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Sunday School Lesson

Jeremiah, A SPOKESMAN OF GOD

National Sunday School Lesson For November 27, 1949

DRY SELECTION: "Who unthinkingly buildeth his house by righteousness, and his chamber by injustice; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, giveth him not his hire."

Text: Jeremiah 1: 9-10, 19; 2:1-3; 14-15; 37:15-17. Jeremiah was born at Anathoth, a town a few miles from Jerusalem, not very far from the scene of the prophet, Amos, in life, Jeremiah came to them where he was the ally of Good King Josiah in his efforts to reform the people of Judah.

Throughout the reign of the last kings of the nation, Jer-

miah continued to preach the inevitable judgment approaching his countrymen for their sin and repudiation of Jehovah, which culminated with the captivity of Jerusalem and the captivity of a great number who were carried to Babylon. Jeremiah remained in Judah for a few years afterwards, then went into Egypt, where tradition asserts that he met a martyr's death.

In the first chapter of the book, Jeremiah tells of the divine call which he received and relates how he sought to avoid the duty of preaching the destruction of his people by remonstrating with the Lord that he was not a good speaker.

In this respect he was like Moses, who sought to avoid his call to service by saying, "I am not eloquent." Other great leaders of

Israel had done likewise, Saul, Joshua, Paul, Mark, etc. But God knows the hearts and possibilities of men and he refused to accept Jeremiah's excuse, saying to him that he should not be afraid for Jehovah would be with him.

It required a great deal of courage for Jeremiah to accept and carry out his mission, so thankless and unappreciated by those he sought to save. The priests and prophets of his day were corrupt and worldly-minded. The kings and rulers were devoid of any most part of any serious religious acceptance of Jehovah, and the people, as a whole, had been drawn to the worship of various idols and the neglect of their spiritual well-being.

To these, Jeremiah was asked to deliver a message of condemnation, punishment and sorrow, which by its very nature was a declaration that would array the recipients against him, laying him open to being called a false prophet and a traitor to his country.

Regardless of this, unmindful to take his life, the treachery of his own family, or the punishment which infuriated rulers meted out to him, Jeremiah persevered in delivering his unpopular and rejected message. That required a high moral courage rarely encountered in human beings.

The same great need for courage and frankness in religious matters has been evidenced in the lives of many great leaders, whose words and actions show that they were sustained by a firm assurance that God was on their side. Bishop Latimer was once rebuked by Henry 8th and ordered to apologize for some of his remarks in a sermon. As he began to preach the following Sunday, he audibly reminded himself that he was speaking before the King of England who could take his life, but, further, that he was ambassador of the King of Kings and had orders to deliver his message.

So John Knox declared, "I am in a place where conscience bids me speak the truth," and Luther made his celebrated avowal: "Here I stand; I cannot otherwise; God help me."

Jeremiah faithfully delivered his painful message. At the gate of the temple, on the festival day, at the royal palace, at the gates of the city, or wherever he could obtain the largest audience, this faithful servant of duty delivered the condemnation of God to his hearers. Those who were entrusted with religion had proved faithless and Jeremiah quotes God to them, "the pastors are become brutish and have not sought the Lord."

The expedient and false prophets received this message from God through him, "the prophets lie in my name; I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake I unto them."

Even Zedekiah, the king, received a message from God in all its frankness and condemnation, unsoftened from the mouth of this stern but sorrowing statesman, for whom Zedekiah enquired as to the approaching Babylonian invasion, he was told of the pestilence, sword, famine and captivity that awaited his people. Then, warned Jeremiah, God had said: "I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and a strong arm, even in anger and in fury, and in great wrath." Is it any wonder that such condemnation brought upon him the enmity of those he assailed?

So, accusing him of being a traitor to his people and a blasphemer, just as Jesus was subsequently accused, the priests and prophets arraigned him before the people. Jeremiah's answer was that he uttered the message of God and he reiterated his call that they repent and mend their ways so that Jehovah might relent. But realizing that he was in their power, he warned them that if they put him to death, they would bring innocent blood upon their hands.

So earnest and impressive was his defense that the verdict of the princes and people was that "this man is not worthy to die; for he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God." Unfortunately for Judah, however, they did not believe this sufficiently to turn from their evil ways and destruction came upon them.

To The Homemaker

Traditionally, no Thanksgiving Day could be complete without turkey and no turkey dinner is complete without smooth, rich brown gravy. To make good turkey gravy, follow this tested recipe.

Turkey Gravy

3 tablespoons drippings
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups liquid
Salt and pepper
Put drippings from roasting pan into a bowl. Skim off as much fat as possible and put three tablespoonsful into a saucepan. Measure 3 tablespoons of flour into the fat. Blend thoroughly. Measure meat juice and add giblet stock, milk or water to make up 2 cups. Set fat and flour mixture over low heat, stirring constantly. Cook until frothy. Add cold liquid all at once, stirring constantly until thickened. Boil briskly about 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve boiling hot. Yield: about 2 cups.

Note: Gravy may be cooked in the roasting pan but this is not recommended except for experienced cooks. If it is done, proceed as above, pouring out all the drippings so you can measure accurately the quantity of fat and liquid needed.

*Giblets are simmered to tenderness in seasoned water before last 15 minutes of cooking. Neck adding to gravy, stuffing, or for any use. Add liver to water the may be cooked with giblets.

Triangle

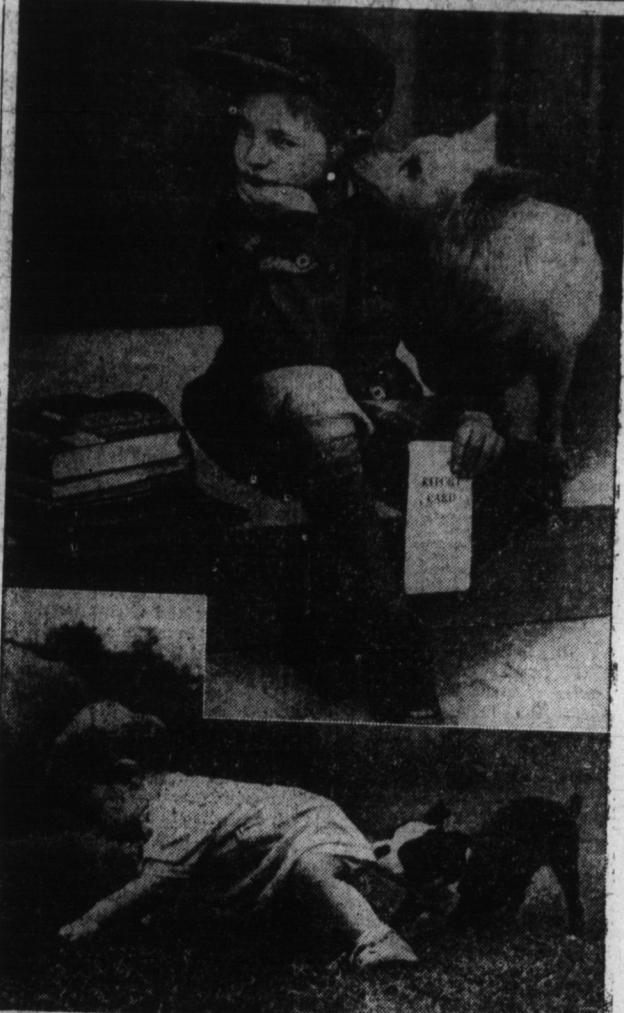
By Miss Jean Amidon

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Amidon announce the birth of a girl on Nov. 14, 1949 at Alexandria Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Thomas of Arlington visited Mrs. Mary Amidon on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dillon have moved into their new home at Rectory. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Amidon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Guntler, Misses Hilda and Joan Amidon and

"When a Feller Needs a Friend"



"Don't take it so hard," his canine pal seems to be saying to the scholar with the poor report card in the picture (top) by Lou Gardner, Detroit, which won first place and \$250 in the amateur class of the "Your Family Dog" photo contest sponsored by the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York. The photo of the Boston Terrier trying to keep his charge from wandering off won third prize in the same classification for Howard Nickerson, East Norwalk, Conn.

Mrs. Mary Guntler, of Richmond, visited them on Sunday evening. Master Melvin Amidon spent last week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Amidon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guntler celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Guntler is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Guntler a few days this week.

Mrs. Mamie Kincheol and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper near Manassas on Sunday.

"Robbie" Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Tucker, was on the sick list a few days this week. Miss Sherry Lea Amidon visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Amidon, on Sunday evening.

After a brief business meeting Mrs. J. M. Young and Mrs. B. Woodside gave a very interesting report on the convention held in Richmond on Nov. 1 and 2. A book week program was presented by the following children of Mrs. Norman's fourth grade: Jerry Gossom, Robbie Wood, Tommy K'Arns, Velma Carter, Gertrude and Frances Carter. Robbie Wood was the announcer. The Osbourne High School Glee Club sang under the direction of Mr. Lee. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. J. Gossom and Mrs. L. Gossom.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. there was a very interesting meeting of the Prince William County Teachers Association at the Occoquan High School. The V. E. A. delegates gave a very good report of the convention held in Richmond recently. Guest speakers were The Hon. Andrew Clark and Frank Moncure of Richmond who were introduced by Mr. Kelso.

Those attending from Haymarket

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By Mrs. A. H. Meyer
The regular monthly meeting of the P.T.A. was held Tuesday, Nov. 15. The Rev. J. W. Duley opened the meeting with the devotional.

Some members of the church or Sunday school probably are not aware of the fact that there is a chance for young or old to get books to read from the library. Mrs. Ewing McMichael is in charge of the lending and is in the library—which occupies one corner of the large room upstairs between Sunday school and the church hour each Sunday.

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In the hurry and scurry of shopping and getting ready for Christmas, please do not neglect to "answer your letter" from your "T. B. Seals Lady." This is something so easily put off—and then forgotten entirely. The Greenwich community responded wonderfully last year—won't you do as well this year?

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As far as we are concerned we avoid business dealings with the saints.

PEOPLES BARBER SHOP
Manassas, Virginia

Greenwich

By Mrs. Newman Hopkins
Mr. John Ellis was sick last week. So many people around have been ill with this stomach ailment.

Miss Helen House was at home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hoffman left Friday for a vacation before he takes over his new job as manager of the Sharet farm.

The stewardship lesson which the Earnest Workers had at their regular meeting on Wednesday evening was very interesting; different members had studied pamphlets or books which helped answer the questions that came up. Mrs. Ruth McMichael and Mrs. June Smith acted as hostesses.

The Presbyterian men's meeting which was postponed last week, will be held Tuesday evening, the 29. After supper at 7:30, they will have their meeting to organize the men of the church, if enough of the men wish such a group.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kenny and little girl have been visiting Mrs. Mary Foster for several days.

Mrs. Virgil Hopkins has gone to Gettysburg, Pa., for several days to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Early Nicholson.

The Presbyterian Women of the Church had their regular monthly meetings last Tuesday afternoon with a very good attendance. Mrs. Winn led the Bible discussion, with Mrs. Henry Spittle leading the devotional.

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