God Delivers His People

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Scripture—Exodus 5:1—15:21.

By Alfred J. Buescher

When Pharaoh refuses Moses' initial request to release the Israelites, Moses calls nine plagues down upon Egypt. Still Pharaoh refuses to let the Israelites go.—Exodus 5:1b

When the angel of death passes over the Israelites homes to smite all Egyptian first-born in the last and final plague, Pharaoh finally releases the Israelites.—Exodus 11:1—12:35.

The Israelites celebrate their deliverance at Succoth. God reveals His laws for the perpetual celebration of Passover and the consecration of all first born.—Exodus 12:36—13:22.

God parts the Red Sea while the Israelites cross; but the pursuing Egyptians drown when the waters rush back.—Exodus 14:1—15.

GOLDEN TEXT: Exodus 6:6.

MEMORY VERSE:—"Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens deem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments." of the Efyptians, and I will rid you of their bondage, and I will re —Exod us 6:6.

MOSES APPOINTED LEADER

God Delivers The Israelites

GOD 3:48. . . . . CJM

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By R.H. RAMSEY

No event of Israel's history left as deep an impression on later generations as the event assigned to today's lesson. For the first time, the opposition between the children of God and the children of disobedience—represented by Egypt — is brought into broad daylight.

The story begins in Exodus 5, with Moses' first interview with the pharaoh. The request was a simple one, "Let my people go." Pharaoh's repy sums up all the opposition of God's purposes down through the ages. Moses' request was turned down and the hardships of the Israelites increased, causing great resentment toward Moses among them.

As on every occasion when trouble arose, Moses resorted to prayer. In answer, God gives His appointed leader further reassurance of His presence and His determination to deliver the Israelites, despite all opposition.

Through Moses, God tells the Israelites they are to be freed and become a separate people living in the land which He has promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob But, before all this happens, He says the pharaoh's heart will be hardened against them, a clear warning of hardships to come.

Then follow the famous nine plagues, termed "signs and judgments." They were all closely related to natural phenomena, their supernatural character revealed only by their appearance and disappearance at the command of Moses, and by their exact, severity and rapid succession.

They form three distinct groups of three plagues each—the first of each group introduced by a warning to pharaoh, and the last of each group inflicted without warning — and are followed by the final, dread blow, the death of all the first-born.

The first three plagues were loathsome — bloodstained waters, frogs and lice: the second three, painful — stinging flies, diseased animals and boils; the last three appalling — hail, locusts and darkness.

After each plague is relieved, pharaoh's heart is again hardened toward the Israelites. It reads as a sad story of suffering and distress, but it seems no other way could overcome the king's stubborn willfulness.

Exodus 11 introduces the last and most dreadful plague: death of all the first . born—man and beast — in Egypt. The Israelites mark their doorposts and lintels with the blood of sacrificial lambs and thus their children are spared.

As the awfulness of this final judgment dawns upon pharaoh, he orders the already prepared Israelites to leave the country immediately. All Egypt seconds the motion, even giving the Israelites silver and gold to speed their departure.

Now God, as a column of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night, appears to reassure and guide all the scattered companies of Israelites to a common meeting-place called Succoth. There they rested and celebrated their deliverance.

Back in Egypt, Israelite homes stood empty. Tracts of land lay untilled. Building projects stood unfinished. As time abated his sorrow, pharaoh reflected on these and sent his armies after the Israelites.

Seeing his people hemmed in by sea, desert, rough ground and the advancing Egyptians, Moses lifted his hand and God caused the waters of the Red Sea to part so the Israelites could cross it on dry land.

When the last Israelite was safely across, the waters, by the command of God and the uplifted hand of His servant, rushed back into their regular channel, overwhelming the pursuing Egyptians.

Thus the Lord saved Israel from the Egyptians. And from this great redemptive act comes the first great song of the Bible (Exodus 15:1-21). The central theme of this Song of the Redeemer is expressed in verse 11, a truth revealing the futility of any pagan, or pagan deity opposing the will of God.

The future holds the secret, and it's anyone's guess! He may be a great statesman some day . . . or maybe a world-renowned athlete or actor . . . or perhaps a scientist . . . but most likely, just Mr. Average.

Of course, a lot will depend on his opportunities, his God-given talents, his character, and his training.

Anything could go wrong along the way — poor health, bad examples set by his parents and associates, a broken home, neglect, and false values. But why make a list? The possibilities for this child's failure in life are so numerous that it makes us shudder — and the worst of it, we can *guarantee* him nothing. But we can give him hope and faith.

Standing ready and anxious to help him is the Church and the precepts which it teaches. It is our duty and our privilege to help spread the spiritual principles of Christian living in practice as well as in word so that the youth of our nation will find some meaning to the path of life which so strangely twists and turns toward some hoped-for goal.

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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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Paul's Speaking Mark Of His Great Ability

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN

"Do you not know that of those who run in a race, all indeed run, but one receives the prize" St. Paul was able to speak to the men of his time in terms they knew and understood.

It is one of the marks of his greatness.

His example of an athlete training for a race finds a responsive echo not only in the minds of his own contemporaries, but in ours as well.

We are so familiar with the necessity of hard work in preparing for anything in which we hope to achieve success.

The thought of long years spent in relative seclusion preparing for a specific athletic event does not strike us as ridiculous. We may not do this ourselves, but we admire those who do.

We expect a top performance of them when the "big day" comes around, and, consequently, we expect them to do everything necessary to get themselves "up" for it.

Physical prowess is highly valued in our society and because we value it highly, the effort necessary to achieve it is considered amply justified.

But physical dexterity does not hold first place in our scale of values.

Intelligence is more highly valued still.

VAST

Surely the vastness of our educational programs points to this. Education is a steppingstone to success in business as well as a genuine value in its own right.

Man has an intellect and it is made for truth.

The quest for understanding ranks high in our scale of worthwhile activities for man.

But it is no easy task.

He who aims to know must be prepared to work and work hard for many long years.

There is no royal road to learning and no one expects there to be one.

So we do not begrudge the time and effort, nor even the expense involved in training our minds. Because the goal is worthwhile, the toil its achievement demands is accepted without complaint.

Now prominence in either of these areas, physical prowess intellectual competence, is the fruit of much self-denial.

A world that is composed solely of matter must necessarily be a pre-determined world.

Matter is limited in its nature, it does not choose freely to react to stimuli one way rather than another, its reactions are already determined by its very nature.

Therefore, things that are purely material are not held responsible for their activity. If a plate falls to the floor and smashes to bits, we do not blame the plate and we do not blame the floor.

But if a man takes the plate and deliberately throws it on the floor, we do blame him. We are acknowledging the fact that he is not purely material when we do so.

His action was not pre-determined, he could have done otherwise.

MATERIAL WORLD

A purely material world necessarily denies both freedom and responsibility. Yet freedom is the constant demand of man. We recognize immediately our capacity for free activity and we are willing to die rather than lose our opportunities to exercise our freedom.

We are not nearly so ready to die in shouldering the responsibility that freedom entails, but we should be, for freedom and responsibility cannot be separated. Either they are born found together or neither exists.

The choice that lies before us is this. Either we must accept the world as purely material or else we must admit that man is not just an animal, but rather has a spiritual element that raises him above the purely material world.

The same recognition of freedom and responsibility, praise and blame, is evident in our attitude toward wrongdoers. We punish them. This would be grossly unfair if there were no freedom involved.

PUNISH WRONG

We recognize the spirituality of man prior to any reflection on the subject. Why, then, do we tend to deny it afterwards?

Why are we so ready to hear that man is not spiritual as well as corporeal. Is it not because to be spiritual involves being responsible?

Fear of hell, denial of hell's existance, is not really due to the difficulties hell presents to us with regard to God and His goodness. Rather, it stems from our own fear of being ultimately responsible for our actions. For freedom and responsibility make great demands on us. They call for courage. It is not hell that frightens us; it is the demands of our freedom.

Strange Religious Sect Target Of Abuse

By ROD CURRIE

LONDON (CP)—In a picturesque little Scottish village, Christians gather almost every evening outside a red-roofed white bungalow to hurl abuse at other Christians arriving to attend service.

"You dirty pigs," they shout. "You filthy animals."

Those arriving hurry into the house, walking ramrod straight and looking neither to the right nro the left.

They never answer back. To do so would be an offence against their religion.

They are members of the Exclusive Brethren, Britain's strangest and strictest religious sect which in recent months has blazed into unwanted prominence with its activities in dozens of small communities throughout the country.

They are blamed by outsiders for splitting families, setting brother against brother, causing divorce and at least two suicides by young people ostracized as non-believers.

DON'T BREAK LAW

The outcery against the Brethren has been growing louder but they remain unmoved. Several members of Parliament have called for action but the Brethren do not in fact break the law and the government has been deterred for fear of anything that might smack of religious persecution.

One tack suggested is a law to force the sect to issue a financial statement, to show how much money is collected—they demand notes, no coins in the collection plate—and what proportion finds its way to big Jim Taylor, the New York cloching wholesaler who is unchallenged head of the Exclusive Brethren.

It has been estimated there are 10,000 Exclusives in Britain but actually little or no factual information is available since they never grant interviews. In fact they avoid speaking to the "unclean"—their name for people outside the Brethren—except when necessary.

They are a splinter group that broke away from the original Brethren, a peaceable flock that has been quietly worshipping in its own fundamentalist way since it was formed in Britain in 1848.

They follow the harsh teachings of Taylor whose beliefs are based on the literal interpretation of one of St. Paul's epistles to the Corinthians: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

STAY APART

They insist on staying apart and clean—they may not eat with non-believers, even if that person is a member of the family. They do not permit radio or television, smoking or drinking, magazines or newspapers in their homes. They are against university education and no child from an Exclusive family may play with an "unclean" child.

Recently, attractive Mrs. Andrew Hammond of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, set a precedent by becoming the first woman in Britain to win a divorce because her husband was a Brethren member. She alleged mental cruelty.

In a TV interview she told how her husband forbade her and her three daughters to take part in any form of entertainment. "He wouldn't eat with us because we were 'unclean,'" she said "and he wouldn't let us discuss any current news—not even the government's budget."

There have been dozens of cases where Exclusives—often elderly people —have been persuaded to leave their "unclean" families and live with other Brethren. More recently, farmer Raymond Ellis, an Exclusive, ordered hired man Ernest Williams, 36, to get rid of his TV set or move out of the cottage he rents from Ellis.

"I know the people of the village hate me," said Ellis, of Gaydon, Warwickshire, "but if my master tells me to do something I obey."

In the same village, where 50 of the 400 population are Brethren, grocer Walter Garrett, a sect leader, refused to deliver groceries to the home of a family that had quit the Exclusives in protest against the increasing strictness.

SON LEFT HOME

And then there is Bob White, 24, who left home because his parents and four brothers, all Exclusives, refused to eat with him.

"I like a smoke and a drink at the local and they did not approve," said White who still delivers milk to his family home but never enters it.

In Walsall, Staffordshire, where two families have been broken by the sect, 30-year-old Leslie Pearson, a company director, said his wife is a member and now lives with him "only as a housekeeper."

His father, Charles Pearson, 69, said the sect is "a very profitable brain-washing process."

"Businessmen who are members of the sect are expected to give at least £10 a week to the Brethren's fund — and no accounts are published."

None of the major Christian churches has made any official comment on the sect's activities but individual ministers have expressed alarm. Some, however, take the attitude that the Brethren, with increasing strictness, will eventually defeat themselves.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.

11:00 a.m.—Family Bible Hour.
4:15 p.m.—Radio Broadcast.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.

Speaker: ALEN WEBER

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Upper Prince Street
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9:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Praise Service.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Rally.
Text: "WHEN DEATH COMES".

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10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School.

Supply Organists: Miss Elizabeth Taylor and Mrs. Sondra Fletcher

11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: GOD'S LOST AND FOUND.
Rev. Ross A. Howard, Guest Preacher.
Solo: "Crimond" — Mr. Frank Wood.
Broadcast over CFCY.

7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: "THE GARDEN OF LIFE"
Rev. Ross A. Howard, Guest Preacher.
Solo: Miss Faye Rogerson.

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The Kirk of S. James

The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister
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11:00 a.m.—DIVINE SERVICE AND SERMON:
"IS ANYBODY THERE? IS THE HOUSE OF LIFE EMPTY? OR IS THERE ANOTHER LIKE OURSELVES, YET UNLIKE US, BACK OF THE GREAT, VAST MYSTERY OF LIFE? JESUS SAID "FATHER".
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"O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN; LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER."

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A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY"

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(Corner Dunkirk Street and Kirkwood Drive)
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson

11:00 a.m.—Nursery
11:00 a.m.—BARRIERS BECOME ROADWAYS"
Solo: Miss Barbara G. Rogers
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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Ministers: Rev. J. G. E. Ball, B.A.
Rev. G. G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D.
Organist & Director of Choirs: Royston F. Mugford, A.R.C.O.

11:00 a.m.—Nursery in Social Hall
11:00 a.m.—Sacrament of Baptism.
Guest Preacher, Rev. Lawrence Toombs, Ph.D.
Duet: Mrs. C. W. Kipfer, member of Mendelssonn Choir and Mr. Edgar S. Wright.
Anthem: "DEPTH OF MERCY" (W. E. Fletcher)
6:40 p.m.—Organ Recital—Mr. William E. Fletcher, A.R.C.M., A.T.C.L., supply organist.
7:00 p.m.—"PAUL THE PREACHER"—
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8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant, Rev. Louis Elias, Rector.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
Preacher and Officiant, Rev. Rodney Ives.
No Evening Service.
A Cordial Welcome is extended to all.
"WHERE THE CHURCH IS THERE IS LIGHT"

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Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Rev. C. W. Massey.
Guest Soloist: Mrs. John Rivett,
"If Christ Came Back"—O'Hara.
7:30 p.m.—Rev. C. W. Passey.
Special Music.
Guest Soloist: Mrs. W. G. Cowley

Wednesday 7:30—Mid Week Service—Prayer and Bible Study

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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.
Message: "A GROWING FAITH"
Youth Quartet: "In Times Like These".

EVENING

7:00 p.m.—Guest Speaker: HAROLD MURRAY of Minnesota Bible College.
Minister—Mr. William O. Weale
Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M.
A warm welcome awaits you.

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11:00 a.m.—Nursery and child care in the Church Hall
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: "FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD."
(James 2:20)
Solo: "I've Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"—O'Hara. (Mrs. David Cox)..
Sacrament of Baptism.
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July 19—The Eighth Sunday After Trinity
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Mattins
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon
Celebrant: The Rev. F. L. Elias, L.S.T.
Preacher: The Very Reverend H. L. Nutter, M.A., D.D., Dean of Fredericton.
7 p.m.—Evensong (plain, in chapel)

Visitors are most welcome at all services.

APPOINTED AMBASSADOR

OTTAWA (CP)—Ross Campbell, 46, an assistant undersecretary of state for external affairs since 1962, has been appointed Canadian ambassador to Yugoslavia, the external affairs department announced Friday. He succeeds G. G. Crean who recently was appointed Canadian ambassador