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EXALTING CHRIST IN THE LIFE OF THE NATION

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 9:2, 3, 6, 7; Luke 1:26-33.

GOLDEN TEXT: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. —Isaiah 9:6.

Christmas is coming! It should be a blessed and delightful time this year. But do not fail to ask yourself, What is its true meaning? Why did Christ come? So that we could feast and celebrate? Surely not. He came first of all to be a Saviour; but do not forget that the Saviour is also the King of kings.

When Jesus came, His people Israel were practically without a government. They were a subject people under the rule of Rome. Their national life was in ruins; darkness had settled over their land, and there was both national and spiritual darkness. Christ came as their King, as well as the Light of the world. True, they rejected Him, and His kingdom is now in abeyance until He comes again to reign. One of these days He will come!

I. Darkness—but the Light Is Coming! (Isa. 9:2, 3).

When Jesus came there was deep darkness in Israel; there was no king. National honor and glory were at low ebb. Religious leaders had lost their spiritual vision and zeal. They were going through the form of godliness but denying its power. Read the book of Malachi for a picture of their desolation.

Then Jesus came, and the greatest Light of all time shone forth in the darkness. He was and is "the light of the world" (John 8:12). They that followed Him did not stumble in darkness (John 9:5; 11:9). How sad that they received Him not (John 1:11)! The reason? They loved darkness rather than light (John 3:17-21).

There is much darkness in our world today. We need the light of Jesus in national life, as well as in individual life. When will the nations of the earth recognize Him as the only One who can truly lead them through the darkness?

Military leaders, educators, and scientists are saying in our day that there must be a spiritual rebirth of the peoples of the earth if we are not to have another war which will destroy everything. No world revival of "religion" will do it. We must have Jesus, the Saviour and the Light!

II. Chaos—but a King Is Coming! (Isa. 9:6, 7).

We have already suggested that Isaiah's prophecy came at a time of chaos in the affairs of the nation. Would they ever have the order and dignity of a nation again? Who was to be their king? What kind of leader would He be? Our verses give the answer.

Seven hundred years before Christ came, the prophet presented a glorious, detailed picture of the coming One. He was to be born as a Babe—a Son—but the "government shall be upon his shoulder."

What kind of King is He? His names reveal Him.

"Wonderful"—that word has been so misused that it means comparatively little to us. It really fulfills its true meaning in Christ. He is unique, remarkable, yes, truly wonderful. "Counsellor"—in every detail of life, great or small, an infallible Guide. "Mighty God"—not just like God, or representing God; Christ is God. "Everlasting Father"—the tender and loving, unfailing One to whom time brings no change, for He is the "Father of eternity." "Prince of Peace"—He is not yet the Ruler of the nations of the world, hence we hear not only of wars but of rumors of wars. Mark it well that there will be no enduring peace until He comes to reign whose right it is to reign, the divine Prince of Peace.

III. Jesus Christ—the Light and the King (Luke 1:26-33).

If Christ is to be honored in the life of any nation, yea, of our nation, He must first be recognized as the Son of God, the Lord of glory, the everlasting King of kings.

We need to emphasize that fact now when both military and political leaders are talking about the need of spiritual revival to save the world. Let us be sure that they mean more than just to pay formal recognition to a great man and a distinguished moral teacher. He is our Saviour, and there is none other (Acts 4:12).

Note the marvelous fulfillment of prophecy which actually took place in the coming of Jesus. Isaiah 7:14) said He was to be born of a virgin. He was (v. 27)! He was to be the Son of God (Ps. 2:7). He was (v. 32)! And so on through all the detailed prophecies of His birth.

We celebrate the fulfillment of these prophecies at Christmas time. Let us be reminded that there are hundreds of prophecies that He is to come again. Let us believe them, and look for Him. He is the hope of this poor world!

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Tidbits Of Kentucky Folklore
By Dr. Gordon Wilson

Calculate, Reckon, And Allow

From the earliest days of our nation people in many areas have made fun of the New Englander's "calculate." Even the New Englanders themselves laugh at their native way of supposing or suspecting. Holmes, about the most typical New Englander of them all, laughs at "calculate" and says that it blasts the lineage of the user. If what he says is true, I fear that most New Englanders of the well-educated group will be cursed, for I am told that people still calculate, regardless of schoolmarms and purists of language.

Though "calculate" is not unknown in our part of the world, we have two other words that have distinctive uses. "Calculate" is in New England. There two are "reckon" and "allow." Very obviously "reckon" arose from the same language need as "calculate," since each one is a mathematical term and expresses a milder form of speech than "know" or "believe." People in other parts of the nation laugh at our "reckon" as suggesting ignorance, as of the Deep South, said quite innocently "you uns." (Horrors!) Now "allow" is a mild word, a sort of stepped-down "guess," which is common everywhere. New England and elsewhere, and descends from good Middle English. Chaucer says of his squire.

"Of twenty year of age he was, I guess."

There is a mildness in much speech, a mildness that tries to avoid abrupt language. If I allow usually 'low that something is going to happen, I can remain quite neutral and then not have to change sides after it has happened.

Three days ago, while I was waiting for breakfast at a small hotel in a county seat town, I walked out into the country to look for birds. A man came by in a car and stopped to take me where I was going. I thanked him for stopping but told him I was out for only a few minutes while breakfast was being prepared. He replied, "I just 'lowed you was going somers." That were courteous, implied nothing, and was as genuine as anything could be. I knew my English so well that I felt that here was a friend who would pick me up and take me anywhere, if I wanted to go, and would feel that he had committed an error not to make his car available to any one on foot.

Many times the words "reckon" and "calculate" are used almost in a 10-dars sense. If something is really dark or numbers are mentioned, of course, you reck-n on the total or the sum or what ever is the answer. Similarly you could calculate the outcome if it were in figures. It is only a step, one that all people can take, to go from there to things that cannot be expressed in figures. I can reckon that we are going to have a good crop year or that the Democrats or the Republicans will win in the next election. Correctly I can reckon with certain things that might prevent my accomplishing something worthy; why not reckon that desired events will come to pass? Frankly, it is hard to see where the dividing line comes between the literary and the dialectal uses of "reckon."

My childhood is close enough to me for me to recall how necessary "allow," "reckon," and similar words were in our speech. "Suppose" sounded a little highbrow. We did not know the use of "suspect," for we said "expect," just as many people much better educated than we still do. To save my life, I cannot separate "suspect" from "suspicion" in a bad sense to this day. I use the word accurately, but always with a sort of fear that the other fellow has not inhibited his earlier feelings as I have.

But enough of this. "I reckon (or allow) that I had better close for this time."

MILLTOWN

(Mrs. Sterling Jackson, Cor.)

Ward Poe of Carlisle and Bill Berry of Myers were Wednesday night guests of M. F. Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Denton and son spent Friday until Monday as guests of his mother, Mrs. Stella Denton and son of Moorefield.

Mr. and Mr. John Young Chrisman and children of Cincinnati, were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chrisman and Miss Annabel Gill.

The flu bug is really visiting around here. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McClintic and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sant McCarty and Richard McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. William McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Norris and children and Miss Ethel Buckler are its victims.

Mrs. Mag Mitchell remains about as usual.

Edward Jackson and Willis Chrisman are ill.

PLEASANT VALLEY

(Mrs. Robert Mayes, Cor.)

Several from here attended the funeral of Albert Vaughn at Carlisle last week.

Helen Hunt spent Friday with Mrs. Lloyd Evans.

Those on the sick list are Audrey Marlyn and Jessie Hunt, Silas Campbell, John Campbell, Dan Campbell, Henry Letcher and Estill Hughes.

Charlie Gray of Bourbon spent Sunday with Harrison Gray.

Bradley Estlyonne of Bourbon spent Sunday with his father, Harley Estlyonne.

John Hopkins had a horse 45 years old to die last Friday.

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PLEASANT VALLEY

Tom Payne is the corresponder. Wednesday, Nov. 28 there was a man downe from Maysville of Gilbert Grocer Co. New man came in the place of Mr. Campbell and he didenst no where Loyd Evens store and he went all most a quartie of a mile a past the store. He stoped at Henry Letcher and ask where he was. That is true.

Tom Payne got a card from Paul Brannon. I am glad to here from him. If he wants me to write any thing I do he will haft to send me largers envelope for the ones I have got are to small for the pews I write.

We meet Jim Herndon on the road. Dont no where he had been. Up at Loyd Evens store we guess.

Henry Letcher put sheet rock on one of his rooms in his house. Malcom Berry dune the works and Estiel Hughes help him and it make the room look nice and warme to.

George Lowe who has been in the army over the pond for some time was discharge and return back home.

Mrs. Jessie Hunt has been on the sick list for a few days. But she is better and glad to here that. That is true.

We wo was walken down the road we cam to 3 men from Jefferson co. stoped there automoble and had a fire right in the middle of the road and was going a huntan whare thay could find a big woods at. That is true.

As far as I can understand that Woodrow Fryman has bought his self another farm.

Well what say about this? Tom Payne and Henry Hunt and Joe Hunt are stripen tobeco down to Henry Herendon upon the hill and Henry Hunt had his truck in a shop at Spring for 3 or 4 days and he got it back Sunday and he tride to run it to take Joe and Hunt and Tom Payne and his self to worke and Pet Mitchell put a chane to it and started to pulling it down the road and his automoble went dead to and we had to walk after all about 3 miles and Loyd Evens autroyble went dead to and Henry Herndon truck is out of fixed to and there it is. That is true.

Tom Payne said he dident know what became of Paris rail road seckion men, Lenord Patton and the good boss. Havent seen them a round Pleasant Valley. I guess since it has rained it has been here to see what way the water runed after thay ditch it.

Osked Myers said he has got a nother cow and he said he guess he is going in the derry bussess.

Silas Gray is hapen to get Mr. Parmer Barbee plase on the hill. He is a good farmer and a good worker.

Mrs. Alice Rowe spent a little while with Mrs. Mary F. Campbell Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Vanlandingham of near Ripley, Ohio, spent Sunday over in Fleming Co. and Nicholas Co. and undstand he was going to take Mrs. Ollie Hammonds home with him. Charley Hammonds, Ollie Hammonds son dident pause for the army. I guess thay was glad of that. But he said he was sorry he dident pause.

There was some garls past Sunday late hollard at Tom Payne. I think thay was from Cowan, Ky. I belave it Margie Price one of tham.

Oker Myers and his son Clinton Myers made a flying treep to Flemingburgh and back in one hafe a day Saturday and left Lucy his daughter and Goldy his wife at home.

Huck Maxay who was living on a farm at Tunnhill and sold the store and a house and a bout 10 akers of land and him and his wife moved to Carlisle and he come out on his farm a bout nearly ever day just the same. But he is a good man just the same.

I seen Malcom Berry and Cecial Mitchell halling corn from his house to Mrs. Lenard Wilcexon home that cold day Nov. 22 and 23 and I seen Cecial Mitchell at the barn and he said it was cold. He said it taken Willie. He said he had to tell Willie to come back. He was a bout to leve him and he had trouble trying to keep Willie with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe who have been living in Vanceburgh for 2 or 3 years moved back to Pleasant Valley Nov. 24. They moved in her brother's house Mrs. John Letcher house. Mrs. Alice Rowe young baby name is Larry Elwood Rowe and it is shore a pretty baby and a big baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddee King is the parents of James Harley King. Was born Friday Nov. 9. Weighed 2 pounds.

Pvt. and Mrs. Stanley McCann is the parents of a son Gayle Lane McCann. Was born Saturday, Nov. 10 and weight 5 pounds 4 oys. Its mother maden name was Dorthey Evens. Pvt. Stanley McCann came home for a ten days leve. He has been serving in the Marine Core for 3 mounts. He is sure proud of his son. He has a right to be proud of that pretty son.

Tom Payne started a hicknut hunten and got up as far as Estil Gray store at Tunnhill, Ky. and it started rainen and dident get to go and me and Estel Gray went out at Ewing, Ky. and Estel Gray left me in Ray Flora store and told me to stay there till he come back and who did I see in the store was docker Joe Mucken and Ray Flora playing checkers and hunch clame to be champen but Ray Flora put it all over docker. Ray Flora had won 9 games and docker had onley 3 games. Ray Flora is the champan out there and docker said he was champan but it dident look like he was.

Mr. and Mrs. Alice Rowe who is living in Pleasant Valley had to move from Vanceburgh. They said when thay lived up a bout Vanceburgh that there was bears trouted around the house every night as most every body far and near in that neighborhood hears it to. Mr. Rowe also said he shot after a wild cat that was up under his house and did not kill it. He said it got after some men that had killed bogrs and then went hunting. Mrs. Alice said every Saturday night she had a candy party for the young people.

MAPLE GROVE

(Nancy Kenney, Cor.)

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sweatman, Anderson, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. James Crump, Bath county, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kenney.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stewart.

Miss Juanita Warner spent a few days with Misses Wilma and Polly Vice at Bethel.

Mrs. Frank Kenney, Nancy Kenney, and Cpl. Clifton Kenney spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sivis and son in Mt. Sterling.

Miss Priscilla Clay is improving after a stay of several weeks in a Lexington hospital.

Cpl. Clifton E. Kenney will return to his post in Little Rock, Ark., on Dec. 15th. Cpl. Kenney has been in the Army 39 months, of which 19 months was spent in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. He has been spending a 60-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kenney and sister, Nancy Kenney.

CASSIDY

(Mrs. Alton Rose, Cor.)

Miss Janice Hardin of Lexington, was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Griffin of Cincinnati, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gray and accompanied Mrs. Emma Griffin home after several weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Gray.

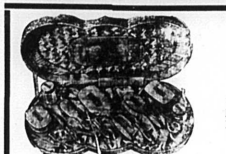
Miss Nelma Rose Dotson spent the week end with her brother, Wesley Dotson and family.

Mrs. Eddie Garnett spent one day last week with her sister, Miss Mary Belle Dampier.

Garnett Gray spent Sunday with Charles and Stanley Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster McLean spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Letcher, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McClanahan and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Letcher one day last week.



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