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ORPHANS COURT

At the regular session of the Orphan's Court on Tuesday there were present their honors, Judges West, Harper and Shawn, and the following business was transacted:

In the absence of the court, the register of wills granted letters testamentary on the personal estate of J. Kemp Stevens, deceased. Bond filed and approved, notice to creditors ordered and H. Earle Smith and M. K. Newnam were named as appraisers.

Lizzie E. Jester, administratrix of the personal estate of Elmer Jester, deceased, filed an inventory and appraisement of the personal property, which was approved by the court.

Linda Elbert and Harvey L. Cooper, administrators of the personal estate of George H. Elbert, deceased, filed releases from Edith Jones, Linda Elbert and Courtland Elbert, distributees.

In the matter of the estate of Tilghman Andrew, deceased, Lewis & Knotts, attorneys for Mary Smith, filed a caveat to the will of said deceased, and the ninth day of May was set by the court as the day for the defendants to file their answer.

On application letters of administration pendente lite on the personal estate of Tilghman Andrew, deceased, were granted to Fred R. Owens and J. Owen Knotts. Bond filed and approved, notice to creditors ordered, and Albert G. Saulsbury and Thomas L. Day were named as appraisers.

Henry Fuchs and Conrad Fuchs, executors of John C. Fuchs, deceased, filed an account of sales, an interest account, a list of sperate depts and their first and final administration account and distribution.

Cora R. Cook, administratrix of the personal estate of Ferdinand Cook, deceased, filed an additional inventory, which was approved by the court.

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LESSON FOR APRIL 30

ISAIAH'S SUMMONS AND RESPONSE.

LESSON TEXT.—Isa. 6:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Here am I; send me.—Isa. 6:8.

REFERENCE MATERIAL.—Gen. 12:1-4; Ex. 3:1-4:17; Josh. 1:1-9; Jer. 1:4-10; Matt. 10:5-20.

PRIMARY TOPIC.—God Calls Isaiah to Help Him.

JUNIOR TOPIC.—A Young Man Who Was Ready.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC.—Our Response to the Call for Service.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC.—The Service to Which God Calls Us.

I. Isaiah's Vision of Glory (vv. 1-4). So definite was this vision that the prophet remembered the very time of its occurrence. It meant so much to him that he could ever look back to it as a day when his ministry took on a new meaning.

1. He Saw the Lord on His Throne (v. 1). Though the death of Uzziah left Judah's throne empty it was made clear to the prophet that the throne of God was occupied. The Lord was high and lifted up, showing that He is above all kingdoms. This was a peculiar preparation of Isaiah for his work. The one who has really seen God can never be the same again; life has a fuller meaning ever afterward.

2. He Saw the Seraphims Above (vv. 2, 3). Just who these beings are we do not know. The word signifies "fiery," "burning." They were glorious beings whose business was to wait upon the Lord, to go on errands for Him. They had six wings—two for flight; two to cover their face, showing reverence; and two to cover their feet, showing humility. These three pairs show that reverence and humility are of equal value before God, with activity. The song of the seraphims shows that they saw holiness as God's supreme attribute. The thrice "holy" perhaps refers to the Trinity. The first choir sang, "Holy, holy, holy," and the second choir responded to this by saying, "The whole earth is full of His glory."

3. The Manifestation of Majesty (v. 4). "The posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke." The smoke, no doubt, signified God's wrath against man's sinfulness (see Psalms 18:8; 74:1).

II. Isaiah's Conviction of Sin (v. 6). The vision of God brought the prophet to see himself. It is only in the light of God's holiness that we see our unholiness. When Peter got a glimpse of who Christ was he begged Him to depart from him, saying, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O lord" (Luke 5:8). The prophet not only realized that he was a sinner, but that the nation was a nation of sinners. What the world needs today above all things is a vision of God.

III. Isaiah's Cleansing From Sin (vv. 6, 7). The taking of the coal from the altar shows that it was connected with sacrifice. The fire that consumed the sacrifice was holy fire. When a sinner gets a vision of God in Christ, the Holy Spirit applies the merits of Christ's shed blood and cleanses from all sin.

IV. Isaiah's Call (v. 8). Immediately following his cleansing came the call. Men must be cleansed from sin before they shall be called to God's service. Though God has many angelic beings who willingly go on errands for Him, yet He has errands upon which only cleansed human beings can go. The only ones who can really declare the gospel of God's grace are those who have experienced its saving power. God is asking this same question of men and women. Isaiah readily responded to his call by dedicating himself to the task. He said, "Here am I; send me."

V. Isaiah's Commission (vv. 9-13).

1. The Sending (vv. 9, 10). He had a most discouraging task before him. He is assured that the people will hear his message, but be unmoved by it. They will even increase in blindness and deafness to the divine warnings—they will neither be converted nor healed. Such a hopeless task would only be undertaken by one who had had a vision of God.

2. The Encouragement (vv. 11-13). Facing this discouraging outlook the prophet raised the inquiry, "Lord, how long?" The Lord in His reply assured him that it would not last forever. The land would be desolate, the cities without inhabitants, and the houses without occupants; but as the oak retains its vital substance even long after it has been cut down, so from Judah shall a remnant be saved. The holy seed is the substance which shall constitute the basis of the kingdom which shall come when David's son shall be king.

Must Look to Jesus.

If I want to repent, if I want to change my mind and get more and more determined to be good, I must look at Jesus Christ, I must notice how perfectly faultless, perfectly loving, perfectly patient, perfectly ready to spend Himself in the service of others, He is.—The Bishop of London.

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HOBBS

Mrs. Sallie Murphy of near Andersontown is spending some time with her son Austin Murphy, near Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stafford and daughter Margaret were Sunday visitors of Mr. Stafford's sister, Mrs. G. A. Dukes, of Harmony.

Miss Virginia Adams spent Monday evening with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Neighbors, of Andersontown.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hill and son Edward were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew, of near American Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy of Denton visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore on Monday afternoon.

Miss Esther Willey, of Temperanceville, Va., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Willey.

Miss Elizabeth Merriken of Wilmington is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manning Merriken.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lawless of Hickman, Del., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Murphy spent Sunday in Preston with Mrs. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gootee Todd.

Mrs. Clinton Williamson is spending a few days at the home of her brother, Walter Lord, at Concord. Mr. Lord has been very ill.

The Andersontown-Hobbs Community Club was entertained last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ernest Collins, near Concord. Nearly all the members were present, and several visitors. The social hour was highly enjoyed, and delicious refreshments were served.

The Ladies Aid of the M. P. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. R. H. Love this afternoon at 2 p. m.

HILLSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyson Heather of Marydel and Miss Anna Evans of Sudlersville were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sparks on Sunday.

Mrs. A. T. Cahall has returned after a delightful visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Russom, Baltimore.

Miss Iris Leager of Ridgely is the guest of Mrs. Charles E. Stewart.

Misses Virginia and Ethel Holt were Easton visitors on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Evans of Easton were guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, on Sunday.

Rev. S. N. Pilchard occupied the pulpit of the M. E. Church in Ridgley on April 23d.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Callaway were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Seward and children visited friends in Church Hill on Sunday.

Miss Florence Covell spent Friday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Covell.

Mr. G. E. Furbush spent Saturday in town.

Sue and Frank, little daughter and son of Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Baynard, have entirely recovered from an attack of chicken pox.

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