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Luke 13:34,35

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate; and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

To be vitally associated with some characters means opportunity, chance, privilege. But to be associated with some other characters means to be handicapped, hampered, hindered.

There is no greater loss than the loss of such an opportunity, such a chance, such a privilege.

Many theological terms may be used to describe the purpose of our Lord's coming into the world, but he himself describes it thus: I have come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly.

He has also given us a very clear, definite description of himself, for says he, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. And these are life's great essentials. He also said, While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

The purpose according to God's plan and purpose as according to man's wish and need is the medium between God and man. He is the message bearer between God and man.

You can easily judge an individual, organization or a nation as to their intelligence, culture, refinement and piety by the way they treat their prophets. If they stone them and kill them; however successful and prosperous they may seem to be, mark you, they are on their road to destitution and desolation.

Well might the Master liken the citizens of Jerusalem unto children, scattered, running hither and thither after their own imaginations in need of some one with unselfish love to gather them together that they might concentrate upon the great necessary thing, their salvation.

..........Amen,..........
I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  

This is a wonderful resolution; it has been made many times by many persons in connection with the world’s greatest characters. But these characters have not measured up, have not proved themselves worthy of continual praise, and the resolution has been broken.

The Psalmist is very careful in selecting the one upon whom he will pour continual praise: his attributes are so great, his virtues are so numerous, that if one would do them full justice needs all of his time strength and ability.

We often feel that we must reserve our time, energy, faculties and affections for those whom we love, but not often do we feel the great need of reserving our lives or any of our faculties exclusively for our God. But this is just what the Psalmist resolved to do.

Our thought at this time is:

A MOUTH RESERVED

Let us observe:-

1-That the reserved mouth is clean and consecrated.

2-That the reserved mouth is only used for the proper purpose: to Rebuke, Condemn, Command, Honor, and Praise.

3-That the reserved mouth considers the proper person at the proper time.

May all of us, but especially those who have been redeemed realize our duty to reserve not only the mouth but the entire body for him who has bought us with his own precious blood.

..........Amen..........

And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

From the days that Jesus walked this earth to the present time society has been out of order. There have always been those in it who have had a spirit of infirmity.

Not many perfect ones greet us in the various walks of life today. Every body seems to have a spirit of infirmity—has some weakness. And the sad thing about it all is, that no one seems bothered or much disturbed about the fact that there are people all about us who have a spirit of infirmity.

This woman of our text was conscious of the fact that she had a terrible weakness. But she had had it so long, for 18 years, she and her friends and acquaintances had come to the conclusion that nothing could be done for her, that she was a hopeless case. So they had concluded that about the best thing they could do was to make a place for her where she would not be humiliated, and made uncomfortable herself and at the same time make it uncomfortable for others by coming in contact with them.

And so today we have segregated sections for certain persons who have a spirit of infirmity among us. Others are placed in reformatories, prisons, and asylums. Or some times they are kept right in our homes. They have a room in the back part of the house or in the attic. They get attention, their meals and other necessities when every body else has been served. These persons are crooked and they know it, and oftentimes would help themselves, they would straighten up, but they can not; nor can their friends and relatives help them. What such persons need is to be conscious of the fact that Jesus sees them and is calling them to come to him that he may speak the healing word and give them the healing touch.
Luke 13:11,12,13

Let us observe that our Lord:

1-Always sees those who have a spirit of infirmity.

2-Calls those who have a spirit of infirmity.

3-Makes known to those who have a spirit of infirmity his work of redemption. He does not keep them guessing about it.

4-That our Lord's work is instantaneous.

5-That our Lord's work is complete.

6-That our Lord's work produces praise and thanksgiving.

May we who compose the church always use our influence to induce people who have infirmities to come to him who can give them power over all of their weaknesses.

......amen......
Sept. 12 '26       Psalms 34:11       M

Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Our Grammar Schools, High Schools, Normal School, Universities and Colleges have just reopened after a vacation of eight or ten weeks.

For most teachers and students the vacation period has not been a period of play and empty hilarity. But it has been a time of anxiety, serious thought, in which they have been preparing for the long months of study and teaching that are before them.

The teachers have been thinking about the great variety of students that they are to meet, and the various subjects that they are to teach.

The students have been thinking about the teachers to whom they are to recite, and the various subjects that they must study and master if they would finish the prescribed course for this term.

And, too, many church students, disciples, church members have been on a vacation during the summer, and we are wondering how they have spent the time, and if they are coming back to their church work with the same earnestness and definiteness with which teachers and students come back to their school work.

I think we may justly term our text this morning a school, teaching or educational text.

There was, possibly never a greater need to sound the alarm, and to call the people in the language of our text from their play and folly and emptiness than there is to day. And the important question is, Who shall call them, who shall sound the alarm; and to what place shall they be called?

Surely the proprietors of theatres and other places of amusement are calling so loud that even many of the sleeping saints of the the Lord hear and respond; many of our homes, professors, Christian homes too, are calling by their social card parties and wine suppers; promoters of prize fights and gambling resorts are calling and the people, men and women hear the calls and they go; but if we are to be governed by their own testimony they come away discontented dissatisfied.
Psalm 34:11

I think that by this time we all understand who must sound the alarm, must give the call. It is the church, she must give the call and she must give it constantly and give it in trumpet tones.

Let us observe that our text teaches:-

1—That we must call the people who are hearing so many calls and responding to them.

2—That we must call the people a) Tenderly, b) Earnestly, c) Constantly.

3—That we must call the people to our place of worship by a) Making it attractive, b) Having a business like organization, c) Being sociable and courteous to those whom we are calling.

4—That we must assure them that they will meet a good teacher or teachers.

5—That we must assure the people that they are going to be taught a very important vital subject. The Fear Of The Lord. Which:-
A) Is the great fundamental passion of the soul which shapes, governs and controls the thoughts, words and acts of the child of God.
B) Is that passion in his people that qualifies them to meet enemies and opposition with resolution and determination to win, overcome.
C) Makes his people eager, enthusiastic in service and worship.

May each of us ask the Holy Spirit to lead him in doing his part of the great work that needs to be done in calling men, women and children away from this present state of unrest and weariness.

..........Amen........
Let the words of my mouth, and the medita-
tions of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

I think no well regulated civilized community allows its citizens without a special per-
mit to carry concealed weapons. But when we take
into consideration the nature of the tongue, we
readily see what a difficult task every community
has on its hands.

More people are wounded by the tongue than
by any concealed weapon that people may carry a-
round with them.

The tongue is the most difficult instrument
with which we have to do, to handle. With it we
bless and with it we curse; with it we soothe and
with it we wound.

The same word or words when spoken to an as-
semblage have almost as many effects as there are
persons in the assemblage; some are hurt others
are comforted, made happy.

The only way for a person to be certain that
he is using the proper words, in the proper place
at the proper time and to the proper person or
persons is to have his words censured by the pro-
per person.

We owe it to ourselves and to our fellow men
to have God's approval upon our words before we
use them. If this rule were observed many lawyers,
preachers, husbands and wives, children and par-
ents would have to change their vocabulary.

The statement, That words are cheap, but it
takes money to buy land is not true, for words
are never cheap. Ill. Jonathan Edwards and T. A.
Creditt.

In preparing to use words we study philos-
ophy, grammar, and rhetoric. We pass 100% in
these subjects. But when we go out into the world
too many of us find ourselves offending and in-
sulting every body with whom we come in contact.

Whether our words, for the good and comfort
of our fellow man or not, depends upon the medi-
tation of the heart.

Meditations that produce good helpful words
must be:-
1. Upon good subjects,
2. In the right place,
Sept. 19 '26  Song of Sol. 2:1  V

I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valley.

However delicate and fastidious our tastes may be they are not capable of comprehending the grace and beauty of God's love. Our text attempts to make easy the task by bringing his love before us in the form of something with which we have at least a degree of familiarity.

This beautiful oriental allegory is made easy to us in a very natural way, the Lord Jesus and his love as manifested for sinners in the world.

Let us observe:

1-That the Lord Jesus as the rose of Sharon is attractive.

2-That the Lord Jesus as the rose of Sharon ornaments, beautifies and makes attractive all who receive and accept his service.

3-That the Lord Jesus as the rose of Sharon cheers the sick and takes the darkness and gloom from the death scene.

4-That the Lord Jesus as the rose of Sharon gives added dignity and glory to special occasions.

5-That the Lord Jesus as the rose of Sharon renders effectual service only to those who prepare to take him into their life.

May each of us submit to the Holy Spirit, and allow him to make known to us the beauty of the Lord Jesus.

..........Amen..........
Let them alone; they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Whether we speak figuratively or literally, the function of the eye is a very important one. So important is the function of the eye that there are certain positions require men to have their eyes examined frequently by an expert and to have their glasses changed and adjusted very often lest they misjudge distances, colors or what not.

When we are natural, I think I can safely say the eye is the index to the soul. The eye tells what is in the heart, whether contempt, scorn, hate, disdain; or kindness, love, sympathy and mercy.

When we know the value of the eye and the importance of its function, we feel very keenly the terrible plight in which one is who is deprived of his sight.

The blind man can no longer reveal the contents of the soul by his facial expression, because his eyes are gone. His face is blank. And when you look upon him you see only an object of pity. And this is true whether we speak figuratively or literally. Hence the words of our Lord, Let them alone:

The blind man who attempts to direct his own course is exposed to all kinds of disadvantages and dangers. But when he attempts not only to direct his own course, but assumes the responsibility of leading other blind people he may expose a whole community to failure and disaster. Blind men are always open to receive the blind who are led by the blind. See them falling into the ditch of misunderstanding, into the ditch of mistrust, into the ditch of discouragement, hopelessness, despair.

Blind leaders are always incapable, uncertain and dangerous. And those who follow are always of necessity, aimless, incapable of progress and easily satisfied.

Some persons are born blind; their parents were blind before them.
Matt. 16:14

Some persons live in such a way as to bring blindness upon themselves.
Some persons allow themselves to be blindfolded, because the things that are to be done can be done more satisfactorily by those who are blindfolded.
Some persons, who are blind, even before they have done very much to recover their sight, go on making provision for their blindness. They adopt the raised system, the touch system etc.

Let us learn from our text:

1–That our attitude towards the blind should be one of sympathetic interest.

2–That our attitude towards the blind should be one of helpfulness. a) Direct them to the place where others have gotten help and where they may get help. b) Render such immediate aid as you are able to give.

3–That our attitude towards the blind should be one of patience.

4–That our attitude towards the blind should be courageous and positive.

From this day forth may we all pray:
Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth
Thou hast for me.
And may we be able to sing: Once I was blind but now I see.

............Amen............
Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a pharisee, and the other a publican. The pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess, and the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Some men are distinguished by their religious life, but not many; more men are distinguished for their political life and activity.

Our text presents one of either class. One an outstanding religionist the other an outstanding politician, one a pharisee and the other a publican.

Both of them are going into the temple at Jerusalem to perform a very sacred religious duty, to pray.

No one thought much about what the publican, the social and religious outcast, would do in the temple. Every body's thought and attention were directed towards the pharisee, the well-trained religious leader; they expected him with his ecclesiastical robes, his sanctimony, his mastery of the civil law and his well-chosen words to go right into the gates of heaven and to move God on the throne.

But all who entertained any such expectations were destined to be disappointed. For it was not the well-dressed sanctimonious man with the well-chosen words who got God's attention. But the humble publican, who hardly knew how to talk with God who moved God on his throne and received the blessing. He went down to his house justified.

Let us learn some practical lessons from our text:

We learn:
Luke 18:10-14

1-That both men went to the same place, to the temple.

2-That both men went to the same place for the same purpose, to pray.

3-That in many respects these men were alike, but in many other respects they were very different.

4-That both men performed the duty for which they went into the temple, they prayed.

5-That both men prayed to God.

6-That one man exalted himself, the other humbled himself.

7-That one man failed to receive justification from God, because he did not feel the need of it and therefore did not ask for it. That the other man received justification from God because he felt the need of it and asked for it.

Let us learn from these two characters how to worship and how to pray. Let us not attach too much importance to our formal service, but rather be sure that the heart is right in the sight of God.

............Amen...........
The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

Then we take time to analyze ourselves we find that we are two distinct persons. And we are engaged in a constant warfare, and we are made to question some times as to which person, the good or the bad, will win the battle.

If we listen to the argument of some and give too much attention to certain indications in the church and out of the church we will find ourselves wondering if it is wise and if it pays to hold on. The unrighteous man is exalted; the unjust man is trusted and the wicked man is praised. The righteous man is put down; the just man is mistrusted and the good man is criticized and condemned.

If the righteous does not find encouragement to hold on in the church surely he needs not look to the world, for it has no encouragement to give.

There is one never failing source to which the righteous man may always look with the assurance that he will receive encouragement to hold on his way, that source is God’s word, hence the great need of knowing his word and familiarizing ourselves with its promises.

Let us learn:

1-That the righteous are in constant need of inspiration, encouragement and instruction.

2-That the righteous should know the source of his supply and resort to it as he has need.

3-That the right kind of instruction, inspiration, and encouragement always results in added strength for the righteous.

May we comfort ourselves in the thought that if we will allow him, God will see to it that the righteous hold on his way.

...........Amen...........
Oct. 3 '26  
Jno. 14:15  

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
This book tells us that the carnal or
fleshy man is not subject to the law of God, and
neither indeed can be.

Men are constantly debating as to what
qualifies a man to serve God acceptably. One says
if a man has much knowledge he can do it; another
says if a man is real good he can do it. But Je-
sus says if you have abundant love you can do it.

Persons may do many things which they may
seem to serve God. But if they are prompted by
any impulse other than love to God it is not ser-
vice. They may prophesy, cast out devils and do
many wonderful works; and after all have the Lord
say unto them, I never knew you.

God asks no man to serve him who is
not qualified to do so.

Let us learn:-

1-That the test of one’s love for God is his love
for his fellowmen.

2-That the test of one’s love for God is sacri-
ifice and self-denial.

3-That the test of one’s love for God is service
to God and his fellowmen.

Let us never claim to love God except
we are endeavoring to serve him acceptably.

.......... Amen..........

3:39 a.m.
Looking unto Jesus.

As we assume the responsibilities of life, especially of Christian life, we are in constant need of inspiration and encouragement. And we find this in those who have fought and won the battle, in the one who has conceived and achieved.

With this in mind the author of our text directs our attention to the great Victor that he may inspire and encourage us.

Let us see what are some of the things for which we look to Jesus.

1-Knowledge. Truth.
2-Instruction.
3-Encouragement.
4-Patience.
5-Comfort, Ease, Rest and Peace.

Let us remember that the Word tells us that God is able to supply all our need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

May we ever look to him in the night as well as in the bright day of life.

Amen.
Oct. 24, 26 Col. 3:11

But Christ is all and in all. Many adjectives are used to describe these, some of them are a credit to us and make us great. But others are a discredit to us and make us very small.

Some men are great and large enough to confound us and include in their personality all that is worth while in an organization or community.

One man in a certain community is the Mayor of the town, Chairman of the Board of Education, Pres. of the bank, and Chairman of the Trustees of the Community Church. Now the material point of view he is all and in all.

Let us observe what Christ is. Remember, he is all and in all.

1. Common Denominator making it possible for us to cooperate with others.

2. Starter and assurer of our every success and the right start.

3. Terminant, reminding us that we have not reached our goal of victory in our life. We have to live and that there is nothing else.

Amen
Nov. 7-'26  Eph. 6:11

In the Armies of every Country there have always been some of the Men who have objected to putting on the whole Armour. So have felt that they were sufficient without it. Others have felt that it was an unnecessary burden.

And so there are those who would enter the ranks of God's people, who would engage in battle for the field without putting on the whole Armour of God.

Let us see of what the Armour of God Consists:

1st. The Girdle of Truth.
2nd. The Breastplate of Righteousness.
4th. The Shield of Faith.
5th. The Helmet of Salvation.
6th. The Sword of the Spirit.

Let us go frequently before the Holy Spirit and have Him examine us and see if we are properly equipped for the battle of life.
Nov. 7 '26  Rom. 6:3  B V

"\nI like to think of His love, so beautiful, so good and pure. I love to think of His wonderful works, His wonderful teaching and His mighty deeds of kind-\nness and mercy. But she thinks of His suffering and death, she's no labor for us. We keep away from it as long as possible. But when we do come to it, we are filled with horror and pain. But we must consider this phase of His earthly career, not only to avoid ourselves into His suffering and death, but we would see the fullness of our own salvation.

One of the lessons, indeed, the main lesson for our being baptized is, that we may identify with the death and resurrection of Jesus. Thus we learn and understand the meaning and significance of Christ's death and resurrection. Then we receive:"

1. For whom Christ died and for whom we die.
2. When Christ died and when we die.
3. How Christ died and how we die.

May the Holy Spirit be present to teach us the noble meaning of baptism.
Nov. 14 '26    Heb. 12: 11
One of the greatest problems with which we have to do in the home, Church and State is the problem of discipline.
In the home, Church and state certain disorders are to be found which inhibit progress and destroy efficiency.
In most every household of any size you will always find those with whom disregard and break the domestic laws. Hence for the younger members of the family we thank the lovely room upstairs, the dark closet in which they are put when they are disobedient and unruly. If these forms of discipline are not efficient, then in every well regulated home the strap or rod are used. But some times these fail to correct errors and to restore order and regard for law in the home.
What I have been saying concerning conditions in the home

Heb. 12:11

I also say Concerning Conditions in the Church and State.

But our aim at this time is to Call your attention to Discipline in the Church; its Meaning, its Method, and its Purpose. These are the lessons that have been most difficult for God's people to learn.

God has never allowed his people to go on ignorant of his law, with no knowledge of his will. He has given to his rulers, prophets, priests and kings. He has given Signs and Symbols to make known to the people his law and his will. Then he gave his Son (and the Apostles, Ministers and Evangelists). Let us observe that we need to study more frequently God's Discipline, that we may understand.

1. Its Meaning.
2. Its Method.
3. Its Purpose.

Let us also profit by every experience through which God leads us.

Amen.
Great scholars, Scientists and philosophers are not willing accord Jesus a place in their circles. For they say he was a master only in religious and moral matters.

But where is the scientist or philosopher who has ever been consulted upon the great and difficult subjects upon which Jesus was consulted when here in the flesh? Jesus was an expert upon every subject that concerns the human race. One could not obtain better medical advice than Jesus gave. Every one who followed his advice got well. His legal counsel has never been surpassed. Jesus was a business expert. No man ever went bankrupt who followed the advice of Jesus.

Jesus is the only specialist on the subject of Eternal Life that the world has ever known. And through the centuries those who have desired to know about it have consulted him.

Let us observe:

1-The class of men who consulted Jesus.

2-The great subject upon which men consulted Jesus.

3-The answers Jesus gave those who consulted him.

4-The effect of the answers Jesus gave those who consulted him.

Let us rejoice in the fact that men are still permitted to consult Jesus. Let us pray that they may heed his counsel.
He said unto them, An enemy hath done this.

Jesus knows things and he knows people also: he knows causes and effects as no one else. When you and I see a piece of work we do not know whether it has been done by an enemy or a friend. But Jesus is not so fooled, he knows the work of the enemy and he knows the work of a friend.

Wickedness and righteousness have been in the world ever since the cursed fall, they exist in the same community and among the same people, they seemingly thrive upon the same substance, and they are very much alike in appearance; only by God's help can we distinguish them.

In every community and in every individual life the enemies and friends of every good cause live side by side, they speak the same language and use the same instrumentalities to accomplish their ends.

ENEMIES AND THEIR WORK
Let us observe:

1-That there are various kinds of enemies.

2-That they are located wherever there are goodness and righteousness.

3-that the activity of the enemy is constant.

Even though there are enemies that by God's help we may overcome them. Let us work and pray to that end.

...........Amen...........
I think most every one understands the grace of God to be his favor, his special kindness. But I fear only a few understand for what purpose God's grace is bestowed. There are those who seem to think God's grace is bestowed to make the good, to make them loving, kind and gentle, good-natured, humble, and meek. And they are right; for God's grace is bestowed that we may see all these qualities. But it is given for more, it is given that we may be able to work together with him. 

Amen.
Dec. 5-26 Eccle. 11:4, 6  V

It is natural for us, recognize obstacles and difficulties that may stand in the way of the good that we are trying to do. But if we can be certain that we have the necessary means for accomplishing that which we have planned, we should not be influenced by these obstacles and difficulties.

Amen
Jan. 10 '26  I Cor. 3:9    M

For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

In any great organization like the Church it is well and indeed necessary for every one who enters into its membership to know his place and what he is expected to do.

We need therefore to know God, his character, his attributes and his plan. In his revelation of himself to us he gives us all of this.

Then we must study and know the nature of the church if we would know our place and what we are expected to do as members of it.

When we get out of touch with God we lose the proper idea of life. We lose sight of the dignity, glory and honor that are found in an active industrious life, and see only the monotony and drudgery of life.

God reveals himself to us as a labourer; Jesus declared: he must work.

God's greatest work is man, and our greatest work must be for man.

In our work Christ is our pattern—our blue print. And the Holy Spirit must direct our work. The Bible must continue to be our text book.

Let us remember that as members of the Church we are:

1—Labourers.
2—Labourers with God.
3—Our work is building.
4—That the structure that we are building is true Christian manhood.

Let us always follow the directions of the Holy Spirit in all of our labours.

......Amen......
Jan. 17 '26  

PS. 33:1

Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

There are times when children, employees, and indeed all subordinates long to hear the voice of the one to whom they look for protection, support and guidance.

Just to hear the voice gives inspiration, and courage, or it creates fear and awe. It all depends upon whose voice you hear and your own deportment.

God's Voice. Let us observe:-

1-That in God's voice there is power and there is authority.
2-Those who wish to hear God's voice.
3-That God's voice instructs-Directs.
4-That God's voice warns.
5-That God's voice comforts-Soothes.

Let us turn a deaf ear to the bustle and confusion of the world and men and listen and hear God. When we hear God's voice let us obey it.

........Amen........
Jesus is the most comprehensive personage that the world has ever known. In him was life and the life was the light of men.

Other great characters at times have been helpful to men, but at other times they have been just as hurtful.

Jesus always, everywhere, under all circumstances is helpful.

Let us learn from our text:

1-That wherever Jesus is he furnishes great opportunity for service, which is recognized by a very few, and of which a very few take advantage.

2-That even disciples do not always place the proper value upon Jesus and his cause.

3-That Jesus wishes us to recognize him in all our efforts and in the performance of all our duties towards our fellowman.

4-That the service that we render to Jesus and his cause is often more far reaching than we realize.

5-That the service that we render to Jesus and his cause always brings lasting glory and honor.

Let us wherever we may be with Jesus realize that his presence furnishes an opportunity for service that shall be lasting in its results.

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Jan. 24 '26 Phil. 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death.

This is unusual expressed by Paul. It is a common ordinary thing for men to wish to become acquainted with other men who are in good circumstances, who have pleasant surroundings. They wish to get acquainted with them from the viewpoint of their comforts and luxury.

But here Paul wishes to know about Jesus from the viewpoint of his sufferings, death and resurrection. How learn from our text?

1. That people knowledge of Jesus prepares us for our rough and bitter existence.

2. That things that are ordinary and common, place take on a new and special significance when we know their relationship.

3. That Jesus is the key to life's problems, and when we know him we can work successfully with him.

4. That we may become acquainted with Jesus by working with him and by suffering with him.

-Heyen
Jan. 31st 26
Rom. 8:35

Rom. 13:1

It shall separate us from the love of Christ. Having loved his own, which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

Lose in us, move and act, according to its prompting. If it is prompted from without, or by some object or person which is fascinating and charming or who is attractive and lovable, it may last and it may not. But if on the other hand, it springs from within because it wishes to please, lift up the issue that which may be lovable, attractive or may not be, then it will be constant, lasting.

One of the great weaknesses of the human race is that we are too vacillating, unstable. We’re excitable and prompted too much from without and not enough from within.

Then too we’re greatly influenced
Feb. 7 '26  

PS. 43:3  

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

I suppose this is the most enlightened day of the world's history. And yet so far as the really great things of life are concerned, men are grooping in gross darkness.

Few men are any better informed concerning truth than was Pilate. No one as yet has advanced beyond the announcement of Jesus; for he said, I am the Truth and I am the Light, and I am the Light of the world.

The exhortation of the Psalmist really amounts to a request to be placed in the position where he could enjoy the presents of God. God's light is always shining in its fullness, but we are not always in position to see and enjoy it. The association that the Psalmist makes between the light and the holy hill and the tabernacle is the association that we all must make.

Let us learn from our text:-

1-That the inadequacy of temporal light to satisfy the human soul that is hunting for God.

2-To request God's light implies our willingness to follow it to where it leads.

3-That God's light always leads aright.

May we be found always following the Light of the world.

..........Amen..........
Rom. 8:35

Jno. 13:1.

by our own condition and circumstances. If we are comfortable and prosperous, we find it more easy to love our fellow-men. But oftentimes, when we are in adversity, the wells of love and affection dry up; let us learn:

1st. That our strength and power are in God's love.

2nd. That with a true knowledge of God's love, we are under obligation to plunge our into his deeps and attempt great things for him.

3rd. That we get full benefit and profit from God's love only when we use it for the good and salvation of our fellow-men.

We always rejoice in the love of God!
To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

The greatest and most mighty power among any people or in any community is a man consecrated and pledged to do the will of God. Indeed disaster and ruin await the organization and community from which such men are excluded.

It is not easy for a people or an organization that have gotten used to the unreal and have trained themselves to believe in shams to see and understand the value importance and power of the real.

For the carnally minded man nothing is a greater mystery, nothing puzzles him more than to see people depending upon one disdained and rejected for glory and honor.

God desired nearly two thousand years ago to make known to the Saints at Colossae the importance and value of Jesus Christ his Son among them. And today he would make known to the Saints at Buffalo and in every other place that Christ among us is the hope of our glory.

Let us learn from our text:-

1-That the world is in disgrace, covered with shame.

2-That the world is anxious for and is seeking glory.

3-That the world's greatest need is the spirit of Christ.

4-That the world needs to make a larger place in its life for Christ.

5-That Christ can serve only those who obey his law.

Let us so live that we may obtain the glory that Christ is ready to give.

...........Amen.........
Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
Surely no one ever walked this old earth who was greater or who had any more good superior qualities than Jesus the man of Galilee.

If any man ever had a right to respect, esteem and reverence, there can be no doubt that Jesus did.

But Jesus never expected men to reverence and esteem him simply because of his inherent qualities of goodness and holiness.

Jesus sought men to follow him, love, and esteem him for the great things which he did. And he appeals to us today through the work that he has done and is doing for us.

He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, and now he commends himself to us as our Savior.

Let us observe that he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows:

1-In our Civil life.
2-In our Domestic life.
3-In our Business-Industrial life.
4-In our Social life.
5-In our Religious life.

Let us pray that God may keep us conscious always of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

...... Amen. ......
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John said unto them, Come after me, and I will make you成为 fishermen of men.

1. To catch men
2. To have the kind of instruments that is necessary to catch the kind of fish for which you are fishing
3. He must fish at the proper time
4. He must fish patiently
5. He must fish quietly
Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

This life is a life of problems, difficulties, perplexities, trials and tests. The smartest, the most intelligent among-us have their limitations. There are some things that they do not know. Hence they need counsel and advice. And the important question that they must decide is where shall we seek counsel and who shall be our advisors.

We may not seek counsel directly, but we are apt to take counsel from those among whom we stand or with whom we associate. Hence we are exhorted to avoid sinners and the seat of the scornful.

The man who would be successful in handling the problems of life, and be happy must not simply think well of God's law, but he must delight in the law of the Lord and meditate in it day and night.

The man who follows God's law is not contented with simple empty pleasure and enjoyment. But he craves and must have pleasure that results from a useful life, a life of service. He is anxious to be fruitful, and prosperous. His life is to be a perpetual blessing—his leaf shall not wither.

In all of our seeking for pleasure peace and happiness let us remember God's law and obey it. Let us seek to be happy not alone ourselves. But let us seek to make others happy also. May we be Fruitful—helpful always and may our leaves of service never fall.

.........Amen.........
Feb. 28-26 Snc. 6:48 p.m.

How obtained
How profitable
How and where to keep
Used with every meal
All have access to it.
And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!

And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

The business of attending church is far more important than most people seem to think. Much more is to gained than most people seem to realize.

It is impossible to get the full benefit from church attendance except we know the meaning and purpose of the church.

Let us observe from our text:

1-That if men only knew God's program they would change their estimates of the world and make new valuations.

2-That men may come to the house of God regularly and in a formal way perform certain duties, but never see the things that make the place valuable and worth while.

3-That men never make a mistake when they see and estimate the world in company with Jesus.

Let us ask God to give us eyes that will see the true value of the things of this world.

......Amen......
Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

What was true in the first century with the church at Corinth has been true in every century and with every church since Paul wrote the words of our text. The members of the church then and the members of the church now need to be impressed with the dignity and importance of the position that they as members of the church occupy.

The way in which our work is described and the title that is given to the one who is expected to do the work have much to do with the impression that is made upon the one who is expected to do the work.

To describe the laborer in the vineyard of the Lord the Apostle Paul uses one of the most lofty dignified titles that could be used—it is a civil term and has to do with statecraft: ambassadors. Let us observe some things in connection with an ambassador and see just what the Apostle means.

We observe:

1. He must receive instructions from the Superiors of his own Kingdom before starting upon his mission.

2. He has to give up his native home and take up his residence among strangers—foreigners.

3. He must always represent the will of his Kingdom, not his own will.

4. He must make the people among whom he is intelligent concerning his Kingdom.

5. He must always maintain the dignity of his Kingdom.

6. He must be ready and willing to return to his Superiors and receive instructions whenever it is necessary.

......Amen......
Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

It seems all but impossible that twelve men of ordinary intelligence could have associated with Jesus as did the first disciples and not understand him any better than they did. Jesus told them story after story and gave parable and illustration upon parable and illustration. And yet they did not understand him.

And not understanding him, they did not believe him. There is no wonder they were troubled when they failed to believe him into whose hands God has given all things.

Some one has said that faith is the sixth sense. And for most of us it is an atrophied sense, for we do not use it as God intends that we should.

Let us observe that faith in God and belief in Jesus will raise us above the things that trouble the heart. We will not be troubled with:

1-Human Doctrines and Systems.
2-Human Manners, Customs and Methods.
3-Unwarranted Suspicions.
4-Undue Anxieties.
5-Unworthy Ambitions.

Let us always recognize the Lord Jesus as the key to all troubles that may come to us and realize that faith in him relieves us of them all.

......Amen............
Exposition

1. God as the husbandman, prunes; cleans the vine. Pruned the vine, the vine and he was cheered and burn- ed until on Calvary got the agony of his crucified grief. Why God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

2. The branch that does not bear fruit in Christ is of no profit and is taken away. But the branch that bears fruit is pruned that it may bear more fruit.

3. God's word is the instrument that is used in pruning the branch, cleansing pruning them.

4. The vine is required to keep up the relationship with himself, and the branches because his love fulness in the world.

5. The proper union with the vine results in the branches clean and fruitful.

6. The branch that does not keep up the proper union with the vine are taken and used for some unworthy cause. Burnt out of the hands if its rightful owner is liable to be taken and burned.
7. Then the proper relationship exists between the vine and branch they act in accord in harmony.
8. The genuineness of discipleship depends upon much fruit bearing.
9. The Lord it very urgent that we show to Christ away so we to continue in his love.
10. Stilling in God's love depends upon keeping his commandments.
11. We are to live in such a way as will make us always the source of Jesus' love.
12. We must know the history of God's love in to know when our love is up to the standard.
13. Jesus shows the greatness of his love in death.
14. The friends of Jesus always show their friendship 'in the lines' Jesus made it known to the disciples his love is as one another.
April 26-26 Luke 7:9

Jesus was not a casual, casual observer. Unlike ourselves, he always went into the details and particulars; he looked mature through before passing his opinion or giving his decision.

The Master’s statement here shows very clearly that faith is often in unexpected places among people that are not very promising.

1. That faith grows out of unselfishness, out of self-interest in our fellowman.
2. That our faith works according to our knowledge of the source and power upon which we depend.
3. That our faith increases according to the means we use in upholding it.
Apr. 27-'26 Ps. 27:4 & 9

I think that the majority of Christian minds are too much divided. We must concentrate if we would be successful in the service of the Lord. There must be greater earnestness in our desires.

"Let us observe:" —

1. That God's people have a right to desired things from Him that He is able to give.

2. That God's people have a right to desired things from Him that He is willing to give.

3. That God's people have a right to desired things from Him when they are ready and willing to seek after.

Amen
As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Some people seem to be habitual losers; they lose everything, they lose their reputation, their character, their material possessions, their hope, their aspirations, they lose their God and finally their life.

There are others who lose, but they are so dissatisfied that they never content themselves: they hunt, they seek and search; and they enlist others to help them hunt, seek and search. And they find what they have lost.

The greatest loss that can come to any man or any group of men is the loss of God. So long as we possess God we possess every possibility.

We find ourselves lonely, discontented and sad. It is not because we have lost money, friends or any other material possessions. It is because we have lost God.

So whatever else we may have in abundance, we will not be happy not be satisfied until we regain the likeness of God, become normal again.
April 29-26 Acts 17:10,11 Rm

Every kingdom has a standard for all of its citizens. Those who measure up to the standard are given certain titles and have certain degrees conferred upon them.

And so the Kingdom of God has a standard for all of its citizens, and they are noble or ignoble according to the way they measure up to their standards, or fail to do so.

The True Nobility supports itself

1. In our attitude towards God's Messenger and in the kind of reception that we extend to him.

2. In our attitude towards God's Message.

3. In the amount of time that we give to the consideration and study of God's Message.

— A. B. —
While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them; and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone.

God has always been very anxious for his Son. He has always desired for him the place that he came into the world to occupy.

God can not do the great and mighty things for this old world that he desires to do until Jesus is allowed to occupy the place of preeminence, which belongs to him.

More than once, with his own voice God has spoken to this old world and told her who Jesus is and the attention that he demands from us.

Let us learn from this scripture:

1-That cloud, and gloom, and darkness often overshadow us to make us realize how foolish we are.

2-That when God speaks he puts to silence the silly mutterings of men.

3-That the voice of God helps us to see the vanishing world in its true light.

4-That the voice of God helps us to see Jesus as the only true one from God.

5-That the voice of God helps us to realize that Jesus alone is all sufficient, that he alone is constant, stable, steadfast, abiding.

May the Holy Spirit make us all intelligent, so that we shall always recognize and appreciate the greatness, the absoluteness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

..........Amen..........
May 26, 1927  Matt. 27:11-14  P.

Jesus whole life was one of exalted and example and helpful lessons.

And of all the examples and lessons that he gave none were more important than those that he gave for Silence.

He said that he was mighty in word and doctrine and so he was; for never did any man with authority and power with which Jesus spoke.

But he was also mighty and powerful in Silence. Therefore:

1. That the silence of Jesus disappointed his friends and surprised his enemies.

2. That the Silence of Jesus showed that truths was not always expressed in words.

3. That the Silence of Jesus shows that one may be so preoccupied with God itself he had no time to talk to men.

Amen
The Man Whom God Satisfies
The Man who recognizes his own personal need.

The Man who desires to get back into vital Fellowship with God.

The Man who realizes that he is a sinner and that God will take him up.
May 9, 26. 2 Tim. 1:5

Then I call to remember the unfeigned faith, that is in thee, which first was in thy grandmother Lois, and in thy mother Eunice; and I was persuaded that in thee also.

Now people like to use ancestors when they wish to determine your social standing or when they wish to account for the professional and business kind of your mind.

But in our text Paul refers to the ancestors of Timothy to remind him of his religious heritage. He wishes to consider a few practical things in connection with "Mother." Where shall we celebrate to-day?

1. What should mothers bequeath to their children?
2. How shall mothers train their children?
3. What are the moral, intellectual, economic, industrial and religious life of mothers' relations to the State, Church, school, and home?

Let us consider:

May we always honor Mother for what she has done for us.

Amen.
May 16-26 Col. 3:23

And whatsoever we do, do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men.

This is a wonderful age in which we live. The bravest of our achievements, in every shape of life. We sing the praises of inventors, and explore and of musicians, painters and artists. Receive our applause. But not withstanding all these praises and applause, not many people seem to find just what they live in the world for. Hence we have speculators respectable and not respectable.

Let us observe that we live in the world to render service to God and our fellow men. In order to do this:

1st. Honest.

2nd. Industrious.

3rd. Intelligent.
May 16, '26 1 Cor. 7:23

1. We are bought with a price, be not ye the servants of men.

Ordinarily no one feels elated over the thought of being bought. But there have been those who have looked forward to being bought with a great deal of zest.

The condition one is in before he is bought and the character of the one who buys have much to do with how he will be affected when he is bought.

The reason why one is bought has much to do with the effect that it will have.

1st. Christ our Purchaser, He desires:

2nd. With what Christ purchased us.

3rd. Why Christ purchased us. Because

- He saw in us worth. Value possessed.
- He saw that we had not opportunity.
- He saw that we were not appreciated.
- He wanted him to buy us.

Let us be loyal and true to Him, who has bought and redeemed us from the clasp and sin.

Amen
May 23-‘26 Acts 26:19

Hereupon, O King Agrippa,
I was not disobedient unto the
heavenly vision:

One of the sad, painful things
that we have to face in human ex-
perience is that so many of us
know so much, but do so little.

We spend weeks, months, and
years, learning great rules and
laws, and then, when the occa-
sion demands, we forget or will-
fully fail to use them.

We know history, we under-
stand psychology, and yet we go
on making the same old blun-
ders that our fathers made.
Human nature seems to be
just as much an enigma
to us as it was to our ances-
tors who understood no psy-
chology. We are deceived and
baffled as easily as were they.

Our experience is not void
of visions, warnings and visions.
Great plans and programs with
the divine stamp and appro-
val upon them. But we ignor-


Buffalo, N. Y., May 20, '26

Dear Member:

Our Officers have been instructed in more than one business meeting to renovate and redecorate our church. They have not done so because they have had no assurance about the money being forthcoming when the work is done.

However they have gone ahead and gotten bids on work to be done, and are now ready to give the work to the lowest bidder.

We are asking each member to give a designated sum each week for 10 weeks, beginning Sunday, June June 6th '26.

If you can give the amount designated in this letter, or if you feel that you should give more or less please write the amount that you will give each week for 10 weeks, beginning June 6th, on the inclosed card, and put it in the inclosed stamped and addressed envelope and mail it back to me just as soon as possible.

Yours Truly,
The Finance Committee and Pastor J. Edward Nash.
Acts 26:19

Our spiritual hearing is keen and sensitive, and we hear heavenly voices. But the tumult and clamor of the world drown them out, and we are worse off than if we had never heard the heavenly voices.

Our progress and success in life depend not upon the great number of opportunities that we have, but rather upon the use we make of those we have.

1st. Men who have visions.

2nd. The kind of visions men have.

3rd. The value of visions.

I. Jesus knew the program that He had to carry out before He came into this world, or with the Father and the Holy Spirit He had helped to make it.

II. Jesus knew that He would be condemned, criticized, condemned, and executed.

But every experience through which He passed, simply prepared Him for the final trial.

In his entire life Jesus was a revolutionary and everything that He touched, even the world, itself, had to change for the better.

So let us see what Jesus did with the Cross. The Cross has been a sign of:

1. A curse, which He bore. Jesus made it a sign of privilege and opportunity.

2. Suffering and pain Jesus made it a sign of self-denial, sacrifice, and service.

3. Shame - growing, Jesus made it a sign of honor and glory.

4. Failure - defeat, Jesus made it a sign of victory, triumph.

Amen.
Ps. 25:14

1. A valuable secret.

2. An abundant secret.

3. A secure secret

May those of us who have found this secret of the Lord tell of worth that others may be interested to seek.

Amen
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

From the time of her exile Israel had been looking and praying for writing and singing about a King who would redeem and reestablish them in former position of power and influence. For the common people, who were oppressed by the political and religious leaders, Jesus filled the bill; and more than once they sought to make him their King.

The people knew of the many wonderful things that Jesus had done: they also knew that his manner of going into Jerusalem at this particular time was a perfect fulfilment of prophecy. It may be that his immediate disciples had the correct idea concerning the kingship of Jesus. But we are not certain about that. We know however that the multitude did not have the right idea about his kingship.

Let us observe:

1-The literal significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

2-The typical significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

3-The spiritual significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Let us remember that the same opportunity that came to Jerusalem to receive Jesus and to profit by his presence comes to Buffalo and every other city. And let us remember that this opportunity comes to each of us as individuals may we take advantage of it and use it.

........Amen........
And behold there was a great earthquake:
for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven,
and came and rolled back the stone from the door,
and sat upon it.

Those who have known the relation of Jesus to the world and his value to the world have always wanted him to be alive. For the whole course of nature is effected by and depends upon him. If Jesus were dead this old world would be dead.

When Jesus was crucified the earth expressed its disapproval by putting out all her lights and quaking. And when he was put into the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea the earth again expressed her disapproval and had a quake and shook the stone door away from the sepulcher.

Even though when here in the flesh Jesus at times seemed tortured by his loneliness and separation from God, yet we have reasons to believe that heaven never forgot him, but watched over him and was always ready to aid him when he was in need. Jesus said on one occasion that if he needed them that his Father would send him a legion of angels.

From the incidents that accompanied the resurrection of Jesus let us learn:-

1-That nature feels the need of and wants Jesus liberated, wants him alive.

2-That there is certain important service to be rendered Jesus that God will never entrust to earthly agencies. Angels from heaven must come to act.

3-That God's true messengers always work with nature.

4-That God not only liberates, but he secures against recapture and reimmourment.

May we always be found in the position where we will have the liberty whereby Christ sets us free.

........Amen........
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Sept. 11-25

Jan. 20, 19, 20, 21

That there might be no mistake, as to Jesus' purpose in coming into the world and establishing the Church. At his birth, 'the Spirit of the Lord' descended, from on high to announce Jesus' coming. And the program of the Church was to bring peace on earth and good will to men.

And even before this the Holy Spirit had prepared the way. And about a hundred years before hand the work which Jesus and the Church had to do on the world. It was to preach good tidings unto the people and bring the broken hearted.

And while here in the flesh Jesus was constantly reminding the people of the fates that he came into the world to destroy strife and discord and to establish peace. And just before he was crucified he called the attention of the disciples to the peace that he came into the world to bring, and leave with them.
John 20:19, 20, 21

And the first thing he does after his resurrection is to recall these disciples of his mission to the world, in the words of our text, Peace be unto you. As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

In the light of the fact that Jesus laid so much stress upon this particular work that he came into the world, it seems reasonable to conclude that he established the Church, the only organization that he said existed, so that she might carry on his purpose in this world, to establish peace. It is

1. That the mission of the Church is like that of her Master, to establish peace in the world.

2. That this peace must begin and extend from those who have seen the Lord and whose hearts have been inspired by his Spirit.

3. That the work of bringing peace into the world has been committed to the Church. Those things which mean peace to the world, should be, and if they would be, held to be in conflict with the Church.

Amen.
Jerusalem represented all that was good and holy and worth while to Israel. Though captive in Babylon, they kept the memory of Jerusalem fresh in their minds.

When Israel was carried captive into Babylon, their city and temple and all else that was dear to them in Judah was destroyed. But under proper leaders, they returned and began to rebuild the walls and city to observe the importance of the wall around Jerusalem.

1. The walls separated.
2. The walls protected.
3. The people had a mind to work.
4. The people had a mind to work together.
5. The result of their labor assured the scene.

Amen
Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

There are many ways in which men may try to show that they are following Christ. But whatever else a man may do, if we fail to do the one thing that he has command, we do not recognize us as his followers. No will our fellowmen recognize us as such.

1. "No one, who complies with the conditions, is deprived of the privilege of following Jesus.

2. "Jesus accepted only those who were the own free will of his followers. They must not be forced, they must not be frightened; they must not be simply fascinated.

3. "The cross ceases to be a sign of shame and disgrace and its dangers to be a burden to those who take it up as means of following Jesus. We can not follow him.
Ps. 51:12
that the world, with all its charm
and fascination, can not fill.
And the Psalms of the Psalmist be-
come more splendid, because he
restored to me the joy of my salvation
let us observe that in order
to get joy out of our salvation we
must repent.
1st. The Nature of it. a) certain b)
constant. c) comprehensive.

2nd. The Source of it. God as
revealed to his Son. b) in his Book. c) in his Church.

3rd. The Purpose of it. To make
us a) Disciples of Jesus. Students
under the Holy Spirit. b) Servants
of God. c) Citizens of the Kingdom of
God.

If any of us, who are the chil-
dren of God, at any time find
ourselves lacking the joy that
belongs to those who are saved,
let us with the Psalmist ask
God to restore it. Amen.
April 22-26, 26
Psalm 25: 14

Most of us are pleased to be taken into the confidence of ordinary people. And when prominent, outstanding persons take us into their confidence and reveal to us their plans for the carrying out of a great proposition, I feel especially elated. And when others are talking about what they have learned about the details and plans of this great person we take peculiar delight in telling what we know about this great person and about the plans that he has revealed to us.

We spend much time and energy and money in our efforts to keep some secrets. And when we have learned all we think is of no profit to us. But the secret about which we are
The joy of spiritual life seems tame to the Carnal man, and it seems tame also to the Carnally Minded professor of spiritual life.

It is human nature to grow tired of the old and to desire new sources of joy and delight. But to the Spiritually Minded, the old, that is, Real, Absolute, grows better and better, more and more attractive and satisfying. Hence to the real Child of God, the Church, the Bible and the Kingdom constitute the Source of his real joy.

The world without these, to the Child of God becomes a desert, a waste howling wilderness. He can get no long lasting pleasure from anything else. Many have tried to find comfort, peace and joy away from God, the Church and the Bible. But every Child of God comes back with this testimony, that there was an aching void in his heart.
Matt 11:2, 3, 4, 5

They have elaborate mosques and make long prayers; they get happy and shout and sing.

But no blind receives sight!

Literally, not figuratively. No lame walks, no lepers are cleansed,

No deaf is made to hear, no dead is raised, nor do the poor receive proper attention.

And yet most of us think we recognize Jesus in our begrudged

which is present in:

1. Gives sight to the blind.
2. Makes the lame walk.
3. Cleanses the leper.
4. Unites with the deaf聋者.
5. He raises the dead.
6. Gives attention to the poor.

Let us join our own rules for recognizing Jesus and use this rule.

Amen.
Apr. 20-'26 Matt 11: 2, 3, 4, 5 R. P.

Since the days that Jesus was here in the flesh, this old world has made wonderful progress and improvement in almost everything except in human nature. Away from Jesus human nature is just about where Adam left it.

Often he was here in the flesh, men did not recognize him, they did not understand him. They do not recognize nor understand him to-day.

Even through time after time he has given the rule by which men may recognize him. Yet many, some of them in the church, ignore the rule and try to recognize and understand him by a rule of their own making. They build great cathedrals, gymnasiums, tabernacles, and what not;
Dec. 1926 Ruth 2:19

The aim of life is not
very abundant. Not many
of us get our supply from
the harvest, but rather from
gleaning. As to where we
shall make our home is of very
important:

There have we gleaned
for personal, physical,
mental, moral,
spiritual?

There have we gleaned
for friends and fellowship?

There have we gleaned
in whose field have
we gleaned? Have we
seen the Giver and com-
manded with him?

There have we gleaned
how we gleaned, so that
one who
redefines upon us will not be
disappointed?

Amen
THIRTY MINUTES FOR WORSHIP
Holy Week Noon-Day Services
SHEA'S COURT STREET THEATRE
12:25 -- 12:55 o'clock
Buffalo Council of Churches

Theme: "The Prince of Life and Death"

TUESDAY, MARCH 30—
Rev. Samuel V. V. Holmes, D. D.
"The Purpose of Discipline"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31—
Rev. F. A. Kahler, D. D.
"The Unity of Christians"

THURSDAY, APRIL 1—
Bishop Adna W. Leonard, D. D., LL.D.
"The Betrayal"

FRIDAY, APRIL 2—
Bishop Adna W. Leonard, D. D., LL.D.
"The Crucifixion"

Music by the Methodist Male Quartet
Citizens of Buffalo and visitors in the city are invited
to attend these services.
Dec. 26-26 Matt. 1:21

And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his Name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.

As we engage in celebrating the birth of Jesus it is a good time for us to consider some other important matters connected with the birth of Jesus.

God used an agency that had been regarded slightly in various religions. But John the Baptist was so able and so widely recognized that the Catholic Church made John almost a god.

Being born means to get a new position, make new contacts,
Matt. 1:21

Most persons are influenced in their life and activity by the name rather than their name expressed by what they do.

Many persons have assumed the responsibility of saving their people from many unfavorable conditions. But only of Jesus could it be said that he came to save his people from their sins.

The people of God have sin and need to be saved from it.

May the birth of Jesus mean to every one of us New life, New friends, and New contacts!

Amen