

BIRTHS

BARBER — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barber (Elleppore Green) announce the birth of their son, John Douglas, on Friday, May 6th, 1949, at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

DEWHURST — Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dewhurst (Elsie Stigger) are happy to announce the birth of a son at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on Tuesday, May 10th, 1949. First grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dewhurst.

LAIRD — At Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on Wednesday, May 4th, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Laird, a son, Hugh Gordon.

WILLIAMS — Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams, the Glen, are happy to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Judith Irene, on May 10th, 1949, at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

WEDDINGS

ADAMS - HARLEY — On Saturday, April 30th, 1949, at 3 p.m., in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Welland; by the Rev. D. D. Davidson, Beattie Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Harley, Georgetown, to Donald S. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Adams, Welland.

DEATHS

GROAT, Stafford B. — At Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, on Friday, May 6th, 1949, Stafford B. Groat, beloved husband of Margaret Freeman and dear father of Aileen (Mrs. Balfie Bradley). In his 69th year. The funeral was held from the McClure Funeral Home on Monday. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

MEMORIALS

BELL — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, James R. Bell, who passed away May 14th, 1948. Many a lonely heartache, Often a silent tear, Always a beautiful memory Of the one we loved so dear; God gave us strength to fight it And courage to bear the blow.

And what it was to lose him No one will ever know. — Ever remembered by his wife and sons.

CARDS OF THANKS

CAMERON — The family of the late Mrs. J. H. Cameron wish to thank friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy and floral tributes at the time of her death, also Dr. C. V. Williams for his kindness during her illness.

HEWSON — Mrs. T. E. Hewson would like to thank her many friends and neighbours for flowers, fruit and cards and candy sent to her while she was a patient in Wellesley Hospital.

I would like to thank all my friends, neighbours, sister Rebekah, and the Modern Art Orchestra for cards, flowers, fruit and other gifts sent to me while I was a patient at the Women's College Hospital, Toronto, and also my friends for the flowers and cards I've received since returning home. — Mrs. Dick Riddall

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Little of Shelburne wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred Lorraine, to William George Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander of Georgetown. The wedding will take place on June 4th in Shelburne.

—Motorcycle races return to Georgetown on the 24th of May, under GRC auspices. Don't fail to attend.

Comments on the Lesson

SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1949

"JESUS' TEACHINGS ON THE JUDGMENT"

Jesus and four of his disciples — Peter, Andrew, James and John — sat one day on the Mount of Olives and conversed about things to come. A few minutes before another of the disciples had spoken of the grandeur of Herod's temple and Jesus in reply had stated that, grand and massive though the structure might be, time would come when not one stone would stand upon the other. Such a prediction aroused the interest of the four fishermen disciples who took opportunity to press their Master to enlarge his statement. Thus, seated on the slope of the hill their eyes fixed on the scene before them, they listened to His predictions concerning the future and heard his counsel "Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is."

The Biblical Basis:
Mark 13:1, 2, 28-37
Although the passage chosen for study consists only of eleven verses we would do well to consider all of the 13th Chapter of Mark. The chapter opens with the scene mentioned above and continues

with an account of Jesus' answer to the inquiries of his disciples. It is to be noted that the reply consists of warning and guidance in order that they might understand the developments of the future. They are not given a direct answer as to when the events should discuss their coming, but they are challenged to be prepared.
Mk. 13: 5-13. In this first part of his reply Jesus warns his friends who will claim to teach the truth but who will speak deception. He predicts that war, famine and oppression will be prevalent, and that his followers will be persecuted by relatives, friends and authorities. He encourages them to stand their ground in spite of such disaster and to remain absolutely confident that come what may God will vindicate them.
Mk. 13:14-22. This passage refers to the Roman conquest of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The Jews in rebelling against the authority of Rome as it was in Jesus' days on earth were hastening their own ruin. Jesus foresaw this and here he predicts the disaster which about 40 years later filled the ravine over which he and the disciples were looking with the debris and ruins of the besieged city.
Mk. 13:24-27. These verses refer to the coming of Christ in power and glory to judge mankind. The disciples are not to confuse the destruction of Jerusalem with final judgment.
Mk. 13: 28-37. Here we have what might be called the application of this prophetic conversation or sermon. The disciples are urged to learn to look forward in the right manner — not being too concerned about the time element in the predictions of their Master, but living in confidence that his words are true and permanent, and that these things will come to pass — "Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is." **The Application:**
The plea for spiritual preparedness is a dominant note in the message of Jesus for the life of today. It is the indispensable duty of Christ's followers, whatever their century, to watch, to be awake, to keep awake in order that they might overcome evil as it appears and in every circumstance hail Jesus Christ as Lord and Master of their lives. Let us meditate upon our daily living. Are we prone to be defeated by circumstances which are cold and hard and cruel? Are we only strong in our Christian belief when it is easy to be a Christian, or are we able to face the ridicule and sometimes embarrassing persecution of relatives, friends and foe? Have we faith that the words of our Christ are changeless, in a changing world in which one day cities stand grand in the sunlight and tomorrow are a heap of smouldering mangled rubble? Do we believe that the judgments of God are greater than the judgments of men and

that according to His will we must account for our stewardship of life? Are we more concerned about quibbling over the time element and method aspect of the Lord's coming than we are about living in preparedness from day to day? Looking back over today's living what has been the spiritual tone? Have there been moments of living when if our friends had discovered our thoughts, actions, and motives we would have been filled with shame? Having examined our day in the light of these questions let us ask ourselves "Was I prepared today for the judgment of God?" — regardless of how, where and when.

Helpful Quotations:
"Watchfulness is a set of the soul. It is the undertone of expectancy sounding through daily faithfulness."
"Watch therefore! rings out bidding us prepare during even tenured months for the midnight of sudden testing."
"To prepare for the worst is proverbial wisdom: to prepare for the best, an unwonted grace."
"Nations and men provide for advents of terror but are unready for the advent of God."
"When the trumpets of God sound reviville, a shabby conscience cannot be exchanged for wealth: for a memory void of offense."

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