The Law of the Lord

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—Nehemiah 8; Psalms 19; 119.

MEMORY VERSE:—"The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes"—Psalm 19:8

When Ezra the scribe came from Babylon to Jerusalem for the second time, in 445 B.C., he found the Jewish religion corrupted. Voluntarily the people gathered before the Water Gate and asked Ezra to read them God's law. Nehemiah 8:1.

So Ezra brought the great book and read it to the people. He stood on a wooden pulpit they had made, with 13 priests flanking him. The people stood before him and listened intently, and the priests helped Ezra explain the law.—Nehemiah 8:3-8.

The people were so profoundly affected by this first study of their law in many years that they wept, ashamed for their sins. Ezra told them not to weep but to rejoice, for the Word of God would give them strength and joy.—Nehemiah 8:9-12.

In accordance with the law, the people renewed their religion. They celebrated a feast as God had commanded through Moses, by building booths for themselves of wild branches from the hills.—Nehemiah 8:13-18.

REGARDED ASSECOND FOUNDER

Ezra--Jewish Law Authority

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By N. SPEER JONES

THE SETTING for the first selection from today's lesson is Jerusalem in 444 B.C. Ezra, the scribe, has come on his second expedition to the city from Babylonia. On his first expedition, 14 years earlier, he led nearly 2,000 of the exiles back to their home. Now he has come again, to find the Jewish religion and laws deeply corrupted.

Ezra was a great authority on the Jewish law, the most famous of the scribes, or legal authorities. He was evidently vastly respected in his day, for the people of Jerusalem assembled voluntarily "as one man" to hear him read and interpret the Scriptures, which at that time consisted mostly of the law.

This reading took two days. Its consequences were very impressive. The people burst into tears, probably through recognition of their own sins and through the joy of seeing once more the Way of God, which they had been apart from for so many years.

Furthermore, this reading brought about re-establishment of the Jewish religion, to the extent that many today regard him as the second founder of the nation.

The description of Ezra's reading is vivid: it established the pattern for the sermons we hear today.

Psalm 19 predates the story of Ezra by more than 500 years, for it was written by David. It consists of two definite and separate parts, the first (verses 1-6) dealing with God's revelation to Himself in nature and the second (verses 7-11), dealing with God's revelation of Himself in His Word. The last three verses are in the form of a prayer, for after contemplation of God's law, one is bound to realize and be appalled by his own shortcomings.

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the entire book. It has a special interest in that it is one of the so-called Alphabetical Psalms. In these psalms, each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. They are Psalms 25, 34, 37, 111, 112 and 145.

The 119th, while built on the same general idea, is different from all the others in that the progression goes by section rather by verse, and within each section, each verse begins with the same letter.

Such a complex work of poetry could only be worked out by a man who had a great deal of time to spend on the project. We do not know who the author was, beyond the fact that he appears to have been a great scholar and respecter of the law, and that he apparently was a Levite, for the phrase he uses, "Thou art my portion, O Lord," was used in the Scriptures about the Levites.

The Word of God is described as the word, the law, the commandments, the statutes, the precepts, the judgments and the testimonies, each with a different shade of meaning.

SOMETHING OLD

SOMETHING NEW

These—without anything borrowed or blue—can give to her Wedding Day the sure promise of happiness.

Something old? A *faith* in God such as has been the foundation of life for millions of Christians before her. A simple conviction found in the religious instruction she received as a child, nurtured in regular worship at Church, ready to go with her through the years.

Something new? A *love* for the one she has consented to marry. A tender devotion that will grow richer and deeper as they share the sunshine and shadows of life.

With these two—the "something old" that lives in her soul, and the "something new" that thrills in her heart — she comes to her husband. And if he comes to her bearing the same treasures, their marriage cannot fail!

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The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Corinthians 13:9-13	Matthew 13:51-58	Psalms 63:1-7	Song of Solomon 2:10-17	Psalms 119:9-16	Ephesians 5:22-31	Psalms 148:5-14

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ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

Kings Appoints Dean Of Divinity

Dr. John Bernard Hibbitts has been appointed dean of divinity at the University of King's College, effective July 1, Rt. Rev. R. H. Waterman, chairman of the board of governors has announced.

John Bernard Hibbitts was born in Halifax and was educated in schools in Buffalo, N.Y., and in Nova Scotia and by private study. He graduated in 1940 from the provincial normal school with a superior first class teacher's diploma, and a scholarship to Dalhousie University.

Dr. Hibbits joined King's College in 1954 as associate professor, and became professor of Biblical studies in 1959. He has contributed to a number of scholarly periodicals, and in 1962 delivered the Windslow lectures at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illonois, which have been published.

Over the years he has served in a number of parishes in Nova Scotia, and has been dean of residence and acting-Librarian. He is a member of a number of learned theological societities.

Advance Toward Unity Made In Bible Studies

By CARDINAL MacGUIGAN

The most vital manifestation of the current religious dialogue is the ecumenical encounter among separate Christian groups seeking a greater measure of mutual understanding agreement and unity.

The goal of our continuing dialogue should be neither to refute adversaries nor to reach agreements on a basis of compromise. We should aim rather at mutual enrichment through give-and-take discussions. If all participants are chiefly intent on getting closer to Christ, they will find they can accept many of each other's best insights without surrendering any convictions of their own. And they can collaborate in solving problems of common concern.

The scandal of our division into separate churches will no doubt remain for a long time. But even so, we can draw closer together. Old misunderstandings can be uprooted and new areas of agreement discovered. Any progress we make in this direction will certainly, be pleasing to Christ.

One tremendous ecumenical advance has occurred in the important domain of Biblical studies. Scriptural commentaries by Protestant scholars are approvingly utilized by Catholic scholars and vice versa.

Criticism of newly proposed interpretations are shared by Catholics and non - Catholics alike and both sides have made a concerted effort to arrive at the true meaning of a text or indeed of entire books of great themes running through the whole Bible.

Genuine dialogue can be achieved only when people commit themselves to go beyond the expression of doctrinal views to understanding of the actions of others. Conversations between Protestants and Catholics is possible only when each participant not merely observes another point of view but in a sense makes it his own while continuing to differ with it.

One cannot help being struck by the sheer ignorance that Canadian Catholics and Protestants have of each other. This is an ignorance not only of the beliefs and practices of their concrete life. Thus the dialogue makes us aware of the other communion, not as power groups and strangers, but as living communities.

In addition the dialogue should have the positive effect in each community of introducing an element of self-criticism and illumination. Confrontation with differing views make us more rigid in holding to our own; but if deeply and seriously entered into it may also give new light upon our own.

It all comes back to Christ. The late Protestant prelate Bishop Manning was close to the mark when he said reunion will come only as a result of a full-

er appreciation of the truth revealed in Christ.

Catholics and Protestants can only welcome, confidently and prayerfully such a motivation of dialogue, focussed on the person of Christ.

SEEK NAVY OFFICERS

OTTAWA (CP)—The navy has relaxed its enlistment standards to get more junior officers for ships and aircraft. Naval headquarters announced it now will accept applications for seven-year service commission from men between 17 and 24 with junior matriculation or its euivalent in general or technical courses. Previously, the maximum age was 20 and recruits had to have junior matriculation. The navy hopes to enlist 63 men for seven-year commissions. Recruits will be enrolled as officer cadets and in September will start a four-month training course at Esquimalt, B.C.

OBITUARY

(Inserted by friends and relatives as a tribute to the deceased.)

ROY D. WOOLNER

Friends and relatives were saddened at the passing of Roy Dittmer Woolner of North Rustico on March 10, 1963, after a long and trying illness which he bore with true Christian patience and fortitude. He never complained and kept his place in the family and farm life as much as possible. He took especial pleasure from his six small grandchildren.

His high principles and fair dealing made him very highly respected. His interests were many — world happenings, history and sports — years ago he helped form the first baseball team in North Rustico. He had a very kindly interest in United States, especially California where he was born and lived part of his early life.

A devoted family man he leaves to mourn his passing his wife the former Ruth Matheson, three daughters Isabel, Mrs. Owen Beaton of Alexandra: Norma, Mrs. Melvin White of West Royalty and Flora, student nurse at P. E. I. Hospital. A young man James Dixon who spent his boyhood in the Woolner home and whom they would have been proud to call son flew from Regina for the funeral. There are also three sisters - Laura, Mrs. Mervyn Bulman, charlottetown: Kathryn, Mrs.Erskine MacMurdo, Kelvin and Mabel, Mrs. Sterling Stewart, Cavendish; and one brother Robert in North Rustico. One sister Lucy predeceased him three years ago.

The funeral took place from the home on March 13 and was very largely attended. Rev. Bentley spoke with a very comforting message to the bereaved. Hymns sung were: "The Lord's My Shepherd," Peace Perfect Peace," and Olaf Stevenson very beautifully rendered Life's Railway to Heaven.

As his name shall be mentioned by those who knew him it will be with the expressions of kind remembrances and to live in the hearts of those is not to die.

The Pallbearers were: Lorne Houston, Guy Rollings, Leo Gallant, Alberton Doiron, Clive MacNeill and Vearl Court.

The Flowerbearers were-Lindsay Coles, Allison MacMurdo, Charles Mutch, Charles Jones, Ronald Toombs and Wayne Dickieson.

The interment was in Cavendish cemetery.

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MRS. PHILIP COYLE

The death of Mrs. Philip Coyle occurred at the Charlottetown Hospital on March 29, 1963. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maurice O'Connell. She was born at Abilene, Kansas, U.S.A. on July 29, 1878 and moved to Prince Edward Island at an early age with her parents. They resided in Iona and later moved to Tarantum.

In 1902, she married Philip Coyle, on November 18 last, they celebrated their Sixtieth wedding anniversary. During her illness, which extended over a period of one year, she was frequently visited by the pastor, Rev. T. P. Butler who also administered the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church. of which she was a devoted member.

She possessed a quiet, yet friendly nature and was a true and dutiful christian wife and mother. She will be greatly missed by her husband and family and a host of friends and relatives. She leaves to mourn her husband; four sons: Maurice in Dartmouth, Ambrose in Halifax, Bernard in Tarantum, and Jack at home; also two daughters; Annie (Mrs. James Callaghan), Fort Augustus, and Catherine, (Mrs. Joseph Garland), Tarantum. She also leaves one sister, Amy (Mrs. Patrick Cumiskey) Tarantum, and two brothers, Maurice in Roxbury, Mass., and John in Charlottetown. She also leaves eighteen grandchildren and eighteen great - grandchildren, who will cherish her memory.

The funeral was held on April 1 from her late residence, at Dromore, to St. Patrick's Church, Fort Augustus. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Pastor, Rev. T. P. Butler who also conducted the service at the grave. Rev. V. G. Murnaghan was present in the sanctuary.

The pallbearers were four grandchildren and two nephews: Edward Callaghan, Francis Callaghan, Parnell Garland, Elmer Garland, Maurice Cummiskey, and Bernard Corrigan.

CARD OF THANKS

The husband and family of the late Mrs. Coyle wish to express deepest gratitude to Father Butler, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Burge, and the sisters and nurses of the Charlottetown Hospital. They also wish to thank all the kind friends and neighbors also those who sent Mass Cards, Messages of Sympathy, or assisted in any way during their sad bereavement.

HIRE ONLY WHITES

WALSALL, England (Reuters) — The Walsall transport committee said Thursday it would employ no more colored (mixed race) persons as bus crews, but denied that it has imposed a color bar. The 42 colored persons employed at present will be kept on, a spokesman for the committee said it now had a choice of higher-quality white labor and jobs would be given only to persons who need to make the best service their career.

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Day of Pentecoste
8:30 p.m.—Holy Communion
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Junior, Senior and Bible classes.
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Primary and beginners classes.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
Anthem: "God is a Spirit"—W. Sterndale Bennett
6:30 p.m.—Hymn Sing
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Sermon: "Why So Many Churches Fail."
Preacher: The Rector.
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PENTECOST SUNDAY
9:45 a.m.—Junior and Senior Church School
11:00 a.m.—Kindergarten and Nursery Classes
11:00 a.m.—MORNING WORSHIP
Sermon: THE BREATH OF THE BODY OF FAITH.
Anthem: "Behold the Beauty of the Lord"
—W. H. Anderson
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP
Sermon: IN THE MOOD FOR REVERENCE
Anthem:
The Male Choir will lead the Praise
You Are Welcome To Worship With Us

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Corner Prince and Grafton Streets
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister
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Miss Madelyn Wadden, L.Mus., B.Mus.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School—Classes for all ages,
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: THE TREASURE HUNT
Anthem: Jesus, Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts
—H. Robertson
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: THE STRANGE WAYS OF EXPERIENCE
Anthem: As When At Evening—H. Robertson
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"A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY"

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Upper Prince Street
Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor
9:15 a.m.—Fellowship Hour, Summerside Radio
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Missionary Day
11:00 a.m.—Communion Service
7:30 p.m.—Missionary Rally
ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S REVIVAL CENTER

First Baptist Church

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Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
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9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—"THE BEST IS YET TO BE"
Anthem: "Come Holy Ghost"
—(Attwood)
7:30 p.m.—"UNTIL DEATH DO US PART"
Duet: "Peace I Leave With You"
(Farley Roberts)
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The Kirk of S. James

The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister
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Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus.
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery
11:00 a.m.—WHITSUNTIDE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION
Anthem: "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God"
—Stainer
(N.B. The Evening Service is withdrawn for the Summer months)
THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY
ENTER — REST — AND PRAY

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

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Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
Organist & Director of Choirs: Royston F. Mugford, A.R.C.O.
9:45 & 11 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—"WHAT DOES PENTECOST MEAN?"
(Rev. J. Ball)
Anthem: "O! For A Closer Walk With God"
(Myles B. Foster)—Soloist: Mrs. David Cox
7:00 p.m.—"WITNESSES" (Rev. J. Ball)
Anthem: "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Sake"
—(Farrant)
"A Welcome Awaits You At Trinity and Spring Park"

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

(Cor. Kirkwood Drive and Dunkirk Street)
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 a.m.—"THE NEED FOR ONENESS" (Rev. C. C. Lewis)
Choir: "Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken"
(Newton)
Organist: Mrs. Ronald H. Atkinson

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June 2—Whitsunday
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Mattins
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (Infants Class 11 a.m.)
11:00 a.m.—Procession, Choral Eucharist and Sermon.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and sermon
Visitors are most welcome at all services.