

Scripture—Exodus 20:2; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Kings 18:17-21; Matthew 4:8-10; Mark 12:28-30.



The first commandment establishes Jehovah as the one God, righteous, omnipotent, Ruler of the universe to be loved and honored. Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4-9.



Man cannot serve the God of Israel and another god. True allegiance to God demands we give Him first place in our lives and worship. 1 Kings 18:17-21.



Obedient to the first commandment, Jesus appealed to the word of God to overcome the devil when He was tempted in the wilderness. Matthew 4:8-10.



Questioned by the scribes, Christ affirmed the first and greatest commandment as 'The Lord our God is one Lord.' Mark 12:28-30.

MEMORY VERSE: "And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." Mark 12:29, 30.

ONLY ONE TRUE GOD

Commandments Study Begins

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By R. H. RAMSEY With today's lesson, exploring the first commandment of the Decalogue, we begin our study of the Ten Commandments in earnest.

Called the "ten words," the Ten Commandments were inscribed on stone tablets as God spoke them on Mount Sinai. They were part of the covenant between God and His people and became the fundamental laws of the Hebrews.

Though the commandments were given to the Israelites specifically, they are for the moral governing of all God's children and apply to the Christian faith as well.

The first commandment, "I am the Lord thy God... Thou

shalt have no other gods before me," is based upon the assumption that there is only one God, and no others exist. It firmly establishes Jehovah as that God, and polytheism, whether actual or theoretical, is expressly forbidden.

"If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him" — Voltaire — for man is instinctively a worshipping creature. Finding himself inadequate for the creation or control of the cosmos, he seeks a supreme being, some one or thing outside himself, bigger and greater than he, to whom he can look up.

Driven by such an unconscious, primal instinct and lacking any concept of an intangible one true God, the nations surrounding the Israelites fashioned palpable gods and idols for themselves, to which they could bow down and give adoration.

Human nature was frail even then, and God was aware of the temptation that such pagan examples provided for His people

In His wisdom, God began His Commandments with a prohibition against following pagan gods. The Israelites were not to imitate the nations around them. They were to worship Him only, serve His alone.

As an illustration of the importance of the first commandment, let us consider the conflict between Ahab and Elijah recorded in 1 Kings 18. Ahab, king of Israel, was married to the idolatrous Jezebel, a Sidonian princess and Baal-worshiper. Under her influence, Ahab gave up Jehovah-worship in favor of Baal, bringing about a revolution in the national religion of Israel. Influenced by her king, his idolatrous wife, and the pagan nations around them, the people were lured from Jehovah worship. Baalism imposed a stringent restrictions or moral codes; it was a "comfortable" religion.

Elijah confronted this situation with the validity of the first commandment. Man cannot serve another god and wor-

ship the God of Israel at the same time. There is one God and one God only — man can have no other gods before or with Him, for when a second god is introduced, the first ceases to be God.

The passage from Matthew is taken from the very threshold of our Lord's ministry on earth. Following his "ordination" by baptism, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where He was tempted by the devil. Jesus was faced with three basic temptations which sum up all of man's materialism — to turn stone into bread, spectacularism — to cast Himself from the pinnacles of the temple, secularism — to rule all the kingdoms of the earth.

In each temptation Christ appealed to the word of God to overcome the devil. After the third one He said, "Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

The commandment establishing the sole supremacy of God is the logical one-to-head-the-Ten Commandments. Jesus recognized and acknowledged this when scribes questioned Him on the precedence of the commandments. In answering them, Jesus went to the last book of the Pentateuch for one

of the greatest passages in the Old Testament, the Shema, the most central single statement of the Jews (Mark 12:29, 30).

This sublime pronouncement of monotheism teaches the nearness, the righteousness and omnipotence of God and the unity of the human race. To it Christ added a love that can be exerted in two directions, first toward God, then toward man.

For the Saviour there was no question of which commandment came first. Above all men He recognized that His first loyalty was to the one only true God from whom He had come.

The article goes on to say that the Bible Society has very kindly allowed us to obtain New Testaments in large print or in foreign languages wherever needed, and concludes: "We are happy that we can help in circulating God's Word here at Welcoming Hall Mission and would like to express our thanks to the Bible Society, knowing that the printed Word will be a blessing to readers whether in Montreal or throughout the world."

Elsewhere in the same paper is the story of a well-to-do young man who early in 1966 had stopped off in Montreal to express his thanks to the mission for helping him three years ago when he had been a destitute derelict. At that time he learned of God's unflinching love to all men, regardless of their condition. Shortly afterwards he obtained a Bible and began to read it. His life was transformed and he returned to his place in Society. Now he wished to show his appreciation by making a gift and as he took his leave he said: "All that I am I owe to the Mission for I met Jesus Christ in this place."

Such is the amazing power of the message of the Bible. The Canadian Bible Society relieves missions in Montreal and elsewhere throughout Canada and is happy to provide them with the Holy Scriptures in the quantities and languages they require for this important work.

Daily Bible Readings Sunday, July 10: Genesis 4 Monday, July 11: Genesis 7 Tuesday, July 12: Genesis 8 Wednesday, July 13: Genesis 9 Thursday, July 14: Genesis 11 Friday, July 15: Exodus 32 Saturday, July 16: Exodus 32 21-35

MURRAY HARBOR Mr. and Mrs. Luther P. Herring, Murray Harbour, have as their guests, Mrs. Herring's sister, Mrs. Earl Foley and her son Brock Bridgewater, N.S.

Mrs. Percy Motley and her little daughter, Hughelinden Alberta are visiting in Murray Harbour at the home of Mrs. Mbley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. White.

Pte. Darrell White who is with the Canadian Army at Camp Gagetown, N.B. is on furlough and is visiting at his home in Murray Harbour.

Ralph Dorr, Hamilton, Ontario, is spending his vacation at his home in Murray Harbour.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van der Stine, Halifax, N.S. spent the holiday weekend at the home of Mr. Van Idersdine's mother, Mrs. David Van Idersdine, Murray Harbour.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall MacLeod and family have returned to their home in Halifax, N.S. after spending five days visiting with relatives in Murray Harbour and Murray River.

L. A. Jordan, Murray Harbour is spending some time with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jordan and family in Halifax, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Gordon, Ontario, are spending their vacation visiting with relatives in Murray Harbour, the guests of Mr. Gordon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook, Oakville, Ontario are visiting with relatives in P.E.I.

Sandy Williams, Ontario is visiting at his home in Murray Harbour.

The Lousy Bishop Was Well Loved

By ANNE MASON

ST. ALBERT, Alta. (CP)—In his lifetime, Vital Justin Grandin was known and loved throughout Western Canada as "the lousy bishop."

The gentle Roman Catholic missionary, whose virtues were approved in May by the Vatican Congregation of Rites, earned the nickname when he slept on the floors of native tents or huts, during a three-year trip into the Mackenzie Valley to organize the vicariate of Athabasca-Mackenzie.

The bishop, who died in this Edmonton suburb in 1902 at the age of 73, will shortly be declared venerable by papal decree. If two miracles can be officially credited to him, he may be beatified.

Born into a large, poor family in the French village of St. Pierre-sur-Orthe, Bishop Grandin never enjoyed good health from his childhood although he grew to a height of six-foot-two and was ruggedly built.

He joined the Oblate Missionaries of Mary-Immaculate and was ordained at Marseille in 1854. He arrived at St. Boniface, Man. a few months later to minister to a diocese that stretched from the Arctic to the United States border and from the Lakehead to the Rockies.

For the next half century,

Bishop Grandin travelled ceaselessly establishing missions, schools and hospitals and preaching to the Indians and Eskimos.

OFTEN SLEPT OUTDOORS. "You just don't realize what it was like," says Rev. Emilie Tardif, archivist of the order.

The most comfortable modes of travel were by primitive Red River cart, on horseback or by dog sled. But some journeys of hundreds of miles were on foot, or by snowshoes in winter, with a native guide.

If no shelter was available, they would sleep in the bush or a snowbank, wrapped tightly in animal skins. Canoes were used where possible but the frail craft frequently capsized in rough water.

At 28, when he had been in the field three years, the young missionary was created bishop of Satala and coadjutor to the bishop of St. Boniface.

When the news reached him by slow prairie mail six months later, he was overwhelmed and wrote his superiors that he was unworthy of the honor. But he was ordered back to Marseille and consecrated in 1859.

Two years later, he began his trip into the Mackenzie and became "leveque pockieux"—the bishop covered with vermin.

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of St. Albert responsible for Alberta and much of Saskatchewan.

CONVERTED CHIEFS

He encouraged the nomadic Indians and Metis to settle and farm the land and converted some of the hostile Blackfoot tribe, including two chiefs, to Christianity after building the tribe a hospital and three schools, including the first industrial school in the West.

The bishop made several trips to France to recruit missionaries, church workers and settlers and to raise funds. Many missionaries died by massacre, were drowned in floods or were frozen to death. Supplies were lost in swollen rivers, posts were destroyed by fire and frequent crop failures caused food shortages.

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During the Riel rebellion of 1885, the bishop sheltered most of the settlers from nearby Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan. St. Albert itself was not attacked.

First steps toward Bishop Grandin's canonization were taken in 1930, 28 years after his death, when a diocesan tribunal appointed by the bishop of Edmonton found that he practised all the virtues to a heroic degree. His cause was officially accepted in Rome in 1938.

CONVICTS EARN EXTRA BLUNDESTON, England (CP)—Prisoners in a maximum-security jail in Sussex made extra money by selling their own paintings. Prices ranged from £1 to £47 at a recent exhibition.

The Salvation Army

178 Great George Street Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson

Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m.

Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.

Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting)

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting

A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY.

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PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA Upper Prince Street Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor

9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside station

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service

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10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.—Sunday School 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

You are cordially invited to worship with us

SHERWOOD - PARKDALE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Meeting in the Sherwood Women's Institute Hall Maple Avenue

The Rev. Ian C. Glass, B.A., B.D., Minister

11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship Sermon: "DO WE REALLY KNOW IT ALL?"

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister Mrs. V. L. Digwell, Organist and Choir Director

11:00 a.m.—Rev. A. J. Langley, First Baptist Church, Guest Preacher

7:30 p.m.—Rev. A. J. Langley, Guest Preacher Duet Selected—Misses Glenda and Sheila Neill

Wednesday—7:30 Prayer Meeting

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Kirkwood Drive Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist and Director of Choirs: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.

10:00 a.m.—Nursery (5 years and under) (Please note change in time)

Sermon: "THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNINGS" Guest Soloist: Mrs. Sidney Hurry

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism Guest Organist: Mr. Williams Matthews

Vacation School: July 11-15 9:15-11:30 a.m. You are Welcome to Worship With Us.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wyrtas, R.A., B.D.

Organist and Director of Choirs: Mr. J. B. Herdman

Guest Organist: Prof. W. E. Fletcher, R.R.C.M., A.T.C.L.

11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Crib Room in Social Hall

11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "NO OTHER GODS" (Rev. J. G. E. Ball)

Sacrament of Infant Baptism Solo: "Bless This House" (Brabe)

Mr. Donald Hutchinson, Guest Soloist Coffee and Conversation in Social Hall after Church.

7:00 p.m.—"A MAN'S LIFE" Solo: "Hold Thou My Hand"—Brizze Mr. Donald Hutchinson

Visitors Note: The United Church of Canada is a Union of Congregationalist, Presbyterians and Methodists.

You are welcome to Worship with us.

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Established 1769 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.I., Rector Organist and Choir Director

George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M. TRINITY V.

8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Sermon: "LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP" Duet by David Roper and Beth MacLeod

THIS CHURCH IS OPEN TO EVERYONE WHETHER YOU ARE A VACATIONER IN YOUR HOLIDAY ATTIRE OR IN YOUR SUNDAY BEST

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES

All this glory from one tiny seed! The sunflower towers taller than a man, its huge golden head filled with thousands of seeds... and every seed contains the mystery of life and growth that science cannot explain.

We are surrounded by miracles that man did not create. Who created them? Who created us? By the reasoning powers of our own marvelous minds we can be guided to see that God the Creator has made all things according to His plan, and that we can only achieve our highest development by living in harmony with it.

How can we know God's will for us? We need only a small seed of faith, for He will lead us in His way if we ask Him... and that seed will grow and flourish under His loving care.

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 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.

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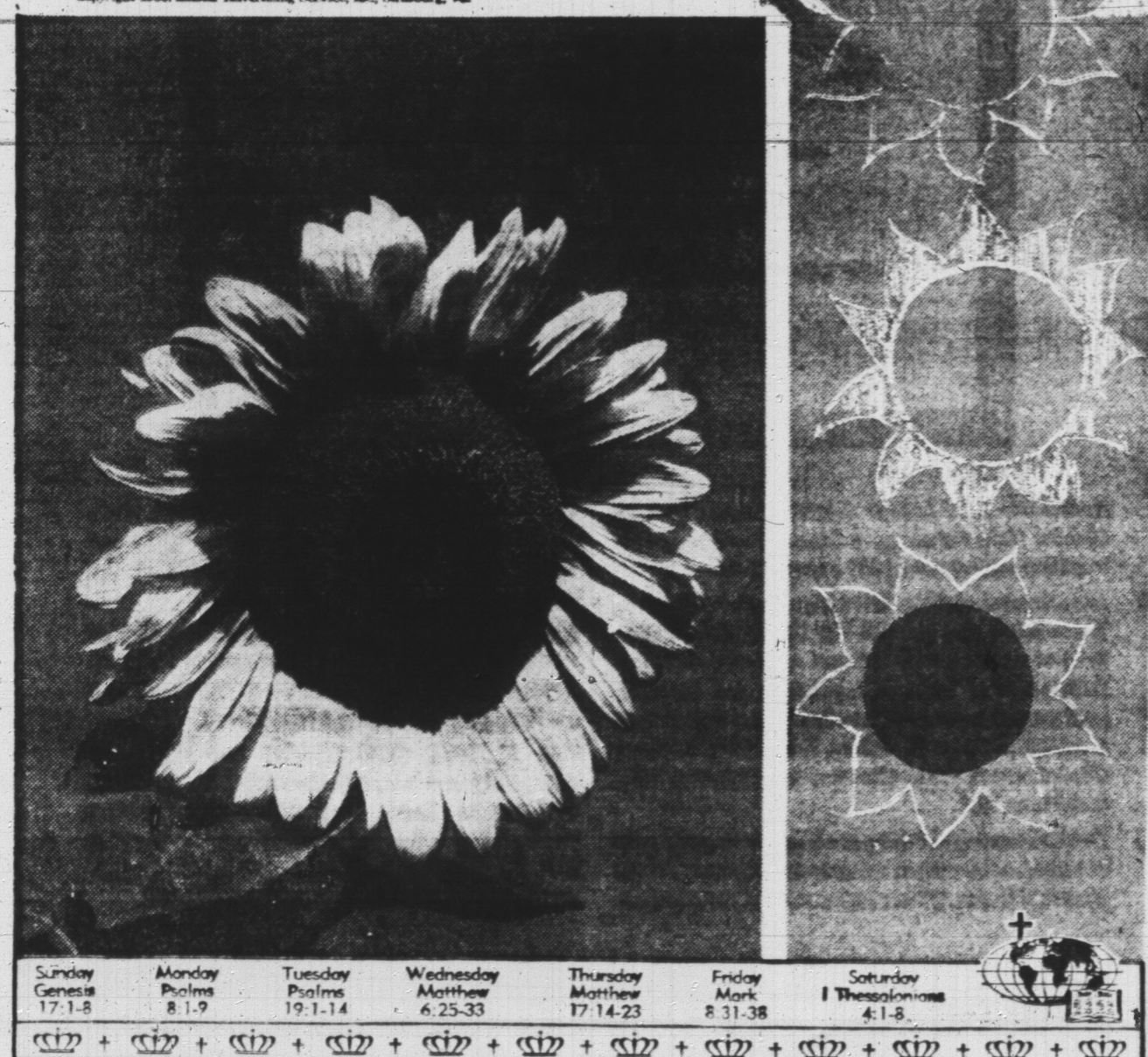


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