

Sunday School Lesson

JEREMIAH DENOUNCES FALSE PROPHETS

National Sunday School Lesson for December 4, 1949
BIBLE SELECTION: "He that sayeth word, let him speak faithfully."—Jeremiah

Text: Jeremiah 23:16, 21-32
The ministries of the false prophets of the interval of 70 years. The prophet who lived at Anathoth, Jeremiah, who lived at Anathoth, Jerusalem, Jeremiah asserted to God before his ministry was a life of falsehood. Answering the

call of God, it became his task to stand up boldly alone and tell the people of their sins and of the coming destruction of the Temple. Fearlessly he preached the truth of God but the people did not want to change their ways and refused to believe him; So bitter did they become against him that, at one time, his own townspeople tried to murder him and his own family treated him treacherously. Even the religious leaders of his day thrust him into stocks for blasphemy when he prophesied of the destruction of the Temple.

Lulled into complacency by the false teachings and leadings of the popular prophets of that day, the people were too comfortable to be aroused by the stirring messages of Jeremiah, especially when he was openly condemned by these prophets. They preferred to be-

lieve the false prophets who preached a soft-easy, comfortable religion.

The land was full of such preachers—astrologers, fortune-tellers, wizards and witches, healers of various sores, who were growing rich on the ignorance, superstition and wickedness of the ease-loving people.

When Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian conqueror, attacked Jerusalem, Jeremiah predicted its complete overthrow and the captivity which would follow. For this kind of talk the people condemned him as a traitor. The false prophets assured the king and the people that no harm would come to the city but, in the face of the fierce hatred and opposition of his people, Jeremiah continued to preach his unpopular message from God.

How pertinent is this lesson for us today! On every hand we are confronted with the task of winnowing the true from the false. We are being assailed with cleverly concealed propaganda from various groups, designed to mould public opinion. Expertly worded advertisements oftentimes carry false propaganda and especially is this true in the case of the liquor advertising. They show only one side of the picture. Never, in any of their advertising, does one see the drunkard wallowing in the gutter or the drunkard's family deprived of the very necessities of life because of the money spent for alcohol.

And, sad to say, we are today often exposed to the preaching and teaching of false prophets, who, like the false prophets in Jeremiah's

time, claim to have been called of God to speak for God and to act for God, when, instead of giving God's message, feed their people on messages they want to hear.

How may we tell the true leader from the false? Jesus gives us an excellent rule to follow, in Matthew 7:15 and 16. "Beware of the false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. . . ."

A little study of the life and works of any leader, whoever he or she may be, will reveal the sincerity or insincerity of that particular person. We should not be influenced too greatly by outward appearances but should rather be guided by his actions. Does he practice what he preaches? Does association with this person lead one to a better life?

Jeremiah died a martyr's death—stoned at the hands of his fellow-townsmen, but time vindicated the truth of his teaching. Jesus died on a cross—crucified by his own people—but the centuries have proved the truth of his teaching and the blessings which come to those who try earnestly and sincerely to follow his leading.

It isn't always easy to speak the truth as it is revealed by God. It takes courage to endure the ridicule which often accompanies the unpopular truth, the unkindness of those from whom one has a right to expect kindness and the loneliness which results from being different from the crowd. Jeremiah, Jesus, Paul and scores of others have had this kind of courage. What about you?

WHO KNOWS

1. What is the significance of the Freedom Fair?
2. Where will the Freedom Fair be held?
3. What President first occupied the White House?
4. What is the population of Washington, D. C.?
5. How many visitors are expected to visit Freedom Fair next year?
6. When will Freedom Fair open?
7. Identify: Nathram Vinayak Godak.
8. What Presidents were married while in office?
9. What is the cost of a B-36?
10. What is the area and population of Iran?

The Answers
1. Celebrates the 150th anniversary of Washington's establishment as the area of France) and 16-10,628,000 square miles (three million people).

WANTED PINE PULP WOOD

"We are now buying unpeeled pine pulp wood fresh cut delivered to our Berryville plant. Cut 5 ft. long, from 5 ins. to 12 ins. in diameter, also poplar veneer logs. Highest cash price paid. Write, phone or apply at office.

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Ford Comfort Is Stressed

TRIANGLE. — Refinement and smart styling, with emphasis on passenger comfort are hallmarks of the 1950 line of Mercury cars which are now on display at Cloe Motors, Lincoln-Mercury dealer in this area.

C. C. Cloe, Jr., of Cloe Motors, said the 1950 Mercury "carries on the tradition of fine craftsmanship which has won it first honors in its price class."

Improved Appearance
Describing the major changes in the new Mercury, Mr. Cloe said, "Improvements in appearance and

comfort which range from a new front end treatment and improved new door locks to a new instrument panel, customized interior trim and dozens of mechanical changes. Throughout the 1950 Mercury, the emphasis is on quality workmanship."

The Mercury retains its distinguished front end appearance while emphasizing its horizontal lines by being in larger, oblong chrome parking lights. Instead of the name being mounted in separate letters, a new nameplate has

been brought down into the grille area and placed on a chrome strip. Other styling features include a new, ornamental deck lid handle which embodies the Mercury insignia, and distinctive new bumper guards with a cross bar bearing the name Mercury."

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Every Night—Two Shows — 7:00 P. M. and 9 P. M.
Sunday—Two Shows — 3:00 P. M. and 9:00 P. M.
ADMISSION — 10c and 25c Plus Tax

Saturday, December 3 — Wednesday—Thursday
December 7-8

GUN ACTION!
DORADO PASS
Comedy—Novelty
GRANGER No. 10

WATCH OUT FOR BIG JACK and JILL!
WALLACE BEERY RICHARD CONTE
MARJORIE MAIN . . . MGM's
BIG JACK

ADVENTURE IN SUSPENSE
DARINGLY FILMED ON NEW YORK'S TEEMING EASTSIDE!
THE WINDOW

Also Screen Song—Novelty
Friday, December 9
WAITRESS WEDS MILLIONAIRE!
She thought she was lucky . . . but now she wishes she were a waitress again!

Comedy—Pacemaker
SHOWS 3 P. M. & 9 P. M.

James Mason • Robert Ryan
Barbara BEL GEDES
CAUGHT

THRILLS OF YOUNG LOVE!
LITTLE WOMEN
Technical Color
ALLISON LAWFORD
O'BRIEN-TAYLOR

Also Cartoon—Novelty
FOR THE BEST IN PICTURES ATTEND THIS THEATRE

Also News

"Better than ever!" NEW 1950 MERCURY



Mercury was a great car last year—outstanding in everything! Today—the big, beautiful new 1950 Mercury is better than ever in every way—in styling . . . performance . . . economy . . . comfort and value! Come in and see it today!

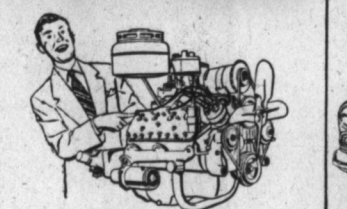
- SEE—TRY THESE "BETTER THAN EVER" FEATURES OF THE NEW 1950 MERCURY!
- ★ New advanced design plus luxurious new "Customized" interiors make the 1950 Mercury better than ever in styling!
 - ★ "Econ-O-Miser" Carburetor makes Mercury economy better than ever, too!
 - ★ "Hi-Power Compression" makes Mercury performance better than ever!
 - ★ "Stedi-Line" steering makes Mercury better than ever to handle!
 - ★ "Super-Safety" brakes make Mercury safely better than ever!
 - ★ "Hi-Wide" visibility makes Mercury better than ever in all-around road vision!
 - ★ "Safe-T-Vue" instrument panel makes Mercury driving ease better than ever, too!
 - ★ "Cushion-Coil" front springing makes Mercury riding comfort better than ever!
 - ★ "Lounge-Rest" foam-rubber cushioning makes Mercury seating comfort better than ever, too!
 - ★ Fiberglass insulation makes Mercury better than ever in summer or winter!



BETTER IN ECONOMY!
Last year, many Mercury owners reported 17, 18, 19 miles per gallon! This year, the 1950 Mercury's better than ever in economy—with new improvements in Mercury's gas-saving "Econ-O-Miser" Carburetor! Mercury's thrifty Touch-O-Matic Overdrive, optional at extra cost, adds even more miles to Mercury's unusual gasoline economy!



BETTER IN COMFORT!
Smooth-riding Mercury now rides smoother than ever—thanks to improved "Cushion-Coil" front springing . . . new "Lounge-Rest" Foam-Rubber Seat Cushions! Steers easier, too, with improved "Stedi-Line" steering. Warmer in winter with new, faster-heating "Merco Therm" heating system, optional at extra cost, plus Fiberglass insulation!



BETTER IN PERFORMANCE!
For day-in, day-out dependability, there's no car like the 1950 Mercury with its improved, new "Split-Second" starting plus "Hi-Power Compression"! It's got "get-up-and-go" to spare! And Mercury's smoother, live-liever 8-cylinder, V-type engine is built to go farther with less maintenance!



BETTER IN VALUE!
Every way you consider it, the new 1950 Mercury is better than ever to own! Better in comfort! Better in performance! Better in economy! And because Mercury popularity is growing so fast, its resale value is better than ever, too. Get the new 1950 Mercury—and get 1950's "better than ever" new car value!

IT'S "BETTER THAN EVER" TO MAKE YOUR NEXT CAR **MERCURY!**
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