

Dangers of Self-Righteousness ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—Matthew 23, 24.



Jesus acknowledges the Pharisees' position within the Temple, but denounces them for hypocrisy, citing their many wicked deeds and describing the corruption of their hearts.—Matthew 23:1-31.

Jesus condemns the Pharisees and predicts the destruction of Jerusalem. Yet, even though the entire city shares in the guilt of its religious leaders, Jesus laments its doom.—Matthew 23:32-34.

Retiring to the Mount of Olives Jesus tells the disciples of the age before His second coming, the time of Great Tribulation, and the heavenly signs of His return.—Matthew 24:2-14.

Speaking in parables, Jesus warns His disciples to be ever ready for only the Father knows the exact hour of His return.—Matthew 24:30-51.

MEMORY VERSE:—"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."—Matthew 23:12.

DOOM FOR THE GUILTY

Christ Exposes Sin Of Hypocrisy

(Editor's note:—The following material relating to tomorrow's Sunday School lesson is based on copyrighted outlines produced by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches in the U.S. and is used by permission.)

By R.H. RAMSEY Before we proceed with today's lesson, let us take time for an explanatory word regarding the often-mentioned Pharisees. They were a brotherhood, of some six or seven thousand, whose vows separated them from the heathen, the common people and the Sadducees. Because they, and the scri-

es had come into being in the times of darkness following Moses, they represented the authority of the Scriptures in home, school, synagogue, courts of law and daily life. They engaged in business and their goods were legal tender everywhere.

They openly opposed Christ because He paid no attention to their separation principles and often deliberately came into contact with uncircumcised Gentiles and the diseased. Further, He violated the Sabbath law, and did so displaying miraculous power, so that the people hailed Him as the Son of David.

Jesus admitted that the Pharisees held an official position

within the permission of heaven, but He rallied against their hypocrisy. They taught one thing and lived another. They made much show of their religiousness and righteousness, but were actually cruel toward others.

In enumerating specific wicked deeds of the Pharisees, Christ denounces them severely. By their teachings and hypocritical practices these Jewish leaders were barring themselves and all that heed them from the Kingdom of Heaven; by their tireless missionary work they made converts more bigoted and fanatic than the scribes and Pharisees themselves. Their word was worthless, because they indulged

in hair-splitting as to which oaths were binding and which were not; they neglected the great virtues of justice, mercy and faith, in order to be exorbitantly strict about the minutiae.

After denouncing the deeds of the hypocritical Pharisees, Jesus turns to the corruption within the hearts from which the needs proceed. He likens them to cups and platters, clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside; to whitened sepulchres, beautiful on the outside, but full of uncleanness.

Before concluding His discourse on the sins, or "woes," of the Pharisees, Jesus lays yet another at their feet, often called the "woe of the sepulchre builders." The Pharisees, and the Jews, gave great reverence to the tombs of prophets and men famous for their righteousness, but when God sent prophets among them, they slew them—and were exceeding mis-

Bible Proves True

"The Bible, God's Holy Word, proves itself to be authentic." The Bible meets 4 simple conditions which if met establish the truthfulness of any fact and only true facts can meet these conditions.

Hear Mr. Stanley Streight's message in the Montague Bible Chapel, Sunday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Lord willing.

Your doubt will vanish, and faith increase as you hear the word of God.

Don't come if you are afraid of losing your doubts, for they will not stand before the facts to be presented from the Scriptures.

Jealous in their esteem of the mouldering bones.

Matthew 23 concludes with Christ's lament over Jerusalem. The whole city, as our Lord looks upon it, shares in the guilt of its religious leaders. Like a bird of prey hovering in the air, the enemy is threatening the inhabitants of the doomed city of David, the holy city, the place where God had put His name. Jesus, who was sheltering them under His wings as a hen her brood, withdraws, and they remain exposed, no longer under His protection, reduced therefore to defend and fend for themselves.

The great prophetic discourse of Matthew 24, is generally called the Olivet Discourse because Jesus took His disciples to the quiet groves of the Mount of Olives to continue His discussion of the future destruction of the city of Jerusalem.

Of course the disciples want to know when the city's fall will occur; what signs will precede the Lord's return; when will be the end of the age, and how will they know of its approach. After a sober warning against other men leading them astray, Jesus went far beyond simply answers to their questions in order to enlighten the Twelve in regard to all they had asked. His answer can be divided into three time periods. From verses 4 to 14, we have the general characteristics of the age intervening between the two advents of Christ. Not only false Christs but various physical phenomena and wars, then a discussion of moral and religious conditions, including the growth of lawlessness, ending with the glorious statement that the Gospel must be preached to the whole world and then will the end come.

The second major division is occupied with the events of the Great Tribulation (vv. 15-28). The final division (vv. 29-31) concerns events occurring "after the Great Tribulation," namely the celestial phenomena of verse 29, followed by the coming of the Son of man. The chapter concludes with an exhortation to the disciples of Christ to be ever ready because the Lord might come at any time.

Muslims Buy Christian Book

The Million Gospel Crusade in India towards which the Canadian Bible Society is paying \$30,000.00 a year for five years has already distributed nearly half a million Gospels in India. Rev. Wm. Smith who is directing this distribution project writes "The area of operation during the past month has many Muslims. Despite their prejudice against the Christian Book it is surprising how many come forward to buy it in either Tamil or Urdu.

"It is worth remembering that of those Muslims who have turned to Christ, the larger number have been affected by reading the New Testament. In a two-week campaign in Bangalore 16,800 Scriptures were sold on the streets. In a two-week campaign in operation with the churches of Madras 72,000 Scriptures were sold."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sunday, March 21: I John 4. Monday, March 22: Revelation 22. Tuesday, March 23: Mark 1: 1-22. Wednesday, March 24: Mark 1: 23-45. Thursday, March 25: Mark 1. Friday, March 26: Mark 3: 1-21. Saturday, March 27: Mark 3: 22-35.

PROPOSES TREATY PHNOM PENH (AP)—Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk said Wednesday if the North Vietnamese accept his proposal for a treaty of friendship and non-aggression, he will open diplomatic relations with them. Sihanouk said he will visit Hanoi in October.

Date Set For First Bible Soc. Sunday

TORONTO — Sunday, May 2 has been marked as Canada's first "Bible Society Sunday," it has been announced by the Honorable Mr. Justice Dalton C. Wells, President of the Canadian Bible Society.

Behind the announcement, which is meeting with favourable responses from Canadian churches and religious organizations, lies the story of one aspect of Canada's participation in the international task of aiding the newly-emergent nations of Asia and Africa and the so-called underdeveloped countries of every continent.

During the past year UNESCO has been embarked upon a vast educational campaign, designed to bring at least elementary literacy to those nations most directly affected by the much-publicized "population explosion." The United Bible Societies of the world—an association of 27 national organizations working co-operatively to translate the Bible into every spoken language, and print and distribute Scripture at minimum cost—are prepared to help answer the question, what will the "new literates" read?

The Canadian Bible Society, which began work in Canada over 150 years ago, as a part of The British and Foreign Bible Society, was incorporated as a truly Canadian and national organization in 1904. In its work and contributions today it ranks just behind the British and American societies.

Two New Cosmonauts Are Hard Luck Types

By GEORGE SYVERTSEN MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's new cosmonauts are a pair of hard-luck types who nearly washed out of the space flight program.

The newspaper Izvestia has reported that Col. Pavel Belyayev broke his leg during a training parachute jump. His co-pilot, Lt. Col. Alexei Leonov, had to make an emergency landing the day he was to appear before the cosmonaut recruiting commission.

But the rugged-looking fighter-pilots are rated as cool customers by their cosmonaut squadron mates. Belyayev, 39, a Second World War air combat veteran and the oldest man to ride into space, has been in his share of tight spots. Once, during an over-water flight, the gas feed to his engine broke down. Belyayev literally pumped his way back to his base by working a manual gas pump with one hand and flying with the other.

Again, during a session in the cosmonaut training centre's isolation room, a wiring short-circuit fire broke out. Tass news agency reported. In a lead of calling for help or making an emergency exit, Belyayev calmly patched up the wire himself and went on with the program.

STRICKS HIT ITALY ROME (AP)—Strikes by government medical personnel, telephone workers and university teachers hit Italy Wednesday. Health ministry employees started a two-day walkout demanding a review of various job grievances. University professors went out for 24 hours, complaining of delays in government reforms in the university system. More than 40,000 telephone company employees were ordered to strike tonight for 24 hours after contract talks broke down.

The Salvation Army

"Home of Evangelism Since 1865" Great George Street 25 Villa Avenue Major Ronald H. Walker Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holiness 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"

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Dunkirk & Kirkwood Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson Director: Mr. Roy M. Smallman 9:30 a.m.—Sunday Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery 11:00 a.m.—HE DIED AS HE LIVED Men's Choir 7:00 p.m.—Adult Study Group—"God And His Purpose" "You are Welcome to Worship with Us"

Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St., at Langworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—Bible Hour and Sunday School 7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service "Holding fast the faithful Word"

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., S.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 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: THE ART OF GROWING UP Solo: The Lord's My Shepherd Miss Vicki Robertson Anthem: Hear My Prayer—J. Arcadelt Broadcast over CFCY Members of the Canadian Girls in Training will participate in the Service. 2:30 p.m.—Divine Worship, Calvia Church, Mermaid Sermon: CHRIST AND OUR TROUBLES Anthem: Selected. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Central Christian Church 219 Kent Street Charlottetown, P.E.I. MORNING 10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service and Communion Anthem: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (Parry)—Boys' and Girls' Choirs Message: "FAITH AND HOPE" WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS: heard over CFCY at 3 p.m. Speaker is Mr. Kenneth T. Norris. EVENING 7:00 p.m.—Lecture and film strip on the "Dead Sea Scrolls", presented by Mr. Glen Watterson. Solo: Miss Leona Weale. Minister—Mr. William Weale Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M. "A WARM WELCOME TO ALL"

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: "THE THIRD TEMPTATION" Anthem: "O Taste and See" (Sir John Goss) 7:00 p.m.—SERMON: "SPECTATORS AT THE CROSS" Anthem: "Dreams of Galilee" Soloist: Mrs. Douglas MacKenney Male Quartette 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. Benn, Pastor I. Perry, Assistant Pastor 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Film Strip, "TABERNAACLE" 11:00 a.m.—Worship, "THINGS FOREIGN TO THE SPIRIT" 7:30 p.m.—Gospel Rally: "RELIGIOUS BUT LOST!" 8:00 p.m.—Tuesday, Bible Study and Prayer "The Holy Spirit in Christ" ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

The Kirk of S. James The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister Organist and Director of the Choirs Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O. The Third Sunday in Lent 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Minister's Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE SERVICE and SERMON By: The Reverend Gordon R. Taylor, M.A., Trio: A Child's Prayer (Tritman) Anthem: O Saviour of the World (Goss) "LET US SEARCH AND TRY OUR WAYS AND TURN AGAIN TO THE LORD"

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Bischoff, Organist and Director of Choirs 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate & Senior Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery & Kindergarten Classes 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: SCIENCE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE Anthem: "O Saviour of the World"—Goss 11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School 1:30 p.m.—Teen-age Confirmation Class 3:00 p.m.—Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP Sermon: A STILLNESS IN THE STORM Anthem: "All Beautiful the March of Days" (The Junior Choir) You are welcome to worship with us.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Charlottetown, P. E. I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwan, B.A., B.D. Organist and Director: Mr. J. B. Herdman 9:30 a.m.—Bible Classes, Intermediate and Junior 11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Primary and Kindergarten (under 9) 11:00 a.m.—Dr. Lawrence H. Cragg, President of Mt. Allison University Anthem: "God So Loved the World" (Steiner) 2:00 p.m.—Class for Church Membership 2:45 p.m.—Junior Communicants' Class 7:00 p.m.—"O SACRED HEAD"—Rev. J. Ball Anthem: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies"—Bischoff 8:00 p.m.—Discussion Group—"God And His Purpose"

St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1769 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector Organist and Choir Director George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M. LENT 3 8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, Junior, Senior, and Bible Classes. 11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, Primary, Beginners Classes, and Crib Nursery. 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER & Sermon Subject: "LORD, REFORM THE WORLD BEGINNING WITH ME" Anthem: "Thou Knowest, Lord The Secrets Of Our Hearts" by Henry Purcell 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON—Subject: "THE PASSION DRAMA AND ITS CHARACTERS: 'THE GOVERNOR'" WEDNESDAY SERVICES 7:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION (For working people) 10:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 7:30 p.m.—SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICE & Address Subject: "THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHRIST—"THE LORD'S HANDS JUDGES US" YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES.

St. Peter's Cathedral Rochford Square Anglican Church of Canada The Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector The Reverend Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. Honorary Assistant Priest Miss Susan Bradley, L.M.S., Organist Mrs. R. W. Patterson, Choir Director March 21—The Third Sunday in Lent 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Matins 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evensong (chapel) WEEKDAYS IN LENT Holy Eucharist Tuesday 7:30 a.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m.; Thursday 7:30 a.m.; Friday 7 a.m. Evensong—Wednesday and Friday 7:30 p.m. Children's Service—Sunday 4 p.m. Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.



When A FELLOW NEEDS A FRIEND

THE CHURCH FOR ALL - ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for 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 main reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For 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.

Table with 7 columns: Sunday Psalms 25:8-18, Monday John 15:12-17, Tuesday Acts 2:37-47, Wednesday II Corinthians 1:8-14, Thursday II Corinthians 4:7-18, Friday James 4:1-9, Saturday I John 1:1-7

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