

Seeds of Disunity

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—1 Kings 9:15-11:12.



Despite his wisdom and great intellect, Solomon lived so opulently and spent so lavishly that, by the end of his reign, his kingdom was ruined.—1 Kings 10:14-29.

Solomon's thirst for riches made him despotic and dictatorial. Popular unrest followed the enslavement of minorities and levying of even higher taxes.—1 Kings 9:15-23.

Even the rich queen of Sheba was astounded at Solomon's display of immense wealth. Equally great was her admiration for his wisdom and knowledge.—1 Kings 10:1-15.

Solomon's wives turned his heart from God, leading him into idolatry. God promises to divide the kingdom as punishment.—1 Kings 11:1-13.

MEMORY VERSE: "For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father."—1 Kings 11:4.

SOLOMON'S WEAKNESSES

Spiritual Declines Hits Nation

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By R.H. RAMSEY

No king ever began his reign with more promise than did Solomon. The son of the great King David, Solomon had, apparently, inherited David's many virtues and few of his vices. We shall find, however, that he had certain weaknesses which left his kingdom a shambles, divided the nation, and brought about that final dissolution of the kingdom of Israel and the scattering of his people to the ends of the earth.

But, in many ways Solomon was a truly great ruler. He was said to be incomparably wise and a devout worshiper of the Lord. His foreign relations policies showed a modern-day astuteness, in that he allied him-

self with his neighbors rather than fight with them. Thus he avoided the ravaging of his country by constant warfare.

Too, Solomon was probably as learned a man as has ever appeared in human history, a genius with a variety of interests. With a reign of peace, Solomon had the time, energy and financial means for great building projects, developing an extensive commerce with other nations, and generally enriching his kingdom. All these achievements were glorious to behold, but they contained the seeds of disunity that would grow into national ruin.

The reign of Solomon was the "Golden Age" of Israel, an era of peace and prosperity, glory and grandeur. The boundaries of the kingdom stretched from the Euphrates to the land of the Philistines and on to the borders of Egypt; the people were eating, drinking and making merry, for they "dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree."

It was a false prosperity and superficial grandeur. Solomon's lavish expenditures depleted the nation's resources and brought it to the verge of bankruptcy.

Most of the country had a peasant economy, in vivid contrast to richness of the capital. Solomon's enslavement of minority groups within his realm and the levying of increasingly higher taxes (as well as his later toleration of foreign gods) caused much popular unrest, which ended in the division of the kingdom at his death.

Solomon exceeded all the other kings of the earth in riches as well as wisdom, and he displayed his wealth ostentatiously. He had the biggest of everything. He ruled the biggest empire, built the glorious Temple of Jerusalem and erected for himself a palace that caused the world to stand speechless in astonishment.

He had the most pretentious court, with golden chariots and drinking vessels, and an ivory throne overlaid with gold. He

had the largest harem—700 wives and 300 concubines, most of whom he wouldn't have recognized had he passed them in the palace courtyard—and the smallest family—Biblical historians record only one son.

The account of the visit of the queen of Sheba affords the most effective climax to the summary of Solomon's splendor and wisdom. Having heard of Solomon's wisdom and wealth, she journeyed to Jerusalem to see for herself. Being rich she was unlikely to be much impressed by any ordinary display of wealth, but Solomon's opulence—as well as his wisdom—must have astounded her, for her admiration was eloquent.

In the midst of this unprecedented material glory apostasy, idolatry and licentiousness began manifesting themselves.

Despite his wisdom, Solomon "loved many strange women," contrary to the moral laws he was bound to uphold. Some were hostages; others had been received into Solomon's harem as a compliment to a father or brother with whom Solomon wished to be on good political terms.

Probably for political reasons, also, Solomon allowed these women to continue worshipping their own false gods and pagan deities. Thus his wives turned

his heart away from God and into the paths of idolatry.

The Lord was angry with his apostasy, but refused to destroy the nation. Instead He told Solomon that as punishment the kingdom would be divided and most of it given to another line of kings.

Testaments Released

The Sora Christians live in the hills of India. A few weeks ago some 2,000 Soras converged on Sarengo for a special conference. They were to receive the first release of the Sora New Testament.

Owing to printing difficulties only 150 copies were ready for sale. More than 500 additional orders were taken on the first day of sale. "To see the eagerness with which these Christians sought to buy their own copy was a great thrill," reported one who was present.

It is only within the last 10 to 15 years that the Sora Church, formerly a very small community, has started to grow at a rapid rate. This young Christian Church rejoices to have this part of the Bible in their hands and in their own language.

The Canadian Baptist Church has been active, through their

Love Essential For Happiness

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN

It has been said that love is an essential ingredient in all human happiness.

How eager we are to love! Our Lord elevated a fundamental law of the heart to the supernatural level when he taught us His new command, and it is good to remember that when He made that announcement to His apostles, He called them, "little children" (John 13:33).

For children are filled with hope. Our love on earth is a foretaste of the love we hope for in heaven. Thus the great saints, Augustine and Thomas, could describe happiness as being with those we love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Writer Joseph Pieper brings out this point when he tells us about some prisoners of a concentration camp during World War II. To take their minds off their situation, they would lie awake in their bunks and carry on a discussion.

A problem would be proposed relating to some basic human reality and each would be asked to contribute his views. One night the problem was posed: "What is happiness? After a long session, they finally agreed that happiness was being with those you love."

St. Paul calls us "strangers and pilgrims" (1 Pet. 2:11), and adds, "Have a constant mutual charity among yourselves, for charity covers a multitude of

overseas workers. In the preparation of the Sora translation of the New Testament, Miss Anna Munroe of Hamilton, Ontario, translated the Gospels many years ago. The Rev. Dr. Perry and Mrs. Allaby now of Toronto, along with others revised her work, spending many years in translating the Sora New Testament.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, June 27: Acts 22.
Monday, June 28: Acts 23.
Tuesday, June 29: Acts 24.
Wednesday, June 30: Acts 25.
Thursday, July 1: Acts 26.
Friday, July 2: Acts 27.
Saturday, July 3: Acts 28.

INTERCEPT BOATS
SINGAPORE (Reuters)—Malaysian patrol boats Thursday intercepted four Indonesian sampans carrying explosives and saboteurs into Singapore harbor. It was announced Friday. Three sampans blew up while the fourth escaped by heading back to the nearby Indonesian Rho Islands.

Departing Minister Led In Development Of Music

The development of church music will experience a real loss in the departure from this province of Rev. L.M. Murray who has accepted a call to Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, after spending all of his pastoral career thus far in Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Murray was ordained in 1928. He served for several years as assistant pastor at Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, later at Hunter River and has been in Kensington for approximately 21 years.

Though Mr. Murray may be known more generally for the direction he has given to the musical part of the program of worship—he emphasized with pride in an interview with this paper, the fact that six members of the Kensington, Summerside congregation have become identified with the ministry in recent years.

They include Rev. Willard Picketts who is now with the department in Toronto; Rev. T.J. Humphrey at Bible House, Charlottetown; Rev. Elmer Colton, who is serving in Ontario; Rev. Clifford Moase who is in Nova Scotia; Rev. Bruce Roberts in Nashwakis, New Brunswick and Rev. Garth Casely who was ordained earlier this month.

In addition Cecil Forbes, who is a lay preacher, is in charge in Rawdon, Nova Scotia.

FERTILE AREA
This has been a fertile area for recruits to the ministry over the years. "They are a great folk, they are praying people," Mr. Murray observed. This creates the atmosphere for service to the church, he said.

The high regard which the people of the congregation have come to hold for Mr. Murray, and for Mrs. Murray and their talented family, is indicated by the fact they called their new Christian Education Centre "Murray Hall."

Interesting too, and indicative of the warm relations that exist with people of other communions, is the fact the Roman Catholic people of the Indian Riverview Parish used Murray Hall earlier this month when they gathered to rejoice with Rev. Dr. L.P. Callaghan on the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The musical education of Mr. Murray goes back to his boyhood days in St. Peter's, Cape Breton. "We were a musical family, everyone played a musical instrument," he recalled. "Every member of the five boys grandfathers, so did father who was a sailor."

Mr. Murray played for Sunday School, and for prayer meetings on Wednesday night, when he was a boy of 12 years. He received training on the piano from a local teacher, but later took professional training at Mt. Allison Conservatory of music in vocal.

VALUABLE TRAINING
Mr. Murray sang in his student days with the Mt. Allison Choral Club and found the training valuable. But even more valuable was his experience in the United Church choir at Sackville where "there were some outstanding voices." Prior to that he had taken two years

with Professor A.R. Kendall at Charlottetown. Indeed he had trained a church choir when he was teaching at Orwell in this province.

Some years ago Mr. Murray was awarded a scholarship to study church music by the P.E.I. Music Festival, but even before that he had been conducting schools for rural church choirs in this province, and a few on the mainland. There were some 50 in all.

"We get quite a few choir people at one of these schools. They last through one afternoon and evening. We learn 10 unfamiliar pieces," he explained. Most of those who attended the schools were experienced choir members, but not all of them.

CENTENNIAL CHOIR
Mr. Murray has trained many fine choral groups but the Centennial Choir of 12 female voices was possibly the finest he has developed.

Three of the choir members were housewives with small children, and the members ranged down to one girl who was 16 or 17 years of age.

The group trained for more than a year and they were heard with warm appreciation on several occasions during this province's centennial year in 1964.

Asked "what inspired this choir, what was the challenge?"

The Kensington clergyman recalled that William Hayward, manager of the Centennial effort, had suggested at a Board of Trade dinner that Kensington should have a Centennial choir.

"We thought the idea good," said the man who took it from there. His own daughter was a choir member. His son was pianist.

"We had had a good deal of experience with church choirs over the years. We had learned cantatas—Stainer's Crucifixion was recalled as one of them—and we had also organized secular concerts. We paid for our choir gowns that way," he observed.

It sounded easy, almost routine, the way the genial and capable clergyman described it. But the parts that are particularly difficult to understand were "How does one get the time from a busy career as a church pastor, and where do you get the mental and physical energy to do all of this extra musical work?"

"Well—one has to set aside the time for the musical instruction and then work around it," replied this modest gentleman who did admit, though, that "it often means staying up late at night 'to complete some of the other work that faces a busy clergyman each day of his career."

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TRINITY II
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
Officiant Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Ledrew Gardner
Anthem: "Thine, O Lord, is The Greatness" by James Kent
7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER & Sermon
Officiant & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Ledrew Gardner
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel
233 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.
11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.—James Stahr, B.Sc., M.Th.
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BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Minister Rev. Mr. Underhay, B.A.
No service June 20
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship

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Great George Street
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Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.
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Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.
Friday: Young People's Hobby Class—4:15 p.m.
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Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director
June 27th—Second Sunday after Trinity
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Matins
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist & Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Visitors are cordially welcome at all services

CALVARY TEMPLE
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
Upper Prince Street
Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor
L. Perry, Assistant Pastor
9:15 a.m.—Radio broadcast, Summerside Station
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Classes for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Worship, Subject: "WATER BAPTISM"
7:30 p.m.—GUEST SPEAKER, EVANG. DAVID WHEELER
8:00 p.m.—WEDNESDAY, IRIS SCHEEL, KENYA AFRICA
ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S SPIRITUAL WORK SHOP

The Kirk of St. James
Organist and Director of the Choir
Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O.
27 JUNE, 1965
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship
The Reverend Professor D. N. MacMillan, M.A., Ph.D., Presbyterian College, Montreal
Sermon: "THE FOUR ROADS"
Anthem:
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Fear before Him, all the earth."
Canon: O Lord our Governor—Telemann
Mrs. Christopher Gledhill and Mr. Reginald MacLean.

First Baptist Church
Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mrs. V. L. Dingwall, Organist and Choir Director
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—THE GRACE OF GROWING OLD
Intermediate Girls' Choir: "God Gave The Day"
Solo: "Shadow"—Miss Sylvia Mackay
7:00 p.m.—LOST AND FOUND
Children's Choir: "God Who Touchest Earth With Beauty"
Wednesday 7:30—Prayer Meeting
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.
Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D.
Organist and Director of Choirs: Mr. Joseph B. Herdman
11:00 a.m.—Nursery Care and Crib Room in Social Hall
11:00 a.m.—"HOLY COMMUNION" Rev. J. G. E. Ball
Solo: "O Rest in The Lord" (Elijah) Mendelssohn
Mrs. Ronald Jenkins, Mezzo-Soprano
Sacrament of Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.—"THREE SONS"—Rev. G. G. Wyrwas
Solo: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" Geoffrey O'Hara
Mr. Sterling Inman, Baritone
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH
Dunkirk and Kirkwood
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.
Junior Choir Director: Miss Diana Redd
11:00 a.m.—Nursery Care and Crib Room
11:00 a.m.—"AN BYE WITNESS"
Rev. Norman MacDougall, Guest Speaker
1965 Pine Hill Graduate—son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacDougall, City.
Solo: Mr. Roy Smallman
"You Are Welcome to Worship With Us"

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
10:00 a.m.—Child care in church hall.
10:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
(Please note time)
Sermon: MEMORIAL "SELF-CHOSEN"
Solo: "He Will Lead Thee"—Hamble (Miss June Foster)
Sacrament of Holy Communion
You are welcome to worship with us

Central Christian Church
219 Kent Street
MORNING
10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service and Communion
Anthem: "O Saviour Hear Me" (Gluck)
Message: "AMATEUR CHRISTIANS"
EVENING
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
Sermon: "THE MESSAGE OF THE EARLY CHURCH"
Minister: William Weale
Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M.
"A WARM WELCOME"

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.p.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: THE INCOMPARABLE LORD
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A.
Solo: How Great Thou Art
Dedication of Workers in the Vacation Bible School Program
Mr. Frank Wood
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: The Rev. Sam Choh, Minister of The Korean Church in Japan
Solo: My Task
Miss Mona MacMillan
VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



VISION
What does he see? A school of minnows? A shining pebble? Or his own wavering reflection?
Whatever it is, he sees through the wonderful eyes of a child. God's creations are new and bright to him. He is fascinated by the sight of a bee searching for pollen. He marvels at the color of autumn leaves. He is enchanted by the brilliance of a star.
Somewhere along the line, most of us lose our childhood vision. We forget to wonder. We forget to marvel. Sometimes we even forget God.
We can get our perspective back into sharp, clear focus through the Church. We can recapture and strengthen our love for God.
If you haven't noticed, lately, how many miracles take place in your daily life, start going to Church. You'll soon see.

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 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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