

Prophecies of Peace

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Scripture—Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-9.



Isaiah prophesies the coming of the Messiah who would bring light and joy to a darkened Israel and salvation from her enemies.—Isaiah 9:2-5.

Five titles, indicating His divinity, are assigned the Messiah who would establish a righteous, just, everlasting and universal kingdom.—Isaiah 9:6-7.

He would be of the house of David, endowed with spiritual gifts, and judge all righteously and according to His character.—Isaiah 11:1-4.

Under the Messiah, even the animal world will live in peace, and all men will know God.—Isaiah 11:6-9.

MEMORY VERSE: "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will form this."—Isaiah 9:7.

ISAIAH THE PROPHET

Had Penetrating Insight

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Isaiah is, without a doubt, the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. He left an abundance of sermons and prophecies inscribed on scrolls; he was an important teacher; he was a man of great intellectual stature, of high standing in the king's court, and influential among the people. He had a penetrating insight into the nature of spiritual problems and God used him well as a proclaimer of divine truth.

Deeply conscious of the stupid and cruel mistakes men made when they went to war with one another, Isaiah was constantly holding the ideal of peace before his people and proclaiming it as God's will.

Chapter 9 opens with Isaiah's prophecy of hope and a promise of light, in that future time when the Messiah would come, bringing light to a darkened Israel and bringing her abundant joy before the Lord and salvation from her enemies. Next, Isaiah reiterates and expands his Messianic prophecy of Chapter seven. He sees the Son of the virgin who would come to maturity in troubled times as already born and taking possession of the government. Then given to this predicted Son: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace, all of which identify Him as nothing less than a divine person.

"Wonderful" indicates a Person exalted above the ordinary course of nature. One whose whole manifestation will be a miracle. "Counselor" indicates an infallible Guide for men's lives; "Mighty God" indicates One participating in the very nature of God; "Everlasting Father" indicates a faithful, wise guardian

and provider for His people; "Prince of Peace" indicates One who removes all peace-disturbing powers from the earth and secures peace among all nations.

The last assigned verse of Chapter nine returns us to the idea of the universal kingship of the Messiah. His government will be righteous, just and everlasting. It will be a government set up by God, ruled by a king appointed by God.

Were it not for the fact that the prophecies of Isaiah were the inspired word of God as told to the prophet, the 11th chapter of Isaiah would read as sheer foolishness, condemning Isaiah as a mere visionary. While we, looking back, recognize that many of his prophecies were fulfilled with the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ, and that the rest of them obviously must await His Second Coming to be fulfilled, they all must have seemed but wishful thinking to those ancient Jews who saved Judah from the hordes of invading Assyrians who had already destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Isaiah likened the Southern Kingdom of Judah and Benjamin—all that remained after the deportation of the ten Northern tribes of Israel—to the stump of a dead tree. Reiterating the Davidic origin of the Messiah, he declared, "A rod would come forth out of the stem of Jesse (King David's father), and a Branch would grow out of his roots."

This Deliverer, when he came, would fulfill mankind's hopes for peace and security; He would be endowed with wisdom, understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. He would have all the practical qualities of a good ruler, judging not by the eye

and ear alone, but with an inner knowledge of all circumstances and motives. He would be righteousness incarnate, and all His judgments would be according to His character. He would assure the poor and meek of their rights, but His words would be neither soft nor sentimental; rather they would be far sharper than any two-edged sword in chastising the wicked.

When the long-awaited Messiah arrived, even the world of nature would be changed. So complete would be the world's redemption, the even animals which previously preyed upon one another would live in peace. No more should there be hurt and destruction in the world. Peace would prevail, and full knowledge of God would be universal.

Sacred Recital Features Singer

Ruth R. Sommers, a relative newcomer to this city, is to be heard in recital, with George A.

Thompson, music teacher and organist at St. Paul's Church, on December 4 at 8.15 o'clock, and it is hoped that the public will support this venture wholeheartedly.

Mr. Thompson's fine musicianship and expert handling of the keyboard are well recognized locally, but Mrs. Sommers has been somewhat of a dark horse to most people, as her infrequent visits from 1962 on were odd weekends spent with friends, and occasional solos at the Kirk. After spending a year in England with her family she returned to Prince Edward Island last July to attend the Mount Allison Course in Music Education at Prince of Wales College, and is now living in Charlottetown.

After many years as a soloist in Montreal churches, recitals, oratorio, radio and television appearances, Mrs. Sommers was persuaded that she could be of much use in helping to further the cause of music in P.E.I. schools and went to teach in Alberton for two years. There she organized Hymn Festivals, combining for the first time RC and protestant choirs to provide music for the ecumenical Week of Prayer in 1965, a colourful Christmas pageant, and a high school glee club which did very well at the P.E.I. Music Festival last year.

She took advantage of her stay in London to attend an extramural course of music theory and history given by Oxford University, joined a Recorder Ensemble and a Madrigal Choir, not to mention the Highgate Methodist Church choir.

Mrs. Sommers is now teaching private voice pupils and has started an adult recorder class here.

The program will consist of organ music as well as song. One item will be the popular movement of J.S. Bach's Church Cantata No. 140, "Sleepers Wake!", written for the Sunday next before Advent.

The other piece for organ is the impressive French type Overture to Handel's "Messiah". The vocal part of the program consists of two hymns for Advent, the first one being a Plain-song melody of the Sarum (later Salisbury) Use dating to the 7th Century, the second being a metrical version of Psalms 85 and 86, from the Geneva Psalter of John Calvin.

G.F. Handel's oratorio "Joshua" contributes a lively air, Bach one of the loveliest tunes he composed for his wife Anna Magdalena one of his several harmonizations of the tune "In-s-tru-ck-t". W.A. Mozart is represented by the second movement of his "Exultate Jubilate", Felix Mendelssohn by the Angel's aria "O rest in the Lord", which though being one for alto voice, will be used in a minor third transposition which is not so high as to spoil it.

There will be also several items for evening use, such as an "Evening Hymn on a Ground" (a melody imposed on a ground bass motif of five measures) by Henry Purcell, the John Stainer version of "Hallelu-gia" and the 20th century is represented by a short prayer from the pen of Sir H. Walford-Davies, "God be in my Road".

32 ORBITS WITH ONE SHOT WASHINGTON (AP)—A Soviet rocket launched Nov. 2 placed 32 objects in orbit and 12 of them were still circling the earth in mid-November, a U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration survey shows. Twenty of the pieces dropped out of orbit between Nov. 7 and Nov. 15. The 12 still in orbit ranged between the altitudes of 70 and 1,000 miles.

Tonga Bible Republished

Tongan is the name of the language spoken in Tonga Island, a part of the Friendly group in the Pacific Ocean. The Bible in Tongan was originally prepared for the Wesleyan Church in Tonga by the Rev. Dr. James E. Moulton. The New Testament was published in 1880 and the complete Bible in 1907.

It was translated from the Greek and Hebrew Texts underlying the English Revised Version. It has remained the Bible beloved by most Tongan readers. Queen Salote used to read from it every morning.

In view of its continued popularity amongst the church in Tonga it has recently been republished with some spelling corrections and other small adjustments to bring it up-to-date. It will be sold under cost price by arrangement with the publishers, The British and Foreign Bible Society, to allow all who desire to have it within their means.

Entitled "Ko e tohitapu Katoa" it cost the Society the equivalent of \$2.15 but is being sold for only \$1.50.

The work of preparing this edition has been done by the Rev. Stone 'Amasaki Havea, one of the leading ministers of the Free Wesleyan Church, of which the Tongan royal family are members.

N Daily Bible Readings Sunday, Dec. 4: Psalm 40. Monday, Dec. 5: Psalm 45. Tuesday, Dec. 6: Psalm 50: 1-16.

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Psalm 50: 16-37. Thursday, Dec. 8: Psalm 50. Friday, Dec. 9: Psalm 95. Saturday, Dec. 10: Psalm 118.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—Adult Service and Sunday School 7:30 p.m.—"WHO IS THE ANTICHRIST?"—Mr. STAIR "The Old Book... the New Birth... the Precious Blood... the Blessed Hope"

The Kirk of St. James

Presbyterian Church in Canada Cor. Fennell & Fitzroy Founded 1838 Minister: Rev. Malcolm R. McCuaig, B.A., B.D. Director of Music: Mrs. Rael Reynolds ORGANIST: Miss Elizabeth Taylor SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1966 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship Sermon: "THE MIRACLE OF NEW MEN" Church time Nursery 11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner 7:30 p.m.—Evening Fellowship You are invited to worship with us.

Zion Presbyterian Church

Corner Prince and Campbell Streets The Reverend Donald A. Campbell, B.A., D.D. Mr. Raymond F. Magford, A.R.C.O. Organist and Director of Choirs 9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages. 10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m. Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: KEEP BY THE POWER OF GOD Anthem: The King of Love—Frank T. Watkins 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: MUSTS OR MIRACLES Anthem: A Prayer—Handel Wednesday, Dec. 7th—7:15 MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

Central Christian Church

219 Kent Street MORNING— 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper Sermon: "GIFT SUGGESTIONS" Anthem: Sanctus (Mozart) 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service Sermon: "Woe Unto Us" Solo: Mrs. Beryl Hurry Minister: William Weale Organist: Mrs. Shirley Beck WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Sherwood Church of Christ

(Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School) 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages Nursery through Adult class 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper Presiding: Mr. W. A. MacRae Guest Speaker: Mr. Lew Cass, missionary to Brazil. We extend an invitation to all. A Church-planting project Central Christian Church, Charlottetown Minister: Mr. K. T. Norris Pianist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M.

St. Peter's Cathedral

Rochford Square Anglican Church of Canada Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., L.Th., Rector Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. LL.D. Honorary Assistant Priest Miss Suzanne Brennis, Lic. Mus., Organist Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director Dec. 4—The Second Sunday in Advent 8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist. 8:45 a.m.—Matins 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. Nursery) 11:00 A.M.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evening and Sermon Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Established 1769 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.I., Rector Organist and Choir Director George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M. SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Junior, Senior and Bible Classes 11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Crib Nursery, Primary and Beginners Classes 11:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: The Rector Assisted by the Rev. C. J. Ryley Morning Prayer: Anthem—"Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling", A. Mendelssohn 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON SERMON: "THE GREATEST BOOK IN THE WORLD" Special G. A. Service—Admission of Members; Installation of Officers and Presentation of Honor Rings. All W. A. members are expected to be in attendance. Evening Prayer Duet: "God Who Made Earth and Heaven"—Heinrich Albert by Daphne Thompson and Elinor MacKinnon YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES.

LEMAI JAILERS FREED The acquittal was directed Wednesday by Criminal Court Judge Jack Turner who said neither defendant had been warned of his right to counsel while using Montreal break out of jail here.

The Salvation Army

Cor. Prince and Fitzroy Street Capt. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson (Corps Officers) SUNDAY SERVICES:— 11:00 a.m.—7 p.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. WEEKNIGHT SERVICES:— Tuesday—8:00 p.m.—Home League (Public Meeting for Women) Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Band Practice 8:00 p.m.—Songster Practice Thursday—8:00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting "You Are Welcome To Worship With Us"

CALVARY TEMPLE

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA Upper Prince Street Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerdale 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. 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. Dornbusch, Minister (Phone 4-721) 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (English) Elder G. Van Kampen officiating 11:15 a.m.—Sunday School 2:30 p.m.—Afternoon Worship (Dutch) Elder A. DeHaan officiating Everyone cordially invited

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.—SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Sermon: "TOGETHER AT THE TABLE" A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, 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.—"GOD'S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT" Male Octet: Selected Reception of New Members Ordinance of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.—"WHAT WE HAVE LOST" Duet: Mrs. Douglas McKenney and Mrs. Douglas Cameron Wednesday 7:30—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

(A Union of Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians)

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

(corner of Prince and Sydney Streets) Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Bell, 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, Kindergarten and Nursery (3-8) 11:00 a.m.—Crib Room up to two years (Social Hall) 11:00 a.m.—"THE WORD OF GOD" Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas Anthem: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" J. S. Bach 7:00 p.m.—"THE GOOD NEWS" (Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas) "You Are Welcome To Worship With Us"

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH

15 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. E. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Elliott—Organist and Director of Choirs 9:45 A.M.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Church School 11:00 A.M.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes 11:00 a.m.—Crib Care in the Old Hall 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: "HONESTLY NOW" Anthem: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee"—Bach 11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School 7:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP 11:15 a.m.—Primary Classes Sermon: "OLD MAN SURPRISED BY GOD" Music by Men's Choir Solo: "Gentle, Holy Saviour" (Mr. Henry Cook) YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Kirkwood Drive Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Interim Organist: Mr. William Matthews 9:45 a.m.—Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors (9 years and up) 11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary (up to 8 years) 11:00 a.m.—"THE ADVENT TRAGEDY" Anthem: "Beautiful Saviour" J. A. Seiss 7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP "Dedication of Memorials" Sermon: "HOME COMING" Solo: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"—Mrs. Frank Hickox YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

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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.

"Johnny's sick!" The words strike fear in your heart, although your child's name may be Mary, Jane, or Bob. You put him to bed and call the doctor. You give him medicine and nurse him tenderly.

It is easy to tell when your child is not well — physically, that is. And it is comparatively easy to provide whatever is necessary to heal him. But do you feel as much concern for his soul?

Perhaps you have not noticed symptoms of spiritual indisposition. Perhaps you have thoughtlessly disregarded his spiritual needs. Yet his body is only temporal. His soul will live on — and on!

Your Church is like a doctor — ready to heal illnesses of the spirit, but even more eager to prevent them.

Attend Church regularly with all your family for spiritual check-ups, just as you call on your family physician for physical care.

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