

# From Where We Stand . . .

## Isaiah Said, All Flesh Is Grass

How can you spend a whole day just talking about grass?

This was the question of a colleague in the newspaper field when we returned from a press conference at Hershey recently.

Members of the press from as far away as Des Moines, Iowa and Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin were on hand to hear a briefing on the First National Grassland Field Day and Conference to be held on the Hershey Estate next month.

It might have been hard for a newspaper writer to understand that there could be enough material about grass to fill a day, but we are sure it will come as no surprise to farmers that three days during the middle of August have been set aside to discuss, demonstrate and observe grassland practices, materials, and procedures.

Scheduled to be held on the site of the 1958 National Plowing Matches, the Grassland Field Day promises to be the biggest agricultural event in the state, perhaps the eastern United States, this year.

Almost 300 acres of farmland have been reserved for demonstration and exhibit purposes. Some 57 machinery manufacturers have already purchased 25 acres of space in which to display their wares, and a dozen more are expected to purchase space before the date of the event. This exhibit space is in addition to the area under the huge sports arena grandstands which has also been totally allocated for exhibits.

Farmers and professional agriculturalists interested in any phase of grassland management from soil tillage through seeding and harvesting to utilization of the forage should find demonstrations of interest.

John Baylor, co-manager of the event said interest in the North American hay show, to be held in conjunction with the event, has been keen, with many inquiries coming from Canada and one sample of Alfalfa from California already in the hands of the committee.

Bus and airplane tours of Hershey as well as Lebanon and Lancaster Counties, field demonstrations from seedbed to cow, machinery exhibits, educational exhibits from more than a dozen Land-Grant Universities, materials handling exhibits, and a speaking program each of the three days, in addition to the North American Hay Show and the Pennsylvania Plowing contest should provide a program of interest for every member of the farm family.

The latest in mechanical and chemical grassland farming equipment and materials and the latest varieties of forage in growing conditions will be balanced out with a demonstration each day of an old time threshing demonstration.

And to round out the activities, there will be an Ox roast and a booth where the "inner man" (according to John Baylor) can be satisfied with a milkshake at a price.

It is difficult to convey the magnitude of the event in the space we have here, but we urge all countians to take time out on August 15, 16 or 17 to visit the Field Days.

Farmers should come away understanding better the Old Testament philosophy that "All flesh is Grass."

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.



### Rain On the Unjust

It seems that almost everywhere these days, the most common topic of conversation is the weather. In most parts of our county it is lack of rain that is demanding the most attention.

When we mentioned to an acquaintance that some rain fell in another section of the state during the past week end, he said, "they must be living right down there."

Perhaps, during weather such as we have been having this summer, an arrangement where right living would bring rain might be quite an inducement to farmers to live right.

But we have been told that the rain falls on the just and the unjust alike.

That being the case the only thing that remains for us to do is to do the best we can all the time and trust that the Lord will send rain whenever we should have it.

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.



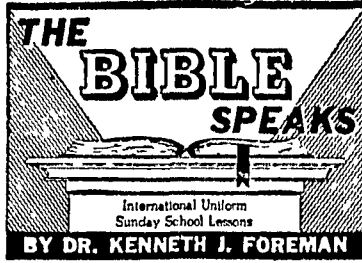
### Don't Throw Away The Key

Sound conservation of natural resources doesn't consist of locking the door and throwing away the key.

That, in essence, is the position taken by Chairman Aspinall of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Speaking to the White House Conference on Conservation, he said "It is my hope and prophecy that Congress will continue to act with moderation in the field of conservation. We are not going to engage now, any more than we did 50 or 100 years ago, in either wholesale giveaways or wholesale isolation of our resources. We are not going to create mausoleum-like museums in which people can go see resources that cannot be utilized or, even worse, see the surface and be compelled to wonder as to what resources might be uncovered if only we were allowed to look."

If some people, whose good intentions far outweigh their qualities of judgement, had their way this burgeoning nation would be denied the utilization of vital resources — minerals, oil, timber, water, land — which we will sorely need as time moves on.

The goal is to make careful use of our resources, while preserving wildlife and scenic and recreational assets. That can be done, with complete success, under wise and moderate laws and regulations.



International Uniform Sunday School Lessons  
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Bible Material: Habakkuk; 2 Kings 23:29-37  
Devotional Reading: Psalm 77:5-15

### O, God—Why? Lesson for July 15, 1962

DOES it seem to you that this world doesn't make sense? Move over; you've got company. The bench that will seat all the people who find this world a maddening puzzle, will have to be a long one. And you will find distinguished company there. Here comes a man in the robes of a far-away land. Yet you can tell from the look in his eye



Dr. Foreman that he is one of the world's truly distinguished men. For he has about him the look of a genuine prophet, a man of God. Habakkuk does not come to the inquirer's bench at first like a man with all the answers. He brings questions, not answers. The few pages that remain to us of his prophecies are unique, for other prophets come to us with their minds made up; Habakkuk (so to speak) makes up his mind in public. The answer he seeks comes to him, not from him.

#### A Time of Violence

Habakkuk breaks out with a cry of "how long?" and "why?" He lived in the time when the nation of Judah was in the grip of what today we call a crime wave. . . only that was more like a tide. It was a time of violence, of brutality and lawlessness, of perverted "justice." What Habakkuk cannot understand is why God does not at once put a stop to it. He was not the first nor the last man to be so discouraged about the state of the world that he gives up hope of human help and believes that only some sudden act of God can sweep the many evils aside and usher in peace and justice. But God stays his hand. It seems clear to Habakkuk that God will not intervene,—and this only adds to his desperation. God does not always do what we want him to do, and, particularly, God does not always do what we want him to do when we want him to.

do it. We are like children—impatient if God does not operate on our schedule. But God has his own plans and times. He never comes too late.

#### Scourge of God

Now the Lord gives Habakkuk an answer, an amazing answer. "I am rousing the Chaldeans," God tells the prophet. That would be as shocking in Habakkuk's ears as if some one were to tell us that God is rousing the Russians. Chapter 1:5-11 gives a grim picture of the Chaldeans. Any Israelites would have agreed 100% with it. This was a cruel, strong, ruthless, plundering, tyrannical, atheist nation. They are well aimed, "they come for violence; terror of them goes before them." God does not paint them in pretty colors. What would seem strange and incredible to Habakkuk is not the darkly violent description of the Chaldeans, the nation all other nations feared and hated; what Habakkuk would find all but impossible to believe was that God would stir them up.

Yet that was the fact. Those cruel people were "the scourge of God," to punish the people of God for their own sins. The prophet's question, we remember, was, Why doesn't God do something about the sinfulness of this nation? God's answer is: I am even now preparing a terrible scourge with which to lash this people for their crimes. And the name of the scourge is—Chaldea!

#### A Lesson for Faith

This answer still does not satisfy the unhappy prophet. How is it that a just and good God, to say nothing of his wisdom,—how is it he will use such a wicked nation as the Chaldeans to punish his own people? Space fails to tell all that Habakkuk learned in this time of crisis about the ways of God. One thing was that God is in control. He sets bounds to evil. Neither on this earth nor anywhere in his creation does God offer his throne to Satan. Nowhere does God relinquish control.

Another thing the prophet learns is that we have to look beneath the surface of things to see the truth. All things must be judged, not by what can be seen in a moment's glance, but by the long run. Habakkuk learns that God does not pay all his accounts in October, but God does pay. "The arrogant man shall not abide," as Hitler's ghost could tell you. He who would understand the ways of God must be a patient man of faith, for the man of faith, in contact with the mighty God, shall forever live.

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## Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH

### To Enroll In Five-Acre Corn Contest

Corn producers are reminded of the August 1st deadline to enroll in the Pennsylvania Contest. Entry blanks are available at the Extension Office.

### To Prepare For August Seedings

Mid-August seedings of alfalfa and late August seedings of red clover should make good forage production for the 1963 season. Growers are urged to prepare the ground several weeks in advance of seeding in order to get a firm, weed-free seedbed. Lime and fertilizer applications according to a complete soil test should be worked into the ground before seeding. The band seeding method is strongly recommended.



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### To Control Canada Thistles

Many property owners are guilty of not controlling this noxious weed. State law requires the control of this weed and local land owners are urged to mow the thistles at once and spray the new growth in order to kill the roots. More attention to the eradication of this weed is badly needed.

### To Feed Hay and Silage

### To Supplement Pasture

Dry weather in many areas

has stopped the growth of pasture crops, herd and flock owners should turn to stored feeding in order to maintain condition and production. Animals that are allowed to get thin during the summer and early fall are usually costly producers during the following winter. Hay and silage will take the place of pasture and perhaps some temporary pasture crops may be seeded for late fall grazing.

### Give Cows Shelter

Cows need shade in hot weather. If trees are not available, Joe Taylor, Penn State Extension dairy specialist, says a cheap shelter will serve the purpose and pay dividends. Where zero grazing is practiced cows will consume more chopped grass if feed bunks or self-feeding wagons are located in the shade.



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