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JESUS AND COVETOUSNESS

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:17; Proverbs 11:23, 24; Luke 12:13-21.

MEMORY SELECTION—He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.—Proverbs 11:28.

The Ten Commandments, the study of which we conclude today (the remaining lessons of the quarter deal with other laws), have been revealed to us as being characterized by their brevity, their comprehensive touch with all of life, and fidelity to the right. But they are also unique and different from all other laws in that they reach into the inner recesses of a man's heart, a realm where only God can judge and act.

This last commandment (against covetousness) emphasizes that point, for it does not expressly require or forbid any act, but deals with the motive of man's action. Man can judge another man's acts, but he cannot judge his motives, desires or thoughts. God must do that.

But man can, by the grace of God, control his motives; and hence we have this commandment and its interpretation.

I. Covetousness — What It Is (Exod. 20:17).

To covet does not mean just to desire, but to have an unrestrained desire for that which we ought not to have or which by right belongs to another.

It shows itself in our day in a more general way — an inordinate desire for possessions in general. There too man loses himself. It may be a surprise to many to learn that coveting, or desiring what belongs to another, is a sin. It has become one of the "respectable sins" accepted in the best circles and practiced by many church people.

As a matter of fact, this sin underlies all the other sins against which the commandments speak. He who has a love for money and an evil desire to have his neighbor's possessions will hate, lie, steal, cheat, kill. In fact, as Dr. G. Campbell Morgan says, "The whole realm of human interrelations is disorganized and broken up by the dishonoring of the tenth commandment."

II. Covetousness — What It Does (Prov. 11:23, 24; Luke 12:13-21).

1. It Makes a Man Stingy (Prov. 11:23, 24). The righteous man seeks that which is good and he knows nothing of the close-fisted stinginess which withholds from God and man. Sometimes to economize is to lose, and to be liberal is to gain—especially in the things of God.

God gives liberally (James 1:5), and the man who knows God scatters not only his money, but his talents of mind and service for God's glory.

In sad contrast is the man who keeps his possessions for himself and reaps only the barrenness of soul and leanness of life.

2. It Makes a Man Envious (Luke 12:13-15). Noting the ability of Jesus in dealing with others, this man thought to divert the Lord from his real ministry to the souls of men to the settling of social problems—all because he was greedy.

Some church leaders think that is our business now — to preach and promote a social gospel. They had better reread verse 14.

3. It Makes a Man Selfish (Luke 12:16, 17). The one who was known to his friends as the "rich man" (v. 16) was known to God as a "fool" (v. 20), because having more than he could use he hoarded it for himself. One wonders what he had to say for himself when that very night he was called into the presence of God to give an account of his stewardship (v. 20). If you are similarly situated and have the same attitude, what will you say in that day?

4. It Makes a Man Proud (Luke 12:18). All around him were the hungry. He needed no barns, for there were the empty hands of the needy; but money had made him hard and proud. He would build bigger barns, perhaps the biggest in that community. People would marvel at his prosperity and he would live long to enjoy it.

But it did not work out that way, for, alas, it is true of covetousness that—

5. It Makes a Man Foolish (Luke 12:19-21). The man who reckons without God is sure to come to grief. Leaving him out of one's thinking and planning invites disaster.

God called, and he who had thought to go on for years in selfish pleasure, found that he must go and leave it all. Worse yet, he had to face the judgment of God upon his eternal soul.

Do not fail to note that there is a way to lay up treasures in heaven —by a "close walk with Christ, coming to appreciate and cultivate the joys of the spirit," and so using one's possessions that they count for the glory of God. Even gold can be so invested for God as to send it on to eternity. What an opportunity!

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Religious News

SALEM BAPT. CHURCH

Sunday, Sept 8th, was a high day for Salem despite the fact that the pastor was out of the city attending the Nat'l Baptist Convention at Atlanta, Ga. Rev. C. C. Petties was in the stands for the morning sermon and his subject was "Christ the conquering king" Isiah 1:5-6. The 8 pm. service consisted of a songfest sponsored by the following groups: The Senior choir; the Number Two choir; The Junior choir; the Brotherhoor chorus;; the S. S. chorus; and the Salem orchestra. This all spiritual service was witnessed by a packed house.

The pastor will be back Sunday Sept. 15th with a burning message so we do urge you to be present. Those accompanying him to Atlanta from Salem are Mrs. J. C. Wade; Rev. W. E. Fort; Mrs. F. L. Wesley; Mrs. Mamie Thomas Mrs. Agnes Fraizer; Mrs. Oneida Brown; Mrs. Amie Glover; and Mrs. Elnora Morris.

The Sunday School and BTU are progressing nicely and will sponsor an institute soon. The BTU director Mr. Cooper states that he is well pleased with his willing workers who are helping to maintain the report that Salem has the best organized BTU in the mid-west.

Yours for service and spiritual reviving, the friendly little church on the hill.

Rev. J. C. Wade, pastor
Mrs. F. B. Moore, Clerk
Mrs. L. A. Henderson, rep.

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Tues. Eve. service and preaching 8 pm
Fri. Eve. Bible Class 8 pm.
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NEGRO SOPRANO'S 'AIDA' TO FEATURE CHILEAN GOV'MENT OPERA SEASON

Ellabelle Davis, the distinguished American Negro soprano who is filling an extensive concert and opera tour of Central and South America, will make three appearances as Verdi's "Aida" in Santiago de Chile during the week of September 18th, as a highlight of the Chilean government's gala season of grand opera at the Teatro Municipal, of which Renato Salvati is director. It was as "Aida" that Miss Davis wrote history for her race last month in Mexico City, where she made her grand opera debut with the Opera Nacional as the first American Negro ever to have been starred by a major opera company of the world.

Since her departure from Mexico City, the soprano has scored a succession of triumphs in concert in the various Central and South American capitals, climaxed by her debut appearance on August 22 at the world-renowned Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires.

CLEAVES TEMPLE C. M. E. CHURCH
Rev. E. Wade, Pastor

Notes and Personals:

The Sunday School was well attended last Sunday and all departments were represented. Our Sunday school is doing well and the teachers are giving your children the best to inspire them to become followers of Christ. Send your children to Sunday School every Sunday. H. L. Cribbs, supt, Rev. G. Bivens department supt.

The morning services opened on the hour 11 am. with a full choir ready to give you the best they have in gospel songs. The Stewardess, Ushers, and Usherettes at their posts to give you their best services. The pastor was at his best. He gave us a very inspiring message. He preached from the 97 chapter Psalm 6 vs. I am sure someone was uplifted by that wonderful message. The spirit was very high. If you want a spiritual feast, come to Cleaves Temple and hear this great speaker. On Sunday night our souls were filled with another great message from God. The revival meeting that is conducted by our pastor will close next Sunday night. You will miss a treat if you fail to hear him. So come out and feed your soul. We are expecting every one to cooperate in showing our pastor our appreciation for his great work he has given us. He will leave on the 18th for conference.

Send your children to the church each Friday evening for training in the Youth Movement also Jr. choir rehearsal.

Marie Hudgens, reporter

WOMEN IN THEIR '40's

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Here's a tip for women troubled by Nervous Tension, Irritability and Weak, Tired, Cranky Feelings—due to 'middle-age'

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

St. Johns Howell's on "Howell Sunday" Sept. 8 with one of its most successful spiritual services of this conference year. The men's chorus under the direction of H. L. Preston did themselves more than proud in rendering the more than heart-warming Christian songs on this occasion. The congregation that filled the church showed appreciation of the many men for this fine service of the day was reverberated throughout the church auditorium.

Our minister was at his best; delivering as usual one of his inspiring and soul stirring messages. Taking as his text Matt. 26:28 his subject being "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful". Thoughts from this sermon are: Victory comes thru faith; whenever a man does the will of God with or without the approval of the world he is victorious; God can't use a man unless he lends his hand that God might use it as an instrument; if a man or woman doesn't give to God or do the work assigned to him or her God will move that man or woman and raise another who will do what should have been done, and finally, do as He pleases but in the final analysis he must acknowledge that God's way is very straight. Rev. John Adams, presiding elder of the Kansas City district delivered the morning sermon. Visitors Mrs. R. Maxwell; Mr Roosevelt Cawthorne; Mrs. and Mrs. Jake Smith, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Carrie Brownlee, Oakland; Mrs. Alice Wright, Memphis, Ark. sister of Bro. Clark.

It is good to see the excellent manner in which the members and auxiliaries of St. Johns are responding to their annual conference assessment. The Progressive 24 turned in $50 and the Sunday School $25 all with the many $3 from the members indicates the enthusiasm of the entire membership of our church in seeing that this christian cause shall be victorious and that St. John shall be in its place as the leading church in the district. Yes St. Johns with this spirit of cooperation, coordination, unification, fellowship and christion brotherhood marches on to great heights, glorious and victories in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sunday our Junior choir will have charge of the music under the direction of Mrs. Childress. At the evening services they have planned for their last service of this conference year a musical treat. Let us come out morning and evening and support these young people the future church.

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The Senior choir under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Gibson ask that all members and friends turn in their requests for the all request program the fourth Sunday this month which will be the last request program of this conference year.

The Mission Society thanks all who in any way helped and supported their last christian program on Sunday night Sept. 1.

The Minute Men and Women's Auxiliary will meet at the hame of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniels at 2620 Bristol St., Sunday, Sept. 15 at 4:30 pm. All members are asked to please be present by the president Mr. A. R. Goodlette.

Don't forget the date of the King Solomon Wedding by the Eveready club Sept. 30.

It is at 8 pm. Let us all plan to attend this christian affair.

Mrs. Lula Washington and members of the Pastor's Aid Club extend their thanks to members and friends of St. Johns who attended their final service on Sunday after noon Sept. 1

The Usher board and its president Br. Brown, extends their appreciation to members who attended their annual service Sept. 8th.

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

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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H. H. Schauland, Pastor

The eminent author and journalist, Dr. Wm. T. Ellis, recently wrote: "We have got to the end of our human resources. We have victoriously fought two world wars that have left us with a heritage of grief and destruction and hunger and horror. Clearly, the great ends we seek are to be obtained "not by arms, nor by force". The Holy Spirit, promised by the prophets and bestowed by Christ, can do what is impossible to unaided man. He can turn the thoughts of sinful man to salvation and righteousness. He can make up whatever is lacking in mortal effort.. Our dependence in this hour of decision is upon Him and our expectation is from Him".

The Holy Spirit comes to us thru the word of God as found in the Bible. This is a fundamental doctrine of the Bible. That is why we must use the Bible in our homes and churches. All our teaching and preaching must be based on this Book of Books.

This next Sunday may the Holy Spirit cause all of us to say with the Psalmist "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord". Services at Hope Lutheran begin at 11 am. The sermon topic will be "True Freedom", based on John 8:31-36. Come. Sunday school and Bible class at 10 am.

On Sept. 15th the Rev. E. Buchheimer of Detroit, Mich., will talk on the subbject: "Love Not the World", over KBON at 11:30.

MORNING STAR BAP. CHURCH
Rev. Z. Williams, pastor

Sunday School 9:30 BTU at 6:30. At 11 am. Rev. H. W. Fitch delivered the timely message from the texts Ezek. 13-19, Matt. 3-5, Jas. 5-4. Sub. "A Poluted Mind". At 8 pm. the choir rendered a lovely musical request program. One of the features was a trio from Misses Yvonne Spence, Marilyn Birch and Athalee Fitch. The musical was well attended. The choir is doing fine with such wonderful pianist as Mrs. Pope. Two members were added to the church. Both candidates were for baptism. Sun. Sept 15 is rally day. We are asking each member to do your best. The brotherhood of Morning Star will furnish music Sunday all day. Mr. Curtiss Seals, president. Don't forget our weekly activities. Doris Jean Henderson left for Dennison Texas for school. She spent her vacation here with her mother Mrs Eva Johnson who is now Mrs. Robinson. We had with us many out of town guests. Come to Morning Star for you are always welcome.

The Week
By H. W. Smith

NAACP

The Omaha Branch NAACP will sponsor the first 1946 fall meeting at Allen Chapel, 5233 South 25th St., South Omaha on Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All members and friends are requested to attend James H. Fellows, president.

An Oakland, California street car and a fast train enroute for San Francisco collided Sept 4 and 29 persons were injured. The street car was almost split in half. It was loaded with women and children.

President Truman has ordered the establishment of a federal committee to begin a campaign for the reduction of highway traffic accidents on all highways and to try and eliminate as many as possible.

US congresswoman Emily Douglas of Galesburg, Ill who is seeking reelection said August 24 she defended the administration's foreign policy before a meeting sponsored by an independent committee supporting her.

Circuit Judge W. B. Arderey of Kentucky has revoked the rights of the KKK in the state and the case has not been contested. The attorney general of the state filed the suit against the hooded klan.

President Truman and US secy. Byrnes had two very important conferences on Sept. 4th on the Paris Peace conference. the secretary telephoned from Paris and he talked to the President 5 minutes.

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The US opened a radio station in Berlin on Sept. 4 that will people broadcast to the Germans offering equal facilities to all political parties.

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A group of 24 persons were seized in Hamburg, Germany Sept 4 and charged with being a black market gang.

12 year old girl was killed in an auto and truck at 84 and L Sts. on Sunday afternoon Sept. 8.

A US troopship went aground 16 miles south west of Miami, Fl Sept. 8. It was towed into Miami by a tug boat. It was enroute from New York to New Orleans.

The first US highway post office will be operated by the Gulf Transportation Company between Mobile Alababma and Union, Miss, a distance of 181 miles on Sept. 7 and will deliver and pick up mail at 17 towns on the highway.

Twenty thousand war veterans are being trained as printers in Atlantic City.

A landlord in Reading, Pa., advertised an improved farm for rent 25 dollars a month only to married vets who smokes, drinks, has a pet and a child.

A Los Vegas war bride charged with murdering her ex-husband, told a deputy sheriff Sept. 8 she would rather have a death sentence than life in prison.

US atorney general Tom Clark arrived in Dublin Sunday night. He was on a three week's survey of Europe as a special representative of President Truman.

A convict 82 years old that was released from the state prison at Cannon City, Colo., returned and asked for work. The warden obliged him.

Jesse Owens, the 100 yard dash champion, out ran George Case, a baseball player at the Cleveland baseball park Sept. 8th.

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Saint Louis, Missouri, September 15 (Special) A plea for deeper consecration to spiritual values was issued today by the Reverend E. H. Buchheimer, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan and summer guest speaker on the International Lutheran Hour. In the last of his three addresses, over the Mutual Broadcasting System and affiliated stations, Pastor Buchheimer declared: "Active worldliness is a tragic thing to see. Here are the men who know where they have given their hearts, who are staking everything on the world and are out to take it for all it is worth;—men and women who would "such deeply of life" as Thoreau put it, 'and draw out all the marrow.' Here are the financial Titans whose one aim is to build great industrial empires, cavalier hosts who sing wine. women and song; adventurers who penetrate jungles and dive deep into the sea, and through the stratosphere.....All of them in the desperate battle against time to lay up for themselves treasures on earth alone, as Scripture puts it.....It is tragic because no man living has ever yet won that battle against time and because the treasures of earth are never worth the best of human effort."

Pastor Buchheimer continued: "Christian faith stakes everything on the world to come. We can't lose. It isn't as though we give up one world for the other. This is a game of winner take all. We get both worlds to live in: one is the world of time and space, in which men march in picket lines, and hang war criminals and test A-bombs, a world in which men are young, become middle-aged, grow old and die; and one is the world of eternity, in which children are brought to be touched byGod's Holy Spirit in the Water of Holy Baptism, to hear the precious promses of the Master in His Holy Word; in which men and women look up through tears and pain and joy and laughter to heaven and the eternal life above. It is like eating cake and having it too. Living, even now, in eternity." we, the people

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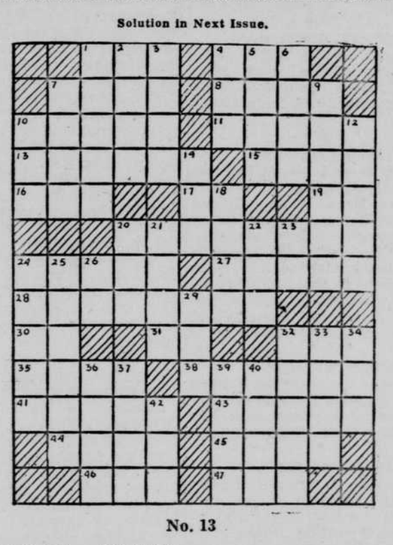

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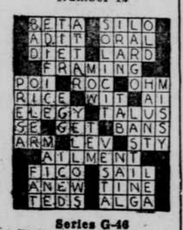

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