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Sermon Outlines, ~~1899~~ 1909

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Jan. 10-'09

Feb. 13:17

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We are living in an age of hurry. We seldom take time to investigate to go into the particulars and details of things. We wish the elevator to carry us to a certain floor in the building never mind how it is built or how it is run. We have not the time to find out these things. We wish the train to carry us to our destination. We do not stop to ask how the coaches are held together or how the engine and coaches are connected. The question is destination. And so with mechanical agencies so with human agencies. We are in too big a hurry to stop and acquaint ourselves with the nature and character of the relation existing between the served and the servant, the taught and teacher, the exhorted, entreated, advised and

the preacher. What do the words
servant, teacher, preacher mean
to most men? Certainly not what
they should mean. To some they
mean too little, to others they
mean too much and to yet
others they have a meaning
that is foreign to any thing they
~~were~~ ever intended to mean
We have not the time now to deal
with all of these different
callings. So we shall con-
sider the Relation of the Pastor
To the People. This Minister is:-
1st The Designer and Director
2nd Advisor
3rd Leader
4th Consoler, Comforter
5th Pastor, teacher, preacher
We should familiarize ourselves
with the functions of the Minister
and then work together in the
Master's Kingdom.
— Amen —

Jan. 24-'09 Like 9:49,50 V

In the world of industry we classify men according to their profession their occupation. These are further classified according to the grab or uniform worn. But we know this is a very imperfect ^{guide} and is not safe to follow even in secular life. And

I think it will not be hard for us to see how utterly untrustworthy such a rule is in spiritual life. Let us learn:

- 1st That God always keeps a large reserve force in all His operations.
- 2nd Where this reserve force maybe found.
- 3rd How this reserve force may be distinguished - Ill Scout, of detection. to Amutor.

May we be the more courageous and determined in that which God has given us to do.

— Amen —

Jan. 24-'09 Ps. 96: 9 ^{Jan. 7-'12} pc

I think I shall not be unjust when I say the history of our religion has almost always been one-sided. A great deal has been made of the sacrificial and heroic elements. One has been considered loyal and true as he has acted the part of a hero or as he has been willing to live a life of sacrifice and suffering. And all of this is well. But there is another side to our religion that we may call the Beautiful Side. I fear the elements that constitute this beautiful side are too often lost sight of. And instead of taking up the cry of the Psalmist and summoning men to God's house to worship Him in the beauty of holiness I fear that we are too often giving the impression that it is a summons to

Ps. 96: 9

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an unpleasant task to spend a season of self denial to engage in an exercise in some and monotonous. Hence the house of worship is made beautiful and attractive, the ceremonies are made elaborate and entertaining and the music is made soft and enchanting. But not in these, however appropriate they may be, is to be found the beauty of holiness that qualifies one to worship God in truth and sincerity. This holiness is experienced not by the transformation of any externalities but by the changing of the heart and the renewing of the mind. So, after all if we would worship God in spirit and in truth we need not so much the architect

Ps. 96: 9

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the decorator, the ritual maker
or nor the musician. But we
need the "Holy Spirit with - all
His quickening power to come
and kindle a flame of sacred
love in these cold hearts of ours"
Let us observe: -

- 1st That there must be constant prepara-
" tion for this worship
- 2nd That there must ^{be} one and only aim
that the glory of God in this worship.
- 3rd That the manner of this worship
must be in accord with God's
plan and method.
- 4th That there are important benefits
accruing from such worship
to the worshiper & to the world gen-
erally.

Whatever else we may fail in
in this we may be successful
for we have Him who is the Spirit
of truth to teach us how to
worship God in the beauty of
holiness. Let us always use Him.

Amen

Feb. 7-'09 Acts 8; L.C. 36^B V

Discipleship includes Love,
Faith and Obedience

Church membership means
Loyalty Faithfulness,

Things that hinder people
from being baptized:-

1st Bigotry

2nd False Pride

3rd Selfishness

May the spirit that to possession
of this Church takes
hold of men to day that
they may study Gods
words and become famil-
iar with the plan of salva-
tion.

— Amen —

Mar. 7-09 Phil. 2:5 V

The that should Jesus No Move-
ment is very much older
than most people realize.
For it started away back
in the first Century of
the Christian dispensa-
tion. Paul, Peter, James
and John belonged to it.
But notwithstanding our
boast of Apostolic suc-
cession, we are very sus-
ceptible of the fact we
are not doing as Jesus
would do if He were here
in the flesh. Let us learn:-

- 1st That was Jesus estimate of the
world; what value did he place up
on a) Honor b) Position c) Money?
- 2nd That Jesus would be an im-
partial worker not a murmurer
fault finder.
- 3rd That Jesus would be a student of
man and their needs.
- 4th That Jesus would recognize all the
good there is in the world and use
and use it for the glory of God and the bet-
terment of humanity. Amen

Mar. 7-'09 John 16:12

No doubt there are many distinct types of saints. We shall not attempt to talk about all of them to day. But shall study two for our profit. The Thriving Saint and The Backward Saint. Let us observe:-

1st The general characteristics of these two types I The Thriving Is a) Humble, meek etc. b) Unselfish Christlike. II The Backward Is a) Bigoted, Conceited selfish, Unchristlike.

2nd Where you will usually find these two types.

3rd The usual occupation of these two types.

4th The attitude of the world to these two types. Amen —

Nov. 21-'09 Matt. 24: 44 ✓

Every man who has knowledge of God, historical knowledge is expected to use that knowledge so as to obtain saving knowledge. God expects us to be ready when he comes to receive the instruction that we need.

We are expected to be ready

1st For instruction

2nd For service

3rd For suffering if necessary

Let us always remember that the Holy Spirit has been given so that we may be ready when our King comes.

— Amen —

Mar. 21-09 Amos 4: Pt. 12 μ

Upon Israel His Chosen people
God has lavished His grace. Every
Conceivable chance for growth in
holiness and righteousness was
given them. The laws by
which they were to be gov-
erned in their religious, do-
mestic and political life were
given them. They had prophets
priests and kings to lead them
in the paths of truth and
righteousness. But notwithstand-
ing all of these wonderful
provisions God had made for
them they were constantly
blundering and straying away
from Him. And after more than
1500 years they must ^{be} exhort-
ed in the language of our
text to prepare to meet God.
How will God meet us? was
a reasonable question. He had met

Amos 4: Pt 12

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them on Sinai, in the pillar of
Cloud and pillar of fire and
gave a token of His favor.
But how will He meet them
now? But are we not like
Israel? Has not God made
every provision possible
for our growth in spiritual
power. And yet after two thou-
sand years the great mass
of the Gentile family are
no better prepared to meet
God in the various walks of
life than was Israel more
than three thousand years ago.
So with all of its ancient
force the exhortation to
prepare to meet God comes
to us. There are five
points in connection with
this subject that I feel
we may study to our profit:—

Amos 4: Pt. 12

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1st We need to prepare to meet God because we are to cooperate with Him in executing all His plans.

2nd The only way we can know the kind of preparation we need to make is to follow the rule that He has given in His Word.

3rd God meets us for various purposes. To rebuke, chastize; To encourage, inspire.

4th We should always meet God reverently, meekly, humbly with faith and confidence.

5th God meets us whenever we make the proper preparation for Him.

May the Holy Spirit prepare us.
Amen

Mar. 28-09 Matt 19:27,28,29 ff

The law and spirit of Commercialism as we have it were never intended to control men in their religious life. Our activities in religious life to be acceptable with God must be prompted by the right motive. Of course men ought, they must realize that in their natural state they are unsafe, unsaved, doomed to be isolated from the greatest things of life; barred from taking part in the greatest movements of the world; that they are foreigners to the Kingdom of God that must ultimately rule the world and can lay no claim to her protection. But notwithstanding these facts

Matt. 19:27, 28, 29

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important though they be there
are other important elements
that must enter into the motive
that should prompt men to
religious activity. He who
seeks citizenship in the King-
dom of God must decide to
be loyal to the King. Must have
a desire to serve the King, they
must think of the honor that is con-
ferred upon them when they are
forgiven for their sins and
received into the Kingdom.

I desire to speak at this time
upon the subject:-

Bargain Dealers In
Religion

I think you hardly need to be
reminded that you are living

Matt. 19:27, 28, 29

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in an age when the great mass of people are ^{desire} seeking to obtain the best things for nothing or for as little as possible. And it is not to be wondered at if men look upon and think about religious matters in the same way. Let us observe:—

- 1st That bargain seekers are the result of dishonesty; that they seldom get the best of the bargain; that they are not the most reliable customers; that they do not use their time and energy to the best advantage.
- 2nd The bargains that God has prepared for men.
- 3rd That God expects of bargain seekers.

Let us always remember that all of God's offers are Bargains.

Amen

April 11-09 1st Apr. 2-99-1901
Apr. 18-97 Matt. 28: 8

The battles of Bunker Hill, Long Island, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and Yorktown had to be fought before the day, 4th of July, which brings delight to so many hearts could be celebrated. So with this day, it was necessary for our Lord to remain in the school of preparation 30 years, in the wilderness of temptation 40 days, on the Cross 3 hours and in the tomb 3 days in order to make the feast of His resurrection possible.

As upon the day when our Lord rose from the dead there are eager multitudes all over the world to day gathered in their respective places waiting to hear the triumphant news from Joseph's new tomb and the song of victory over sin and death. Let us learn:

1st That those who seek Christ early find more than they really expect.

2nd That those of us who have experienced the resurrection have received a message which demands haste that we may deliver it to the waiting multitudes.

3rd The old tomb in which there is no Christ has no attraction for His disciples.

May each one of us give proof of the resurrection which has taken place in his soul.

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— Amen —

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Matt 28:1, 8

May 16-09 Phil. 4:2,3 v Aid Soc.

While there are many things in social and domestic ^{life} that are not advocated nor endorsed by St Paul, the bachelor Apostle. And while at least, on one occasion he did not think it best for woman to speak in public. Yet he never failed to recognize the real value and worth of woman in Christian and philanthropic service. In every church that he established there were consecrated women who formed what would be known to day as the woman's Aid Society. And in most all of his Epistles he makes special mention of ^{them} as in our text and in the 16th Ch. of Rome. The Apostle Paul who must always be regarded as one of

Phil. 4:2,3

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the greatest if not the greatest exponent of all that ^{is} pure and true and good in the Christian Church never regarded woman's work as non-essential or secondary. He seemed to have been delighted over and over again to have referred to them and the valuable service that they had rendered him and the Churches in which they labored. And he recommended them and their work as being worthy of aid and assistance from the men in the Churches.

If this Chief of Apostles gave such a prominent place in the early Church to women and their work. He felt honored in being permitted to give to this woman's Society the place of prominence in our services

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to night. For we have the pleasure at this hour to welcome and address an organization that came into existence 53 years ago not as the result of a passing impulse, a selfish motive nor empty ambition. This organization came into existence as the result of wisdom, knowledge and serious thought concerning the condition and needs of the Afro-American people, especially the women of this City. It came to rescue the perishing and care for the dying. I do not know. I can not know the history in detail of this Society and therefore can not be expected to tell in particular of the many ways in which you have aided the needy

Phil. 4:2,3

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of this City. But the great number
of years you have been in exis-
tence and the progress you
have made and your present
prosperous conditions tell better
than words could what you
have been doing. Now I would
have you consider with me

1st What the need was when your Soc-
iety was organized. And the need now.

2nd What the resources were and what
they are.

3rd The Character of your members
then and now.

4th Your success and its secret.
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5th The fields of service that
seem to invite you.

In your thoughts and plans for the
future you shall need the
same wise divine and human
counsel and leadership that you have
had in the past. Strive to have it.

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May 23 '09

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I An Interesting Subject

- 1st Because it is ancient.
- 2nd Because He has spoken wonderful things.
- 3rd Because He has revealed Himself as the Lamb of God. Light of the world. The way and Truth.
- 4th Because He has identified Himself with humanity.

II A Joyful Subject

- 1st Because it tells us about God's attitude toward and relation to us.
- 2nd It tells us about our salvation.
- 3rd It tells us about our inheritance and home.

III An Instructive Informing Subject

It tells us how to determine Christian life.

May 30-'09 I Cor. 3:7.e.9 μ

When we learn the character of God's Kingdom, I think we hardly need to be told that it is a sphere of activity; that it is an ever growing, advancing, increasing Kingdom.

Those who enter it, therefore, must be preeminently labourers. To be labourers with God we must:

- 1st Know the character of the work to be done.
- 2nd Know the method that God is employing.
- 3rd Make special preparation.
- 4th Remember that the duration of our labour is with God.
- 5th Remember that the reward will be in accord with our laboring.

The position we occupy is an important one. May we always honor it.

Amen

Dec. 22-'07 Math. 2: 11 - 24

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————— Amen —————

May 30.09 Prov. 22:4 ✓

Virtues like flowers to grow
and to be of service must
have good Soil and wholesome
surroundings. So humility and
Godly fear have a very poor
chance where there is social
wrangling, political conflicts,
Commercial warfare and re-
ligious misunderstandings and
controversies. Our war songs
and patriotic hymns all teach
us to dismiss our fears and
be brave and courageous. And
our text exalts humility and
fear and names the reward
that practice of these virtues
brings. He observes:-

1st The demands that Pride, Ambition
and Bigotry make on one.

2nd The cost of Inevitable and Reck-
lessness.

3rd That humility and proper fear
bring a Life of Honor & Rich-
es. Humility and fear with God on our
side are worth more than all
Else, as Pride Recklessness etc.
without Him. Amen

June 6-'09 Prov. 22:13
Gen. 18:14

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Some of us saw the lions that passed through our streets last Monday. But there was at least one Compting pleasing phase about their passing through our streets and ^{that} was that they were all in Cages and under control of a strong Master. So most of the difficulty is that as lions come into our pathway are usually caged and under the control of a Mighty Hand. Let us observe

- 1st That lions are strong and dangerous.
 - 2nd That Curiosity Causes people to give uselss time to lions.
 - 3rd That lions can be gotten under control.
 - 4th That lions make us provide weapons for our defence.
- Let us know that the Lord can do all things

Amen

God has only one plan for humanity

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June 6-'09 Phil. 3: 13, 14 pt

However long and profitable our lives may be their duration and sphere of operation are summed up in three words, the past, present and the future. The usefulness of our lives depends upon our knowledge of these periods, their value and meaning. The present is man's throne, the past and future are two provinces of the Kingdom over which he is to rule. Let us consider:—

- 1st The King and his throne or man and the present.
- 2nd The King and the 1st province or past.
- 3rd The King and 2nd province or future.

May we at all times thank God for the way in which he has placed His precious time at our disposal.

— Amen —

June 20-'09 I. Jno. 5:4 pc

I think that we are all agreed that whatever else man may be God intends for him to be preeminently spiritual. Hence all with which we have to do that is not spiritual is essentially opposed to God's plan and purpose concerning us. St. Paul gives us the idea when he says the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be. So when we begin to understand God's purpose concerning us and by the aid that He grants unto us we begin to carry out His purpose then the world, the flesh that is not spiritual begins in a special way to assault itself, and we know what the Apostle Paul mean in Rom. 7:15, 25.

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Let us observe:—

1st What men have tried to overcome in the world.

a) unprofitable material conditions
I-Natural forces, as gravitation, electricity and wind.

II-Physical Conditions—mountains, valleys, coal, gold and other ~~ores~~

b) Unprofitable Mental Conditions

I-Ignorance II Indifference

III Melancholy and depression

c) Unprofitable social conditions

I-Savagery II Individualism

III-Greediness and Poverty.

2nd What men must overcome in the world.

a) doubt, fear incredulity.

b) Bigotry and false pride.

If through proper use of faith others have gained victories, we may have the same blessed experience. May strive for it.

— Amen —

June 27 '09 Prov. 8th ch. pc

One of the important questions of today is, What is the good of technical knowledge, of literary training, and intellectual culture? What is there in the study of higher Mathematics, History, Rhetoric etc.? And it is well and reasonable for men to ask this question. For we are living ⁱⁿ a busy age a practical age. Hence men want their great puzzling question answered for them. We have reached a place in our advancement where men wish to have everything that is useful prepared, arranged, systematized and labeled for them. And there is a deal of wisdom in this position. Now if this true concerning men generally it ought to be especially true concerning Christian men. God's people above all others ought to hail with delight every legitimate phase of the world's progress. We ought to enter every store house of knowledge whose

Prov. 8th Ch.

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seal has been broken and see what is there for us. There may be, there is something in Politics, Commerce and Education for God's people. I think most of us take first to the Commercial phase of life, because our daily physical existence is tied up in it. And some of us go into the political phase of life and get what belongs to us as God's people. But I am afraid that too few of us go into the Educational phase of life with eagerness and enthusiasm. And hence too often we fail to obtain what God has stored away in this department of life for us. He is just passing out of the time of the year when we are especially interested in Education and devote our time money and attention to her demands.

The Relation of Our Literary Schools
To Our Churches.

Prov. 8th Ch.

Let us observe:—

- 1st That the School and Church must have Teachers who have made preparation for and have consecrated themselves to the work.
 - 2nd That in many particulars the aim of the School and Church is the same. Both seek to help men understand themselves and their needs and responsibilities as good citizens. ^{effect upon a community}
 - 3rd That the success of the School and the Church, depends very largely upon character of the disciples or learners. They loyal, studious and receptive.
 - 4th That the support of the School and Church come from a generous, intelligent thoughtful people.
- Let us endeavor always to remember that life is knowledge and knowledge is power and that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.
- Amen

July 25-'09 Deut. 10:12, 13 pe

I think that there can be no question that the ideal family is the family in which every member is employed, in which every member has responsibility. So with a well organized government - every individual has responsibility, has his part to play. The pride of our homes is the family altar and reading room. The power of our homes is in their skill and industry. The pride of our government is in her democratic institutions in which every citizen may have a part. But if men would have a place and take their part in these institutions they must

Deut. 10:12, 13

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Know their duty. And in order to know their duty they must study the law by which the institutions are governed. The law in its fullness, not simply the preamble must be studied and observed. Then we must become familiar with the history of these institutions. Let us observe:—

1st That under the divine law every man has obligations and responsibilities.
a) To God b) To himself c) To his fellow man.

2nd That under the divine law every man has a chance. Equal rights prevail. The door of hope is open.

3rd That we may know God's requirements of us by learning what his requirements have been for men and nations through the ages.

May we all feel ourselves to be highly honored in that God gives us a place in the great work that He is doing in this old world.
— Amen —

Aug. 1-'09 Genesis 2:15 ✓

Whatever may have been the limitations of the garden of Eden it was the best place in which man has had to live in this world. And there has always been something in the nature of man that has made him crave and long for the old home stead. So in Rome was man with the garden and its simple pure life that whenever he has been found, by whatever name he has been known he has been trying to find his way back to make one of his own. That made the garden life so beautiful and attractive was that in it every thing was according to God's plan and purpose. And God gave it over into the hand of man to dress and keep it.

Genesis 2:15

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Nothing could be a more perfect picture of man's life. God has made it and given it to us that we may cherish and keep it.

We observe:—

1st That God has planned for us a beautiful simple life:

2nd That God has planned for us a life of intelligence—Knowledge and wisdom.

3rd That God has planned for us a life of power, mastery.

4th That God has planned for us a life of industry—service.

If we may not return to the old garden of Eden let us rejoice in the fact that we can go through Jesus to a better place. Amen

Aug. 1-'09 Jer. 2: 10

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The prophet has always been necessary to the proper development of a people. His function is many fold, he must warn, rebuke, instruct, inspire and encourage. The people who have listened to God's message as delivered by His prophet have been victorious in battle, successful in business, comfortable in their homes and prosperous and powerful in their religion. Zechariah with Jerebbael, Ezra, Haggai and Nehemiah were captives in Babylon at one time and they knew something of the hardships that had come to their people as a result of disobeying God. But now they are back in Jerusalem. And they do all in their power by word and

Sept. 5-'09

Jan. 27-'07 Luke 15:10 V

There is nothing in ^{heaven} nor on earth that is of so much moment as these matters that concern man. Indeed it seems that the condition of heaven and earth depend upon the condition of man. To continue in evil does not affect him alone but the entire world. If there is joy over one sinner that repenteth then one sinner has the power to change the condition upon earth and in heaven. Let us learn:-

1st The value of a sinner - what has been invested in him.

2nd The agencies that are at work in heaven and earth to bring man to repentance.

3rd The effect of the repentant sinner upon himself & upon the world - puts it back in order. & Upon heaven - produces joy there.

Let us pray for and work for sinners.
Amen

Oct. 3-'09 Associational Report

1 - Trip - Village - Church ^{Letter} ^{Response}
Homes etc.

2 - Brown Man. 10:10. Kneeland.
Whitman Portland Oreg.
^{business}

3 - Reading Ch. Letters

Sunday School Hour

Inter'n'l. J. L. H. N. E. Miller
Teacher Training C. R. Main
Business End of Spines
Spine side Clive

New Testament Requisites for Ch.
Today. Faith. Caution. Purity. Per-
sonal Power. Regus. Appropriation
Gibbs.

4 - St. Convention - ^{C.A.} Fulton
N. Bapt. Con. New era in So. Cal.
W. W. Pratt.

2nd Day

1-Ch. Letters Completed
Com. Reports

Young P.-St of Religion - Evan-
gelism - Obiterary - Revision
Resolutions - Centennial,
New Ch. & Pastors 5

2 - G.G. Johnson 6 8² Ps.
Dinner

3 - Girls Miss. Training Sch. Phila.
Miss Vera Wagner.

B.B. Union in Cant.

Womens Hour

Taylor - Cophead - Unoccupied Child
in Africa. J.H. Gray Hilltop 3 Cms

Minister's Home, Taylor - Sub. Hand
Election of Officers & Supper.

H. F. Laflamme.

Oct. 3-'09 Laymen's Missionary ^v
Movement

I Missions General in U.S.
1st In the South 2nd In the
West. 3rd In the North + East

Williamston Mass.
Haystack Prayer meeting

II Foreign Missions
1st Asia 2nd Africa
3rd Islands

III Societies at work
1st National Bapt. Con.
+ Hot Carey. 2nd B. Union

IV Foreign and Afro-A-
mericans
Convention Oct. 16-19 Con-
vention Hall.

Sept. 19-09

Jan. 27-07. Ps. 119:126 μ

What! does the Psalmist mean to interfere with God's affairs? Does he mean to plan for God? Does he presume to dictate to God? Let us not forget that what seems presumption to the idle, indifferent, unconcerned, is for the Child of God only legitimate interest. He is not moved by Curiosity but by his deep Consecrated zeal. The true Child of God is in constant Communion with God, his will is lost in God's will. He understands God's plans and he knows his purposes and is familiar with his methods. He therefore can not interfere, presumption is foreign to him, and he would not dictate even if he could. Here the Psalmist means to acknowledge his weakness, his inability to cope with the powers of evil, and to express his confidence in God.

Ps. 119: 126

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He really says, Father thy Cause is suffering, man can do nothing. It is time for thee now. Now thou canst work effectually. Let us learn from our text:—

1st That it is the privilege and duty of "God's Child to know the real condition of his work in the world.

2nd That God's Child believes that there is a place, a special place for God in his work on earth.

3rd That when as the Psalmist we remind God that it is time for Him to work we really imply a willingness to cooperate with Him.

4th That when God is allowed His place in His work these results will follow 1st There will be peace and harmony 2nd There will be cooperation in service 3rd There will be joy in service 4th Success will be certain.

May we be ever ready to obey for now is the time for God to work for me

Sept. 19-'09 v
Jan. 20-'07 Phil. 1:6 pe

There are some matters which concern us that are of such great importance that we feel that their proper development depends entirely upon us. And we do not feel to entrust them to any one else. But there are other matters which if they are to be successfully carried out must be entrusted to another. Our religion, spiritual life is such a matter. Let us learn from our text:—

- 1st That the zeal and ~~confidence~~ ^{hopefulness} with which we labor depend upon the amt. of confidence we have in the ultimate success of our labor.
 - 2nd That the advance we make in Christian life depends upon the way we start. If God begins advance is certain.
 - 3rd That all growth and strength are not to be determined by what we see.
- May we ever be glorious under the operation of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Oct. 19-'13

Sept. 26-'09 Gen. 27:38

It seems right that the father who is rich and has abundance should provide for his children. It seems right also that the children should of such a father should keep constantly in mind their inheritance - and make ample preparation to receive use and enjoy it. But I suppose no disinherited child ever felt that he had received justice. Let us consider this morning:-

Our Heavenly Inheritance.

- 1st It is an abundant inheritance. It includes every thing necessary.
- 2nd It is permanent. It is always yours can not be taken away.
- 3rd It is ever increasing. And not fear that it will run out.
- 4th It is joyous. Not burdensome no wakeful nights because of it.

Let all may be heirs of God with Jesus eldest Brother. Let us see to it.

— Amen —

Oct. 10 '09

Nov. 12 '05

Matt. 26:18 + ✓

The Feast of the Passover which was kept and is kept even now commemorates the love and mercy of God which were so abundantly bestowed upon God's Chosen People in Egypt when the destroying angel saw the blood on their door posts and passed over them, is but a symbol of Jesus who in his death becomes our Passover. And Jesus wished the Chosen People to receive and understand this important truth so throughout his earthly career he kept the Feast that his act might be an example to the people. He began when only a boy of 12 in the Temple at Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of the Passover. But now after 21 years he finds no place

Matt. 26:18

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in the Temple for the celebration of this rite of which he himself is the fulfillment. But there always has been and always will be a place in which Jesus may meet with his disciples. Let us learn from our text:—

- 1st That those with whom Jesus would feast must be made acquainted with his will and purpose. The messenger the Holy Spirit must give the information.
- 2nd That those with whom Jesus would feast must prepare for Him.
- 3rd That those with whom Jesus would feast must prepare to receive and feast with his disciples also.

May each one of us who is permitted to have the Master come and feast with us appreciate the honor he has conferred upon us. — Amen —

Oct. 24-'09 John 17:17-24

I Thes. 4: 3

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There are two classes of people who do wrong. Those who do wrong because they wish to do so. And those who do wrong because they do not know any better.

And there are two classes of people who do right. Those who do right because they choose to do so, and those who do right because they are made to do so. The laws of the ^{feet} are numerous and ^{understandable} difficult, since we must have lawyers and judges to interpret and make known to us the meaning of the law. God's law is all comprehensive, it is intended for every phase of man's life. And yet we feel almost daily the need of more specific rules to guide us in our dealing with minor things of life. Every now and then we hear people wondering why God has not given a rule for this that and the other. The difficulty is not that God has failed to give a rule for every little detail of life. But that we fail to recognize the all-inclusiveness of the law and rules that He has given.

John 17: 17-24
I Thes. 4: 3

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God has expressed in a very clear way his will concerning us. And ^{to} understand this thoroughly and carry it out perfectly requires all the time and wisdom that we possess. Let us summarize them:—

1st That God's great will concerning his people is that they be sanctified! Not that they be primarily, wise, happy, great, popular but sanctified—made holy—sacred—be set apart.

2nd That God designates the means to be used. Not philosophy, not science, not literature, not money. But His word which is truth. His word which has the rule for every step of the way into sanctification.

3rd That the reason for our sanctification is given. Not that we may boast and feel ourselves to be better than any one else. Not that we may become so contented as to cease striving to enter in at the strait gate. But that ~~we~~ we may be with our Master and behold His glory.

We should use every faculty that God has given us in accomplishing our sanctification. Prayer, praise and labor. — Amen —

Oct. 31-09
Sept. 4-04 John 11:35 V

However high and lofty Jesus's position may be it is a source of great comfort to us to know that he can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, that he sympathizes with us in all of our difficulties and sorrows. Our text simply gives us an imperfect idea of Jesus' interest in us. Let us see:

- 1st That Lazarus and his two sisters represent the condition of human family. Some have gone beyond the power of their friends and relatives. And are given up as hopeless cases.
- 2nd That Jesus shows himself in sympathy with poor fallen humanity before he begins to aid us.
- 3rd Jesus never lessens his power to aid by his sympathy.

May each one of us be consoled always when troubles come to know that Jesus sympathizes with us, and is often wrapping with us.

Amen

Nov. 7-09 I Cor. 7:31 μ

The world and man are subjects sufficiently large and difficult to occupy the mind of the shrewdest a life time. But to consider man in his relation to or attitude towards the world requires, if possible even greater thought.

And this is especially so as it concerns the Christian man.

Let us consider, The Use and Abuse of The World:-

- 1st He must know man in his real nature - his needs - his inclinations and hopes - and aspirations.
- 2nd He must know the world - its nature - its history and its destiny.
- 3rd He must learn from those who are best qualified to teach us, how to use this world so to get the greatest good out of it for ourselves and our fellow men.

Let us remember the words of the Master and set our affections on things above not on things on the earth. Amen

Nov. 28-09

Sept. 1-07 Col. 1: L.C. 18 ✓

However limited in our knowledge we may be concerning nations and their systems of government. We all know one thing, that is that the King's place is on the throne. To have it otherwise reduces the whole legislative and governing system to a mob. We observe:—

1st That Christ in His rightful place in a nation or in a life gives dignity to that nation for life.

2nd That Christ in His rightful place raises a life to its proper place of usefulness in the world.

3rd That Christ in His rightful place is a light to keep men out of danger— is a Refuge to save men from ruin.

Let us lose no time in raising Christ to His rightful place in the world. Amen

Nov. 28-09 Deut. 12: 13, 14 μ

Israel was journeying towards Canaan, a country in which they would find many beautiful temples and attractive altars. But they are instructed by Moses their leader as to how they should regard these temples and altars that had been erected for the worship of idols. What is the lesson that comes to us who are journeying towards our land of promise?

1st That we have an offering to make to God a) Time, means b) Ability, strength. c) Fear and ambition.

2nd That the appointed time is the best time to make our offering. 1st The Spirit is ready to inspire and instruct.

3rd That the Chosen place is the best place in which to make our offering.

May we accept the words of our text as though they were spoken directly to us?
Amen

Dec. 5-'09

May 21-'05 Mark. 10:49 V

No one can tell the agony that had filled this man's heart. For years he had sat by the wayside blind begging. His condition presents a perfect picture ~~picture~~ of all humanity blind in sin begging from the world the aid which perishes the assistance which must be constantly renewed. Our hospitals and reformatories can give only temporary aid. They remove maladies only to have them return again. Let us observe:—

- 1st That Jesus stood still because
a) he saw a man helpless who could not see him. b) he saw a man who wanted to be helped.
- 2nd That Jesus used the blind man's friends in getting the man where he could help him.
- 3rd The message these friends take from Jesus to the blind man, be of good comfort he calleth thee.

May we be willing have Jesus give to us our sight so that we may behold wonderful things out of his law.
Amen

Dec. 12-09 Ju. 11: 30, 31, 34, 40. Naomi Ch.
no. 10
Ruth 1: 16 Esther 7: 1, 3 E*
John 11: 21 II John 1, 2

Officers and members of Naomi Chapter no. 10 of the Order of the Eastern Star I trust that your coming here to night will prove no less a pleasure to you than to the pastor and members of this church who extend to you a most hearty welcome. This occasion gives me double pleasure; first it is a pleasure to see ^{you} all together in your regalia and to speak to you gives me great pleasure. I have selected some passages of scripture familiar to you of all that may serve to introduce the subjects we desire to consider to night. These scriptures give us some idea of your

organization - its purpose, secrets, signs and types. For out of these must come your impetus and life.

The very name of your order is significant. For when we speak the word Eastern a thousand and one important questions arise and fill us with enthusiasm. Then when you attach the term Star added interest is given to your name. For we begin to think of all for which the Star has stood during the centuries and we are almost overwhelmed by the dignity and importance of the name by which your order is distinguished.

If we go back to the

beginning of man's history we find this Eastern idea very prominent. For we are told that God planted a garden Eastward in Eden. And the river by which this garden was planted flowed Eastward. And when man was driven out of the garden Chubbim we placed at the Eastern gate to guard the garden. And after Cain had killed his brother and God had placed a curse upon him we are told that he went and dwelt in the land of Nod on the East of Eden.

The Civilization of the world is an Eastern product. The light of intelligence and culture and refinement began to shine in Eastern Countries. Assyria, Persia, Egypt, Greece and Rome

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gave to the world his first
idea of art and science and
law and philosophy. The
Magi were Eastern Philos-
ophers astronomers and schol-
ars. So when we use the
word Eastern we do not use
an empty term. But ^{one} that is
full of history and meaning.
It was the Star in the East that
led the wise men to their Re-
deemer and Lord. And He is
called the Day Star and the
Morning Star.

So when the founder
of the order you represent de-
cided the points of your em-
blem to represent fine em-
inent personages he did not
stop in the immediate west
nor did he go to the distant
west. He went to the East so
you Western women have as

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Your insignia a Star representing Eastern Character of reformation.

For the purpose of your order you know better than I for what each of these Characters stand. And it seems to me that as we are gathered here we can not do better than study:-

- 1st The Organization you represent *
a) Shun b) Lead to truth c) Liberty
- 2nd The Power of a Secret a) stimulates to 1st Study 2nd Labor
- 3rd The meaning and use of types
a) Covenant obligation b) Pity Consecration to God. c) Race loyalty and fidelity. d) Recognition of God the Saviour as represented in His Son. e) Love Kindness, Hospitality.

As you study the Characters whom the points of your Emblem represent may each of you strive hard in turn to become a star to light up this old dark sin cursed world. Amen

Dec. 26-09 I John 3:2.C. 8 μ

The birth of Jesus ^{marked} ~~was~~ the beginning of a warfare between the two opposing forces. The different epochs in history tell us something of the battles that have been fought.

We observe :-

- 1st The time of the manifestation:
conditions a) Politically, b) Commercially, c) Socially and Religiously.
- 2nd The manner of the manifestation
a) In public in the midst of activities of life.
- 3rd The purpose of the manifestation
a) To destroy the works of the devil.
- 4th The manifestation of the force of evil.
- 5th The operation of the force of Satan.

Let you learn the purpose of God's manifestation and get in harmony with Him.
Amen