

The Temple Consecrated ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



When Solomon's Temple was completed, after seven years' labor, the Ark was transferred there from Zion. As the priests left the holy place, the spirit of the Lord descended upon it.—1 Kings 8:1-11.

MEMORY VERSE: "And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.—1 Kings 9:3.

WORSHIP CENTRALIZED

God Gives Solomon Great Glory

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By R.H. RAMSAY. The building of the Temple was an event of supreme importance to the Israelites, for it centralized the worship of the Lord in one spot and did away with worship in the local shrines called "high places."

So do, and Solomon happily undertook the great task. From Hiram, king of Tyre, with whom David had made a commercial alliance some years before, Solomon obtained the necessary woods: cedar from Lebanon, fir, cypress and olive wood. It took more than 180,000 workmen seven years of labor to construct the Temple, a large and elaborate stone structure decorated with carvings covered with gold.

The completion of the Temple was celebrated with a great festival, 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep were sacrificed in an impressive ceremony in which Solomon offered a long prayer of dedication and solemnly blessed his people.

Solomon's prayer showed a marvelous knowledge of the spirituality, omnipotence, omnipresence and holiness of God. It exalted obedience and recognized the inevitableness of judgment upon disobedience. It acknowledged God as the ordainer of Israel's place among the nations of the earth, and praised Him for His glorious acts already manifested toward the people.

With the transfer of the Ark from the tabernacle to the Temple, the Temple became immeasurably sacred, a house consecrated to God and the dwelling place of God Himself. Solomon began his reign with a devout spirit in his heart and words of prayer and supplica-

tion on his lips. He had asked for nothing but an understanding heart, and because of this, God had given him great glory.

He enlarged the boundaries of Israel through peaceful negotiation and alliances; he built the biggest Temple, and the most glorious city then known. His fame was widespread. Yet, little by little, Solomon slipped from his high resolve, and a dark shadow of instability, moral weakness and defection fell across his throne.

Now God appeared again to Solomon, giving him a second chance to fulfill his early promise of devotion. He reviewed the promises to be fulfilled if Solomon would faithfully keep His commandments, and warned of tragedies to come if the commandments were not obeyed.

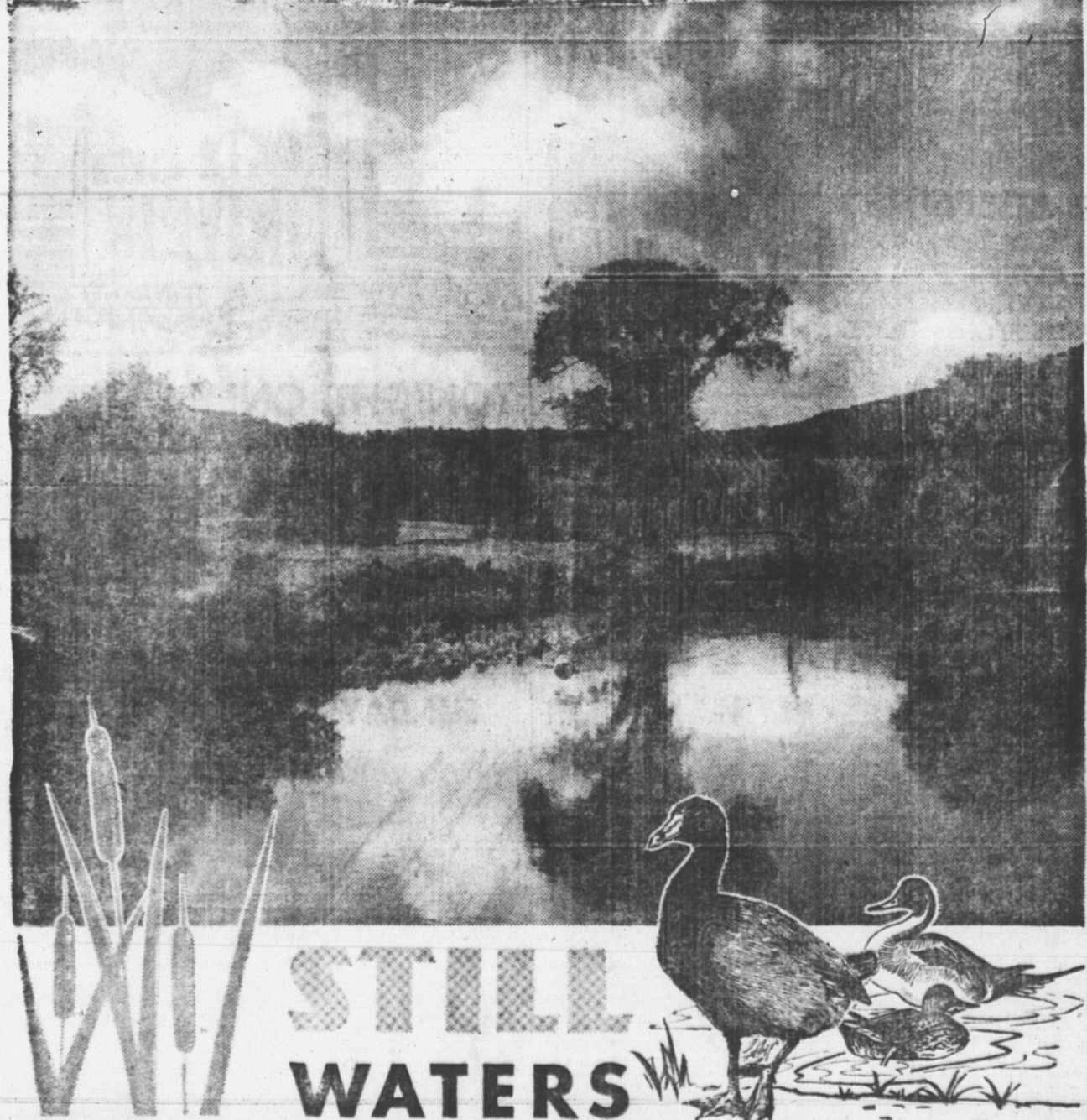
He reaffirmed the perpetuity of David's kingdom and the covenant which said that, even in a case of sin, His mercy would chastise, but not forsake, the house of David. But if Solomon turned from Him, his great

kingdom would be destroyed, the Temple cast down, and the people cut off from the land given them. Then people, as they looked upon the ruins of his empire would hiss their derision and scorn for the fallen mighty.

This threat was fulfilled not only in the destruction of Solomon's empire but also in the period of Babylonian captivity and the scattering of the Jews throughout the world and their persecution during the past 2,000 years. Other peoples, when subjected to persecution, have vanished altogether; but the Jews, scattered and secluded, have survived, held together by their religion and a faith which Christians hold is incomplete. Yet we admire them for their courage, their staunchness of character, and their undying devotion to their faith.

Scorn, prejudice, rejection and hatred of any creed or race are unbecoming a true Christian—or person of any faith—and by actively or passively condoning any of these we reveal our own moral weaknesses and must share the devastating sin of "persecutor."

Our lesson concludes with a mention of Solomon discharging a debt assumed with the building of the Temple. He gave Hiram, king of Tyre, 20 cities in Galilee. But when Hiram went to see them he was dissatisfied, most probably because they were inland cities and unimportant to the maritime peoples of Tyre. Apparently the cities were worth more than the debt, for Hiram returned to Solomon 120 talents of gold.



STILL WATERS

THE CHURCH FOR ALL

Who would guess that just out of sight there's a six-lane turnpike! Thousands of people drive past this peaceful place every day, and never know it exists. Occasionally, through a break in the sheltering trees, someone glimpses shining water and green pasture-land in the distance... then the road curves, and the lovely scene is forgotten.

Many travellers hurry along life's road with empty hearts and unseeing eyes, never realizing what the transforming beauty of the Christian faith could mean to them. Because they always expect to find happiness around the next bend, they overlook the still waters of spiritual peace.

In the quiet, hallowed atmosphere of the Church, God answers man's deepest needs. Through prayer and worship, our souls are strengthened and restored. And when we continue our journey, we are not alone. God is with us.

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Presbyterians Discuss Variety Of Problems

Relations with other churches, the ordination of women, chemical analysis for drinking drivers, capital punishment, and a centennial peace conference were among subjects under consideration at the recent general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting in Calvin Church, Toronto.

While the Presbyterian Church is not presently involved in negotiations for union with other denominations it is actively engaged in discussions designed to establish better understanding and a fuller degree of cooperation with other churches, the assembly was told. "Presbyterians believe that unity in Christ is something quite apart from denominational union," said Dr. G. Deane Johnstone, of Brantford, Ontario. Dr. Johnstone, reporting for the committee on inter-church relations, indicated a growing understanding with the United Church of Canada in the area of church extension in new housing areas. "We are trying to avoid the very foolish practice of establishing extension charges too close to one another," he said.

Better understanding is being established with the Anglican Church of Canada by means of a thorough discussion of "our agreements and differences," Dr. L.H. Fowler, Aurora, Ontario, stated. "We are not talking about union. This is a case of two friendly neighbours talking over a very low fence."

A notice of motion by the Rev. Walter Allum of Dundas, Ontario, that the committee on inter-church relations ask the United and Anglican Churches for permission to send Presbyterian observers to their discussions of church union was ruled out of order on the grounds that Presbyterians ought not to invite themselves to talks between two other bodies.

Further study is to be given the matter of the Biblical doctrine of Christian unity with specific reference to the question of separate denominations. Consultations with the United Church to clarify the theological differences that existed between the two at the time of church union in 1925 and those that exist today are also to continue.

The assembly decided to pass the question of whether women should be ordained as ministers and elders to the 50 presbyteries across Canada for a formal vote. Such action is necessary before the church can change its present position which denies these positions to women. The questions will be divided so that presbyteries may vote for or against women as elders and women as ministers separately. A clear majority of the presbyteries will authorize the 1966 general assembly to take action, with the final decision resting with that court. Rev. E.S. MacKay of Toronto, in presenting the report of the committee on the place of women in the church, affirmed the

Dedicating New Chimes. Next Sunday, June 30th, there will be a special 11 a.m. service in the United Church of Canada, Cavendish. During this hour of worship the new memorial chimes will be dedicated and officially set in use. Visitors will attend this service from different parts of the Island, and special music will be offered for the occasion. The minister of the Cavendish Church, Rev. Frank B. Selous will conduct the service and will deliver the sermon: "The God We Want Or The God We Need." The current topic of debate, the so-called "new morality" will be dealt with in this sermon. An invitation is offered to the general public to attend this service.

CALVARY TEMPLE. PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA. Upper Prince Street. Rev. C. K. Bean, Pastor. L. Perry, Assistant Pastor. 9:15 a.m.—Radio broadcast, Summerside Station. 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, FATHER'S DAY. 11:00 a.m.—MORNING WORSHIP. 7:30 p.m.—EVANGELISTIC, "WHAT ABOUT SIN?" ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S SPIRITUAL WORK SHOP.

The Kirk of S. James. The Reverend T. M. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., D.D., Minister. Organist and Director of the Choirs: Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O. 29 JUNE, 1968. 11:00 a.m.—Public Worship. The Reverend Ross Howard, B.A., B.D. Chaplain, P.F.I. Sermon: "NO SUBSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP." Solo: "How Beautiful Are The Feet" (Mensah)—Handel. Miss Barbara Rogers. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

First Baptist Church. Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets. Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister. Mrs. V. L. Dignwell, Organist and Choir Director. 11:00 a.m.—P.F.I. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. Rev. M. O. Smith, East Point Baptist Church, Guest Preacher. Guest Soloists: Mr. Arthur Heartz and Miss Arlene MacDonald. Male Octet: "Only A Contrite Sinner." 3:00 p.m.—Conference Hour, Rev. S. E. Murray. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. 7:00 p.m.—CORONATION SERVICE. Rev. L. R. Atkinson, Guest Preacher. Duet: "Peace I Leave With You"—Mrs. Douglas McKenney and Mrs. Douglas Cameron. 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 and Crib Room in Social Hall. 11:00 a.m.—ABIDE WITH ME" (Rev. John G. E. Ball). Sacrament of Baptism. Anthem: "Lord For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" (Farrant). 7:00 p.m.—"THE POLLY OW FELIX" (Rev. John G. E. Ball). Solo: "Entrust me not to leave Thee" (Song of Ruth) (Gounod). (Mrs. Christopher Gledhill).

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH. Dundas and Kirkwood. Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis. Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M. Junior Choir Director: Miss Diana Rodd. 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School closing program. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon: "Life's Meaning." Solo: "The Holy City"—Adams. Soloist: Mr. Kenneth Russell. Anthem: "O Love of God"—Thiman. Annual church parade of the Lord of Order of the Orange Lodge. "You Are Welcome to Worship With Us"

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH. 23 Christie Drive, Parkdale. Rev. J. H. Tyre, B.A., B.D., Minister. Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choirs. PROMOTION SUNDAY. 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP. Story-Sermon: THE WATCHERS. Duet: "Art Thou Troubled?"—Handel. Miss Helen Wilson - Mrs. Baxter House. Children will assemble in church hall at 10:45. You are welcome to worship with us.

Central Christian Church. 219 Keat Street. MORNING. 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Communion. Solo: Merrill Weale. Message: "TO THE VERY UTTERMOST". EVENING. 7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Sermon: "GOD'S PERFECT WILL FOR YOU". Minister: William Weale. Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M. "A WARM WELCOME"

Zion Presbyterian Church. Corner Prince and Gratton 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: THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS. Solo: "If With All Your Heart (Aria Recit.)"—Mendelssohn—Mr. David Hall. 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP. Sermon: ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER. Solo: Miss Vicki Robertson. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

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 I. 8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon (Broadcast CFCY). Subject: "INFLUENCE" (Father's Day Sermon). Solo: "I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies"—Mendelssohn—by Mrs. Douglas McKenney. ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN are requested to attend the 11 o'clock Church Service with their parents. This will be the last Sunday School session until Fall. 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER & Sermon. Subject: "THE MAN WHOSE WIFE DESERTED HIM". YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES.

St. Peter's Cathedral. Rochester Square. ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA. Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector. Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.O. Honorary Assistant Priest. Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist. Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director. June 29—The First 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.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel. 225 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.—James Stair, B.Sc., M.Th. "The Old Book... the New Birth... the Precious Blood... the Blessed Hope"

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Minister Rev. Mr. Underhay, B.A. No service June 28.

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. 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"

Synthetic Tube Becomes Part Of Dog's Body

HELSINKI (Reuters)—An American doctor said here a synthetic tube he grafted into a dog has turned into a partly living structure. Dr. B. A. Warren of Chicago told the third congress on the European Federation of Surgeons that he substituted a dacron tube for the aorta, the arterial trunk that carries blood from the heart.

Six weeks later, he examined the graft, and the dacron was partly living structure, not just synthetic fabric. Three main layers of cells were visible. The innermost was similar to that of normal human vessels. Under it was a layer of fibrotic and muscle cells. The deepest layer consisted of dense bundles of collagen fibres, a protein in fibrous connective tissue.

Dr. Warren said an extremely interesting finding was small vessels communicating through the dacron to supply the inner cell layers.

PLAN MORE AID. SEOUL (AP)—The South Korean National Assembly Friday approved a government plan to send 460 more men and two landing ships to South Viet Nam. The reinforcements will include a self-defence company of 205 men, 149 crew members of the two naval ships, and a 106-man medical team. They will reinforce the 2,600 South Koreans already in South Viet Nam.