Who Is My Neighbor?

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TEXT—Who is my neighbor?—Luke 10: 29. Read Luke 10:25-37.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is clearly undertaking to show the universal obligation of Christian service. The question to whom this obligation is due and the measure of the obligation confronts many an honest inquirer. It is interesting to discover the meaning of the master's answer to the young man's question. He seems to say that my neighbor is the man in need, the man in need of what I have to give, and whose need arises and is made known to me at a time when I am able to give it. If this be true, how amazing and wonderful has become the world neighborhood, and how clearly is the Christian's duty to make Christ known emphasized by the universality of human suffering. Like the man on the way to Jericho, nations lie stricken, bleeding, hungry and ready to die.

Over against this appalling fact, the like of which the Christian never faced before in all the history of the world, stands Christ, God's only answer to human need. We of America know him. We have him enthroned in many an earnest heart. We have throughout the land the open Bible, God's word spoken to sinful and suffering man everywhere and in all ages, words of love, words of hope and words of comfort. How mightily it behooves us in this time of world tragedy and suffering to study the parable of the Good Samaritan and to search our own hearts to know whether or not we as individuals are rendering that ministry to the suffering which human need requires, and our knowledge of human suffering and our ability to alleviate it insistently requires.

What a reproach that in the master's parable the representatives of religion—the servants of the Temple of God—passed by the sufferer. Each knew of the case of human need. Each looked upon the torn and bleeding form. Each possessed the resources from which to help. Yet each turned away passing on the other side, deliberately walking away from this revelation of suffering and need, deaf to this cry. So proud, so self-righteous, so exclusive, were these servants of religion, and so devoted were they to the forms and ceremonies of their service, and so filled with the thought of their own importance, that there seemed to be no place in either heart for the milk of human kindness. Will we ever again permit this reproach to be laid at the door of the representatives of religion? Can it be possible that those who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ, and who are the exponents and advocates of the Christian religion, shall fail to exemplify that high and holy love wherewith the master loved men?

Shall we forget in the days to come that the master himself in answer to the doubt of John the forerunner announced as the evidence of his divinity and gave as the proof of his adequate ministry to men, that "the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good tidings preached to them."

Shall we not, as we journey toward the day of world peace, in our comfort of circumstances, in our amplitude of resources, think of the peoples who have fallen by the way? Will not Belgium and France and Roumania and Armenia and great, old, riven, torn and demoralized Russia, draw out of the Christian heart of America the ministry of healing, the ministry of money, the ministry of a Christly love? Surely the great lessons of self-denial and self-sacrifice which we are learning as a people in this great war will in God's good providence prepare us for that new neighborhood created by the universality of suffering and the heart hunger of the world. May God in his providence preserve the faith and love of our people and protect our resources in men and money, for a world-wide campaign of evangelism after the war, and above all preserve in the heart of our nation that reality of spiritual experience that will make our world ministry as beautiful and effective as was that of the humble man of Samaria, who helped his brother in need, when that need was discovered and the humble traveler had the means at his hand to render the succor which human suffering called forth.

"The greater one's power with God in constant prayer, the greater grows one's power with men who seldom pray."

We plan and plan, then pray
That God may bless our plan;
So runs our dark and doubtful way
That scarce shall lead unto the day—
So runs the life of man.
But hearken! God saith, "Pray."
And he will show his plan.
And lead us in his shining way
That leadeth on to perfect day
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Sunday school at 10 a. m. The newly elected officers will take charge on Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Morning subject: "Lincoln, the Matchless Hero." Evening subject: "Are You a Coward?"

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Come and enjoy these services with us.

N. SHERMAN HAWK, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 9.

11 a. m. communion and preaching service. Subject: "Gathering Together Unto Him."

7:30 p. m. subject: "God's Evangel." Everybody invited.

Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

We have had a good week, but we hope for a better one the coming one. We need your earnest cooperation.

R. H. COKER, Minister.
E. W. EASTMAN, Supt. S. S.
S. A. ROE, Chairman of board.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Sunday morning service at 11 a. m. Subject "Spirit."

Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

The reading room is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m.

All are welcome to attend our services.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. S. C. Lapham, of Portland will speak both morning and evening.

Bible school at 9:45.

Morning service at 11 o'clock. Sermon subject: "The Vision of a Life Beautiful."

Evening service at 7:30. Sermon subject: "The Vision of a subject: "The Christ Program."

The Father and Son's week, under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. will be observed by the fathers and sons of the church.

SALVATION ARMY

The Ladies will have charge of the meeting tonight. Mrs. Capt. Smith taking the Bible lesson.

Sunday services commencing at 11 o'clock with a public holiness meeting. Subject: "Like Him."

Sunday school at 2 p. m.

Prayer meeting at 7 p. m., followed by an open-air meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Salvation meeting at 8 p. m. Subject: "Opportunities and Responsibilities.

Capt. and Mrs. Smith in charge.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

The preparatory meetings have been conducted throughout the week with very pleasing success.

Regular services will be held tomorrow, commencing a series of special evangelistic services which will continue all next week. You are cordially invited to attend all or any of these services.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday school will meet at 10:50 a. m.

PYTHIANS, ATTENTION

On Monday evening, February 10th, Grand Chancellor Johnson and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Gleason will pay an official visit to Red Cross Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias. Every member is urgently requested to be present, and all visiting knights are most cordially invited to attend. Work in third rank. It is every member's duty to be present.

JESS ROBERTSON, C. C.
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LOST—Tuesday night a leather purse between Island City flour mill and my home. Purse contained about $85 to $90 in bills and some silver. Suitable reward upon return of same. Bert Knight. 2-8-3t

LOST—Wool belt. Navy blue with green and gray stripe. Return to Observer or call Black 841. 2-8-tf

FOR SALE—One building, 30x42 ft.; dwelling and business place combined. One frame barn, 24x70 feet; one barn, 16x24 feet; one frame store building, 24x40 feet. All are easy to get at, to move them. Must be sold, at your own price and terms, by Monday, and must be removed as soon as weather permits. 2-8-2tp J. L. MARS.

WANTED—Concrete gravel. Sample load necessary to make bargain on. Will take any amount. 2-8-tf J. L. MARS

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UNCALLED FOR LETTERS

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Gentlemen.

Clarke, Elmer
Ball, R. L.
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Dert, J. J.
Farlow, C. C.
Goodman, R. W.
Hughes, Geo. A.
Lewis, Prof
Brakeman, Mason
Nelson, Walter
Robin, Jesse
Still, C. O.
Titsworth, Ben
Wood, C. F.

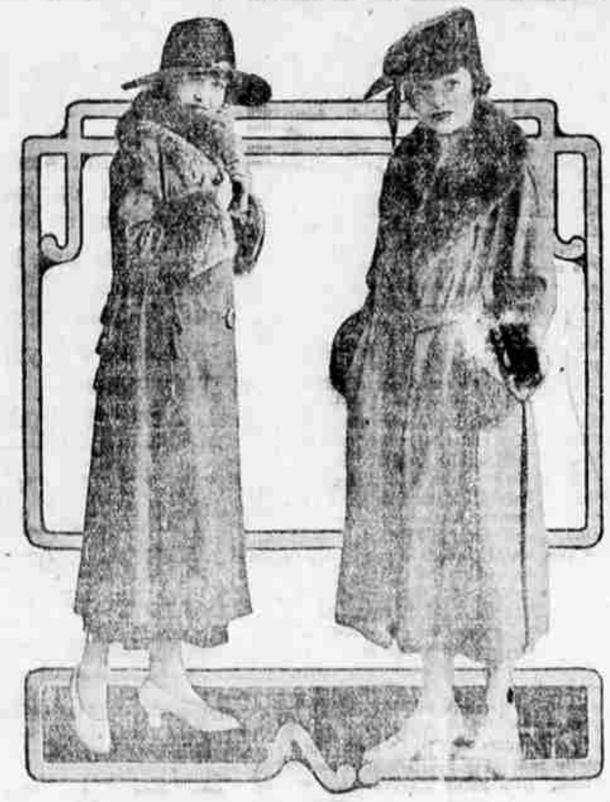
Ladies.

Baker, Mrs. Anna
Evenson, Mrs. Bertha
Gerlach, Miss Lena
Hart, Mrs. Susie
Jones, Mrs. Alice
Lynd, Mrs. E. J.
Lilly, Mrs. R. B.
Peterson, Mrs. Alma
Sheeley, Mrs. Jim

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on Feb. 21st, 1919. If not delivered before. In calling for the above please say "advertised" giving date of list.

E. E. BRAGG, P. M.

Coats for All the Day Through



Now that war times make the custom of wearing evening wraps among those that are more honored in the breach than in the observance, we have coats to take their place. Among new ones are some very elegant cloth coats that have been designed to see their wearers through the day and evening, too. They are quiet in color and beautiful in lines—equal to all requirements of dress. Besides these there are very handsome capes of cloth in distinctive styles that make one question the advisability of ever indulging in more showy wraps.

Two of the handsomest coats are pictured above. The coat at the left is of silvertone — a soft wool material with flecks of white all through it—with collar and deep cuffs of fox. Silvertone appears in taupe, blue, brown, gray—all the season's colors—and the minute white flecks in it give it a silvery look. This coat hangs straight at the back and front without fullness except in the gathered side panels of the skirt portion. It fastens with three very large buttons at the front and silk pendant ornaments are placed at each side of the panels. It is lined with plain satin.

There is a suggestion of a cape in the graceful coat of smooth duvetyn at the right of the picture. It is in taupe gray, with shawl collar and deep cuffs of martin fur. Three big buttons at the foot of the front panels are the only ornamental feature in this very dignified wrap. The design could hardly be improved upon, and is of the excellent character that never grows tiresome.

Julia Bottomley

Petticoats Are Narrow.

In tailored suits the narrowness of the skirt has rung the knell of the petticoat, but for thin frocks this most feminine of garments necessarily holds its own. The petticoat must be of the same length as the frock under which it is worn, and it may be made of batiste, fine nainsook, mousseline de soie, tussor or white crepe de chine. They are forcedly narrow, for fashion has decreed the skimpiness of skirts. It is, however, quite permissible to full them slightly, especially if the dress that covers them is slit at the hem to make walking easier. With conservative women delicate hand embroidery will always be the favorite trimming. Imitation lace and fine pleat tulle give an effect of greater fluffiness and are much less costly.

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