

# AT THE Churches

**United Church of Canada**  
Acton, Ontario  
**FRIENDLY CHURCH**  
Parsonage—25 Bower Avenue  
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Rev. E. A. Curvey, B.A., B.D.  
Miss O. M. Lempard, A.T.C.M.  
Organist and Choir Leader

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1950**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Union Service, Baptist Church

**A Thought for the Week**  
"The inner side of every cloud is bright and shining. I therefore turn my clouds about and always wear them inside out To show the lining."

**Baptist Church**  
ACTON  
Rev. CHAR E. GOWER, Minister  
Chas. Landborough, Organist

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1950**  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:30 a.m.—"Why the difference in Christian happiness?"  
7:00 p.m.—"Measuring our character." Special combined evening service.  
8:30 p.m. Thursday—A Jew who is a Christian, will speak.  
8:00 p.m. Friday—B.Y.P.U.



**IS PART AND PARCEL OF GOOD TIMES**

**Presbyterian Church in Canada**  
**KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., Minister

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1950**  
11:00 a.m. Divine Worship  
7:00 p.m. Service in the Baptist Church, Rev. John R. Waldie, M.A., R.D., will preach.  
All are Welcome

**They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength**

**St. Alban's Church**  
(Anglican)  
Rector—Rev. W. G. Latta, B.A.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1950**  
Trinity X  
11:15 a.m. Morning prayer, conducted by Mr. D. Clarke, lay reader.  
7:00 p.m. Service in the Baptist Church  
A Welcome Awaits You

**CECIL A. CARR**  
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## Sunday School Lesson

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**  
**EZRA, INTERPRETER OF GOD'S WORD**

**Golden Text**—This day is holy unto our Lord, neither be ye grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh 8:10

**Lesson Text**—Neh 8:1-4a, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12

**Exposition**—I. Ezra Reads the Word of God to the People: 1-4a, 5-6

We have here a picture of one of the most interesting revivals in all history, the whole people gathering together as one man for one purpose, to hearken to what God had to say. Ezra did not have to urge the people to listen to the Word. They rather requested him to "bring the book." The author of the Book of Nehemiah called the law "The law which the Lord had commanded by Moses" (1:1, cf. v. 14). He either believed that the law was given by Moses or else he did not believe so himself, but wished to deceive the others in so believing. If the law as found in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy was not given as here stated by Moses, then Nehemiah and Ezra (and Jesus Christ too) were either badly mistaken or deliberately deceived the people. (Luke 16:29-31; Jno 5:46-47; Luke 24:44.) The opinion of Nehemiah and Ezra who lived so much nearer to God, is of vastly more weight than that of these "modern scholars" with their fine spun theories that lead to no consistent conclusions and which they are so constantly changing.

Though it was the "law of Moses" it was Jehovah who commanded it by Moses (v. 1, cf. v. 14). So Jehovah was the real author. So it is with the whole Bible. God is the speaker. Not only did men and women gather to hear the Word but all the children who "could hear with understanding." The Word of God seemed to be sweet to them. Some today think that a service an hour long is enough, but these people listened from the morning until midday, and not only did they listen, they were attentive unto the book of the law. The people show their reverence for the Book of God by standing up when Ezra opened it (v. 5). We ought not to worship the Bible for the Bible is not God, but we ought to regard it with a respect and attention that we give to no other book for it is the voice of God. Ezra blessed Jehovah, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen." It was not the book they were worshipping but its author.

II. The Levites Cause the People to Understand the Word: 8

While God's Word is a plain book and easy to understand nevertheless men are needed who shall open the Word to the people (v. 7, Luke 24:45; Ac 8:30-35). But the great interpreter of the Bible is the author of the Bible—the Holy Spirit Himself (Jno 16:12-15; 14:26; 1 Jno 2:20, 27). They were model readers of the Word (v. 8). Listening to the Word produced as it always does, profoundest conviction of sin, "all the people wept when they heard the words of the law" (Heb 4:12). There is nothing that produces more conviction of sin than the Word of God (Ac 2:37; Jno 3:20). But while the Word

produces conviction of sin, Bible religion is a very joyful thing; the people were bidden, not to mourn, nor weep as the day was "holy unto the Lord" (v. 9, v. 11). The ultimate outcome of the reading of the Word was very great gladness (vs. 12, 17; 1 Chron. 29:22).

There is always very great gladness when God is obeyed with the whole heart. Nehemiah, the governor himself, had a part in the teaching of the people (v. 9). It is a great thing when civic rulers know and teach the Word of God. Their attitude as well as their policy by remembering those who had nothing (v. 10). A true Thanksgiving Day should be a day of giving gifts to the poor. It is the very genius of Bible religion to share what we have with those who have not (Ac 2:44, 45; 4:34, 35). The joy of Jehovah is the true believer's strength (v. 10). It is the Christian's duty to be always happy in the Lord and in feeding upon His Word (Phil 4:4; Jer 15:16).

III. Source of Strength: 10, 11

When the people saw from the reading and exposition of God's Word how far from being true to the Lord they were and their fathers had been they were filled with grief. They were hidden, not to dwell on their faults but to trust in the grace of God. They were to eat the fat and drink the sweet of these benefits they were to share (v. 10). So are we (1 Tim 6:17, 18). Spiritually we are to live on Christ and gain our strength from Him (Jno 6:51-58; Phil 1:21, 4:19). This we do when we study the Word daily (v. 10) and appropriate to our lives every truth the Holy Spirit reveals to us (Jno 16:13, 14). In keeping the feasts they were obeying God by employing His appointed means of grace. Neglect by Christians of divinely appointed

means of spiritual value is sin. A revival always brings a renewal of the use of the means of God's blessings such as Bible reading, prayer, Sunday observance, Christian service, fellowship and the family altar.

## Guard Against Poliomyelitis

Plenty of rest to guard against Poliomyelitis, is the advice given Canadian mothers by the National Medical Advisory Committee of the Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis. The Committee asks mothers to be watchful, but not unduly fearful this summer and be on the lookout for "influenza-like symptoms."

The Committee was unable to predict whether or not there would be polio outbreaks this summer. "Polio outbreaks are something that cannot be foreseen. All we can do is take every precaution, use every normal means of retaining our general immunity against disease by remaining healthy and rested at all times. This way we give our bodies every chance to resist disease in every form. Since we are not yet aware of the cause and origin of polio, we must adopt general prophylactic practices."

There is no way of making a 100 per cent correct diagnosis of polio. Persons should be suspicious during polio outbreaks of fever, sore throats, nausea, fever with headache and abnormal muscle sensations. Excessive exercise ought to be avoided.

Canada has the largest fresh-water area of any country, is second in development of water power although only one fifth of our potential water power has been harnessed.

## WHO'LL BUY THE TOOLS

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If capital does not receive that reward there can be no expansion of industry, no new factories, mills or mines to provide new jobs for our growing population.

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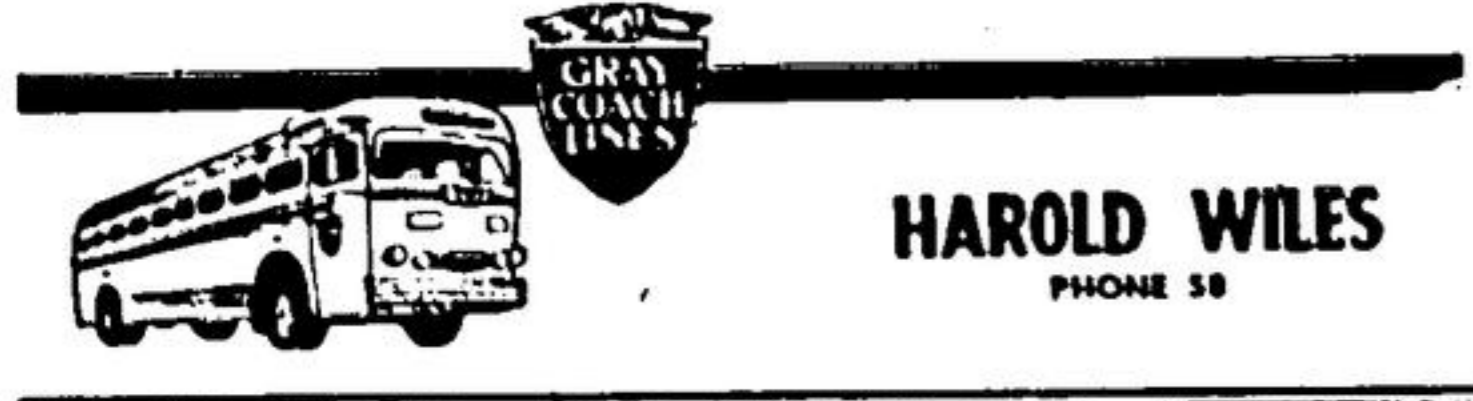
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**HAROLD WILES**  
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