

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
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Scripture: John 14:25-26; 16:7-15; Acts 2:1-4; 3:1-4:13; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16; Galatians 6:22-23; Devotional Reading: Romans 8:26-30.

Power of the Spirit

Lesson for January 23, 1955

MOST Christians have wished, at some time or other, that Jesus of Nazareth were still on this earth, living at a post office address, perhaps with a telephone, certainly available for interviews, for lecture and preaching engagements. There are so many questions we should like to ask him, so many debates in and outside the church that he could settle with a word. This feeling may well have been strong in the minds of Jesus' personal and closest friends as the shadows were closing around him at the close of his life. Yet Jesus, although aware of this feeling, tried to make the disciples feel that it was best all around that he should not continue living as he had done for three years among them.



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Who Is the Spirit?
Entirely aside from the importance of the Atonement, it was best that Jesus should, as he put it, "go away." Existing as all human beings do in a body, subject to all the laws of nature, he could be in only one place at one time. But, once away from this earth physically, he could be present spiritually in ways not limited by space and time. Sometimes he said the Father would "send" the Spirit, sometimes he said he himself would send the Spirit. (Compare John 14:26 with 16:7) By the Spirit men would be linked with Christ and the heavenly Father. As Paul was to write later, out of years of Christian experience, "through him (Christ) we have access in one Spirit to the Father" (Eph. 2:18). So this divine Spirit, the Holy God though not the whole of God, is sometimes called the Spirit of Christ and sometimes the Spirit of God. Paul even says once that the Lord "is" the Spirit (II Cor. 3:17).

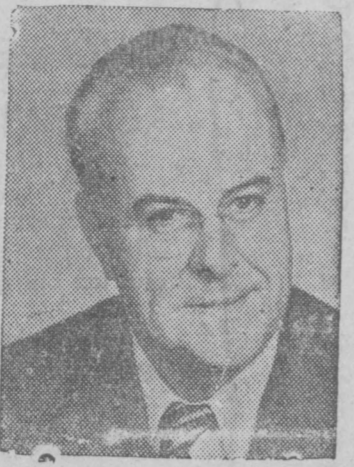
Many theologians of the present day express it this way: The Holy Spirit is God at work in the lives of men. The Holy Spirit is sent from God, but also the Holy Spirit is God. Theology has devised a great many complicated ways of explaining this—and the truth may be even more complex than theologians think. But the simple and important truth is that wherever the Spirit lives in a human heart, there God lives—no faint reflection or distant emissary of God but God himself.

The Spirit in Us
Now there is a question that will naturally come up in the minds of thoughtful people. Is not God everywhere? How can he come or go? How can he ever be absent from any place or any person if he is infinite? The Bible speaks of the Holy Spirit "coming," "descending," being "sent," also of the Spirit's being "taken" or "departing." If the Holy Spirit is God at work in the hearts of men, how can the Holy Spirit go and come? The full answer to such questions only God himself knows. But we can get a glimpse of the truth from what is said in the Bible. (Of course a full study of these deep matters is not for a short column like this.) God is indeed everywhere by his power and his providence. In him we live and move and are, as Paul said. We stick to that. But God has so made man that we can open or close the door even to God. God does not force himself on any man. As friend, as one who transforms life, who brings comfort and purity and power, he comes only where welcomed. It is possible to grieve the Spirit, yes to drive God out.

The Spirit for Us
But it is also possible, a glorious fact, that where the Holy Spirit lives in a human life, that life is transformed into the very image of the divine Life. The Holy Spirit is the Life-changer. In us—and also for us. One of the most remarkable, one of the most uplifting truths we know about the Spirit is that when we pray, though our prayers are limited by our ignorance and tainted with our own self-interest, the Holy Spirit prays with us, prays for us. Over the dull monotone of our stumbling prayers can be heard in heaven the melodic overtones of the Spirit's pure desires for us. Our noblest aspiration still is short of God's aspiration for us. This does not mean we can afford to be careless about prayer. It does mean that as we reach up to God we find that he has first been reaching down to us. It is because of the Spirit in us that we can pray at all.

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Partners on the Land

The time of Thanksgiving is peculiarly American even though other peoples have celebrated good harvests down through the ages. Much of our Thanksgiving spirit is still attuned to bountiful harvests. In contrast, however, to the early days when people were thankful just to have enough to carry them through the winter, we now have harvests of such abundance, variety and availability that our food supplies are among the wonders of the modern world.

In a less spiritual sense, the Thanksgiving season is a national tribute to our agriculture and the food industries based on it. It is a time, too, when special thought may be given to one of the most remarkable of these partnerships on the land.

This is the partnership between grower and canner. In vegetables, fruits, juices and specialties alone, this team is producing close to 500 million cases of canned products annually, judging by National Canners Association annual pack statistics. When canned milk, meats and fish are added, this total runs about 624 million cases, according to the 1953 statistics.

Grower-Canner Partnership
"The method of preserving food in tins or other containers," says the Encyclopaedia Britannica, "is probably defensible as the greatest of all inventions. . . Its effect has been to relieve mankind of dependence upon the annual harvest . . . or upon the local food supply."

Out of this invention, credited to Nicholas Appert of France in 1810, has risen a highly complex, specialized canning crop agriculture in the United States.

Because a food processing factory, whether giant or small, is dependent on receiving the specific grade or quality farm product needed, when called for and in the quantities for which the production lines are geared, this is also increasingly an industrialized agriculture in adaptation to factory needs.

For Better Canned Foods
This includes development of better raw material in the sense of newer, better varieties of vegetable and fruits, which will also stand up well through the processing operations and give an end product which the public will enjoy. It includes development of farm equipment, often pioneered by the grower-canner team or the canners themselves to speed and improve field work and save man-hours. It includes a highly complex food technology which can convert the best



Canning crop agriculture means good eating all the year long.

raw produce into delectable, safe and nutritious foods, which will keep indefinitely in the cans.

Consider some of these facets in terms of one of the most popular canned products, snap beans. It is due in large part to the efforts of the canning industry and the growers willing to experiment with new varieties developed by the plant breeders that these beans are today stringless. The food processor also needed a straighter bean which would handle better and fit better in the cans, he needed a bean which would hold its fresh color, its firm form under processing heat and handling, which would retain its nutrients, and be more tempting as well as nutritious when finally served in homes or away-from-home eating places. The modern snap bean varieties for canning have these qualities.

In the field, mechanical bean pickers are being perfected by the industry—and they, in turn, have touched off new research to develop bean varieties which are adaptable to such harvesting.

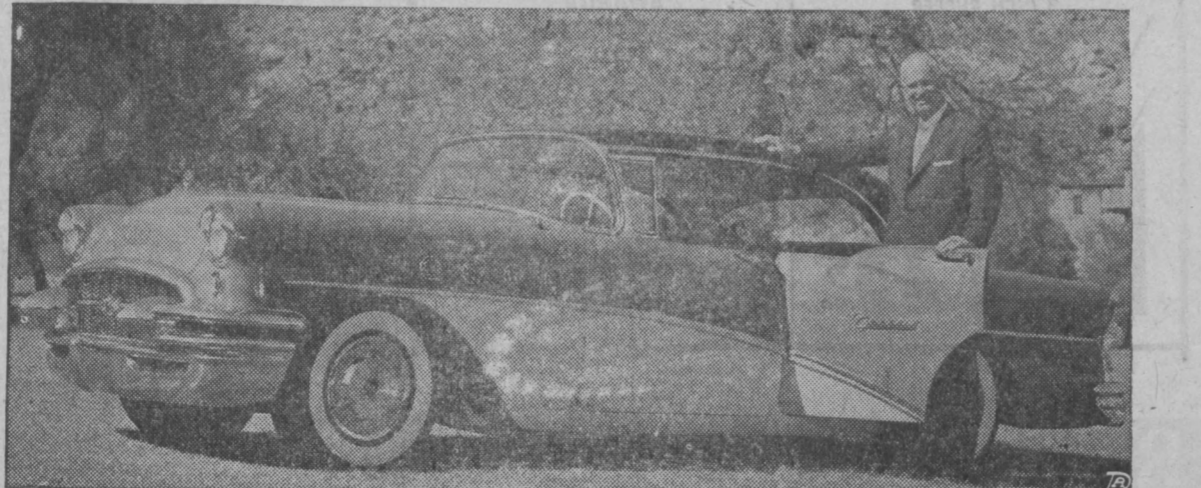
So it goes, typically. Thanksgiving feasting is possible now all year long, thanks in great degree to the grower-canner partnership.

THAT'S A FACT
MIDDLEMEN!
STUDENTS AT THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY ARE CALLED "MIDSHIPMEN" BECAUSE TRADITION HAS IT THAT IN THE BRITISH NAVY OF 200 YEARS AGO, OFFICERS IN TRAINING WERE ASSIGNED QUARTERS AMIDSHIPS!

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OAK TREES FROM LITTLE ACORNS GROW--THE LITTLE ACORNS IN THIS ARE THE BETTER--THAN--EVER U.S. SAVINGS BONDS YOU BUY REGULARLY AND THE OAK TREE--? THAT'S THE SECURITY THAT THESE BONDS OFFER! START YOUR PROGRAM RIGHT NOW!

Buick Introduces New Four-Door "Hardtop"



Buick General Manager Ivan L. Wiles poses proudly beside the automobile industry's latest style sensation, a four-door "hardtop" sedan. Like the two-door Riviera "hardtop" coupe Buick pioneered six years ago, the four-door model eliminates the center posts between the doors, combining the trim, racy lines of a four-door convertible with the comfort and roominess of a sedan. Buick will offer the new Riviera sedan in both the Century and Special Series. Production will begin early next year.

For Men Only.. (from 13 thru 19) From Hot Rods to Happier Dates

By TONI WOODWARD—ANS Features

DON'T LOOK NOW, but your social pattern is underway, and, like it or not, it's here to stay because it's just a part of your life. Space prevents listing all the rights and wrongs, but here are a few ideas that should make life run ever so much more smoothly. Here are the your big "C's": Be Courteous, Considerate, Casual and Comfortable to be with, if you want people to "C" you in the best light.

THE WELL GROOMED MAN IS CLEAN. His shoes are shined, his heels straight, his tie neatly tied and his clothes comfortable and



pressed. In Grandpa's day, it took nightly pressing. Today it's easier with the many miracle fibers and new treatments for fabrics such as Dow Corning's durable silicone finishes, which eliminate the necessity of continuous pressing and make it easy to wipe off spots and accidental stains with a whisk of the napkin or handkerchief. A new class of chemicals adapted for apparel and other textiles, Dow Corning silicones make your best bib and tucker wear and look newer longer as well as make it shed water (dirty or clean) even after a number of dry cleanings or washings. We don't suggest, however, that you tempt fate too far by tossing your clothes on a chair for the night. They naturally hang better on you after a good night's sleep on a hanger.

OF THE DATE BUSINESS, which may have already begun, first rule is: "Don't give a girl the impression that you're a millionaire if you're not. She'll like it much better if you face the facts. One of your editor's fondest recollections is of standing in front of a movie counting pennies to see if they'd cover a movie, soda and a ride home. They didn't—so we did the movie, had the soda and laughed over it walking home.

IF A GIRL INVITES YOU to a dance at her school, don't mind when she pays for the tickets. It's proper. You take care of any refreshments afterward and the transportation. If you invite her to a party, you pay the expenses. If she's from out of town, she pays for her own transportation.

ON EATING IN RESTAURANTS—You lead the way to the table—if there is no head waiter to do so—and see that she is seated comfortably. Find out what she would like and you give the order to the waiter. If you want attention, always quietly call, "Waitress" or

WHEN YOU REACH HER DOOR, by all means thank her for her company. You can't use "thank you" too much—to the hostess who entertains you, or to anyone else, no matter how small the courtesy has been.

YOU ARE DOING A public relations job for yourself by doing the right thing. If there's any question on what to do, remember: The reason you put your knife on your plate is to keep from soiling the table cloth. It's considerate! The reason you take the teaspoon out of your cup before drinking is to keep from getting poked in the eye. It's more comfortable. The four "C's" are easy to remember . . . and in being Considerate and Courteous, you'll find you're Comfortably unselfconscious and quite Casually Correct.



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