

A Dedicated King

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—1 Samuel 16:1-13; II Samuel 5:1-12.



God commands Samuel to cease mourning the rejected Saul and go to Bethlehem and anoint the son of Jesse whom He would point out to him—1 Samuel 16:1-3. Samuel views seven of Jesse's sons but fails to find the chosen one. When David is brought from herding sheep, Samuel anoints him king of Israel—1 Samuel 16:6-13. Because he is related to them, they have confidence in him, and he is the Lord's anointed, the Twelve Tribes acclaim David, king of Israel—1 Samuel 5:1-5. Through the efforts of Joab, David captures the Jebusite city of Jerusalem and makes it his capital—II Samuel 5:6-12.

MEMORY VERSE:—"I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved."—Psalm 16:6.

STARTED ROYAL LINE

David Recognized As King

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Generally speaking, David was the founder of the royal line of Israel, for no king after him ever sat on that throne—or the later throne of Judah—unless he was a lineal descendant of David.

As so often happened in the records of Israel's early days, great events were brought about not by the determination of some man in authority, but by the command of God. Our lesson begins with just such a command: Samuel is to cease mourning Saul, whom God has rejected, and go down to Bethlehem to anoint the son of Jesse who would be pointed out to him.

Samuel was afraid to go lest Saul kill him, but the Lord told him to pretend he was going to Bethlehem merely to offer sacrifices. The elders of Bethlehem were equally afraid at Samuel's unexpected appearance in their town, and asked if he came in peace. Samuel assured them his

mission was indeed peaceful and invited them to a sacrifice, with a special invitation to Jesse and his sons.

One by one seven of Jesse's sons were brought before the old prophet, but Samuel failed to anoint any of them. When Samuel asked whether these were all of Jesse's children, Jesse answered that only the youngest remained and he was keeping the sheep. Samuel ordered him brought before him. Naturally, this one was David, and when he appeared the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Samuel anointed him, and thenceforth the spirit of the Lord dwelt upon David.

David was recognized as king over the cities of Judah, being himself a member of that tribe. His reign over the southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin lasted seven and one-half years; and the reign over all the Twelve Tribes 33 years.

The men of all the tribes apparently came to David of their own volition, acknowledging that he alone should be ruler over Israel. Three reasons are given for this action of theirs:

they were of the same flesh and bone as David, and being of common descent, it was unfitting for them to constitute separate nations; David, even during the reign of Saul, had been their military leader and they had confidence in his ability and wisdom; and the Lord had chosen him for their king.

With Israel now united, the time had come for David to capture the city of Jerusalem, then known as the city of the Jebusites. It was the purpose of God that this city should not come into the possession of the Israelites until the nation had finally been united under David, whose royal descendants would rule in that city for 400 years, giving it the name of "the city of David."

The taking of the city of Jerusalem was not an easy task, if we are to be guided by verse 9 of II Samuel 5. Apparently the city was so situated that a group of "blind and lame" could hold it against any invader. David offered command of his armies to the brave warrior who could effect an entrance into the citadel, and, repeating the words of the Jebusites, hurl the "blind and lame defenders" from its walls. Joab, conspicuous for deeds of strength and daring, took the challenge and, perhaps using a subterranean channel which was known to exist, stormed the citadel, and was rewarded with the generalship of the army.

David immediately turned the captured fortress into his royal residence, extending the fortifications north to a fortress called Milo. Because the spirit of the Lord was upon him, he won great and strong. Essentially, David's strength came from four sources: his own warlike achievements; being a man of war from his youth; David's manhood was occupied with the defense of his kingdom and the defeat of its foes; the valor of his captains, whose bravery contributed to his power and fame; the prosperity of his people. For the reign of David was one of great material prosperity for the Israelites; the prevalence of religion, based upon David's establishment of the Levitical and priestly orders, with all the services, sacrifices and festivals connected with the house of God.

Now that the Israelites were entering a more peaceful episode in their history, David changed messengers, or envoys, with neighboring nations—in particular the Phoenician city of Tyre—and commerce between the nations was established, advancing even further the success and prosperity of David and the Israelites.



Do you ever feel trapped? Do the walls of a meaningless life seem to close in on you sometimes? Here's good news! Every life has a gate, and it is never locked. But it only opens from one side . . . your side.

Seek for the gate with all your heart, and you will find it. Open it, and you will enter a world full of meaning and beauty. You'll step from darkness to light . . . and never look back.

The key? It's waiting for you in Christ's teachings. His Church will help you to find it, and in His service you will discover life's real purpose. Go to church this Sunday, and hear God's words of promise and comfort. They are meant for all who yearn to widen the cramped horizon of their lives. They are meant for you.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor in the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the sake of his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	II Kings	6	8-19
Monday	Psalms	124	1-5
Tuesday	Isaiah	25	1-9
Wednesday	Jeremiah	7	1-7
Thursday	Matthew	16	13-20
Friday	Luke	13	22-30
Saturday	II Corinthians	4	7-18

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Great Encyclical Studied, Discussed

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN
Recently in New York a convocation was held of men of various beliefs and faiths to study and discuss Pope John's great encyclical *Pacem in Terris*.

Indeed, here in Canada the Quakers will hold an inter-faith seminar from July 11-18 at their Grindstone Island peace centre and will invite participants to discuss the main theme of the week *Pacem in Terris*.

Colporteurs Working In Viet Nam

Viet Nam has colporteurs seeking to distribute Scriptures in cities as well as rural areas. About 10 a.m. one morning recently the Bible van was en route out of Saigon to Phan Thiet.

While passing through dense forest, the colporteurs in the van were halted by armed men and questioned. "Who are you? Where are you going, all dressed up and wearing ties?" They replied that they were carrying Christian Scriptures on a witnessing mission.

After word was relayed to a leader hidden in the foliage, guns were lowered and they were allowed to go on their way. During the course of that trip they were able to distribute many copies of the Scriptures. A number decided to follow Christ, including a man who had previously resisted the message.

Colporteurs in Viet Nam report meeting many who had lost contact with the Christian community due to warfare. Sales of Bible and New Testaments have increased significantly in Viet Nam during the last year in spite of warfare, floods and other distressing circumstances.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, May 16: Luke 11:1-26.
Monday, May 17: Luke 11: 27-54.
Tuesday, May 18: Luke 12: 1-30.
Wednesday, May 19: Luke 12: 31-59.
Thursday, May 20: Luke 16.
Friday, May 21: Luke 17.
Saturday, May 22: Luke 18.

Canadian Bible Society
(Auxiliary, British and Foreign Bible Society)

128th. Annual Meeting
Prince Edward Island District

St. James Kirk Hall, Charlottetown
Tuesday, May 18—2:30 p.m.

Address by
The Rev. Kenneth G. McMillan, D.D.
General Secretary, Canadian Bible Society

All friends of the Society heartily invited and urged to attend.

St. Peter's Cathedral
Kochford Square
ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
Ven. Archbishop J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector
Rev. Canon E. M. Mahoney, M.A., D.D.
Honorary Assistant Priest
Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director

May 15—The Fourth Sunday after Easter
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Mornings
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon

Visitors are cordially welcome at all services

Central Christian Church
219 Kent Street

MORNING
10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Worship and Communion
Solo: "He Giveth and Giveth"—Miss Leona Weale
Sermon: "HE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE"

EVENING
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
Message: "ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME"
Minister: William Weale
Organist: Mrs. Shirley Beck

"We bid you a warm welcome"

Charlottetown Bible Chapel
233 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.—James Stahr, B.Sc., M.Th.
"The Old Book . . . the New Birth . . . the Precious Blood
. . . the Blessed Hope"

Zion Presbyterian Church
Corner Prince and Grafton Streets
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A. Minister
Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess
Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.M.S., B.M.S.
Organist and Choir Director.

9:45 a.m.—The Church School, Classes for all ages
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class, 11:00 a.m. Nursery-School
9:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP, CALVIN CHURCH, MERMAID

11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: A STORY WITH A HAPPY ENDING
The Odd Fellows Ode—Mr. John MacLeod
Men's Chorus: Majestic Sweetness Sits
Enthroned: T. Hastings
Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will Worship in Zion Church at 11:00 a.m.
Sermon: WHEN RELIGION IS REAL
Solo: Selected
Mrs. Allison MacDonald

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

French Author Dies Of Cancer

BOURG-EN-BRESSE, France (AP)—Roger Vailland, 57, prize winning French author and playwright, died at his home Tuesday night of lung cancer, his family has reported.

During the Second World War he was in the French resistance as a specialist in derailling trains. During that time he wrote a novel *Drole de Jeu* ("Funny Game"), which won the 1945 inter-Allied prize.

He became a member of the French Communist party in 1952 but was denounced when his novel *La Loi* ("The Law") won the Goncourt Prize in 1957.

CHARGE INSULT
PARIS (Reuters)—French author Jacques Laurent has been charged with insulting the chief of state in a recent book entitled *Maurice Sous de ris*.

The Salvation Army
"Home of Evangelism Since 1865"
Great George Street
55 Villa Avenue Major Ronald H. Walker

Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Bible Meeting—11 a.m.
Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.
Friday: Young People's Hobby Class—4:15 p.m.
A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
SABBATH SERVICES 11 A.M. AND 7 P.M.
Rev. W. R. Underhay, Minister

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Established 1769 by Royal Foundation
The Rev. F. Louis Ellis, L.S.T., Rector
Organist and Choir Director
George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CIM) A.R.C.M.

EASTER IV
8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION
9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, Junior, Senior & Bible Classes
11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, Primary, Beginners Classes, and Crib Nursery.
11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER & Sermon
Subject: "QUESTIONS ST. PETER MIGHT ASK"
Antiphon: "O Saviour Sweet" by J. S. Bach
Subject: "HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING?"
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES

First Baptist Church
Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Sermon—"TREASURE HUNT"
Intermediate Girls' Choir
"God that Makes Earth and Heaven" (Wells)
7:00 p.m.—Sermon—"THE MIRACLES AND MODERN MAN"
Antiphon: "Praise to the Lord"
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday—Mid-Week Service

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

CALVARY TEMPLE
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
Upper Prince Street
Rev. C. K. Burn, Pastor
L. Perry, Assistant Pastor

9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summer Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Loyalty Campaign
SUNDAY 11 a.m.—7:30 p.m.—TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 8 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY 16th—20th
EVANGELIST A. R. LANGILLE, CANNING, N.S.
ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S SPIRITUAL WORK SHOP

The Kirk of St. James
The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., D.D., Minister
Organist and Director of the Choirs
Christopher Gedhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O.

CANADIAN BIBLE SUNDAY
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Minister's Bible Class
11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship
Sermon: The Reverend Kenneth G. MacMillan, D.D., Secretary, the Canadian Bible Society
Antiphon: Christ Our Passover (Goun)
The Chancel Choir
"The entrance of Thy Word giveth Light."

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH
13 Christie Drive, Parkdale
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choirs

9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate, Senior Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: "HIS IMPORTUNITY DID IT"
Antiphon: "The Lord's Prayer"—Gates
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP
C.G.L.T. Lanyard & Graduation Service
Sermon: "WHAT NEXT?"
Solo: Miss Mary Lee Gamble

You are welcome to worship with us

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH.
Dunkirk and Kirkwood
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.

9:30 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery
11:00 a.m.—"CHOOSE YE THIS DAY"
Senior Choir: "What My Soul Seeks, O Redeemer" (Prichard)
8:30 p.m.—I-B-C

"You Are Welcome to Worship With Us"

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Bell, B.A.
Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D.
Organist and Choir Director: Mr. Joseph B. Herdman

9:30 a.m.—Bible Classes, Intermediate and Junior
11:00 a.m.—Primary, Kindergarten and Nursery
11:00 a.m.—"CHRISTIAN UNITY"
Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas
Antiphon: "Bless The Lord, O My Soul"
Ippolitov-Ivanov
7:00 p.m.—Rev. Kenneth G. McMillan, D.D., General Secretary Canadian Bible Society, speaker.
Antiphon: "To The Lord Our God" J. B. Clarkin