

CHAPTER 1

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I indeed have baptized you

with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11 And there came a voice from heaven, *saying*, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

14. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine *is* this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

29. And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All *men* seek for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

40. And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;

44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45 But he went out, and began to publish *it* much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

CHAPTER 2

AND again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

13. And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15 And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.

16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

17 When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

18. And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?

19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

21 No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.

22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

23 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

The Gospel of Mark presents Jesus as a Servant. The writer was John Mark, the son of one of the New Testament Marys. In the first part of chapter 1 we are given a brief look at the ministry of John the Baptist, who came preaching and proclaiming that One mightier than he was coming. In verses 9-11 we are given an account of the baptism of Jesus, and begin to follow His ministry through the next chapters.

An interesting verse is verse 17 of chapter 2, where Jesus says, "...I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." The Scribes and Pharisees had seen Jesus eating with publicans and sinners. They had questioned His reasoning concerning this. When Jesus heard it, He was quick to explain that those who were whole had no need of a physician, only those who were sick.

Many times it is easy for us to overlook those who have the greatest need of our ministries. The down-and-outers, the poor and rejected, the sick and afflict-

ed, are often overlooked, or passed by, by well-meaning Christians. If we have something in our hearts to share, we should share it with everyone with whom we come in contact. A witness by you today may mean the salvation of some soul tomorrow.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD" (Proverbs 29:26).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 32: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1792

THE CORNERSTONE WAS LAID FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

The cornerstone was laid by George Washington. Many of us have seen the White House; far more of us have heard of it and seen pictures of it. A few of us

have been through the White House on a tour.

How we thank God for the fact that our forefathers laid the cornerstone, not only of the White House, but the cornerstone of faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 2:20 we read, *“And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.”* So, whatever we build, we must build on Jesus Christ.

If you are building a house, your house will crumble unless it has the right foundation. Jack Hyles tells of building a building at First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, and the interesting thing was so much of the building is under the ground. Many days and weeks and yes, even months, were spent under the ground digging, pouring foundations, placing steel, etc. This means that the strength of the building rests upon the foundation that is unseen.

If you are going to build a home, it will have to have the right kind of foundation, and that foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ. Our nation, if it stands, must have the foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your business, if it stands, must have the foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our school system, if it stands, must return from a prayerless, Bibleless schoolroom to the foundation of Jesus Christ. About the same thing is said in I Corinthians 3:11, *“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”* Then, of course, that great 127th Psalm leads us to about the same truth, *“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain”* (Psalm 127:1). Do you see what this is saying? It says, *“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain.”* Unless God is sought, and God’s will is sought, and God’s Word is honored, and prayer to God is offered, and repentance from sin and faith in Christ is exhibited, our nation will not stand. Our Congress can meet and our White House can have its cabinet meetings and all the leaders can connive, meet in sessions, and try to use the wisdom of men, but *“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.”*

May we today pray for our President, for the

White House, for the staff, and for those who are in authority over us. Pray that God will help us once again to realize, *“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”*

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1901

Edith Sampson, first black female U.S. delegate to the United Nations, born.

1902

Arna W. Bontemps, noted poet and librarian of Fisk University, born (death in 1973).

1914

Garrett Morgan invented and patented the gas mask.

1919

Race riot, Elaine, Phillips County, Arkansas. Five whites and twenty-five to fifty blacks reports killed.

Seventy-six blacks were reported lynched in 1919.

Kansas City Call founded by Chester Arthur Franklin.

Spingarn Medal presented to Archibald Grimke, President of the American Negro Academy and former U.S. consul to Santo Domingo.

1970

Angela Davis arrested in New York City and charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for her alleged role in California courthouse shootout.

1980

Unprovoked slayings of six blacks in Buffalo, New York, triggered demands for national investigation.

Spingarn Medal awarded to Rayford W. Logan, historian and author, “in tribute to his lifetime of service as an educator and historian.”

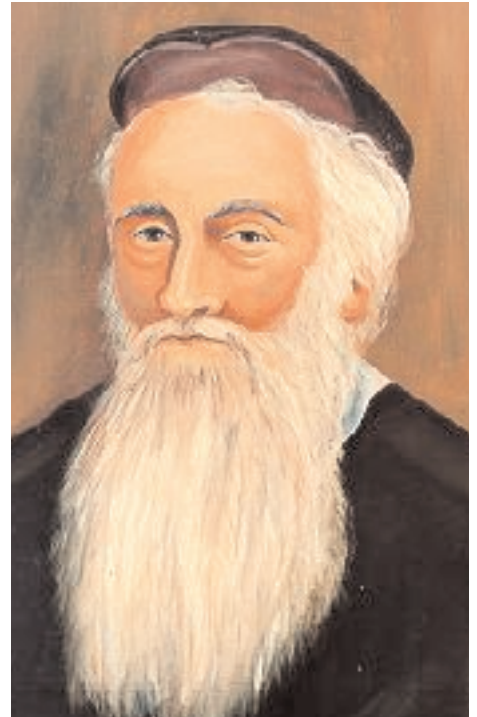
A Christian Life . . .

MENNO SIMONS (1492-1559)

Dutch Anabaptist. Menno Simons was born in Friesland, Holland. Little is known of his early life and education. In 1524 he was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Church. However, his study of the New Testament soon began to produce doubts about many of the doctrines. Luther's writings also influenced him to leave the Roman Church. His preaching thereafter is described as evangelical rather than sacramental.

Simons went farther than either Luther or Calvin in rejecting the teachings of Romanism, and soon allied himself with the Dutch Anabaptists. He was immersed in 1537 by Obbe Philip. His fame as a writer and as a preacher grew, and soon the Anabaptists of that area acknowledged him as their leader.

In his church discipline, which was drawn from the Swiss Baptists, silent prayer was common and sermons were without texts. He taught that neither baptism nor communion conferred grace upon an individual, but that grace was obtained only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Although he was not the founder, his preaching and influence were such that many of the Dutch Anabaptists adopted his name, and thereafter were known as Mennonites.



Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

DIVINE INSPIRATION EVIDENT BY THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

(Assignment 32)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

Power to convict of sin.

() Acts 2:37

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Power to produce faith.

() Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Power to make wise.

() Psalms 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Power to produce joy.

() Jeremiah 15:16

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

Power to produce peace in the human heart.

() Psalms 85:8

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.