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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th 1954
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Subject: "The Grip that Makes the Difference"
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Subject: "The Staying Power of the Christian" (The story of Family Crosby with some of her hymns)

Thought for the Week
Human strength and human greatness
Spring not from life's sunny side.
Heroes must be more than driftwood
Floating on a waveless tide.
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th 1954
Trinity 24
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Beginners' Class
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
A Welcome Awaits You

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th 1954
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:15 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Class
7:00 p.m. Evening Service
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"

Baptist Church
ACTON
Chas. Landsborough, Organist

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th 1954
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Mr. F. J.illard
8:30 p.m. Inter church Friends at Church United Church
Friday 12th 4 p.m. Mission Band
7:30 p.m. H.Y.P.U.
Saturday 13th. Gospel Association
H. Y. P. U. Bowling Party at Gospel
Tuesday 23rd 8:30 p.m. Mission Circle Thanksgiving meeting
Miss Laura Craig returned missionaries from India

Hunters have so decimated moose in Canada that they are in danger of becoming extinct

Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th 1954
WORSHIPING TOGETHER
Golden Text: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24)

Lesson Text: Isa 1:11-17; John 4:19-24; Col 3:16
Exposition: 1. Repentance Basis of Worship (Isa 1:11-17)

In all God's dealings with men it is always the remnant that is saved (Rom 9:27; 11:4, 6; Isa 10:22; 23:13; 14; Matt 7:14). In every generation men as a whole will not yield to God, but the few do and are saved (1 John 5:19). It was not "accidents" (burst of feelings) "emotions," "frantic" "habits" and "prayers" (vs 10-15) as such which God was "weary" and which were an "abomination" to Him, but those things which offered to Him those who turned a deaf ear to His word and were stiff in their lives (Prov 28:9; Ps 66:18). Some strange allegories which are drawn from unexamined conclusions from vs 10-15 by tearing them out and ignoring their context.

Though Israel had sinned beyond measure, still there was abundant pardon for them. The one condition was true, thorough going repentance. Sin is moral guilt, it defiles hands and heart. God demanded that they wash hands and heart by putting away sin. This is God's unvarying demand of sinners in all ages (Jer 4:14; Jas 4:8; 2 Cor 7:1). There is no salvation for sinners so long as they continue in sin. There is salvation for any sinner if he will forsake sin (Isa 55:7). All the evil we do is before the eyes of God. He hates it and demands that we put it away from before His eyes. He instance has two sides, cease to do evil, learn to do well. A mere negative repentance, ceasing to do wrong will not satisfy God (Matt 5:10; Ps 34:14; 37:27; Amos 5:15; Rom 12:9; Eph 4:29; 1 Pet 3:11; Heb 1:9). Bible ethics mandated that they wash hands and in treatment of fellow men, relief of the poor and oppressed, righteousness and kindness toward the unprotected, the fatherless and the widows (Ps 82:3-4; Prov 31:9; Jas 22:3, 15; 16; Dan 4:27; Mic 6:8; Zech 7:9-10). The pardon Jehovah offered was from the deepest sin (scarlet or crimson) to the most complete justification (white as snow) (ch 44; 27; Ps 51:7; Mic 7:18; 19; 1 John 1:7-9; Rev 7:14; Rom 8:13).

II. God Seeking Worshipers and the Kind of Worshipers He is Seeking (John 4:19-24)
The heavenly Father is seeking not only those who will serve Him and obey Him but those who will worship Him (vs 23, RV). But though He seeks them, He does not find many. Prayer is not worship, thanksgiving is not worship. Worship is bowing before God in adoring contemplation of Himself. "In our prayers we are taken up with our needs, in our thanksgiving we are taken up with our blessings; in our worship we are taken up with Himself." And God is seeking only one kind of worshipers, those who worship in spirit and in truth that is, in reality, not in mere pretense (Phil 3:3, RV). We are absolutely dependent upon the Holy Spirit to teach us how to worship and to lead us into acceptable worship. God is spirit, not a mere outward form. Though God is spirit in His essential essence, He does manifest Himself in visible form (Ex 24:9-10; 33:18, 23), and the glad day is coming when the pure in heart shall see Him (Matt 5:8; 1 John 3:2). The woman knew that the Messiah was coming and was waiting until He came to tell her all things. He, indeed, is the One who does tell us all things. Jesus then made the clearest and most unmistakable declaration that He Himself was the Messiah—and made it to this woman who was a Samaritan and not a Jew, an outcast and a sinner: "I that speak unto thee am He."

III. The Means of Worship, Col 3:16
Preparation of the heart and of the mind is necessary in true worship of God. Ordinarily men and

women do not worship God out of sheer ignorance of Who He is and what He requires (Prov. 1:7, 22; Isa 34:5, 6; Hos 4:6). The knowledge of God is acquired by knowing His Word. It is His revelation of Himself. It is His revelation in us "richly in all wisdom" we must reverently learn that Word. All the Bible comes within the "Word of Christ" for He is identified Himself with all the law and the prophets (Luke 24:24-27; John 1:1, 3, 5, 39, 45-47). Therefore without supreme emphasis upon the Scriptures as the revelation of God (2 Tim 3:16) there will not be an intelligent basis in the human mind regarding reverence and devotion toward God. The verse under study shows the necessity of Christians coming together for purpose of teaching and admonishing one another. We need ever to be learning from the Word of God (Is 54:13; 119:9; Gal 6:6). We also need mutual exhortation in holy living and devout exercises (Heb 10:24-25). In these conditions we are spiritually interested in each other and thus create a spiritual atmosphere. This leads to harmony before the Lord.

Halton Farm Forums Report Discussion Question of Soil Conservation Expense

The first question Halton Farm Forums meeting Monday night, November 8th, led to discussion was: "Who should bear the expense of introducing the necessary conservation measures to correct the particular problem in your district?"

Of the twenty six Forums functioning in Halton County, fourteen forums report this week, and the majority of them feel the farmer himself should bear the expense up to a certain extent which Applied Forum feel that more under-estimating would be done if it could be made exempt from taxation. Forums felt that the County and Township Councils should bear the expense with the help of facilities from our Provincial Government such as surveying and soil testing.

Applied Forum felt the farmer should pay by providing himself with the soil proper methods of ploughing and cultivation, planting of trees provided by government on part of hillside land, but the county should pay for the cost of soil testing which each individual would pay according to his own soil test and the Government should pay for subsidizing any worthwhile community project of soil conservation. Hills Forum suggested a planting of poplar trees along the streams which in five years would provide sufficient growth of wood to erect beavers in building dams and in soil conservation.

The question was: How can support be gained for the soil conservation project which the individual farmer alone cannot carry out? The answer given by Hills Forum was a credit system with low rate of interest to farmers just beginning to farm and who are unable to finance a soil conservation project of their own. SS No. 4 Applied Forum felt the need of more education along the lines of conservation and suggest slides and demonstrations. They as well as others referred to the advice one can receive through O.A.C. and our agricultural representatives.

Hornby Forum also felt the need for further information and has

extended an invitation to the reeve Mr. Geo. Currie who is also chairman of the Conservation Committee of Halton County to be present on Monday evening November 15 to enlighten them on the subject.

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