

Isaiah, the Willing Prophet

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Scripture—Isaiah 1, 6.



At the time of Isaiah's call, Judah had forsaken the Lord and was disintegrating morally.

The mechanical, automatic religious observances were an abomination to the Lord.

In Isaiah's vision, God sat on a high throne in the Temple and sent one of the seraphim to cleanse Isaiah's lips.

The call to service followed the purification. Isaiah accepted promptly and began his prophecy of doom.

MEMORY VERSE: "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'"

ONE OF GOD'S GREAT

Isaiah Prepared For Ministry

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By R.H. RAMSEY With this lesson we begin our fourth quarter series, "Spokesmen for God."

Isaiah lived and ministered approximately 150 years before Jeremiah. He appears to have been an aristocrat, for his utterances are among the most beautiful in the Bible.

In the first chapter of the

Book of Isaiah, the prophet describes the spiritual and physical condition of Judah at the time of his call.

In all, the general condition of the country was such that had it not been for a small handful of true believers, the entire nation would have sunk to the level of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The people had even so deceived themselves with sin that they had concluded that mere observance of the holy days and the bringing of their sacrifices at the appointed times were enough to insure God's favor.

Isaiah exhorted the people regarding the need for repentance and the hope of forgiveness, telling them their religious practices were an abomination unto the Lord.

Isaiah received his call to prophesy toward the end of King Uzziah's reign in one of the most transfiguring experiences recorded by any Old Testament servant of God.

King Uzziah, who had reigned over Judah for 52 years, had died, marking the end of an epoch and the beginning of another.

Isaiah's vision took place in the Temple where he saw the altar of burnt offering, but with the veil removed so that the prophet was able to see into the inner shrine.

Isaiah saw the Lord, his garments filling the Temple, attended by the seraphim. As one of the seraphim identified Jehovah and proclaimed His holiness and glory, the very foundations of the Temple

shook and it was filled with smoke. Because he regarded himself as a man with unclean lips living in the midst of a people with unclean lips...

Purification was followed by a call to service. And Isaiah's response was a prompt, unqualified, humble acceptance of God's commission.

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Russia Tops In Atheistic Literature

Russia annually spends about 100 times more on atheistic literature than the world's Christians spend each year on new Bibles.

Dr. McCombe told the Southern Baptist foreign missions conference meeting recently in North Carolina, that the churches are doing "almost nothing" to place Bibles and other Christian literature into the hands of some 20 million people around the world who become literate each year.

The world's population is increasing about 70 million annually, he explained, compared to the Christian increase of 20 million a year.

Advertisement for baby products with the headline 'IS HE YOURS' and an image of a baby's face.

Advertisement for a church with the headline 'THIS CHURCH FOR ALL' and a list of reasons why every person should attend services.

Advertisement for church services with a weekly schedule and a list of contributing individuals and business establishments.

TRAFFIC KILLS 10,000 TOKYO (Reuters) — Police reported Monday 10,026 persons killed in traffic accidents in Japan so far this year.

Former Nazi Elite Guard Goes On Trial

VIENNA, Austria (Reuters)—A former Nazi SS (elite guard) captain, accused of organizing the transportation of thousands of Jews to concentration camps, said here he heard about mass executions after the Second World War.

His statement — in reply to a prosecution question — was greeted with laughter by some of the 40 court spectators.

Novak told the court: "I have never organized a single transport over anyone to a concentration camp. My only crime is that my boss was named Eichmann and for this reason I am being tried 22 years after the war."

G. L. Smallman Will Attend Annual Meeting

G.L. Smallman, Summerside, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce director of P.E.I. will represent the Island at the annual meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce scheduled for Edmonton, Alberta, October 25.

Campaign To Aid Retarded Reported Making Progress

MONCTON (CP) — Robert Jaques of Brantford, Ont., president of the Canadian Association for Retarded Children, said here a national crusade for the mentally retarded this year has resulted in increased interest and pledges of support from provincial and federal governments.

Mr. Jaques, addressing the opening session of the association's four-day annual conference, said the CARC has been attempting to raise \$15,000,000 from governments and individuals to finance 14 research projects and to help bring the problem of mental retardation into proper focus with the public.

Among pilot projects of the association was a plan to handle the problem of guardianship of the retarded after death of the parents and a series of awards for research of mental retardation.

PEPIN IN CARACAS CARACAS (Reuters) — Jean-Luc Pepin, Canadian minister of mines and technical studies, in this Venezuelan city has arrived to begin a seven-day official visit.

The Kirk of St. James Presbyterian Church in Canada. Cor. Pownall & Fitzroy. Founded 1825.

Zion Presbyterian Church. Corner Prince and Grafton Streets. The Reverend Donald A. Campbell, B.A., D.D.

Sherwood Church of Christ. (Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School) 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.

Central Christian Church. 219 Kent Street. MORNING—10:00 a.m.—Bible school for all ages.

St. Peter's Cathedral. Rochford Square. Anglican Church of Canada. Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., L.Th., Rector.

St. Paul's Anglican Church. Established 1769 by Royal Foundation. The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel. 235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. Tonight (Saturday)—8 p.m.—Silas Fox.

The Salvation Army. 176 Great George Street. Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson. Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.

CALVARY TEMPLE. PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA. Upper Prince Street. Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor.

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. (Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.) Minister: Rev. W. R. Underlay, B.A.

Christian Reformed Church. 155 Mt. Edward Road. (The first church in Sherwood) Rev. M. Dornbusch, Minister.

SHERWOOD - PARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Meeting in the Sherwood Women's Institute Hall. The Rev. Ian C. Glass, B.A., B.D., Minister.

First Baptist Church. Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets. Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA. (A Union of Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians) TRINITY UNITED CHURCH.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH. 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale. Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister.

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