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Jan. 4 '25 PS. 24: 7 V

Lift up your heads, O ye gates: And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

It takes most men a long time to learn the real character of the little world in which they live.

To find men shut off, living apart from the rest of the world, is too common.

Men, figuratively and literally, build great castles and wall themselves in, so that they get to no body nor does any body get to them. Even the King of glory is shut out.

It is the business of the prophet to learn the needs of the people and tell what to do in order to have their needs supplied. That is what David is doing in the words of our text. Our subject is

Opening the Gates
At this the beginning of a new year

PS. 24:7

We need to lift up some of ^{the} gates and doors that hold us in our narrowness and selfishness. There are many and much that we should allow to come into our life during this year, if we would be profitable and prosperous. And we are exhorted especially to let the King of glory come in. Let us remember

1st That God has entrusted to each of a little domain, which he himself enters only as we allow him.

2nd That there are many things that we need to know about our little ^{domain} that only the King can make clear to us.

3rd That the King requires us to open our gates and doors wide so that he may enter bringing with him what we need.

— Amen —

Jan. 4 '25

Jonah 1 Ch.
Mark 4:35-41

M

We may liken the course of a year over which we pass, unto a tour, a journey or as we have at this time, unto a voyage.

Voyages are made for different purposes; for business, exploration, war and for pleasure.

Much enters into the preparation for a voyage: the vessel in which we are to sail, its equipment and crew. And above all we should be sure that we have on board the Pilot who knows the course over which we are to sail.

Subj. A Voyage with Or Without
The Pilot.

Now with our trunks and grips all packed with ambitions, imaginations, desires, hopes and expectations, let us launch forth upon the voyage of 1925.

Let us remember, that we have loosed from the shore of 1924 and we can not return.

On this voyage we shall make 365 minor stops, 12 more important stops and 52 most important stops. If we would have a successful voyage we must follow the directions of our Pilot as to how we spend our time at each one of these stops.

Let observe that with our Pilot we shall make the voyage of 1925 with:-

- 1-Faith-Confidence.
- 2-Safety and Security.
- 3-Pleasure and delight.
- 4-Helpful service.
- 5-Peace and good will.

May our voyage this year be one of business, exploration, war and pleasure, under the guidance of our Pilot.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 11 '25 Luke 16: 3 μ

The steward said unto himself,
What shall I do? for my lord taketh
away from me the stewardship;
I can not dig; to beg I am ashamed.

There are happenings in every
life so delicate, so sad and
tragic that you can tell no one
about them. Some times you just
long to talk about them. But
if you think of no one who will un-
derstand and sympathize with
so the best you can do is to do
like the man of our text, talk to
yourself.

I am to speak at this time
about The Tragedy Of Unemployment
In The Kingdom.

The question of unemployment
in any sphere of life is one
that causes much anxiety and con-
cern.

Every well regulated govern-
ment endeavors to keep its ci-
tizens employed. For unemploy-
ment carries with it many de-
structive consequences.

Luke 16:3

But to be a Citizen in the Kingdom, where we are supposed to be laborers together and co-workers with God, and to be out of employment is terrible, sad, tragic.

Let us observe:-

1st That there is never a panic in the Kingdom of God. There is always plenty of work.

2nd That Citizenship in the Kingdom of God carries with it a position, Employment.

3rd That there is no substitute for employment in the Kingdom of God.

4th That the employment agency in the Kingdom of God is free and always open.

5th That wages in the Kingdom of God are always good.

May we all see the inconsistency of unemployment in the Kingdom of God, and strive to keep employed.

— Amen —

Jan. 18-'25 Ps. 35 μ

It is reasonable to believe that God has a program for every one of us. Some times we readily understand it and some times we do not.

But in carrying out God's program most of us are either too slow or too fast.

Then too often, for most of us God's program is too tame - too conservative. And we go about to make our own programs and present them to God.

Let us observe some of the programs we make for God.

1st A program of prejudice - hate - Revenge.

2nd A Militant program.

3rd A program of haste.

May we see in God's program our every need. Let take delight in obeying him.

— Amen —

Jan. 25 '25

Matt. 18:20

M

For ^{where} two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Surely the prophet has done well when he describes the Master as the mighty God. When here in the flesh he never shunned difficult tasks. Indeed he seemed more at home with hard problems than with easy ones.

When he went into a community he did not seek the popular, the great and high. But he sought to make the unpopular popular and the lowly cast down great and high.

So we are going to talk at this time on

Making Popular The Unpopular

Let us observe:-

1-What it takes to make popular the unpopular.

- a) Subjects who are submissive.
- b) Capable Subjects.
- c) Subjects with worthy aims.
- d) A superior character in the midst.

2-Who are benefitted when the unpopular are made popular. a) The individuals themselves. b) The superior character. c) The entire organization or the community.

3-How shall those who are made popular maintain their popularity. a) By using appointed means. b) By doing the helpful constructive things. c) By keeping in touch with the one who has made possible the popularity.

May we all realize that by nature we are very unpopular in the sight of God. Then may we seek earnestly to have him come into our midst who has power to make us popular.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 1 - '25 Prov. 1:7

V

Ecl. 1:2:13

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of ~~wisdom~~ knowledge. Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

There is a place in every life for legitimate fear. Do not fill it up with improper fear.

Legitimate Fear

1st The wish for knowledge and fearing God put us in line to obtain it.

2nd The wish for holiness, goodness and fearing God puts us in line to obtain these virtues.

3rd The wish for more life and fearing God puts us in line to obtain it.

Feb. 1-'25 Gen. 3:9 μ

God has been very kind and gracious to give to man, though fallen and depraved, the ability to hear and understand the voice of God above the tumult and amid the bustle and confusion of this old world.

To the obedient faithful the Call of God is attractive. But to the disobedient and wayward God's Call is repulsive.

God's Call - He observes

1st That God has a specific place in the world for every man.

2nd That God Calls to men and awakens them to a sense of their real position.

3rd That God Calls men to a position where they can be useful.

— Amen —

Feb. 8 '25

Matt. 6:8

M

Be not ye like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

I suppose that there is nothing more destructive to human happiness than undue solicitude, anxiety.

We allow ourselves to become over anxious about the weather; about God's provision for us; about what people think about us.

We are often foolishly anxious to be like other people, we wish to live in the same kind of house, on the same street, we wish to dress just like other people and have the same kind of bill of fare.

Anxiety And Its Sure Cure

In order to be cured of our undue anxiety we need to study our God, become acquainted with his character. We must learn:-

1st The nature of God's procedure; as to a) Regularity. b) System, exactness. c) Comprehensiveness.

2nd The great variety^{and} abundance of his provision.

3rd The character of his administration and manner of his distribution.

If we are going to be anxious let us be anxious about knowing our God, and his abundant supply.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 15-'25 Genesis 11: 4 μ

And they said, go to, let us build us a City, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Sin and wickedness like noxious weeds grow without cultivation most every where. But there are places where they do not seem to grow and spread their pernicious influence so rapidly and so disastrously as in some other places.

The simple Country life seems never to have been so terribly effected by sin and wickedness as the complex City life.

So it seems to have been God's plan to have life, whether of an individual or of a group,

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to get its bearings and to have
its first period of growth and
development in the Country, in
the forests, in the mountains, in
the open fields and beside the
rivers and lakes.

With all of their advantages,
great Cities have always been
fraught with many unescap-
able dangers. Here men unite
for great Constructive Service,
and here men unite for great
destructive work.

Our subject is
Modern Towers Of Babel. Let us
observe that the tower of Babel represents:-

1st Selfishness

2nd Disobedience to God

3rd Unworthy ambition.

4th Godless plans

5th Unholy resolutions

6th God's Just Retribution

Let us build, but let us build accord-
ing to God's plan.

Feb. 20-'25 John. 21:4 μ

With all the world's boasted light- illumination, in every Community there are multitudes of people who dwell in almost perpetual darkness. Hence they are blundering, stumbling, falling and failing.

Night hides many of the beauties that are all around us. But when the morning comes all is revealed.

With morning comes the peaceful shore where we may land and calm our fears.

With morning comes a new and larger vision of life and its responsibilities.

Jesus had the faith and confidence in himself that made it possible for him to say, I am the light of the world!

Let us observe:-

John 2:14

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1st " That to labor apart from Jesus means Darkness, Doubt, Dread and danger.

2nd " That to labor apart from Jesus continuously makes it difficult if not impossible to recognize him when he appears.

3rd " That to labor apart from Jesus is to deprive ourselves of the necessities of life.

Let each of us as we toil here amid the darkness of the night, look for the new day that is beginning to dawn.

— Amen —

Mark. 15-25 Matt. 3: 16, 17 V B

This initial public ^{act} in Christian life is the most important one, the one that impresses not only earth, but heaven also; it not only attracts man and calls from him words of approval. But this act attracts God and calls from him words of approval.

This is the lone act that opens heaven and allows man to look into its portals.

Let us observe:—

- 1st " What Jesus did in Baptism
- 2nd " What Jesus saw in Baptism
- 3rd " What Jesus heard in Baptism.

Let us seek to obtain all the blessings that are to be found in this one great act.

— Amen —

Mar. 15 '25

Psalms 34:L.C.10

M

But they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

There have been times in the life of every one of us when we have been over anxious about our needs.

We have sought counsel from many experts. We have exhausted many resources.

God's supplies like himself are inexhaustible and meet the demands of every one who seeks them.

But it takes most of us a long time to learn about the variety and abundance of God's supply.

In every age there have been a few who have seen the light, and have led the way to God's supply. Some follow, but the great majority hesitate-hang back. They fear to break away from their old moorings, they are afraid to leave the shoals and to launch out into the deep. These are destined to go through life with a scant supply. They remain away from Father and his abundance, and feed upon husks in the land of strangers.

The history of man's progress substantiates the truth of our text.

For whenever and where ever man has sought God, this has been his testimony, that he has wanted no good thing.

The chemist comes forward and testifies, that when he sought the Lord in his laboratory, that he wanted no good thing.

The geologist testifies that when he went into the bowels of the earth, that he found coal, oil, gas, copper, brass, silver and gold and many precious stones, and that he wanted no good thing.

The agriculturist prepares the soil and plants his variety of seed, reaps an abundant harvest and announces to the world that they that seek the Lord want no good thing.

Let us observe:-

PASTOR'S STUDY, 66 WALNUT STREET

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DEAR FRIEND:—

I am forming a Company of one hundred men to assist us in securing \$500 in our Rally, Sunday May 15th.

I have chosen you as one of the members of this Company. As such, you will kindly fill the inclosed card and return it to me. Please let me have it by May 12th, so that I may be able to prepare my report to be given Sunday May 15th when five other companies will make reports.

I shall hope to hear from you and to see you on that evening.

I am humbly His servant and your friend,

Psalms 54:L.C.10

1-How men have and may seek the Lord.

Some have sought the Lord,

- a) In fear. We may seek him in faith.
- b) In signs and symbols. We may seek him through our Savior.
- c) In ritual and law. We may seek him in life, labor and love.

2-Where men have and may seek the Lord.

Men have sought the Lord,

- a) In mountains.
 - b) In caves.
 - c) In cities
- We may seek him any where and every where.

3-When men have and should seek the Lord.

Men have sought the Lord,

- a) At certain seasons.
- b) When they were summons to do so.
- c) When they were in fear.

We may and should seek him at all times.

.....Amen.....

Mar. 23 '25 I Cor. 1:21-24 μ

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

The best things that this world affords are of value and profit only to those who see and understand them aright. So, often instead of the best things helping us to a higher place in life they hinder us and become our stumbling blocks.

We should never be too certain that all the seasons and institutions to which we do not easily adjust ourselves are wrong and are of no profit.

I Cor. 1:21-24

For most people there are always many stumbling blocks that hinder them in the solution of life's greatest problems. This ^{is} due some times to ignorance and ^{some times} to prejudice.

It is a bad thing indeed a dangerous thing to hold too tenaciously to preconceived ideas that we have held concerning matters about which we know little or nothing. In so doing we often forfeit our right to and deprive ourselves of great blessings.

Let us learn from our text:

- 1st That the Jews in our text represent the people who are good, pious, religious but who lack wisdom.
 - a) Who like the showy, the spectacular c) those who believe more in what they see than they do in what they feel.
 - 2nd The Greeks represent the people who are:
 - a) Intellectual, b) cultured refined.
 - 3rd That the called represent system, law, and order, power and wisdom.
- Amen

Apr. '25

Mark 6:3

M

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

Most people in their religious life speak, and act as though they thought the only thing about Jesus that makes him valuable is his divinity. But the truth is, his value arises from the fact that he is both divine and human.

This was the great mystery that became a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks. They could not see how that Jesus could be so divine and yet so human; how he could be so human and yet so divine.

We all are mightily influenced in our attitude towards and consideration of men and institutions by externalities-outward appearances. We are also influenced by titles and professions.

We make robes for Jesus and expect him to appear in them whenever he comes to us. Some go so far as to create organizations for Jesus, and in these organizations and no where else they seek him.

The Humanity Of Jesus

Let us observe that Jesus shwos us:-

1-The possibilities of humanity in a) Goodness, Holiness. b) Wisdom, knowledge. c) Love, Kindness and mercy.

2-The aspirations of humanity. a) To know and do the will of God. b) To be like God. c) To be with God.

3-The destination of humanity. a) Heaven. b) Immortality. c) Glory.

Whenever and where ever Jesus presents himself let us recognize and receive him.

.....Amen.....

April 12 '25

Eph. 5:14

M

Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light.

This is the awakening season of the year, when nature's slumber is broken by the rays of the sun.

This is also the season of the year, when we celebrate the victories of our Lord over death and the grave.

The wonderful things that God is doing in the natural and spiritual world call to us to awake out of sleep and to arise from the dead.

The risen Christ means nothing to those who are asleep among the dead.

God's Call To The Sleeping Dead
To Awake

We observe:-

- 1-That God summons to awake out of our slumbering dead state because there is much in his Kingdom that we have not seen that he wishes us to see.
- 2-That God summons us to awake out of our slumbering dead state because there are many things concerning his Kingdom that we have not heard that he wishes us to hear.
- 3-That God summons us to awake out of our slumbering dead state because there is much in his Kingdom that we have neglected that he wishes us to do.
- 4-That God engages to keep all awake and alive who obey his law and do his will.
- 5-That God provides light for all whom he awakens so that they may be servicable in his Kingdom.

Let us renew the song of the ancient prophet:
arise, shine; for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

.....Amen.....

April 19 '25. John 2:7 M

Jesus saith unto them, Fill the Waterpots with water. And they filled them to the brim.

Jesus has always been anxious to have a place in every phase of human life.

That he is holy just and good I think no one will deny. But this does not mean that he desires to be only in the sick room, at the funeral, in the midweek meeting and in the Sunday services.

Jesus wishes to be in your domestic life; in your social life; in your industrial life and in your business life. Jesus is at home in the highest intellectual life.

Where ever Jesus goes dignity, glory and honor accompany him. Where ever he is he is always Jesus. He never forfeits his personality, his individuality.

Where ever Jesus goes the key note of his program is service.

Jesus The Servant Of All. Let us observe:

- 1-With what Jesus serves.
- 2-Whom Jesus calls to serve with him.
- 3-Whom Jesus serves.
- 4-What Jesus serves.
- 5-How Jesus serves.

Let us be conscious of the fact that Jesus is anxious to enter the full life of every one of us, that he may help us to be what God has intended us to be.

.....Amen.....

May 3 '25

Acts 19:20

M

So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

The words that immediately precede our text give us a very definite idea as to the conditions that prevailed in the early church.

We might expect the church of the first century, being so near our Lord's earthly career to be near perfection. But the fact is we do not find the church of that day very much if any better than the church of to day.

Many of those who were identified with ^{it} were far from understanding its nature. There were some ^{who} did not know about nor feel their need of the Holy Ghost.

There were many who came into her fellowship who were unreal, and tried to succeed as members of the church by using the same means and methods that they had used in the world.

The Word of God had been taken out of its rightful position and given a secondary place.

In that early day in order for the Word of God to grow and prevail four things were necessary. And in order for God's Word to grow and prevail those same four things are necessary to day, and they are as follows:-

- 1-Hypocrites had to be shown up.
- 2-The name of Jesus had to be magnified.
- 3-Sins had to be confessed.
- 4-Old customs and habits had to be given up.

May we see and understand the need and use of the Word of God. May our deportment be such as to cause it to prevail, not alone in the church but in every phase of life.

.....Amen.....

May 3-25 Rom. 12:15 μ

There may be many things that the Church member, the Christian can not do. But there are at least two things that he is expected to do. One is to rejoice. The other is to weep. It may not be easy always to know just when, where and with whom to rejoice or weep. But the injunction of the text will help us much.

It is the business of the Ch. and the individual member of the Church to know the condition of the world and the Community. To know that part that is rejoicing and that part that is weeping.

Let us observe that rejoicing or weeping is effectual when they are

1st According to knowledge, intelligent.

2nd Real, Sincere.

3rd Emotional, enthusiastic

May open our eyes and see all about us demands for rejoicing and weeping. — Amen —

May 10-25 Acts 8: 5, 8

And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them. And there was great joy in that city.

Philip is a type and example of all those who effectually proclaim Christ.

Not every one, however well trained he may be in general knowledge is prepared to proclaim Christ to the world.

In order effectually to proclaim Christ to the world one must:-

- 1st Know him. a) Historically. b) Philosophically. c) Experimentally.
- 2nd Love him a) fervently b) supremely. c) constantly.
- 3rd Believe in him, have faith in him. a) Believe that he is willing and able. a) To save b) To keep c) To equip, prepare qualify for service.

May each of us proclaim our Christ to the world until he is made King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
Amen

May 17 '25

Matt. 9:4

V

And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

Jesus has the right and the authority to inquire of any of ^{us} about our thoughts, as to whether they are what they should be or not.

Our schools and educational institutions have been established to teach men how to think. And the man who has access to these institutions and thinks wrong thoughts about any historical character or about any great question is without excuse and merits condemnation.

And just so, men who have access to the churches and other religious institutions are under obligation to think the right thoughts about God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, and about God's work.

Right Thinking. We observe:-

- 1-That it is our duty to think.
- 2-That intelligent, constructive thinking demands facts.
- 3-Our debt to right thinking.

Let us always rejoice in the fact that we have one who will teach us how to think aright.

.....Amen.....

May 17 '25

II Cor. 5:F.C.10

M

For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ.

These words are calculated at once to make us intensely anxious and to calm our fears. To make us anxious when the judgement of men gives us a place of questionable merit. To calm our fears when the judgement of men deprives us of all merit, strips us of all honor and assigns us a place among the ignoble.

In this world to get before the Supreme Court, the court of last resort is not easy, and it costs a great deal. But to appear before the judgement seat of Christ for the righteous it is a great privilege, for the unrighteous there is no alternative. He must appear before the judgement seat of Christ.

This old world has been slow to recognize the authority of the Lord Jesus. But for us who compose the church and belong to the Kingdom the words, Every knee shall bow are very important, and we must never lose sight of them.

We have no proper conception of him and of his place in the world and the affairs of men in this present age if we think that his judgement and decision have to do only with the end of time and the winding up of the affairs of men.

More and more the judgement seat of Christ is in evidence through out this old world and is a larger and larger place in the estimation of all peoples.

Let us learn from our text:-

- 1-That each one must appear before the judgement seat of Christ for himself.
- 2-That we may expect from the judgement seat of Christ sympathy, mercy and justice.
- 3-That there are great advantages in appearing before the judgement seat of Christ. a) We save time. b) We are saved from worry. c) We save hard feelings. d) We have matters settled right once for all.

Let us count it a privilege to appear before the judgement seat of Christ, where we shall always get justice.

.....Amen.....

May 24 '25

Luke 2:52

M

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Here is an aspect in the life of Jesus that is, and must ever be typical of all real christian life. It immediately leads us away from the erroneous thought that is so prevalent in the minds of many, that they have reached a stage in their spiritual growth and development that precludes further progress.

The Churches Need Of A More
Normal Christian Life

Let us observe that the church needs a more normal christian life that she may be able:-

- 1-To interpret properly God's program, plan.
- 2-To discover and supply the needs of the race.
- 3-To make the most and best use of all the means that God has placed at our disposal.

Let us observe further that the normal christian life is:-

- 1-A studious life.
- 2-A life physically active.
- 3-A reverent, prayerful, spiritual life.
- 4-A humanitarian, social life.

Let us pray earnestly that God may make us normal christians. Let us endeavor to grow symmetrically in our christian life that we may be physically strong, mentally clear and alert, spiritually alive and socially active and useful.

.....Amen.....

May 31 '25

Heb. 6:F.C.10

M

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

In all ages, the ambition of men has been, to be remembered, especially by their superiors. But they have been anxious to have all posterity to remember them. Hence they have built ^{and} endowed great institutions, they have left legacies in various forms, and they have built monuments.

So many people seem to be more anxious to have other persons than their own immediate family to remember them. Hence oftentimes father and mother, and other relatives are ignored and forgotten when gifts are being bestowed and institutions are being endowed.

Whoever else may forget us, we are most fortunate if God remembers us. So our life and deeds should be such as to merit God's remembrance.

In order to merit God's remembrance our work must be:-

1-A work of love.

2- A work in which God's name is exalted.

We observe again that God does not forget our work, in that:-

1-He maps it out for us.

2-He watches over us and the work that we are doing.

3-He helps us in the work that we are doing.

4-He dignifies the work that we are doing.

5-He rewards for the work that we are doing.

As we labor let us be careful, and see to it that our labor is a labor of love that will have God's approval and blessing.

.....Amen.....

June 7 '25

Mark 8:36,37,38

M

For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this sinful and adulterous generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

In this life there are certain things, which if done always mean loss. And there are certain other things, which if done always mean gain profit.

After God had made the world and stored it with every thing needful, he made man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrills and he became a living soul. And God gave him dominion over the world and told him to keep it and dress it.

IT is the duty of man to keep the world beautiful and to use it for his physical mental and spiritual good and growth. But he can do all this only when he has a soul.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That the soul enables us to recognize God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And qualifies us to enjoy the presence of God.
- 2-That the soul qualifies us to associate with the good and righteous, here and hereafter.
- 3-That the soul admits us into new worlds, into heaven glory.

Let us all learn from the Holy Spirit how to save the soul.

.....Amen.....

June 8 '24

Luke 8:L.C.8

M

He that hath ears to hear let him hear.

Jesus as a great teacher was always anxious to have those to whom he spoke his messages to hear and understand him.

Most of us who have been with Jesus are far more responsible for the world hearing his message than we realize.

Never in the history of the world were the facilities for hearing so great and many as they are to day. The rail road trains, automobiles, telephones and radios all make it possible for most people to hear every thing with comparative ease. But what people hear depends upon what is released.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That we can keep people from hearing God's message by a)Prejudicing them against the messenger
b)Holding the message for ourselves exclusively.
c)Keeping up a tumult and confusion.
- 2-That the ear should be trained so that you may hear what you should hear.
- 3-That the ear should be trained so that you may hear whom you should hear.
- 4-That the ear should be trained so that you may hear when you should hear.
- 5-That the ear should be trained so that you may hear at the same time that your associates are hearing.
- 6-That we should help others to hear things that will be helpful to them.

May God help us to follow the Holy Spirit so that we will hear what, when and whom we should hear.

.....Amen.....

June 14 '25

Isa. 60:1

M

Arise, shine, for thy light is come
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Most people try to turn night into day,
and day into night. They stay up late, often
half asleep, trying to do work that should be
and could be done with comparative ease in the
day time.

Then when the brightness and new life
of the the day come they are asleep and need
to be reminded that they should and exhorted to
get up.

It seems almost inconceivable that
any body should have to be reminded that the
beautiful bright summer days are upon us.
And yet there are those who even in these beauti-
ful summer days live in the experience of the
dark cold winter days.

There are those who keep their window
shades pulled down all the time, night and day,
and try to live and work in the light of their
own making.. But there is no light, for bright-
ness power beauty and health that can be once
compared with the sun. And so the brightness of
prophet, and priest fade away before the bright-
ness of him who is the light of the world.

And this is the condemnation that
light is come into the world and men loved dark-
ness rather than light because their deeds were
evil.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That christian truth is intended to be an un-
iversal possession.
- 2-That the light of christian truth is intended
to give new life and to make men active.
- 3-That the light of christian truth demands or-
der, system and progress.

Let us live in the light of our privilege.

.....Amen,,,,,,,,,,,,,

June 21 '25

Gal. 6:17

M

From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Every body desires to be immuned, secured from the pernicious, hurtful effects of trouble, worry, annoyance, torment and harass.

Men temporize, and compromise; they flatter; they present gifts; they practice deceit and hypocrisy. but alas they do not get the results they seek.

But there is a way by which we may be immuned from the pernicious effects of trouble. That way is revealed in the words of our Lord to bear the marks of the Lord Jesus.

These words allude to a custom that was practiced by ancient masters towards their slaves. They also allude to a custom that was practiced by certain Egyptians devoted to their dieties with whose image they would brand themselves. Thus securing themselves against worry, and trouble, for no one felt at liberty to injure or trouble them.

And so the Apostle Paul says It will be a waste of time and energy to attempt to trouble him for he had the marks of the Lord Jssus.

We observe:-

- 1-That marks that ordinarily mean shame and disgrace; when placed upon us by the Lord Jesus mean glory, honor salvation..
- 2-That marks that would ordinarily expose us to slander, insult, injury when placed upon us by the Lord Jesus become a certificate against the evil effect of these.
- 3-That scars received in the service of Jesus become beauty spots when compared with the spots made by men.

Let us ever live in the joy of our position.

.....Amen.....

June 28 '25

Mark 7:7

M

Howbeit in vain do they worship me,
teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

The most noble, the highest the most
lofty service that a man can render is to worship
God.

To worship God properly one must make
preparation. Because worship without preparation is
apt to be vain, and unacceptable to God.

God does not wish any individual or
any group of persons to make feasts for him in which
to worship him except they are willing and ready to
observe his law, to honor his program.

Our greatest joy, comfort and happi-
ness are found in carrying out God's program and
God's glory and honor depend upon his program be-
ing carried out.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That true worship means Love, Sacrifice-selfdenial,
Obedience, Service.
- 2-That helps to true worship are Food, Dress, Time,
Association and Place.
- 5-That the results of true worship are A Deeper Spir-
itual Life, A Larger More Comprehensive View of
The Kingdom of God, A Greater and Stronger Faith.

Let us thank God for the way in which he has pro-
vided for our spiritual growth and developement.
May we always remember that he has exhorted us to
worship him in spirit and in truth.

.....Amen.....

July 5-'25 Gal. 5:1 μ

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

The Declaration ^{of Independence} says all men are born free and equal with certain inalienable rights among which are life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

This ^{Book} says we are shapened in iniquity and born in sin. And that we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Before passing into private life Geo. Washington told his fellow countrymen to be aware of foreign entanglements. And Pres. Monroe saw to it that a law was passed so that no European country could come and interfere with the affairs of this country or with the affairs of S. America.

Let us observe: -

1st How Christian liberty is secured
By a) Faith. b) Love and Labor.

2nd The fruits of Christian liberty
gives us a) A larger vision of the Kingdom,
b) Qualifies us to work in the Church
and in the Kingdom of God.

3rd We lose our liberty by neglect of duty
4th We lose our liberty by breaking God's Law
— Amen —

July 12 '25

Heb. 12:1

M

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily best us, and let us run with patience the race set before us.

The christian's race of life is not an easy one. But it has no difficulties that may not be overcome. Of course there are those who by their very look, to say nothing of their words, would discourage and make us afraid.

But we have a great cloud of witnesses who encourage us and expect us to succeed. These are they who make us lay aside every weight and sin and run with patience the race set before us.

One of our great problems in running the christian race is to give attention to the right class of spectators. We must give less attention to the crowd that is jeering and more attention to the crowd that is cheering.

Let us observe from our text:-

1-The things that weigh us down. a) Ignorance. b) Ignorance and selfishness. c) Incredulity. d) Improper desire for Pleasure, Wealth, Honor. e) False Pride. f) Love of Ease.

2-That the christian race is one in which all, whether experts or not, who are earnest and sincere may contend in the finals.

3-That all who run in the christian race must run over the course that has been selected and according to the rules that have been prescribed.

Let us as contend in the christian race keep in mind the great cloud in this world and in the beyond who are anxious to see us succeed win.

.....Amen.....

July 26 '25

James 4:7

M

Submit yourselves therefore to God,
Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.

Ever since we could remember we have heard sermons, and lectures and read books on Peace And How To Obtain It.

But in all history ancient and modern we find the record of constant strife and never ceasing war. And this must ever be, so long as God's throne means righteousness goodness and justice; and the Devil's throne means just the opposite.

But let us remember that the world's greatest wars are not those which are fought upon the field of carnage and blood.

Some times the world's greatest battles are fought in the Director's office of some of our great business houses or manufacturing plants, when a just, humanitarian, christian manager or president must fight with a selfish avaricious Board of Directors, who are more anxious about declaring large dividends, and living sumptuously than they are to be just to their fellow men and to give them a chance and to help them to live comfortably.

Some times the world's greatest battles are fought in the Court Room between an angry merciless mob and a calm merciful just Judge.

And some times the world's greatest battles are fought in the parlor of some of our best homes between two; one who ^{has} low selfish carnal desires, and the other who stands for all that is high lofty and pure.

So long as right and wrong; justice and injustice; intelligence and ignorance have a place in this old world we must have war.

And every one of us, whether we wish to be or not is lined up on one side or the other. And the side upon which we are will determine the kind of preparation we will make, and under whom we will receive our training.

There are many institutions in this old world in which men are trained to be unjust, selfish, impious and immoral: and they are working over time night and day. They are turning out large classes every day; not simply every year or every month but every day.

James 4:7

But for those who are interested in holiness and righteousness and who wish to see justice prevail there is every thing to encourage. Greater is he who is in us than he who is in the world. And he has engaged to make us more than conquerors.

Our text suggests three activities in which every one who believes in God and righteousness should be, must be interested. These activities are submitting to God, resisting the Devil and the Devil fleeing. Let us consider:-

1-Submitting to God. We submit to God, that a)We may know ourselves. b)We may be prepared for the experiences of life. c)The world may be attracted to him. d)In order to submit to God we must be humble meek and obedient.

2-Resisting the Devil by a)Prayer, Devotion and Worship. b)Thinking, Speaking and acting properly. c)Forming proper associations and alliances.

3-The Devil fleeing a)Is an inspiring encouraging scene. b)Gives new territory and new recruits to the Kingdom of God. c)Gives a greater opportunity for service, cooperative service, in the Kingdom of God.

May we all prayerfully submit to God until we are fit to resist the Devil. Let us not fool ourselves into believing that we can be made fit by submitting to any one else.

.....Amen.....

Aug. 2 '25

Eph. 4:7

M

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

There is no cause that affords such a variety of opportunities for service as the cause of Christ-the church.

The most unreasonable, unnatural, inconsistent thing that we can think of is for persons in the Kingdom of God-in the church to be idle, unemployed, without a job.

Whenever a person is received as a citizen in the Kingdom of God, as a member of the church he at the same time receives a gift from Christ. As men count and measure it may be a small gift or it may be a large one.

But the pleasing comforting thing about the whole matter is that Christ gives us his grace according to the kind of gift that he has bestowed upon us.

What we all need to know is what is the measure, what is the size and character of the gift that has been bestowed upon us.

We are going to consider,

Christ's Gifts To The Church. Let us observe that each of us needs:-

- 1-To recognize the gift that Christ has bestowed upon us.
- 2-To value and appreciate the gift that Christ has bestowed upon us.
- 3-To use the gift that Christ has bestowed upon us.
- 4-To improve the gift that Christ has bestowed upon us.

Let us rejoice in that Christ has bestowed his gift upon each one of us according to our individual need.

May we always appreciate his great grace that he gives to each one of us upon whom he has bestowed a gift.

.....Amen.....

Aug. 9 '25

Jno. 18:10

M

Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Machus.

Peter with other disciples, who were supposed to be especially interested in our Lord had been assigned a very important duty, to watch the movement of the enemy and the trend of things in general. Our Lord called on them twice and woke them up that they might see anew his face of agony. But they were uneffected and he had no sooner turned his back when they were asleep again.

They were not effected by his grief and agony, but when the enemy with all their noise and tumult approached they all awoke. But they had lost their chance to render their Lord the service that he longed for. They slept too late.

We are hardly ever just as well prepared and as efficient when we wake up too late. Those who wake up late find it difficult to understand and to get the run of things. They are apt to be cranks.

They will either become surly and discouraged and do too little; or they will become excited-over zealous and do too much.

In a world of system, order and regularity it is a terrible thing to wake up late.

We are going to discuss at this time

Waking Up Late

The pernicious effects of this are seen in every phase of life, where ever man is found some thing has gone wrong simply because some one has waked up late.

There are three phases of this subject to which we wish to give attention at this time:-

1-When and Where people wake up too late. They wake up late I-In Domestic Life. II-In Intellectual Life. III-In Religious Life. They wake up late when they are 1-Selfish. 2-Overconfident. 3-Careless. 4-When their conscience is seared.

2-What causes people to wake up late. They undervalue:- I-Themselves. II-The cause with which they are connected. III-They expect too much of others.

3-The Effect of waking up late. It makes people
1-Surly-Disagreeable
2-Sensitive.
3-Cowardly.
4-Impulsive-Rash

Let us seek earnestly the zeal and enthusiasm which come from God, that when our task is assigned us we will keep awake until it is done.

May we always realize that our Lord and his cause suffer when we are sleeping too late

.....Amen.....

Aug. 16 '25

Matt. 13:58

M

And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Nothing is more injurious and damaging to progress in the Kingdom of God than blind unbelief, prejudice incredulity. Hence the training that has been provided and offered those who would become laborers in the Kingdom of God.

Resources and supplies lie all around us undiscovered because of our unbelief.

Friends real friends who are anxious to come to our relief and help us solve the problems that worry and perplex us are held in abance because of our unbelief.

These conditions would not be so calamitous if our fellow men alone were effected by our unbelief, but God himself is effected and hindered from doing for us that which he wishes to do for our profit, by our unbelief.

The Man In The Way Let us observe that the man is the way who:-

- 1-Does not know his place.
- 2-Expects more of others than he is able or willing to do himself.
- 3-Has no faith, is incredulous, is half hearted and has no interest in his task.
- 4-Is selfish and wedded to forms and fashions.
- 5-Is suspicious of every body and every thing.
- 6-Lives in the past, is self satisfied, has stopped growing.

Let us take advantage of the opportunities that are ours and prepare ourselves to take our place in God's program. May we never because of unbelief, selfishness or prejudice forfeit our right to God's blessings.

.....Amen.....

Aug. 23 '25

Isa. 53:L.C.2
Jno 12:32

M

He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

HOMELY BUT ATTRACTIVE

The carnal and spiritual standards of comeliness and beauty are and always have been at variance.

Not many, if any have ever appeared just the same to God and men. Often that upon which man has looked as being insignificant, unimportant and of no value, to God has been a precious gem.

That which man assigns to the junk heap, to the pile of human wreckage, God often takes and uses to the greatest advantage.

The thoughtful and serious will not long be attracted by simple external physical beauty. It is the beauty of soul that holds permanent sway over thoughtful serious men.

Beauty of motive and purpose is the kind of beauty that has universal attraction.

Sacrifice, self denial, love, kindness, and mercy are ornaments that decorate and give to one beauty and comeliness that attract the world.

After all beauty and comeliness depend upon those who judge us; upon what they see in us. But our attractiveness arises from what we really are and from what we can really do for the permanent good and the redemption of the human race.

No one asks or cares very much about the physical external beauty of the world's great benefactors. A beauty parlor can make one externally comely, beautiful. God alone can make one really attractive.

The attractive life is:-

- 1-Unselfish, sacrificial.
- 2-Resourceful, helpful.
- 3-Powerful, influential.

Let us under the leadership of the Holy Spirit seek this life. Amen

Nov. 1 '25

Isaiah 6:5,6

V

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sins purged.

I think I make no mistake when say, few men are as much concerned about themselves as they should be, whether considered from a physical, mental or spiritual view point.

Men study Law, Medicine, and Theology and what not that they may apply these sciences not to themselves but to others..

It is a common thing to hear of theologians making ship wreck of the faith; of doctors dying of the disease of which they have cured many, and of lawyers becoming so dishonest that they are no longer allowed to practice and are disbarred.

Most men are very much in need of seeing themselves with God so that they may know themselves as they really are.

Let us observe that when we see ourselves with God we shall discover:-

- 1-Our Defects. a)Deceitfulness. b)Unbelief. c)Jealousy.
- 2-Our Strong Points. a)Kindness. b)Love. c)Mercy.
- 3-Our Spiritual Possibilities. a)To know God, and his will. b)To be justified. c)To be sanctified.

Let us rejoice in our possibilities and endeavor to live up to them.

.....Amen.....

Sept. 28²⁵ Exo. 20: L.C. 24 Cong. CH.

An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shall sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: In all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

The idea of worship is as old as the human race. Different ages, historical periods have brought with them different forms of worship. But the object and aim have always been practically the same.

The altar worship is the most ancient. It was customary for the altar to bear the inscription of the deity in whose honor it was erected. And so when God was instructing Israel in this matter. He assured them that wherever an altar was erected to him that he would always come and bless. He asks to consider the place of Real True Worship. It is:

- 1st Where God is recognized
- 2nd Where God is honored & obeyed
- 3rd Where God is loved and worshiped.

Our altars should be in our homes at our places of business and churches

— Amen —

Oct. 18 '25

I Cor. 15:F.C.10

V

But by the grace of God I am
what I am.

There are two classes of men that attract special attention, the self made men and the well trained men.

But here is one of the outstanding figures of history who attracts the attention of the world, not because he is self made nor because he is well trained, but because he has received the grace of God.

No man who expects to overcome difficulties and to be successful in the finals of life can afford to ignore the agency of God's grace in the making of men

The Kind Of Men That God's Grace
Produces

- 1-God's grace produces attractive men.
- 2-God's grace produces men of power.
- 3-God's grace produces men who suffer much.
- 4-God's grace produces men who love much.
- 5-God's grace produces men who endure.

Let us examine ourselves and see whether we are self made, well trained or men who are the product of God's grace.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 18 '25

John 13:37
Rom. 12:1.

M

Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto a God, which is your reasonable service.

Always every where there have been those who have thought that in order to follow the Lord Jesus, that the main thing that they needed to do was to die to be a dead one.

To lose interest in every one and every thing about us and to go into some solitary place, away from the world's life and activity has been the idea of many who have wished to follow the Lord Jesus.

Without a question, some persons accomplish more in their dying than in their living. But for the majority of us more will be accomplished in our living than in our dying.

We may live in such away as to be moral and religious suicides. Or we may live in such a way as to be a perpetual benediction.

Let us observe that to follow the Lord Jesus:-

1-Requires preparation obtained in study, prayer and praise..

2-Means new and larger privileges and opportunities. in a)Association. b)Vision. c)Service.

3-Means more and greater responsibility in a)Home b)State. C)Church.

May we always follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our endeavors to follow the Lord Jesus.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 25 '25

Eph. 4:1,2,3

M

In common every day life we are required not only to be qualified for a position, a calling, but by our life and deportment to prove ourselves worthy of the position, the calling. A policeman is expected to act like a policeman; a physician like a physician; a soldier like a soldier; a preacher like a preacher and a christian like a christian.

Hence men wear certain uniforms have certain language and pass words. So that individuals of ordinary intelligence can tell persons of different professions when they meet them.

The Apostle Paul is exhorting God's people to keep their distinguishing mark always in evidence.

There are certain qualities that must always distinguish us from those who are not god's people. We are to be Lowly, Meek, Longsuffering, Forebearing and Loving.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That unity of spirit is God's desire for his people.
- 2-That unity of spirit depends upon Life.
- 3-That unity of spirit depends upon Love.
- 4-That unity of spirit depends upon Labor.

May we always understand the nature of our calling as christian men and women.

Let us do our part to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

.....Amen.....

October 25, 25

Eph. 4:22, 23m24.

V

In a material sense we do not find it hard to replace the old for the new. But in our mental and spiritual life it is not so easy.

When a piece of machinery is old and worn out we discard it and put in its place the new.

When a man is unqualified by age to do his duty a younger man is put into his place.

God wishes men in his service who have his spirit. His work can not be done by those who have the spirit of the evil one.

Hence the exhortation to put off the old man and to put on the new man.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That the old man is the natural man.
- 2-That we do not like to give up the natural.
- 3-That the old will not fit into the new position.

Let us use the means that God has provided for us so that we may be rid of the old man and may put on the new man.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 1 '25

ISam. 15:13,14

V

And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, blessed be thou of the Lord; I have performed the commandment of the Lord. And samuel said, ^{meaner} What then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

There is not much real music in this world for the man who is out of harmony with God and has disobeyed him..

In the Garden to Adam the voice of God before the fall, was music. He delighted to hear his voice. But after Adam's disobedience the voice of God was like thunder and he did not wish to hear it.

To the lonely guard the barking of the watch dog brings comfort. But to the robber the barking of the dog sends terror to his soul.

The whole world is full of unpleasant condemning sounds for the man who is out of of accord with God. The roar of the sea frightens and the thunder makes afraid.

Let us observe that there are Sounds That Condemn Us because:-

- 1-We are careless, neglectful, disobedient.
- 2-We are selfish.
- 3-We are untrue, dishonest.

May we under the guidance of God's spirit conduct ourselves in such a way as not to be condemned by the many sounds tha are heard in the world today.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 8 '25

Psalms 40:1

M

I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me and heard my cry.

There may be times when favorable conditions and circumstances may flatter us into believing that we are in no special need of God's strength goodness and knowledge. It is then we break away from our moorings and slip off our solid foundation.

But when the enemy approaches and the foe assails, and we exhort our own strength then like the Psalmist we cry out with Cardinal Newman: Lead kindly Light amid the encircling gloom.

To get in a hurry and attempt to proceed in any good and right cause without the Lord means always to be switched off the right course and to come to certain swift defeat and failure.

The book whose author has not waited for the Lord will reveal the fact in its errors and pernicious effects upon its readers.

The movement or enterprise whose promoter or promoters have not waited patiently for the Lord will foster dishonesty and practice injustice. And this is especially true in spiritual life.

None of our great business corporations enter into any important negotiations without waiting patiently for their attorney to give his decision as to how they should proceed.

Surely we can not afford to take one step in the service of the Lord (and the entire life of the disciple is one of service) until we are conscious that he is present.

Patient Waiting That Wins Let us observe:-

1-Conditions that make men wait upon the the Lord.

2-The value of waiting for the Lord.

3-The joy and comfort of waiting for the Lord.

May each of us wait until we know the Lord is with us.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 15 '25

Mark 2:14

V

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.

During his earthly career Jesus journeyed almost alone.

Not many were willing to risk their reputation and standing in the business and social world by following Jesus.

And yet some that seemed most unlikely became the most earnest sincere followers of Jesus..

His followers, though few were not confined to one class. But Jesus seemed to have been especially fond of business men. So he called them to be his disciples, and helpers.

Let us learn:-

1-That the man addressed was a)Aworldly man.
b)An intelligent man. c)A business man.

2-That the invitation extended was a)Strong.
b)Definite. c)Positive.

3-That the program presented was a)Large.
b)Reasonable. c)Unpopular.

"Let us rejoice in the privilege of having Jesus to lead us. May we always humbly and obediently follow.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 22 '25

Eph. 4:15

M

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

In recent years, as I have gone into homes I have seen conspicuous on the walls cards upon one of which were these words If you wish to know who is the head of this home just start something; upon the other are found these significant words, Christ is the Head of this home.

Now the important question arises, What do these motos on the walls of our homes amount to if they are not practiced?

We are going to consider the question, Who Is The Head Of Your Home?

Let us observe:-

- 1-That the head of a home provides it.
- 2-That the head of a home sustains it.
- 3-That the head of a home protects it.
- 4-That the head of a home governs it.

May we always make much of the privilege that is ours to select Him as the head of our homes who never fails.

let us firget all other heads and accept the one who will be our great counsellor even Jesus Christ our Lord.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 22-'25 Rom. 6:23 V

For the wages of sin is death;
But the gift of God is eternal life through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

There is no book that we can
read that is so free from deceit as
this old book that we call the Bible.

We may always know where
to start and where we are going
if we read this book.

This book tells us just
what our task is, how we can
do it and the pay that we will
receive for doing it.

Your Pay Day

1st " Your pay day will surely
Come.

2nd " Your pay day is what you
make it.

3rd " Your pay day will determine
your condition in the future

Let us accept the position that
God offers each one of us
that we may receive his pay.

— Amen —

Nov. 26-'25 Ps. 23: 5

6:30 A.M.

Thou Preparest a table before me
in the Presence of mine enemies.

When we think of our spiritual needs, God, first of all comes to our minds, then the agencies that he has appointed, the Bible, the Church and Nature come to our minds. But when we think of our physical or material needs, Man, first comes to our mind and the many human agencies that are generally used in supplying these needs, then last of all if at all we think of the fact that God has in supplying our needs.

Let us observe:—

- 1st That God's provision for us is of great variety.
- 2nd That God's provision for us is ample, abundant.
- 3rd That God's provision for us is lasting—it endures.
- 4th That God's provision for us is attractive—enticing.

May we at all times be thank-
ful to God for his abundant supply.

Amen

Nov. 29 '25

Luke 6:46

M

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

The world is willing and ever ready to confer degrees and honors upon you when it costs only words to do so.

It is a common thing to hear men call other men C'l., Gen., Cap t., Doctor Etc., when they would almost sooner die than to take orders from these persons or do the things they say.

There are those who take peculiar pleasure in having people call them by high sounding terms. They love to be called Rabbi. And they have their reward.

We should always understand the meaning and significance of titles and degrees before conferring or helping to confer them.

Our thought is The Demands Of Lordship.

Let us observe demands:-

- 1-Dominion-Control.
- 2-Loyalty-Alligiance.
- 3-Obedience-The execution of his plans.
- 4-Love-Tenderness Affection.

Let us all help to crown Him Lord of Lords and King of kings. And may we do all in our power to make men know the meaning of his Lordship.

.....Amen.....

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Phil. 2:7

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But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

There are circumstances, conditions in this life when our greatest attainments do not amount to very much; in deed there are times when they seem to be an hindrance to our real success.

Most every body counts a good reputation of great value. And they are willing to do most any reasonable thing to obtain a good reputation; and they are willing to defend it at any cost.

And yet here is our Lord who is so bent on doing that for which he came into the world, that he is willing to forfeit his reputation.

Jesus knew his great matchless character his personality would win if he were lifted up.. He was not anxious to have people receive or accept him simply upon his reputation. He wanted the people to receive him because of his real intrinsic worth.

A Good Reputation A Hindrance

Let us observe that Jesus made himself of no reputation:-

- 1-In his Birth.
- 2-In his Life.
- 3-In his Association.
- 4-In his Labors.
- 5-In his Death.

Let us be willing to get rid of the most valuable possessions that we have if doing so will help us to do god's will more perfectly.

.....Amen.....

Dec. 13-'25 Job 1:6,7,8,9,10,11,12 p.

For every agency that is working for holy righteous achievement there is one working just as hard for unrighteous wicked accomplishments.

The wicked agencies are never asleep. But they are much awake. They read their own literature and yours; they attend all of your meetings and Conventions; they know all ^{your} plans and maneuvers and scheme to frustrate them.

But we may always be comforted in the thought, that greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world. He is greater in wisdom, knowledge and truth.

Let us observe:-

1st That the meeting time of the Children of God is always very important, but also very critical.

2nd That the Devil is always present and has a report to make whenever and wherever God's children meet.

3rd That the Devil should always be compelled to make his report and his accusations to God, for God knows how to handle him.

Let us always magnify the presence of God.
— Amen —

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If we Confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

One of the first things a good attorney does when he takes your case is to have you confess all your sins connected with the case to him. But then he does not guarantee you that you will be forgiven. But here we have the assurance, that Confession will bring forgiveness.

- Let us observe that Confession:
- 1st Makes us more deeply interested in ourselves and in our fellow men.
 - 2nd Strengthens our faith
 - 3rd Creates in us a desire for holiness - righteousness.
 - 4th Opens the door of the heart, chases sin out and gives righteousness an opportunity to enter.
 - 5th Enables God to work in us and for us.
- Let us rejoice always in the privilege that is ours to Confess our sins to God. Amen

Dec. 20-'25 Jno. 6:9

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There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many?

We can not do a better thing than to help a man explore his self and to discover powers and abilities that he did not know he possessed.

What men need most in this world are not more opportunities, not greater chances, but to learn how to value and make the greatest use of the opportunities and chances they already have.

Underestimating Our Possessions
We underestimate:

- 1st Our Ancestors and our heritage.
a) Christian Civilization. b) The Church c) Bible
- 2nd Our obligations to those about us.
a) The poor. b) The timid. c) The Erring.
- 3rd Our Comrades and Associates
a) The Lord Jesus. b) Our fellow disciples.

Let us remember that we have many possessions that are rich and full when they have God's blessing upon them.

Amen

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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host Praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace, good will towards men.

God has always accommodated himself to the needs of humanity. To meet these needs he has always given himself.

God's interest in humanity has been progressive. And his provision for man has been more and more elaborate and abundant.

Let us observe that the birth of Jesus is just a new way in which God

1st Manifests his interest in humanity. God gave man the ark of the flood and the ark of the Covenant. He gave him Abraham and Joseph and Moses. He has given him Christ the Lord.

2nd Gives an exhibition of his glory. No experience of value can come to man that does not exhibit the glory of God. The natural birth and all the helpful experiences thereafter exhibit his glory.

3rd Announces his program for the earth. It is a program of peace and good will. It is a program to be carried out will banish all ills and bring in the golden day of peace, love and joy.

Amen