

The Consequences of Sin ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Beecher

Scripture—II Samuel 11-13.



David tries to hide his adultery with Bathsheba by calling her his concubine. Bathsheba, however, tells the king's servants that she is pregnant. David then sends for her and she gives birth to a son. — II Samuel 11.

God sends the prophet Nathan to bring David to repentance and judgment. Nathan's parable accuses David's sin and Nathan tells him he is the one who has sinned. — II Samuel 12:1-7.

Nathan reminds David of God's great goodness to him, past, present and future. Contrite, David repents his sinfulness and is forgiven, but Nathan warns of judgment to follow. — II Samuel 12:8-13.

Judgment comes in a series of tragedies within David's own house. Four of his sons die and his daughter is violated. David mourns greatly. — II Samuel 12:14-13:30.

MEMORY VERSE:—Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.— Exodus 20:5-6.

DAVID'S GREAT SIN

His Action Displeases The Lord

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By R.H. RAMSEY
The story of David's darkest sin is told in four short verses, but its consequences occupy whole chapters in the subsequent narrative. David and Bathsheba had committed adultery, resulting in her conception. She informed David of her condition and left him to handle the situation.

David married her to protect her and their unborn child. The story is lurid, but it is part of Biblical history and, at the end, the scriptures add the significant commentary, "but the thing David had done displeased the Lord."

David tried again, this time getting Uriah drunk in order to overcome his resistance. But Uriah again slept at the palace. This left David with one alternative. He secretly sent a letter to his field commander asking that Uriah be placed in the front lines of the hottest battle in order that he might be killed.

The plan worked. Uriah was killed, and when Bathsheba's period of mourning was over, she and himself, David summoned Uriah from the battlefield with the idea of sending him home to spend the night with his wife. The plan failed, for Uriah respected the custom forbidding intercourse to warriors consecrated for battle and slept at the palace with the king's servants.

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rich man. He was unwilling to take any of his own flock or herd to prepare a feast for the guest, so he took the poor man's lamb instead. Nathan's parable is a masterpiece of pathos and power. It fastened upon the essential guilt of David's sin, its meanness and selfishness, and ignores its sensuality and impurity. It did its work wisely and well, for David could clearly see how grievously the rich man had sinned in taking the poor man's lamb to feed his guest.

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of judgment for his dual sin of violating another man's wife and then being responsible for that man's death. It was also Nathan's responsibility to bring David to repentance for his sinfulness.

Nathan accomplished both in the passage beginning, "Thus saith the Lord," God's voice is clearly heard in this passage, reminding David of His goodness to him. He had bestowed upon David great gifts: kingship, deliverance, possessions, and, if these were not enough for David, He would have given him all the extras He deemed necessary for his well-being.

David repents, revealing his spiritual stature in his ability to see that the true nature of his sin was rebellion against God. He had behaved as a pagan king; he had dishonored his role as God's anointed king by being disobedient to His law; he had disrupted the lives of other men, thus defeating God's purpose for them. Nathan heard David's repentance and assured him of God's full forgiveness, but warned there would be judgment nevertheless.

The bitter consequences of David's sin began making themselves known almost immediately. First, the son born to Bathsheba sickened and died; then David's son, Amnon, violated his half-sister, Tamar. For this deed, Amnon was slain by Tamar's brother, Absalom, who became an exile. Finally, Absalom joined Adonijah, another of David's sons, in a revolt against David in which both lost their lives.

Odd Bibles Are Recalled

"Treacle Bible, good condition, for sale" was the wording of an advertisement in The London Times last year. This was rare enough to excite comment and find a place on British television. The Treacle Bible is the Coverdale Bible of 1535. It was given this odd name because in the Book of Jeremiah the translator wrote, "There is no more of the more familiar 'is there no balm in Gilead?'"

The Bug Bible refers to the edition which translates Psalm 19, verse 5, as "Thou shalt not need to be afraid for any bugs by night." The Murderer's Bible says, "let the children first be killed" instead of "filled." This was a misprint, quickly corrected.

Best known of the "Odd Bibles" is the Breeches Bible, so called because in Genesis we read that Adam and Eve sewed fig-leaves together and made themselves "breeches." Instead of "aprons," as we know it. The Vinegar Bible is a mis-spelling of the Parable of the Vineyard. Many of these Bibles are in the Library of the Canadian Bible Society in Toronto.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, May 30: Deuteronomy 5.
Monday, May 31: Deuteronomy 6.
Tuesday, June 1: John 2.
Wednesday, June 2: Titus 1.
Thursday, June 3: Titus 2.
Friday, June 4: Titus 3.
Saturday, June 5: Acts 1.

Churches Hold First Christian Vocation Night

MONTAGUE — The United Church pastoral charges of Montague and Valleyfield held their first "Christian Vocations Night" in the United Church here Sunday evening.

Attended by members of youth groups, parents, and other interested persons, "Christian Vocations Night" is part of the United Church program designed to acquaint students and their parents with the many vocations available for those wishing to enter full time work in the church. The session opened with a devotional period of hymn singing, Scripture reading and prayer led by the minister, Rev. Russell F. Burns. A panel discussion which followed, concerned the role of the full time church worker and the merits and rewards of the work as viewed by the general public. Panelists were Mrs. A. E. Ings, Mrs. Lloyd Fraser, Charles Fraser and Peter Sinclair. Rev. R. F. Burns acted as moderator.

Following the panel discussion a film strip, depicting various parent-student problems regarding choice of vocations, and some suggested solutions, was shown to the congregation. Questions suggested in the film were then discussed by smaller "buzz groups" which later reconvened and reported the results of their study to the meeting.

Zealous Response To Proclamation

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN
In our day and age, the word "aggiornamento" has become a part of almost every living language. The idea has found its way into the mind, the ideal in the heart.

From the word, the idea, and the ideal have come speeches, articles, and books too numerous to count.

Aggiornamento was first coined by Pope John XXIII and relates to the updating and the renewal of the Church. Certainly there has been a zealous response to Pope John's proclamation and summons and this is a source of joy and gratification to all.

Laymen, priests, bishops, almost every group within the Church, has seen or heard its own point of view expressed on the subject of updating and renewal.

WOMEN
One group, however, that of women religious (sisters or nuns to them initiated) has been particularly conspicuous because of the apparent silence with which it met the call for renewal and because of the easy frequency with which it has come under criticism, especially during the last few years.

It is rather ironical that this group perhaps above all others has been working for years, quietly and effectively toward a genuine aggiornamento in the fullest conformity with the spirit of Pope John and the Ecumenical Council.

A new book entitled Sisters for the Twenty-First Century now tells in more detail the progress and constructive reforms which have already been inaugurated and developed among communities of sisters around the world.

This book will certainly leave no doubt about the need for women religious in the Church. While it does not pretend that Christian perfection can be found only in the religious life,

it does succeed in showing that the religious life is a most effective means of achieving perfection in charity and loving service toward God and neighbour.

KEEPER
Out of the great inner renewal within convents and religious orders of sisters has come the truth that a sister's concern with God is inseparable from her concern for her fellow-man.

In society she is eager to project an image of being all things to all men because she is, by her vocation both as a Christian and as a religious, her brother's keeper.

This brotherhood of man is dear to her, for she has made every sacrifice to earn the respect, reverence, appreciation and love society has so generously accorded her.

The love sisters return so abundantly enables them to radiate a sureness, a strength, a sense of purpose for the world, so uncertain of itself and its goals, hungers.

In hospitals, schools, homes for the aged, missionary lands and many other apostolates, her determined feet, her willing hands, her loving heart give sureness to the world, for none of its problems are foreign to her.

With Christ as her model, she has accepted the invitation of the world to walk with it, to talk with it, to suffer with it.

MISSION
As Sisters for the Twenty-First Century outlines, sisters have responded to the mandate for change more quickly, more readily than almost any other class of people.

Why? Not only because the Church asks for it, but because their sense of mission brings them into contact with all groups: the powerful and the powerless, the affluent and the indigent, the law-makers and the law-breakers.

And the world, now that it has taken time out to notice,

finds the modern, the updated sister interesting. The lady is discovering that she has an opinion on matters unconnected with report cards, uniforms and the proceeds from a bake sale. And many a politician who has sent his limousine to take the good sisters to and from the polls rather ruefully suspects now that the gesture has been woefully ineffectual.

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SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
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.—HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrants: The Rev'd C. J. Ryley & the Rector
Anthem: "Bread of The World" by R. G. Thompson.
7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER & Sermon
Subject: "LOOKING BEYOND THE CLOUD"
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL 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: "THE KNOCK AT THE DOOR"
Children's Choir
7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "MY JESUS GOT ANGRY"
Anthem: "Be With Us, Lord" (Robertson)
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday—Mid-Week Service
A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Upper Prince Street
Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor
L. Perry, Assistant Pastor
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REV. AND MRS. A. R. LANGILLE
of Canning, Nova Scotia
11:00 a.m.—Mrs. A. R. Langille, preaching
7:30 p.m.—Evang. A. R. Langille
ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S SPIRITUAL WORK SHOP

The Kirk of S. James

The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., D.D., Minister
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Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O.
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
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
Anthems: Prayer of S. Richard of Chichester (L. T. White)
The Junior Choir
Our God Ascended (Schuetz)
The Chancel Choir
Sermon: The Reverend Gordon R. Taylor, M.A.
"Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

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
EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
Guest Preacher: Rev. A. H. Moore, B.A.
Trinity - St. Stephen Church, Amherst, N.S.
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS
Anthems: "Hymn to Joy"—Beethoven
"God Who Touches Earth"—Edgar (The Junior Choir)
"Great God and God of Our Salvation"—Mueller (The Senior Choir)
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP
Sermon: HOW SHALL WE SING THE LORD'S SONG?
Anthems: "Non Nobis, Domine"—Quilter
"Passion Chorus (St. Matthew Passion)—Bach
"Hymn To The Trinity"—Tchaikovsky
"Lord Jesu Hath A Garden"—(Dutch Carol)—Shaw
(The Confederation Center Choir)
Guest Organist: Roberta Pull
Reception following in hall.
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.—"SALT AND LIGHT"
(Mr. Allison MacLean, B.A., B.D. 1966 Graduate of Pine Hill, Bangor, P.E.I.)
Anthem: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (Mentzer)
8:15 p.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
"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. Wyrras, B.A., B.D.
Organist and Director of Choirs: 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.—Address by Rev. T. R. Goudge on the Call to the Ministry.
Sermon: Gideon Representative, Mr. Reid Sangster
Anthem: "Father, We Praise Thee"
Eric Thiman
7:00 p.m.—Licensing Service for Mr. Hugh C. MacLennan, B.A., B.D., for the Ministry.
Sermon: Rev. D. R. McLennan
Anthem: O, Ye That Love the Lord" (Coleridge-Taylor)

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A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY"

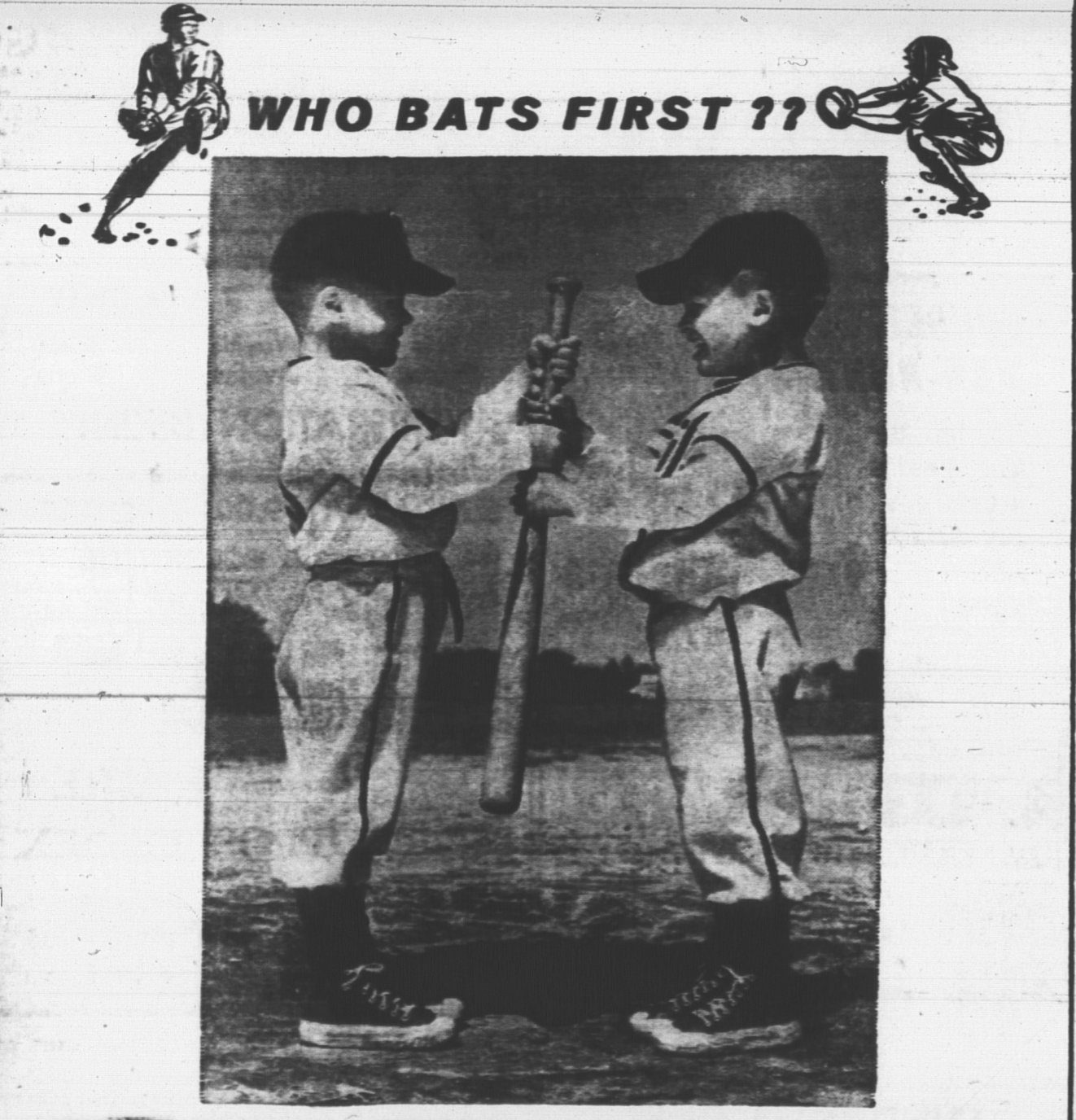
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MAY 30—THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Matins
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evening and Sermon
Visitors are most welcome at all services.

Central Christian Church
219 Kent Street
MORNING
10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
Guest Speaker: Mr. Kenneth T. Norris
Sermon: "THE TWO LAWS OF PARDON IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"
Ladies' Sextette: "There is a Green Hill" (Goussod)
EVENING
7:00 p.m.—Sermon: Mr. Barry Norris (Guest Speaker)
Duet: Nancy MacKinnon and Norma MacKinnon Selected
Minister: William Weale
Organist: Mrs. Shirley Beck
"A WARM INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL"

Charlottetown Bible Chapel
225 Cumberland St. at Langworth 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.Mus., B.Mus.
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: A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH
The Rev'd Donald A. Campbell, B.A.
Anthem: Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
—Hans W. Heide
The Commanding Officer, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of L. Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, will worship with us at the morning service.
Broadcast over CPKY Radio
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: MEASURING THE SANCTITIES
The Rev'd Gordon R. Taylor, M.A.
Anthem: Evening Hymn
VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



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Sunday Matthew 18:21-35	Monday Mark 9:33-41	Tuesday Ephesians 4:22-33	Wednesday Philippians 2:1-11	Thursday Philippians 2:14-18	Friday Colossians 2:1-4	Saturday 1 Timothy 6:3-10
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