8 p. m., the pastor spoke from the  
subject, "The Gospel and Its Power,"  
text, Romans 1:16. The message was  
very nicely delivered, as well as inspira-  
tional, and... very enjoyed by all.

The program rendered by the Community  
Choir of St. John Baptist Church, August  
23 was a financial success. We  
thank our many friends for their hearty  
cooperation. Visitors are always wel-  
come to Paradise.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson—C. C.

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**ST. JOHN A. M. E. CHURCH**

"The Friendly Church"

Rev. L. P. Bryant—Pastor

Rev. L. P. Bryant—Pastor

Sunday, August 26, was the fourth  
and last quarterly meeting of his con-  
ference year. Rev. Brooks, the presiding  
elder, preached at the morning service  
and the choir gave its regular fourth  
Sunday night program, assisted by Rev.  
Bryant.

The quarterly reports were very good.

They show that this will end as a very  
successful year, both spiritually and  
financially. The records show that  
about \$2 have been added to the church  
roll during the year.

Now that Conference year is about  
over, the members and friends are  
asked to pray their dollar money as soon  
as possible. Now that the summer days  
are about gone and the nice cool weather  
is here, we hope to see better at-  
tendance, both at church and Sunday  
School.

There are some very interesting pro-  
grams to be given at St. John before  
the end of the year. Watch for the  
dates. One will be the King Solomon  
Wedding, and another the Baby Con-  
test. Watch the Omaha Guide to see  
your church and social news.

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**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

29th and T Streets

Rev. F. S. Goodlett—Acting Pastor

Mrs. J. C. Collins—Reporter

The Sunday School was opened at  
9:30 a. m., with a nice attendance. In

siding.

Rev. Johnson preached a wonderful  
sermon, and also Rev. Farmer pre-  
ached an interesting sermon. We had  
a visitor, M. R. H. Woodside as a  
visitor.

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**METROPOLITAN SPIRITUALIST  
CHURCH**

5410 Lake Street

Rev. R. W. Johnson—Pastor

Mrs. Georgia Peoples—Reporter

Sunday School opened at its usual  
hour with Supt. Sister Ransom pre-

aching.

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**ATTEND SOME CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY**

**Churches**

If you get any service out of this  
church directory write us a line or  
two, we want to serve.

**Notice**—Because I have been unable to reach a few of the pastors of some churches,

I am asking that any church omitted, will please get in touch with me, or send in a written statement, regarding your church activities, and I will gladly enter the same in this column. Any error or omission in the present arrangement, if brought to my attention, will be cheerfully corrected. The Editor.

We live not by bread alone. The soul is like unto any other part of the body. It must be fed and where is the food? The Church is the only place. Make your choice of the following Churches and attend some church every Sunday.

**ADVENTIST.**

United Sabbath Day Adventist, 2320 N. 28th Ave. Rev. M. M. Bodde, Pastor.