

Abraham's Great Reward

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By N. SPERER JONES We continue this work with our study of Abraham's life, a study which occupies nearly one-third of the book of Genesis. On seven different occasions God spoke to Abraham regarding His covenant and promises to him and his descendants. The first three were in chapters 12, 13, the second three are in this week's assignment, and the last is in 22: 15-18. After his battle with powerful Kings (chapter 14) Abraham probably needed God's reassurance. Thus God tells him that it is His shield. He also implies that while men might scorn him for not having the wealth of Soem, He goes, for whose sake Abraham had given up 1/3 of his wealth is Abraham's exceeding great reward.

Canaan and east of Palestine, in the land called Edom. The land of Canaan has come under the domain of both Jews and Arabs today. This does not strictly refuse God's promise to Abraham that the land shall be long to his descendants everlastingly, for both the Jews and Arabs are descended from him. The changes in the names of Abraham and Sarah (chapter 17 verses 5 and 15) both involve the addition of the letter H, one of the radical letters of the name JHVH, translated by us as Jehovah. Abram means "exalted father," that is, father of a clan or chief of a tribe. Abraham, however, means "father of a multitude," a meaning indicative of his future role as originator of nations. Sara was known as "the contentions," whereas Sarah became "in peace" and mother of nations. Verse 18 of Chapter 17, Abraham reacts in what at first seems to be a strange way to the announcement of a forthcoming son by Sarah. Although he was very happy at the prospect in one way, in another and quite

natural way, he speaks up in favor of Ishmael, now 13, and long assumed to be the promised heir; he is to be merely tossed aside? Thus Abraham frets. Abraham spent most of his life in Hebron, 22 miles south of Jerusalem. It is there, under the oaks of Mamre, an Amorite chieftain friend of Abraham, that the angels announce to Abraham the forthcoming destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Miss Carolle Ellis, RN, Charlottetown is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ellis, Souris. Mrs. Ralph Creamer, Falmouth, Mass., is visiting in Souris. While here she is the guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. W. Joseph Slattery and family were recent visitors to Souris. While here she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Peters, Rollo Bay. Miss Deborah Larter, Charlottetown is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alec P. MacDonald, Souris. Miss Victoria Burke, Halifax, N.S., was a recent visitor to Souris. While here, she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. Edward Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Colin Burns, Halifax, N.S., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Burn's mother, Mrs. Christina Cheverie, Souris. Miss Joan MacPhee, Hamilton, Ont., is spending her vacation in Souris with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul MacPhee.

SOURIS

Mr. and Mrs. John Macdonald, Hamilton, Ont., are visiting Mr. MacDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacDonald, Souris. Mr. and Mrs. John K. Macdonald, St. John, N.B., are vacationing in Souris. While here, they are the guests of Mr. MacDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alec P. MacDonald.

The reference in verses 13 and 14 is presumably to the 400 years between the birth of Isaac and the exodus from Egypt. Hagar, the maid by whom Abraham had his first son, was Egyptian. Most of all the original Mohammedans and today's Arabians are descendants of this son, Ishmael. He is to the Arabs what Isaac is to the Hebrews. The original home of these Ishmaelites was in the wilderness of Paran, in the southern part of

IMITATION ADULTS



High comedy? They may not be actresses, but they're accomplished mimics. Yet as I savoured on their little game of pretending — well, as a mother, I'm just a bit frightened. How readily they pick up our characteristic poses and attitudes ... always exaggerating to an extent ... trying to be more like us than we are ourselves! Then I remember the day John and I made that thoughtful decision to join the Church and raise our Children in a Christian home. What a difference that decision has made in our lives. And what a difference it is making in our children's lives. There's no harm in youngsters imitating adults ... so long as the adults they imitate are worth imitating!

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MAGISTRATE STERN MILTON, Ont. (CP)—Magistrate K. M. Langdon says no boy under the age of 21 should be allowed to drive a motor vehicle without passing a special test. He made the comment in court yesterday while criticizing "irresponsible youths."

TRAVELER FAN The longest recorded tornado in the United States struck a path nearly 300 miles long in Illinois and Indiana in 1917.

Most American religious bodies, in their official pronouncements and educational materials, have long stressed the equal worth of all human beings whatever their color. Churches were created by God and are precious to Him. At the same time, however, the churches have often been described as the most racially segregated of institutions in the nation's life.

The shame of Sunday morning is an offense against the idea of self-reproach in church circles. And another "The most segregated hour of the week is at 11 a.m. on Sunday."

Since church congregations harbor intimate personal relationships among whole families—adults, youths and children—it has been maintained that once Negro and white mingle fully there, racial barriers between them are broken. CHURCHES BACK ACTION REVEREND J. EDGAR HAYES, local church became a meeting ground—a point of decision—for the whole community pattern.

Churches have long been regarded as the primary centers of social activity in many instances, and some southern ministers have been outspoken for their parts in it. On the other hand, the churches themselves, in their local compositions have remained predominantly one-color units, even though the number of integrated parishes has been increasing rapidly of late.

This is the lump in the throat of the churches—the acknowledged gap between their official plans, and their on-the-spot conditions. With the racial crisis flaring in the United States and with Negroes demanding equality with new vehemence and immediacy, church strategy generally has undergone an extraordinary change in the last few months. It has switched from talk, to action.

"It amounts to a new posture toward race, a new role for the church. Rev. Dr. Alfred S. Kramer, a sociologist—clergyman consultant to the racial and cultural relations department of the National Council of Churches—has joined in this new posture. "After years of repentance and appeals for racial reconciliation, the church has now begun a course of social interlocking for the first level."

People of the Covenant

God promised Abraham that he would be the father of a multitude of nations. God revealed to him his wife, finally gave him her Egyptian servant, Hagar, who became the mother of Ishmael, Genesis 16:1-16. As Abraham sat before his tent one day, three strangers came and he realized that God revealed to Abraham his purpose of destroying the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah—Genesis 18:1-19.

MEMORY VERSE: "For thou art and holy people unto the Lord unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." Deuteronomy 7:6.

Despite Teachings Many Churches Major Segregated Institutions

Dr. Blake and Bishop Daniel Corrigan of the Episcopal Church were arrested July 4 in a Baltimore integration demonstration. GIVE NEW PUNCH A new punch in the church status has shown up in many ways. "The United Church of Christ is a similar policy. Roman Catholicism was an early leader in integration action. In 1947, Joseph Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis desegregated parochial schools there, despite white resistance. Roman Catholic Bishop Vincent S. Waters did the same in the diocese of Raleigh, N.C., in 1958, ahead of court decisions.

Much of the reinforced church activity is centered for an interfaith approach. "That approach got its big push last January at a historic and unprecedented "national conference on religion and race" in Chicago, the first time leading Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic bodies had joined in such a venture. ESTABLISH MACHINERY Permanent machinery was set up for continuing interfaith operations with a local office organized in Atlanta, Detroit, New Orleans, Miami, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Antonio, Little Rock, San Francisco and elsewhere.

"God created the races distinct from one another," declared a southern fundamentalist group. "He scattered the races over the face of the earth at a time when they attempted to integrate." The passage of the Tower of Babel, Genesis 11, tells the story of man's arrogant tendency to try to make himself equal to God. Segregationists often cite the so-called "curse of Ham" in Genesis 9 as God's decree for separation of black men. It tells of Noah awakening from a drunken sleep and cursing his younger son, Ham, and his Canaanite descendants, who were a Semitic tribe.

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



Abraham pleaded with God to be lenient if he found just a few worthy men there. God agreed, but could not. Nevertheless, he sent his angels to rescue Lot and his family. Abraham's kin—Genesis 18:19.



Then the Lord rained on the cities fire and brimstone, destroying all the valley. Lot's wife, disobeying the Lord, looked back and became a pillar of salt. Genesis 19:24-26. GOLDEN TEXT: Deuteronomy 7:6.

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11:00 a.m.—Lore's Supper and Morning Message:
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Guest Speaker—Mr. Kenneth T. Norris
Soloist—Soloist—Mrs. Jack Rivett
EVENING:
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Service
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11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: A GREAT DEAL OF BOLDNESS
Reverend Walter Kennedy, M.A., Guest Preacher
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Sandra Kennedy, Lynda Drake
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Rev. G. G. Wyrras, B.A., G. E. Ball, B.D.
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11:00 a.m.—Nursery care for children under five in school hall
11:00 a.m.—SEARCH FOR FAITH"
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Reception Service for Mr. Frank Gobeau, Candidate for the Ministry
Duet: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
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(Rev. J. G. E. Ball)
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(Cor. Kirkwood Drive and Dunkirk Street)
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11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
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