

Improved SUNDAY Uniform International SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for August 25

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JESUS AND PURE LIVING

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 23:14; Proverbs 4:14-23; Matthew 5:8; Philippians 4:8. MEMORY SELECTION—Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.—Proverbs 4:23.

Moral corruption has been the ruin of the great nations of the earth, and if history is not to be repeated by the fall of our own nation, we must do something—yes, something prompt and drastic. The breakdown of morals in our land is so evident and so widespread as to give grave concern to social and national leaders. What then, is the Church doing about it?

I. Keep Your Home Pure (Exod. 23:14)

As the divinely appointed center of man's life, the home holds a place of such importance that it is the special target of Satan's offensive. That has always been true, but it seems that in recent years the onslaught against the home has been intensified. Any violation of the divine plan for the marriage of one man and one woman, in loving communion for the founding and maintenance of the home, is a direct violation of the law of God.

It is also a violation of the law of man. It brings serious results in the destruction of the home, and in the ruin of individual life—physical, mental and spiritual.

This awful sin (and do not let a wicked world convince you that it is anything else) is back of much of the discord and divorce in our American homes. When we realize that in the City of Chicago there is now one divorce for every three marriages, and that the ratio is rapidly becoming lower, there can be no question that divorce is a major evil in our day. Statistics are positively shocking, but they are cold and quickly forgotten. But who can fail to see, and who can forget the awful scene brought into American home life by divorce.

Had as it is, the awful effect on parents is nothing compared to the nervous, moral and spiritual shock which comes to children in broken homes. Statistics reveal that now (1946) more than 70 per cent of the juvenile delinquents and young people committed to prison come from homes where divorce has entered to break down and destroy family life.

II. Keep Your Heart Pure (Prov. 4:14-23; Matt. 5:8)

Out of the heart are the issues of life (Prov. 4:23); hence it is of the utmost importance that it be kept in purity and devotion to God. The heart in Scripture does not refer to the physical organ which circulates the blood, but even as that heart is the center of the physical life, so there is a spiritual heart which is the very center of man's inner being.

Evil thoughts, unholy desires and ambitions hidden in the heart will ultimately be revealed in overt acts of ungodliness, unless God is permitted to regenerate that heart and make it clean. The solution for the problem of impurity is found in our lesson verses. First of all one must avoid the way of the wicked (Prov. 4:14-17). They are so evil that they cannot sleep until they have misled some poor souls and brought them down to their own level (v. 16). They make sin and immorality look mysterious and attractive. Don't be led into sin by the excitement of curiosity.

Shun the evil way, which goes down with increasing darkness, by using the good way which "shineth as a pure and perfect day" (Prov. 4:18, 19). The way of life is a bright and shining way. Don't let Satan fool you, young people, into thinking the opposite. It's great to be a Christian!

III. Keep Your Head Pure (Phil. 4:8)

The mind of man is quick and active (that is, if he is really alive and awake), and it wants to be occupied with something of interest. The world, the flesh and the devil are keenly aware of that fact and come to fill his mind with allurement to sin and destruction. Thank God that no one need lack for things that are good, honorable, true and noble to fill and satisfy every mental as well as spiritual interest. God's provision is not limited either in scope or variety. He provides the best, the most delightful, the loveliest and most noble.

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Religious News

ST. JOHNS AME CHURCH 22nd and Willis Ave. Reverend E. B. Childress Mason Devereaux Jr., reporter

"The Christian Outlook" was the subject of our ministers morning message Sunday, August 18. His text was John 4:35 and his thoughts for the day were as follows: All of the good people in the world don't live on the boulevard and all the bad people don't live in the alleys; As one loses his or herself in the life and personality of Jesus Christ, he or she automatically lifts others; and if any man takes hold of the flower and looks back, he is not fit for the tasks that Jesus Christ has assigned to him.

Visitors: Mr. John Milton, Omaha; Mrs. Arlene Milton, Omaha; Mrs. Arthur Thomas, Omaha. Sunday evening at 7:30 our choir under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Gibson, will render their monthly All Request program. Members and friends of our church are urged by the officers and pastor to not fail to come out and avail yourselves of this beautiful service in song.

The Missionary Society is getting ready for their program for Sunday evening, September 1st at 8 p.m. Don't fail to put the date, time and place on your Christian event calendar.

"Let's Howell with a thousand dollars with the Women's Club of our church on Sunday, September 8 for our building fund. This is "Howell Sunday", so members and friends of St. Johns come and let's help these men Howell with that \$1000.

The Eveready Clubs "King Solomon Wedding" will be Monday evening, September 30 at 8 p.m. Mrs. R. C. Fries, president of this fine group of St. Johns women's clubs informs us that tickets may now be purchased for this event.

Mrs. Lula Washington and her Parsonage Group extend their sincere thanks to all those who in any way helped support their lawn social on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 15 and 16.

Members don't forget your annual conference claims. Pay now in order that this final project of the conference year might be recorded along with the other successful undertakings of our church.

Mothers send your children to Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:30. Attend our morning services at 11 and evening services at 7:30. Visitors and all friends are always welcome to visit with us at St. Johns the friendly church at 22nd and Willis Ave. Come worship with us won't you?

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 30th and Corby Streets H. H. Schauland, Pastor

Little Jack was building a toy village. When he had the buildings and trees and shrubs arranged, he said, "Look, daddy; see my village". His father looked up from his newspaper and said, "It's a good-looking village son, but I don't see the church". "No", said Jack, "it was so crowded that I left it out". "Well then, replied the father, "you'll have to take out that fine hospital, and this old folk's home, the school too. These institutions do not exist where there is no church." As the father removed these buildings, the little boy cried, "Oh daddy, you're spoiling the whole village". "I'm spoiling it?" asked the father in amazement. "Why, son, you spoiled it when you left out the church. Wherever you go you'll find that no village, without a house of worship, is worth much".

Christianity not only saves our souls, but it also has a wholesome effect upon people and the community in which they live. Many people refuse to have anything to do with the church and criticize it, but they want to enjoy its benefits.

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MINISTERS meet in New York to organize an interracial committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in an effort to help raise \$100,000. Highlight of the New York campaign will be a three day collection on Sept. 19, 20 and 21 headed by Joe Louis and Orson Welles. The Southern Conference for Human Welfare carries on a broad educational, political and legislative program in the South, theme of which is "Every Southerner a Voter."

Among those present at the meeting were: (left to right) the Rev. Frank Glen White, New York Director of the People's Institute of Applied Religion; the Rev. Henry G. Jones, pastor of Mt. Bethel Church, Geln Rock, N. J.; Dr. Clark Howell Foreman, president of the Southern Conference; the Rev. Powers Bell, of the St. Marks Methodist Church, N. Y.; the Rev. Laurence Durgin, pastor, the First Congregational Church, Orient, Long Island and the Rev. David Licorish, assistant pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York.

It is both selfish and wrong for anyone to desire the benefits of the church while refusing to sustain it by being a member. Let us think this through and act.

Services at Hope Lutheran begin at 11 am, Sunday School and Bible school.

Tune in on the Lutheran Hour over KBON at 11:30 am.

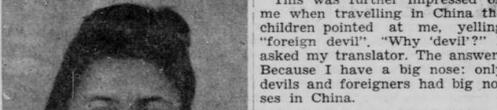
CLAIR METHODIST CHURCH 22nd and Miami Streets Rev. C. C. Reynolds, Pastor

The Topeka District Conference closed its sessions last Sunday morning, reporting the most successful session in its history. The Rev. J. E. Tunstall pastor of the St. Mark Methodist church, Wichita, Kan., delivered the sermon at Clair last Sunday morning. This coming Sunday, August 25th, the Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Jr., will deliver the sermons at Clair. He is the brother of our pastor and will receive his first appointment as pastor of a church this coming April. Our pastor and wife are now on their vacation in Missouri and will return to the city September 7th.

MASONIC NEWS

M. L. Wilson, Grand Lodge Rep.

MISS CLAIRE DUDLEY ENROLLED AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



Miss Claire Dudley Mrs. Cecelia Dudley, wife of C. C. Dudley, left Omaha Monday, August 19th to visit their daughter, enrolled in Columbia University. Miss Claire attended the University of Nebraska and now seeks wider fields and greater opportunities. It will be recalled that she won first place in the Oratorical Contest in the Annual Elks award some time ago and as a part reward, a choice of higher honors. One of which was entrance to Columbia University. She won 2nd honors in Denver in a field of many contestants.

Her father C. C. Dudley takes great pride in his daughter's ambitions and her early progress and the Masons and fellows of the Craft also are pleased with his high standing in our Order as you know he has been for years the R. W. Master of Rough Ashler Lodge No. 1.

The Improvement Club after a recess and periodical vacations has resumed activities under the leadership of Wm. Burell as chairman and Kincaid as secretary. We also expect Collins Lee to continue as a live-wire. Great promise is in sight for the Club's activities and the benefits that will come to the G. Lodge and Trustee Board.

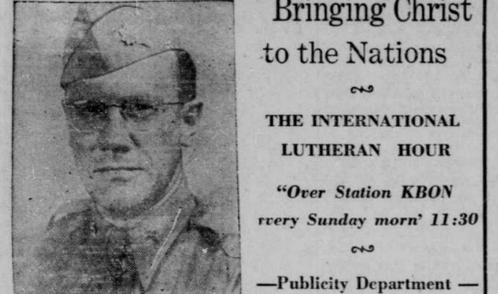
Several of our young Master Masons seem to have imbibed the spirit of Masonry early. Ricketts Nelson, Junior Deacon, of Excelsior No. 2 showed advancement in the initiation of the 3rd or sublime degree in Excelsior Lodge No. 2 to George Williams, the Degree team Edgar A. Lee, Burt Johnson, Fred Means, Lew Anderson, were efficient in their services to the W. Master. The visit and assistance of Past Master R. C. Stewart of Hi-ram Lodge No. 10 was highly appreciated.

"Fathers and Sons in Masonry will be the topic for next issue.

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Dr. McClure Young of Columbia Mo., died while performing an operation August 12 from a heart attack. President Truman signed the bill for a national air museum August 15th of July.

Summer Guest Speaker



The Reverend Doctor ARTHUR CARL PIEPKORN, Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) in the United States Army, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and summer guest speaker on the Lutheran Hour, August 11, 18 and 25.

Saint Louis, Missouri, August 25 (Special) A nation-wide appeal for a renewed realization of the daning character of sin was issued today by Chaplain Arthur Carl Piepkorn, (Lieutenant Colonel), instructor at the Army Chaplains School at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Appearing as summer guest speaker on the International Lutheran Hour over the Mutual Broadcasting System and affiliated stations, Chaplain Piepkorn asserted: "Man's determination to build his world without God is nothing new. Even in its modern form it can be traced back through four centuries to the Renaissance. About a hundred years ago, however, roughly three generations, it received a tremendous fillip through the nineteenth century upsurge of technical knowledge about the world in which we live. The ability to control at least partially forces of nature that less scientific ages had piously referred to the inscrutable wisdom of God turned out to be a heady intoxicant for many otherwise very intelligent men. Belief in God began to be treated as a kind of treason to science, and every conviction that could not be tested in a laboratory, or weighed in a pair of balances, or reduced to a mathematical formula, or seen in a microscope, or discovered through a telescope, was decried as an infamous heresy and as a relic of spiritual slavery which must be destroyed posthaste."

Chaplain Piepkorn continued: "Consider a moment that glorious basis for your pardon: 'The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sins.' In that sentence is the whole of the Gospel, the unabridged and unabbreviated good news of the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Christmas is in that sentence, with its message of the single Person of the Virgin's Child. In it is His nameless Agony in the Garden, His precious atoning death upon the cross, and the somber burial that attested the final and perfect completeness of His sacrifice. In it is the precious blood of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. In it is the price of YOUR redemption."

The Senate approved it on the 15th of July.

Moyar Grove Johnson of the US Air Forces related in San Francisco August 12 any air plane accident in the South Pacific will have quick help as many air bases are constantly on the lookout.

Mr. W B Graham, president of the All American Drinks Corporation of New York, announced the company has an exclusive contract with Joe Louis to use his name on a beverage called the "Joe Louis Punch".

An industry that flourished in breaking up ships under the government program to increase the supply of scrap iron for use will continue to operate.

The news from Washington, D. C., the scene of a CIO conference that there will be no 6 month strike truce will hardly surprise anyone.

Finland reports they are ready to increase wood pulp shipments to the United States.

President Truman hints at opening US to European war refugees and 18 young Jewish men were sentenced to death and 4 women were given life imprisonment for a bomb raid in Halifax railroad yards August 18.

DAVID SPIRITUAL CHURCH Council Bluffs, Ia., 1410-3rd Ave. Meetings Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock. Rev. Leonard Brown, Pas.

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DISTRICT MEETING OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA, CHURCH OF LIVING GOD

The District Meeting of Kansas and Nebraska of the Church of the Living God CWFF will convene August 29, 1946 at Temple No. 33, 2316 No. 25th St., Rt. Rev. F. C. Scott, presiding. Present also will be Overseeing Elder Fizer of Oklahoma City. Mrs. A. S. Mayfield of Little Rock, Ark., state president of Nebraska Womens' Work, Mrs. Mary Rogers of Kansas City, Kan., state president of Kansas Womens' Work. Brother James Stucky of Kansas City, Kansas, national president of YF PU, Mrs. M. L. Steele, Omaha State president YFPU Rev. Robert Spicer, Kansas City, Kansas dist. supt. of Sunday School. Wednesday August 28 is pre-convention night. Local talent and choral groups will be featured.

HUSBAND AND WIFE EARN GRADUATE DEGREES



DR. and MRS. R. GRANN LLOYD are contemplating a quiet vacation after taking the Ph. D. and M. A. degrees at New York and Columbia universities respectively in June and July. They are spending the summer in their home in New York City where they both are teachers in the public school system. (ANP)

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