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JESUS AND THE LAW OF THE STRANGER

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 22:21-23; Deuteronomy 24:14, 15; Matthew 25:34-41

MEMORY SELECTION — The King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matthew 25:40.

There is as much need today for the words of counsel and admonition regarding strangers which we find in our lesson, as there was in the days of Moses, for there seems to be an almost complete breakdown of neighborliness both between nations and individuals.

I. The Law Required Neighborliness (Exod. 22:21-23; Deut. 24:14, 15).

Our heavenly Father as revealed to us in his Word is a Father indeed, one greatly concerned about his many children; but especially does he care for those who are weak and needy.

The laws of ancient Israel made provision for the feeding of those who had no fields. The corners of the field were left uncut at harvest time, some of the grapes were to be left on the vine, etc., so that the poor could enjoy the sense of self respect as they picked for themselves what God had provided (see Lev. 19:9, 10; 23:22; Deut. 24:19-22, and other passages).

The poor man who found work was to receive his pay when needed. For the one who hired him to do otherwise was to bring upon himself the judgment of God. He listens to the cry of the hungry worker and his family (Deut. 24:15).

Strangers were in a peculiar way subject to the possibility of extortion. They are even today the easy mark of the one who lives by his wits, the "confidence" man and sneak thief.

If any such person reads these notes let me warn him solemnly to keep his tricky hands off the stranger, for God is watching and will hear their cry (Exod. 22:23).

The same is true of widows and orphans. God is their keeper and their defender.

Someone may say that all this is Old Testament in its background and principle. What about the follower of Christ in our day? The answer is that

II. Christ Expects Neighborliness (Matt. 25:34-41).

This is a prophetic picture of the great judgment scene. It is not, as many suppose, the same as the judgment of the Great White Throne of Revelation 20.

The scene here is not in heaven but upon the earth. It is not individuals who are being judged, but the nations of the earth. They are not being judged regarding personal salvation, but for their treatment of Christ's brethren.

Who are his brethren? First we think of his brethren, after the flesh, the people of the Jewish race. Scripture reveals again and again that God is watching over his chosen people, even though they are now scattered in judgment for their unbelief. He will not hold any guiltless who harm his people (Gen. 12:1-3).

The word "brethren" is also used in such a passage as Matthew 12:46-50 to include all who do the will of God. That suggests a broader application of these words.

Our attitude toward God expresses itself in our attitude toward our fellow man. That which we do toward those about us is not a matter of indifference, but is the basis for God's judgment of our lives. Each of us must answer for the deeds done in the flesh whether they be good or evil. That is true even of the believer (II Cor. 5:10), whose salvation has already been determined by his faith in Christ.

Here in our lesson, however, the failure to do that which shows forth God's law of love is made the ground of eternal judgment. This is not because an act of kindness itself can be regarded as the ground of division, but because the failure to give it or do it reflects an attitude of heart toward our God and his Christ which is in reality a rejection of his way of salvation.

Judgment is thus a revelation of the attitude of the heart, which marks a man or woman as being either saved or lost. It may be possible to so becloud the thinking of our friends and neighbors that we may go through life looking something like a Christian, but when Christ judges, it will all be revealed.

Notice the importance of a proper attitude toward those who need our kindness and help. All too often the only concern of men and women is to look out for "number one" and let the rest of the world shift for itself.

Observe also that the Lord identifies himself with his brethren—what is done to and for them is counted as done to and for him. Compare the experience of Samuel (I Sam. 8:7) and of Paul (Acts 9:5). Touch God's people and you touch him. Fail them and you fail him. Serve them and you serve him.

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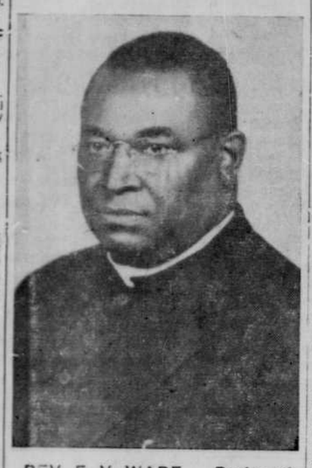

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CLEAVES TEMPLE C. M. E. CHURCH

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. His text was the Eagle Stirred Her Nest which set our souls on hallowed fire. I am sure some one was uplifted by this great sermon. It was the closing of our 15 day revival in which 8 members were added. On Sunday evening, our souls were stirred with another great message from God. The Rev. Favors from Pilgrim Bapt. church and his choir was in charge of the services as Cleaves Temple is closing their conference year Rev. Wade will leave for conference on the 18th of this month. We are praying for his return. He has done great work here. He is the kind of man that is needed in Cleaves Temple also for the city. Under his administration the church has made wonderful progress. The church has raised around $6,000 and purchased a very nice parsonage. H ehas taken in 59 members and has beautified the church inside and out. He came to Omaha the first Sunday in Dec. 1945. He has did a wonderful job to encourage young people of our church. We have a very fine Jr. choir. The young people are very anxious to come to church now on every Sunday for they have a job to do. So let's pray that he gets back to inspire more people to come to church and move more to be saved.

Don't forget to send your children out to the church for trianing in the youth movement on each Friday evening and also Junior choir rehearsal. Rev. G. Bivens is to be in charge of the service on next Sunday.

Marie Hudgens, reporter

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Mason Devereaux Jr., reporter

Sunday a glorious sermon was delivered to us byour pastor at the 1 1am service. The topic of his Christian sermon was 'Alone with Jesus' his message being taken from a portion of St. Marks "and leadeth them up inta high mountains apart by themselves and he was then transfigured before them. Several quotations from his spiritual and heart-warming message were as follows: No Christian can run, and do what the crowd does and yet expect to maintain his Christian intergenty; Man doesn't suffer for lack of capacity, but he suffers from the willingness to step out into the program of God and finally, the reason for the failure of individuals and nations is loss of vision".

Visitors: Mrs. Lettie Gaines and daughter of Chicago; Mrs. Mary L. Owens of Dallas, Texas; Mr. H. Johnson of Omaha; Bro. Aaron of Mitchell, S. D.

Our annual conference is just around the corner and members and auxiliaries are urged to continue to pay to this christian cause in order that St. Johns and the pastor may go down to the annual conference with the christian banner flying.

The Missionary Society contribution of $50 and the Senior choir contribution of $25 to this worthy cause along with the many $3 from individual members is a burning example of interest manifested by our congregation in the welfare of our church and its connections.

It is individuals and auxiliaries such as these of our church that are contributing their share in the helping of our church to step up a christian notch each day. They have dedicated themselves to the task of building for their children, their community, and their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ a greater St. Johns spiritually and financially. Yes, through all the trials, errors and obstacles of the past these soldier of Christ are still on the battle field carrying on a successful program for the Lord. Meeting all obligations unreservently because they know through experience by placing their hand in Gods hand and keeping the faith, victory is theirs. Today they stand on the threshold of a new future ready to march onward and upward

The Senior choir and directress Mrs. Pearl Gibson will be looking forward to members and friends of St. Johns at their last All Request program of this conference year Sunday evening at 8 pm. Let us not fail to fill the church auditorium to the rafters on this night. For downright good christian music and songs you like to hear come to St. Johns on this evening and hear your favorite choir sing them for you. Won't you come and bring a friend.

The Watchmen extends their sincere thanks to the congregation and friends for the excellent support on Howell Sunday.

They send a special thanks to the Usher board and its president Mr. R. Brown for the special $21 contribution.

The Allen Christian Endeavor League will hold a special service Sunday, September 22 from 5 to 6:30 pm. They have chosen as their theme for this service The Open Door. Let us plan to attend this service.

The Minute Men and Womens auxilary were entertained by their host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniels at their home, 2620 Bristol St. After their regular business meeting. Business consisted of the birth-dated calendar with emphasis put on closing the drive the last of this month. Members and friends of St. Johns are urged to hurry and turn in your name and birth dates now.

During the social hour ice cream and cake was served by the host and hostess. All those in attendance expressed thanks to the gracious host and hostess for their hospitality.

Watch this column for further anouncement as to the special service on the 29th of September to be given by our Sunshine Charity club. Mrs. Hattie Adams president

Everything is in readiness for the Eveready club's King Solomon Wedding on Monday evening Sept. 30 .Mrs. R. C. Price president of this hardworking auxiliary of our church and its membership urges members and friends to hurry and purchase your ticket now.

The Watchmen held a very interesting and lively christian meeting at the home of Bro Fredericks, of 2220 Lake St. This Friday night at 8 pm. they will meet at the home of Bro. W. P. Ervin 3001 N 30th St. September 20.

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?

MORNING STAR BAP. CHURCH

Rev. Z. W. Williams pastor

Sunday was a high day beginning in Sunday school thru out the day. At 11 am. the pastor was in chg. of the pulpit. After reading these two scriptures 12th vs. of 92nd chap. Numbers, 28 vs. 11 shap of Prov. reading: He that trust in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. Sub.: A law against Covetiveness. The brotherhood furnished some very fine music for the day. At 8 pm. the pastor brought to us another fine message. Sub. was taken from these scriptures 7th chap of Rev. 9-14 vs. Reading: And I said unto him, sir; thou knowest and he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulations and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. 5 members were added to the church, three of them candidates for baptism. The rally was a great success and services were well attended. After finding out at the last moment about the pastor's birthday, a few members got together with a surprise birthday shower at his home Saturday nite. Some very lovely gifts were received.

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Saint Louis, Missouri, Sept 22, (Special) The divine answer to the problem of human sorrow was given today by the Reverend Doctor Lawrence Meyer, Director of Missionary Education and Publicity for the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church and summer guest speaker on the International Lutheran Hour. Speaking over the Mutual Broadcasting System and affiliated stations, Dr. Meyer declared: 'Human suffering is not something impersonal that we discuss objectively as we do the component parts of the atomic bomb, or some abstract mathematical problem. Pain and sorrow are intimately wrapped up with the very existence of every human being. They are a part of life. Four thousand years ago Job's experience was that 'man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward,' and Moses, in the Ninetieth Psalm sveaks of life in the mournful words: 'The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away?' "

Dr. Meyer continued: "As my voice goes out today to America and Europe and Asia and Africa and Australia, into the teeming cities of the world, to small hamlets and villages and great open spaces, into the hearts of lonely, troubled men and women the world over, I cry out, as God's messenger, that the comfort and solace of this Gospel is for you. All human suffering is the result of man's separation from God. But God was in Christ reconciling all men to Himself. 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have ever lasting life.' 'Come now and let us reason together, said the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be like crimson they shall be as wool.' 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.' 'Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, buy and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without moneyand without price.' If you will believe on the Lord Jesus, then, no matter what days of trouble and tribulation you are passing through, the great day when you will be brought into the granary of God is still before you. You will see God face to face and live with Him in everlasting righteousness and innocence and blessedness."

THE COMMON DEFENSE

(by Rev. William C. Kernan)

MISTAKES OF A CANDIDATE

In a congressional district in Ia. one of the candidates for the national legislature has gladly accepted the support of a known pro-fascist what makes religious and racial prejudice his stock in trade.

In explanation of his act the candidate said that this pro-fascist is a Christian who is against communism and that that was good enough for him.

A local newspaper editor, respected in the district and himself an opponent of both fascism and communism, made the pertinent observation that, although all Christians may be against communism, not all who are against communism are Christians.

This is the fact that the candidate overlooked when he aligned himself with the pro-fascist in question who calls himself a Christian. And he might have discovered his error merely by asking himself what kind of Christianity it was that the anti-communists Hitler, Goebbels, Goering, and Kuhn exemplified. That they were anti-communist is certain enough. That they acted in accordance with the principles of the Christian religion is not true.

It may be that the pro-fascist under consideration is anti-communist. But that he is preaching the Christian gospel is patently not so. He has cooperated with people who in speech and print spread scurrilous and false charges against Roman Catholics. He has endorsed a book called THE OCTOPUS, one of the most virulent anti Semitic diatribes ever printed. He has sought by the use of many means to scatter abroad over these United States the same propaganda lies against the Jews as those with which the Nazis deluged Germany. This is not Christianity.

We have had more than is good for us of people going about the country shouting fascist racial theories and stirring up religious antagonisms and posing as exponents of Christianity on the excuse that they are against communism.

For fascism, like communism, is the enemy of Christianity as it is of American democracy—and the Christians who know their religion and their America will be as much opposed to the one as to the other.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Arthur Brisbane onse said: "The fence around a cemetery is foolish for those inside can't get out and those outside don't want to get in". Nevertheless t is true, as Joseph Parker wrote: "Man must go. It is not a question whether he will go or not go; that is determined for us. We must go; the only question is HOW? Man may go WITH God or WITHOUT Him". Therefore, "Prepare to meet thy God". For "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement". Friend, are you ready to go? "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead; thou shalt be saved". Only when you have those qualifications are you ready to meet your God.

Hope Lutheran, the church of the Lutheran Hour, invites you to its services beginning at 11 am. We welcome you because we have a message that you need. This message is from God and it is FREE. Sunday School begins at 10 am.

Dr. Lawrence Meyer who has recent traveled extensively in the war-torn countries of Europe will be the speaker on the Lutheran Hour September 22 and 29. The Lutheran Hour comes to you over KBON at 11:30.

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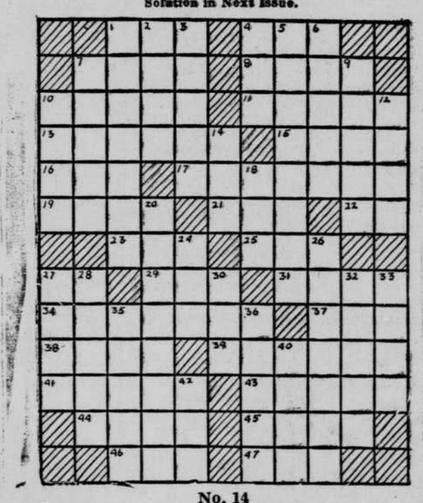

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