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the five Sundays in July. Our people are cordially invited to worship in the Presbyterian Church.

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SUNDAY, JULY 23rd, 1950 Seventh Sunday after Trinity 11.00 a.m. - Morning Prayer and

8 a.m. and Evening Service withdrawn

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH REV. H. WOODS, Pastor Order of Services (Held in I.O.O.F. Hall)

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd, 1950 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.—Worship Service. 7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Mr. Robin Jones will be speaking at both services.

Friday 8.30 p.m. — Prayer Meeting and Bible study. Wednesday 8.00 p.m. — Women's Auxiliary. dnesday, July 26th, 8.00 p.m. — 10.30 a.m.—Sunday School. Young People's Meeting at the Pinegrove camp.

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Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd, 1950

SAMUEL, THE UPRIGHT JUDGE Golden Text.-Samuel grew, and "The Lord heard him." The practhe Lord was with him, and none of his words fall to the ground. 1 Sam. 3:19.

Lesson Text.—1 Sam. 7:3-6, 15-Exposition.—I. Israel's Return

During the twenty years that the ular as well as Bible history there rk abode in Kirjath-jearim, Samuel seems to have been praying in the elements to deliver a praying secret and abiding his time. They were years of bondage and discip- by praying than by fighting that line for Israel. At last "Israel lam-ented after Jehovah." This longing "was smitten," here their enemies. for Him was universal. Their sor- Why the difference? Israel carried rows brought them to this place out the defeat that Jehovah had (Luke 15:17; Jer. 2: 19; Ps. 119:67). begun. In their victory they came The universal longing for Jehovah even unto Bethcar (the house of was a hopeful sign and Samuel the Lamb). Samuel celebrated the took advantage of it. He got a hear- victory with a stone of memorial. ing now. Samuel told them that God's mercies should be held in they could get deliverance from the constant remembrance (1 Cor. 11: Philistines if they would return to 24). He ascribed the whole victory Jehovah with all their heart (Hos. to God. So should we always. The 6:1). In order to return to Him Philistines "were subdued" and they must put away all other gods. God can subdue all our enemies

Putting away all sin and all idols so that they will come no more

is always the first step in genuine within our borders (v. 13; Mic. 7:

repentance toward God (Isa. 55:7). 19). It only lasted so long as Sam-When Israel took to Baal-worship | uel lived, but our Samuel ever livthey had no intention of giving up eth (Heb. 7:25). Read also 12:1-5. Jehovah-worship. They sought to combine the two. They were lib- Don't let your waistline exceed erals in intention and want a con- your chestline. For every inch the gress of religious (Matt. 6:24; 1 waist measurement exceeds the 3.00 p.m. — St. John's Sunday Jno. 2:15; Jas. 4:4). Samuel was chest measurement, a person may very narrow, but he was right. The subtract two years from his normal people responded promptly and life expectancy. heartily to Samuel's call to repentance. The reformation was not very permanent (1 Sam. 8:8); reformations in human society never are. Israel will have a reformation some day that will be lasting (Rom. 11:26). In verses 5-9 we see Samuel as a man of prayer. The fact that he was a child of prayer prepared him to be a man of prayer (ch. 1:27). His chief distinction in God's sight yas that he was a mighty man of prayer (Ps. 99:6; Jer. 15:1). We usually think of Samuel as a type of Christ as a prophet, but here we see him as a type of Christ as an intercessor (Heb. 7:25). As a preliminary to praying for Israel Samuel directed them "all" to gather at Mizpeh. It was needful that there be an outward manifest-

> The putting away of idols preceded and was necessary to the gathering together; it is always necessary in order that there be true union. They were to come together not to discuss nor make war, but to pray, a national prayer meeting. It pays to have a man like Samuel pray (Ps. 99:6). They first "drew water and poured it out before Jehovah," a symbol of their utter helplessness and the pouring out of their hearts before God (2 Sam. 14: 14; Ps. 22: 14; Lam. 2: 19; Sam. 1:15). They "fasted" as a sign of their humiliation of self and earnest desire to find God Dan. 9:3; Ac. 13:2, 3). They made confession of their sin (Prov. 28. 13; 1 Jno. 1:9). They had the right conception of sin, it was "against the Lord" (Ps. 51:4). Samuel judged them. It is always God's order that judgment of sin precede sal-

ation of the unity of the people of

God (Matt. 18:19, 20; Ac. 2:1; 4:

24; 12: 5).

II Israel's Victory over the Philistines, 15-16.

When God's people return unto Him with all their hearts and are united in prayer the enemies of God will fight them. No wonder that after more than twenty years of defeat and bondage "Israel was afraid of the Philistines." But there was no need of fear now (Deut. 20: 1-4). In their extremity they looked to Samuel to be their intercessor. We have even a better one (1 Jno. 2:1; Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34). They felt the need of unceasing prayer (v. 8; 1 Thes. 5:17; Ps. 50:15). They speak of Jehovah, to whom they had returned, as "our God". They

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had a right to say that now. They trusted in His strength and not

The usual hilarity of a children should cry to Him to "save us out of the hand of" all our enemies mothers and small guests were (Luke 1:71, 74, 75). Samuel offered saying their good-byes. The hostess stood at the doorway and as each Having found a ground of ap mother left she handed her a small proach to God, Samuel "cried unto package, most attractively gift- Greenwich observatory.

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