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**INTERNATIONAL  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
LESSON**

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 24

MALACHI REBUKES JUDAH.

LESSON TEXT—Malachi 3:1-4:3.  
MEMORY VERSES—3:16, 17.  
GOLDEN TEXT—1. "Return unto me,  
and I will return unto you, saith the  
Lord of hosts."—Mal. 3:7.

2. "Unto you is born this day in the  
city of David a Saviour, which is Christ  
the Lord."—Luke 2:11.

TIME—Some time during the age of  
Ezra and Nehemiah, but it is not certain  
whether about 458 (Ezra) or 444 or 430.

PLACE—Jerusalem and vicinity.  
CONTEMPORARY HISTORY—Alec-  
tander at Athens. The Peloponnesian  
war (431-404). The republic at Rome, gov-  
erned by consuls and military tribunes.  
About this time Socrates was teaching  
the only approach to a pure morality  
which Athens ever knew. Herodotus was  
nearly through his travels (449-400). Plato,  
the philosopher (428-347), was now a boy,  
listening to Socrates. Xenophon (444-354)  
leads the retreat of the ten thousand  
back to Greece (400), which retreat he  
has immortalized in his Anabasis.

There is no certainty as to the  
definite time when Malachi uttered his  
prophecies, because no data is  
given in the book, and the sins which  
he sought to reform were present  
throughout the whole period of Ezra  
and Nehemiah, from 458 through the  
rest of the century. Most place him  
soon after Nehemiah's second coming  
to Jerusalem, between 433 and 430.

He is plain spoken, and direct, with-  
out high eloquence, or supreme poetic  
power, but abounding in effective  
similes, metaphors and imagery which  
hit the mark, and do the work. What  
a London paper says of a distin-  
guished man's straightforward  
speeches applies well to the sermons  
of Malachi: "A sound and healthy  
gospel doubly welcome because 'the  
world is waking to the consciousness  
of intellectual and moral hunger  
which only these truths can satisfy.'"

If we read the later chapters of  
Nehemiah and compare the sins and  
evils which Nehemiah labored to re-  
form, with the sins and evils which  
Malachi denounces, it will be seen  
that both are laboring for the same  
ends, and realize the same necessity  
of reform. God was dishonored, and  
religion made a mere form and farce,  
by offering mean things for sacrifices,  
as polluted bread, and lame and sick  
animals, by refusing to do the sim-  
plest service in the temple without  
pay, by refusing to pay tithes for the  
support of the temple worship, by  
being weary of serving the Lord, by  
intermarrying with the heathen. In  
all these things they broke the di-  
vine law; they showed that their  
minds were all wrong.

One of the peculiar glories of the  
Bible is that from the very beginning  
its golden age is in the future, not, as  
in other ancient nations, in the past.  
And as the golden age must have a  
maker, God's revelation soon brings  
into view the one, the Messiah who  
alone can make the age of gold which  
is the Kingdom of Heaven. Isaiah  
tells us that "unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given; and the gov-  
ernment shall be upon his shoulder;  
and his name shall be called Wonder-  
ful Counsellor, the mighty God, the  
everlasting Father, the Prince of  
Peace."

In the last book of the Old Testa-  
ment, about 400 years before Christ  
was born, the last prophet brings the  
hope and ideal and goal in the person  
of the Messiah, Christ, the Jesus who  
was born on the true Christmas day.  
Behold I, God, will send my messen-  
ger, one coming in God's name, and  
bearing a divine message, whose  
work shall be to prepare the way be-  
fore me, the coming of God himself.  
This messenger, interpreted by our  
Lord himself on two occasions, was  
one who should come in the spirit  
and power of Elijah, doing the same  
work, rebuking sin, denouncing all  
wrongs, calling men to repentance,  
awakening the conscience.

It is possible that these words had  
a partial fulfillment in Nehemiah, a  
foreshadowing on a smaller scale, of  
John the Baptist who completely ful-  
filled the prophecy. Nehemiah's re-  
forms were a part of the preparation  
for the coming of the Kingdom of  
Heaven, and fixed the eyes of the  
people on the great ideal toward  
which they were slowly moving.

Suppose we make two maps of the  
world on the plan furnished by the  
United States census to show the de-  
gree in which ignorance, certain dis-  
eases, and many other things prevail,  
by means of lighter and darker  
shades. On one map we will note the  
countries where the purest Christian-  
ity prevails, by white. A darker shade  
will mark the more imperfect forms,  
and then let the shades grow darker  
and darker through Mohammedanism,  
and the various forms of heathenism  
till we come to the blackness of the  
lowest fetishism.

Then, with entire independence,  
make a similar map of the moral and  
intellectual condition of men. Where  
there is the most manhood, the nob-  
lest womanhood, the highest moral-  
ity, the best social conditions, the  
most done for the sick and suffering,  
the most of all that elevates the peo-  
ple, and brings the greatest happiness  
—these put in white. Darken the  
shades as these things grow less, till  
we come to the blackness of the low-  
est savagery. The two maps will al-  
most coincide. Where there is the  
most Christianity there will be the  
most that is good for man.



**GEORGE A. NEELEY**  
Of Hutchinson,  
Democratic Candidate for Congress  
Seventh District.

**PLATFORM**

If elected, I pledge my whole en-  
deavor to enact into law the follow-  
ing declaration of principles:

- 1st. A Presidential Primary.
- 2nd. The initiative and referen-  
dum.
- 3rd. A national income and inheri-  
tance tax.
- 4th. A law providing for the re-  
call of all unfaithful public officials.
- 5th. The election of United States  
Senators by direct vote of the people.
- 6th. An immediate revision of the  
tariff downward, and the placing of  
all trust made-goods on the free list.
- 7th. The regulation of public ser-  
vice and other corporations by the  
state and nation, and a strict law  
prohibiting over-capitalization of the  
same, providing both fine and im-  
prisonment for the violation thereof.
- 8th. Increasing the powers of the  
interstate commerce commission so  
that they shall have jurisdiction over  
all interstate business, including ex-  
press, telephone and telegraph com-  
panies.
- 9th. Amending the long and short  
haul clause of the Hepburn bill so  
that the common carrier may not  
charge a higher rate for the short  
haul than for the long haul in the  
same direction thereby removing the  
discrimination against the jobbing  
centers of the Seventh district.

10th. I believe in the further  
weeding out of useless officials who  
are parasites upon the body politic;  
cutting out every graft and reducing  
the expense of the administration of  
affairs so that every employee will  
give a dollar of service for every dol-  
lar of pay.

11. I believe in the further exten-  
sion of rural deliveries, and of fur-  
ther federal aid to Agriculture, good  
roads and irrigation in this district.

12. The government of the United  
States owes a sacred duty to its de-  
fenders, and I believe each soldier of  
the Union army is entitled to a pen-  
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balance of his life.

Respectfully submitted,  
**GEORGE A. NEELEY.**

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signed.  
**S. R. McCannant.**

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COUNTY.

- Commissioners: J. F. Fuest, Chairman  
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Eli Taylor  
County Clerk: E. D. Cooper  
County Treasurer: George A. Smith  
Clerk District Court: E. S. Irwin  
Register Deeds: C. W. Finley  
County Attorney: C. H. Commons  
Probate Judge: J. W. Campbell  
Sheriff: H. H. Eldson  
Surveyor: J. G. Trindle  
Coroner: A. L. Kinsley  
County Superintendent: Mary E. Todd  
Judge 2nd Judicial District, Hon. William H.  
Thompson, address, Garden City, Kans.

**TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT**  
Wednesday after third Tuesday of April  
Wednesday after second Monday of September  
Wednesday after second Tuesday of December

- CITY**  
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H. W. Lane  
J. T. Gray  
J. Karau  
E. J. Thayer  
Councilmen:  
Police Judge:  
Marshal:  
Clerk:  
Treasurer:

**LODGE DIRECTORY.**

**Fargo Lodge No. 300**  
A. F. & A. M.  
Stated communications first and  
third Monday of each month.  
M. H. FLOOD, W. M.  
E. S. IRWIN, Sec'y.

**Liberal Lodge 555**  
I. O. O. F.  
Meets every Tuesday night  
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H. W. LANE,  
E. D. COOPER, Sec'y.

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I. O. O. F.  
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Thursday night at 8 o'clock.  
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FRANK ONG, Sec'y.

**Liberal Rebekah**  
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Tuesday night at 8  
o'clock.  
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ing nurse of a western league, who  
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"Here, take one of the seals,"  
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the penny in front of her.

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