

# Obeying Or Disobeying

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Today's lesson deals with two successive kings of Judah, one of them a bad king, the other good. Both were frantically con-

cerned with the defense of Jerusalem in the face of an invasion. And both received visits from the prophet Isaiah in which he tried to turn their thoughts from political and military defense to their only real defense, trust in God.

The first and major portion of our lesson is devoted to Ahaz, ruler of Judah, the Southern Kingdom, from 735 to 715 B.C. He was among the worst of idolaters, worshipping idols in the

groves, indulging in immoral practices, closing the temple of Jehovah, even causing his own son to become a burnt sacrifice to Moloch. That God would send Ahaz a message by the prophet, despite his wickedness, is indicative of God's nature to seek out even the worst of sinners and call them back to trust in Him.

Faced with a war with Assyria, the kingdoms of Syria and Israel allied themselves and sought to

neutralize the tiny kingdom of Judah through an invasion which would result in the placement of a puppet king on the throne of Jerusalem. Since Ahaz had formerly suffered separate defeats from each of these adversaries, a new attack by the combined powers could mean only disaster for Judah.

God instructed Isaiah to take his son and meet Ahaz where he was inspecting the city's water supply, apparently with an eye toward its husbandry in the event of a siege. The fact that Isaiah was ordered to take his son Shear-jashub—a name which means "a remnant will return"—with him is considered to be a sign or parcel of what was eventually to happen to Israel.

God's message to Ahaz was that he was to take heed, keep quiet and not be faithless or disturbed, for the two kings in league against him were but smoldering or smoking stumps of firebrands all but burned out and incapable of giving any serious trouble. In no uncertain terms, Isaiah adds the plain and absolute word of Jehovah that their plans will neither stand nor come to pass.

There is no indication that Ahaz ever heard much less accepted Isaiah's message from God, so God spoke again, telling Ahaz to ask for a sign which would prove the truth of the prophet's words.

Ahaz refused to do so, but God gives it anyway: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, when he knoweth to refuse the evil, and choose the

good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings thou abhorrest shall be forsaken."  
Like many Old Testament prophecies, this one has a double reference, to an event close at hand and to another in the future. On one hand it means that before a child born soon after that would be old enough to eat regular food and distinguish between good and evil, the kings besieging Jerusalem would be destroyed—which happened by 721, after the destructive campaigns of the Assyrians. On the other hand, it refers to the one of David's line who would be the eternal "God with us," the Savior of the race, humanity and the world.

Ahaz refused to listen to or obey the direct word of God through Isaiah. He robbed the temple of its gold and silver, took gold from his own palace, and sent enormous treasures to Tiglath-pileser of Assyria to induce him to attack the besiegers of Jerusalem. Later, Ahaz went to Damascus to renew his allegiance to Tiglath-pileser and upon his return, built a pagan altar, identical to one he had seen in Damascus, within the sacred precincts of the temple of Jehovah.

In the early years of his reign, Hezekiah was also faced with an invasion of Judah and was considering an alliance with Egypt. Again God sent Isaiah to the king to urge him to put his trust not in chariots or horses, but in God. Hezekiah listened and, as we shall see in our next lesson, the Lord destroyed the Assyrian invaders.

## IT'S BIBLE WEEK

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- 20,661 new Canadians received Bibles and Testaments at Citizenship Courts in Canada.
- 7,000 New Testaments were presented to members of the Canadian Armed Forces.
- 394 volumes of Braille Scriptures and 2,487 Talking Book Records were provided for the Blind.
- 418,730 copies of the Scriptures in 72 languages were distributed in Canada.
- Helped provide the means to enable 4,000 translators to work in 500 languages.
- Helped provide 80 million copies of the Scriptures in hundreds of languages to the missionaries, the churches and the people of the world at a cost of five million dollars.

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(Auxiliary of The British and Foreign Bible Society)

170 Kent Street

Charlottetown

## Johnson's Timing Of Tour Sparks Policy Speculation

By ARCH MACKENZIE  
WASHINGTON (CP)—President Johnson's timing for the most comprehensive Asian tour by any American president has raised speculation about his motives in foreign policy and domestic politics.

A month ago, the president appeared launched on a country-wide campaign to help preserve the Democrats' big edge in both houses of Congress and among the 50 state governors in the Nov. 3 elections. In doing so, he was working

against the tradition that these off-year elections, usually featuring more local issues than international, run against the party in power.

Diplomats say they are mystified about why the president, by accepting invitations to Asia, will cut himself off for 16 days at the heat of the campaign. They have various theories. Some suggest that the Manila conference Sept. 23-27, bringing together those countries fighting alongside the South Vietnamese regime, may well be too important to write off as a publicity stunt. Some responsible sources have insisted all along that there has been a great deal of pressure from Asian allies on the president to accept an invitation to the conference and couple it with individual visits. Presidential critics, such as Senator J. W. Fulbright, had scathingly written off the Manila conference as a get-together of American dependents unless India, Japan or Indonesia were present.

However, less critical observers are more optimistic. They welcomed the president's emphasis Thursday on discussions about peace prospects and economic reconstruction. Also noted was the considerably greater interest Johnson expressed at a news conference in domestic issues than in foreign.

The president dissociated himself from the several Southern-segregationist Democrats seeking state governorships. He reviewed the mass of civil rights legislation of the last two years with approval. The fact remains that his popularity rating is at its lowest yet, on the basis of public opinion polls. Hence the theory that the Asian trip at this time, however uncertain the peace prospects, might help elevate the president above the domestic political strife and at the same time let him show the flag in what has been the main area of concern for American foreign policy.

## Unification Pause Asked By League

TORONTO (CP)—The Navy League of Canada has called for an immediate pause in armed forces integration to allow an inquiry into the program.

The proposal, made in a brief submitted to the parliamentary committee on defence in Ottawa earlier, has been made public. The brief also recommends that:

- The constitution of the defence council be revised to include at least one officer from each of the navy, army and air force as a member.
  - The defence advisory committee be reconstituted so that not less than one-third of its members be selected from each of the three services.
  - The role of each of the three services be clearly defined.
  - The pay and conditions of service for naval personnel be reviewed from time to time.
- NOTES DECLINE  
Commodore R. I. Hendy of the Navy League told a news conference that since January, 1962, there has been a gradual decline in both the number of commissioned ships and the personnel to man them.
- "We've lost prematurely a great many senior officers in the past two years. An inquiry to find out what made these men leave early is urgently needed."
- The brief suggests that new uniforms for each of Canada's 104,000 servicemen, one of the chief objectives of the defence reorganization, is not really necessary.
- "This would make it seem that sartorial elegance is to prevail at the expense of weapon acquisition."

## Distributing Scriptures By Pattern

Scripture distribution by local Christians led by trained men and women, following a pattern all over America, is continuing throughout Colombia.

Local Christians attended classes on methods of Bible distribution and then went out into their neighbourhood with the Scriptures. Over 6,000 were sold, including 360 Bibles and Testaments.

As the result of such a distribution campaign four years ago a church in Girardot, one of Colombia's main towns, came into being. This church has grown rapidly. The congregation now meets in a small chapel, a land had bought a large plot of land on which to build a church structure.

The Penzotti program, which is a method of intensively training men and women in Scripture distribution, while working under local church leadership, is flourishing throughout Latin America.

Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic attributed much of the success of their distribution to Penzotti Institutes. Aggenina saw apathetic believers filled Mexico, Venezuela and now Colombia are showing effective spiritual results from careful distribution programs.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS  
Sunday, Oct. 16: Genesis 28.  
Monday, Oct. 17: Genesis 29.  
Tuesday, Oct. 18: Genesis 31: 1-32.  
Wednesday, Oct. 19: Genesis 31: 33-55.  
Thursday, Oct. 20: Genesis 32.  
Friday, Oct. 21: Genesis 35: 1-15.  
Saturday, Oct. 22: Genesis 37.

## The Salvation Army

176 Great George Street  
Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson  
Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School—10 a.m.  
Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.  
Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting)  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting  
A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY

## CALVARY TEMPLE

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA  
Upper Prince Street  
Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor  
9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside station  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service  
You will receive a warm welcome at Calvary Temple

## BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.)  
Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.A.  
Guest Minister: Rev. Gerald Hamstra  
11:00 a.m.—MORNING WORSHIP  
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP  
VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME

## Christian Reformed Church

155 Mt. Edward Road  
(The first church in Sherwood)  
Rev. M. Dornbush, Minister (Phone 4-4721)  
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (English)  
Elder J. Kamphuis will officiate  
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School  
2:30 p.m.—Afternoon Worship (Dutch)  
Elder M. Visser will officiate  
You are cordially invited to worship with us.

## SHERWOOD - PARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Meeting in the Sherwood Women's Institute Hall  
Maple Avenue  
The Rev. Ian C. Glass, B.A., B.D., Minister  
9:45 a.m.—Church School Classes for all ages  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
Layman's Sunday Service  
Sermon: "TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS"  
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

## First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets  
Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director  
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—"GROWN HIM WITH MANY CHURNS"  
Anthem: "Come My Way, My Truth, My Life" (Tromblings)  
(Broadcast CFCE)  
7:00 p.m.—"HALF BAKED, GRAY HAired, AND NO HEART"  
Male Octet; Selected.  
Wednesday 7:30—School of Christian Learning.  
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH  
(corner of Prince and Sydney Streets)  
Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.  
Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D.  
Organist: Mr. Joseph B. Herdman  
9:45 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Juniors (ages 9-18)  
11:00 a.m.—Primary and Kindergarten (ages 3-8)  
11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Nursery up to two years.  
11:00 a.m.—Laymen's Service  
Guest Speaker: Mr. Alex MacLeod of Nashwaakiss, N.B.  
Anthem: "Lift Up Your Hearts"  
—H. A. Chambers  
7:00 p.m.—United Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church  
Joint Choirs  
"YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP"

## PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH

13 Christie Drive, Parkdale  
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choirs  
WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY  
9:45 A.M.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Church School  
11:00 A.M.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes  
11:00 a.m.—Crib Care  
11:00 a.m.—LAYMEN'S SUNDAY  
DIVINE WORSHIP  
Mr. Sidney Murray  
Worship conducted by the Laity  
Music: "Men's Choir"  
Selection by the Male Eight  
11:15 A.M.—Primary Church School  
7:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP  
Sermon: "YOU LOSE YOUR LIFE TO FIND IT"  
Music: "All creatures of our God and King"  
(Boys Choir)  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

## SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Kirkwood Drive  
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis  
Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.  
9:45 a.m.—Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors (ages 9 years and up)  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten (ages up to 8 years)  
11:00 a.m.—"PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES"  
Solo: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"  
—Samuel Liddle—Mrs. John Carr  
7:30 p.m.—Nurses' presentation Service  
Taking part in the Service will be Miss Ella MacLeod and Rev. Ross A. Howard  
Family, friends and congregation are welcome to attend.  
A reception will be held following the Service. All welcome.  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US



The diller, the dollar, the ten o'clock scholar. Remember how the rhyme ended? Tardiness leads from bad to worse. The boy ended by sleeping until noon.

Often parents ask, "WHEN IS IT TIME TO BEGIN THE RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF OUR CHILD?" Here's a straight-forward answer: "THE MOMENT YOU BEGIN TO LOVE HIM!"

You see, God is love. And, in a home where God is loved, a child quickly begins to associate the love of his parents for him with this Other Love which is felt by those he loves. Then come Bible stories and pictures and a simple prayer to help him experience and express his growing faith. Soon he'll be starting Sunday School — but his religious training has already begun.

Our churches are helping tomorrow's parents equip themselves spiritually today. The couple planning marriage needs a mature religious faith. For when God has given us a little son or daughter . . . THERE GOES THE BELL!



### THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

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 Psalms 132-1-10	Monday Proverbs 6:6-15	Tuesday Proverbs 10:1-7	Wednesday Isaiah 54:4-10	Thursday Isaiah 63:7-14	Friday Romans 13:11-14	Saturday 1 John 4:13-21
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