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SERMON OUTLINES

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AN ALL THE WEEK PROGRAM
FOR THE CHURCH

Just WHEN, WHERE, and HOW an individual or an institution is to labor must be determined, in very large measure by the nature and importance of the work to be done.

There are individuals and institutions that work just a few hours a day; there are those who work all day and cease at night; and there are still others that work all day and all night, every day in the week. The Hospital, the Hotel, the Drug Store and the up to date Garage are institutions that are open and do business day and night seven days in the week.

Those who run these institutions tell us that they have an all the week program because the demand for their service justifies it.

All these institutions are catering exclusively to man's material needs.

The function of the church is and always has been to INSPIRE, INSTRUCT, and CONSTRUCT. And these obligations are to all men, saints and sinners.

While other institutions care exclusive for the material needs of man, the church should be and must be interested in all the needs of man. Hence the wisdom, and indeed the necessity of the church being at it day and night seven days in the week.

For a long long time most of the church has been satisfied to do inspirational work, and this has been and is especially true with our racial group.

Our church buildings and form of worship have been designed with the sole aim of inspiring the people. The people have accordingly gone elsewhere for their information and instruction and edification.

In the future the church that would serve any considerable number of the people especially in the urban centers, must be interested in and make

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provision for all the needs of man. For there are so many agencies working for man's material good with which the church has to compete if she would have a chance to help men spiritually. The church must be interested in the INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL, POLITICAL, RECREATIONAL, INTELLECTUAL, MORAL and RELIGIOUS life of man.

Our church program should be such as would be recognized by the community chest in our great cities; for our churches are expected to contribute to this fund.

An all the week program might be some thing like this:

- 1-A modern church building, with Pastor's Office and Pastor's Study properly fitted up with phone, Type Writer, Printing or Duplicating machine, Stationery, and proper help.
- 2-Departments under efficient Leaders.
- 3-An adequate budget.

Jan. 4 '31

Exodus 14:15

M

And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Isreal, that they go forward.

The counsel, even of the best of men who are identified with a good cause is often to retrench, retreat, take a backward step.

It is well for us who are engaged in the work of the Lord to remember, that his counsel to us is always to advance, make progress, grow, go forward.

As we start out upon the adventures of a new year it will be greatly to our advantage to survey every situation, and make all our plans and programs in communion with God.

When like Moses we commune with God darkness turns into light, impossibilities turn into possibilities, heavy burdens become light, enemies are changed into friends, and opposers into supporters.

Let us observe the ways in which we need to go forward during the year 1931:-

- 1-In our FRIENDSHIPS.
- 2-In our SYMPATHIES.
- 3-In our use of the OPPORTUNITIES that come to us to do good.
- 4-In our privilege to WORK together in the cause of God.
- 5-In our DESIRE for achievement, accomplishments, Victory over our common foe.

Let us remember when God orders us to go forward he has prepared the way making it possible and comparatively easy for to do so.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 11 '31

Phil. 3:F.C.10

M

That I may know him.

There are several ways by which we may obtain knowledge: by reading, observation, conversation and by experience.

But there are certain subjects and persons with which and with whom we must have personal contact and experience if we would have knowledge that makes us really intelligent concerning them.

Hence men make all kinds of sacrifices; they travel, they explore, they spend long hours night and day in the laboratory that they may have experimental knowledge; so that when they speak they may speak with authority concerning a subject or person that may be under consideration.

Most persons observe the above rules with a reasonable degree of perfection. But most persons select the wrong subjects and the wrong persons about which and about whom to obtain superior knowledge.

What a marvelous debt we owe to the world's pioneers and adventurers, who have listened to the voice of God, and have followed the inspiration and leadership of the Spirit. Abraham, Moses, Paul and Jesus himself were all pioneers. They all became thoroughly acquainted with God and have left on record their knowledge to which we have or may become heirs.

DESIRING TO KNOW JESUS

We observe that in order to know Jesus we must:-

- 1-Have some intelligent idea of him.
- 2-Have an earnest desire to know him.
- 3-Use the agencies placed at our disposal.
- 4-Follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
- 5-Have communion and fellowship with him.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 25 '31

II Sam. 18:32

M

And the king said unto Cush, Is the young man Absalom safe?

The population of every community is made up of men, women and children. In this population we have young and old, boys and girls. These must all be provided for and cared for. Some times this is done at one place and at the same time.

But there are times and places when and where each group is cared for separately. Hence we have institutions public and private for men, for women, for old men and for old women, for young men and for young women, for boys and for girls.

These institutions give attention to the safety and security of the members of the various groups.

The national state and city governments see to it that these institutions are kept in proper physical and moral condition. The citizens of the kingdom of God are under obligation to see to it that these institutions are kept in proper spiritual condition.

So when we inquire as to the safety of the young man we thinking particularly about his spiritual status. For we know that his spiritual standing must determine his every other phase of life. But we must consider the safety of the young man from these viewpoints:-

1-Physical.

2-Mental.

3-Moral.

4-Religious.

5-Industrial--Economic.

We should consider ourselves greatly blessed in that we have an institution here in our midst that specializes in caring for young men.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 4-'31 PS. 27:4 E.C.J. 2

Happiness and Contentment depend upon:-

- 1- The Character + Number of desires we have. House of the Lord
- 2- The one to whom we look to satisfy our desires. The Lord is the One
- 3- What we do in order to satisfy our desires. We Seek

May we seek always to have the prompting and guidance of the Holy Spirit so that our desires may never be too numerous, and may always be pure and legitimate. Then we may always look to God to satisfy our desires.

— Amen —

The B. B. Union
Three Outstanding
Periods

- 1- Worked under Officers and Com. Chairmen with a Local Fund
- 2- With a Local, St. Convention and Home Mission Fund
- 3- With Board of Missionary Cooperation Fund. ^{the one thing} The Executive Dept.
 - 1- His Function How understood
 - 2- His Achievements
 - a) Recognition 1st In City
 - 2nd State 3rd Nations
 - 3- Relating the N. Officers to B. B. U.
- 3- His Home and Interch.

The Christian's Responsibility In All Mission Fields

There was a time when Christianity had a very few, if any competitors. Then those who espoused Christianity became wedded to it. They would give up all for it. Even life itself, when their religion was at stake, they counted ^{their life} not dear to them. Then the words of our Lord were still ringing in their ears, Go ye into all the world.

To day Christianity is required to take her place in the field of religious thought, and to compete with many other religions.

The attitude of many Christian religious teachers today.

Religion is:-

A Propagating Agency.

An Evangelizing Agency.

A Proselyting Agency.

We Want You to Know:

- 1st.—That our Church is on Michigan St. just South of Broadway.
- 2nd.—That we have Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.
- 3rd.—That our Sunday School is at 12.30 P. M.
- 4th.—That the C. E. Society and Christian Culture Congress meets every Sunday at 4 P. M.
- 5th.—That the Junior C. E. Society meets every Sunday at 5.30 P. M.
- 6th.—That you and your friends are cordially invited to and will be made welcome at any and all of these Services.

REV. J. EDWARD NASH, Pastor,

MR. F. M. TARRY, Superintendent of Sunday School.

**MRS. WILL. H. TALBERT, President of C. E. Society and Christian
Culture Congress.**

MRS. E. M. PIKE, Supt. of Jr. C. E. Soc.

Mar. 1 '31

Acts 8:4

M

Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

The church; whether we consider it from the viewpoint of the organization or from the viewpoint of the building, has some scenic value. But if it has no other value God can not make much use of it.

The well prepared cake; the beautiful apple; the majestic trees of the forest; or the great mountain of granite are all fine upon which to look. But they must all be divided up, scattered abroad before they become of any practical value. And so the church can never be of any real value so long as she is self centered, satisfied with her fine organization and beautiful well appointed building.

It is likely that the early disciples would have built up a great organization and erected a great temple, one that would have rivaled Solomon's temple, at Jerusalem and been satisfied to have remained there to the end of their days. But that was not God's plan. In the person of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord his act on Calvary had been for all the world.

His method and means for making us launch out into the deep, in compelling us to get out of ourselves are not always to our liking, but his method and means are always for our profit.

ALL DISCIPLES SHOULD BE
MISSIONARIES.

We observe:-

- 1-That the life of the disciple is not to be a life of ease, indolence or selfishness.
- 2-That all disciples are commissioned to preach, to witness.
- 3-That all disciples are endued with the Holy Spirit that they may preach, witness.
- 4-That all disciples are commissioned to ^{Preach} the Word, the Christ.
- 5-That disciples are commissioned to preach, to witness every where.

May never be selfcentered, but like our Lord may we be interested in the Salvation of all the world.

.....Amen.....

Mar. 15 '31

Matt. 5:47

M & V

And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the Publicans so?

Man's needs are great and varied. And as the years come and go and we advance in civilization our needs increase more and more.

Many institutions have been established, and are working night and day to supply these needs. All inventions, all explorations, all discoveries and all revelations have been for the good of man, and to supply his needs.

I do not need to say, that those in charge of these institutions are anxious to have them do their full part. To realize this the needs of man have been divided up into departments as follows: Manufacturing, Agriculture, Mining, Cattle Industry, with a great number of further divisions through which they serve. Most all, if not all the physical needs of man are supplied by these departments.

Then come man's mental needs which are supplied by Education, Association, and Recreation. And these major departments are further divided into minor departments necessary to take care of our mental needs.

Our greatest need is ~~our~~ spiritual need, and this is supplied by Religion, Revelation, and Consecration-Devotion.

Let us consider:-

- 1-What the church does for us.
- 2-What we do and may do for the church.
- 3-What together we may do and should do for the world.

Let us remember, that the church should never be satisfied with competing with other organizations or institutions, she must ever seek to excel in her service to man.

May we always recognize our great Coworker.

.....Amen.....

Mar. 16-31 Humor of The
Negro Preacher

- 1- The Fool's Prayer
- 2- When the Negro is humorous
- 3- The Relation of humor to
Emotionalism - The Artical
- 4- The Negro - The Episcopalian
- 5- Sam Jones - Billy Sunday
- 6- Green Pastures English
and American Comment
- 7- What the N. P. really is
Ridiculous, Grotesque
Pathetic
- 8- Samples of N. Humor
Army Horse B. Williams
Swivel Chair
Ham - Chickens - Hen House
Needs - Over Coat Etc.

May 3 '31

Joshua 24:15,24

M

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

The people of God have many rich possessions inherited from God. But we are prone to minimize and undervalue possessions so inherited. And we spend our time and energy in our endeavors to obtain other possessions in which we think is found real value.

It is well for us, the people of God, very often to run over the catalogue of our God-given possessions. In this catalogue we shall find Faith, Hope, Love, Willpower, Patience, Courage; and many others. But the possession that we wish to consider at this time is,

RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE

Let us observe:-

- 1-That our religious influence is manifested thro
a)Our COURAGE. b)Our EARNESTNESS. c)Our HONESTY.
d)Our KNOWLEDGE. e)Our PERSONALITY.
- 2-That we can most helpfully use our religious influence by a)CONVERSATION. b)TOLERATION. c)COOPERATION.
- 3-That we should use our religious influence where
a)MALICE IS TO BE REMOVED. b)PREJUDICE AND SUSPICION ARE TO BE OVERCOME. c)WICKEDNESS PREVAILS. d)THE ATMOSPHERE IS CONGENIAL.
- 4-That in the use of our religious influence we should aim to make people understand God as he really is, and to get them to serve him more perfectly.

.....Amen.....

May 10 '31

I Saml. 2:18, 19

M

But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. Moreover his mother gave him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

There was a time in ancient history when it was humiliating if not disgraceful for a married woman to be childless. The great requirement for motherhood then was to have children. That one thing placed her among honorable and respectable.

But the requirements for motherhood that make this day worth celebrating have changed. A woman can no longer qualify to be classed among real mothers by simply being the bearer of even a great number of children.

Indeed many women who have borne the greatest number of children are the farthest from being real mothers. In sacred and secular history we have the record of women who allowed and even caused their children to go astray.

No woman can be a mother in the sense in which we think and speak today who fails to give moral mental religious training to her children. To have mother's day is indeed a great idea. In celebrating this day we have done but a very small part of our duty when we have put on a red or a white carnation, given a few sentimental kisses and said a number of flattering complimentary things about mothers.

Our text gives us briefly the history of an ideal mother and an ideal child. Let us see what this mother, Hannah, did to make her ideal:-

- 1-She asked God for her child.
- 2-She gave her child to the Lord.
- 3-She sought proper environment and association for her child.
- 4-She personally concerned herself about her child's dress.
- 5-She set her child a good example, she went periodically where her son could see her and his father offer the annual sacrifice.

.....Amen.....

May 31-'31 LUKE 5:1,2,3,4 μ

We are vessels, which if not preoccupied with material things, God will use to carry out His program.

When God really comes into your life and Mine we are no longer satisfied to continue along the shore of material, secular life. We will hear and obey the command of the Master to thrust out a little from the land.

When we consecrate ourselves, our faculties, our abilities and our possessions to the service of God he will give us opportunities and success that we have never had before.

If we launch out with the Master we will ^{find} fields waiting to be cultivated, and ripened harvests to be reaped:—

- 1st In our City. In a) Homes. b) Churches
c) Public Schools etc.
- 2nd In our State. a) Old Folks. b) Children
- 3rd In our Nation. a) Schools + Churches
- 4th In all the World. a) Business, Social, Intellectual and Religious life

June 14 '31

Prov. 22:6

M

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it.

On almost all practical subjects the Word of God is the very best text book.

Quite all the questions that concern us are discussed in this book by the Expert. So we can never get beyond the authority of the Book.

From this book come the words of our text.

Let us find out, if possible:-

1-Who is to train the child. a)Publishers of News Papers, Magazines, and Books. b)Public Parks, and Amusement Places. c)Public Schools, and Churches. d)The Home.

2-How we may know in what way to train the child. The child must be known, a) Physically, b) Mentally, c)Morally. d)Spiritually.

3-That the child must be trained to be, a) Studious. b)Devout-Pious. c)Moderate in all, Strong and Healthy. d)Industrious. e)Frugal. f)Truthful-Honest. g)Respectful. h)Systematic- Regular-Orderly in Deportment.

May we all realize that the obligation to train up the child is upon every one of us who has reached maturity and has had the necessary information to qualify us for such lofty service.

.....Amen.....

June 14 '31

June 19:28

V 1

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

It was the lot of the Lord Jesus, though he owned all things, to be poor; though he made the springs he had to suffer the torture of thirst, and to beg others to give him a drink of water.

Though he was the personification of love yet he became the object of the greatest hate.

The life that is dedicated to the general good and redemption of humanity is:-

- 1-A life of LABOR. Jesus said, I must work while it is day. The Apostle Paul says we are workers together with God.
- 2-A life of ADVENTURE. They must go out not knowing where they are going, just obeying God's command.
- 3-A life of SUFFERING. If they would be glorified with Him they must also suffer with him.
- 4-A life of LONELINESS. They must tread the winepress alone. They must agonize and pray alone.
- 5-A life DEPRIVED of SYMPATHIZERS and SUPPORTERS. Their one time followers will leave and deny them. Their own immediate family will doubt them.

Let us remember that this land through which the saints of the Lord are journeying is a thirsty land where there is little or no spiritual drink. And like our Lord many many times we will be thirsty.

But may we rejoice in the privilege of following in the footsteps of our Lord.

.....Amen.....

July 5-31 Isa. 40:1 pc

That we are in constant need of comfort of some kind, I think there is no question. But most of us are puzzled as to how and where to obtain the comfort that we crave.

We get great relief out of the fact, that God wishes us to be comfortable and has made ample abundant provision for our comfort.

We are in need:-
1st Physical Comfort
2nd Mental Comfort
3rd Spiritual Comfort.

July 5 '31 Isa. 55: F.C. 1 V

Once we had on our St.
Corners fountains for horses,
now Tanks for autos, Make
provision for birds now.

We have a variety of
physical thirsts: Benjamins,
Milk and Water. So we thirst
for many spiritual blessings
Privilege, Opportunity; Chance
Companionship; Fellowship, Friend-
ship, Comfort, Peace; Content-
ment; Health; Life etc.

The Fountain to which we
are invited is always:-

- 1- Accessible. Not like Springs
to which we resort
- 2nd Fresh, Clear, Plentiful
- 3rd Refreshing - Life giving
- 4th The invitation is always
from the Proprietor.

Let us rejoice in the
fact that the Fountain is
always open
— Amen —

Lomax
Thurs. 12

Hedstrom
Memorial

9 P.M.

9 P.M.

9 P.M.

Per J. E. Mack
Dear Sir:-
I enclose \$15.00 of Rent balance
due \$20.00. which I will seek
at the earliest possible.

Buffalo N.Y. Oct 4-29.

Receipt
J. E. Mack

July 26 '31

Gen. 37-39-40-41

Pen.

- 1-Joseph by being respectful and obedient won special favor from his father.
- 2-Joseph in winning the special favor of his father incurred the hate and jealousy and envy of his brothers.
- 3-Joseph in physical bondage was morally, mentally and spiritually free.
- 4-Joseph by being pious, honest, faithful and true won the confidence of all with whom he had to do.
- 5-Joseph, whatever his condition and circumstances, was always interested in the good of others and sought to make them comfortable and happy.

Sept. 6 '31

Rom. 12:1,2

M

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

The fact, that in this Book we find the invitation, to come and buy without money and without price. And the fact, that the poet has announced, that salvation is free have caused many people to conclude that it costs nothing to live the christian Life.

But no thoughtful person attempts to live according to the principles and teaching of Jesus until he has counted the cost.

The christian Life is a partnership with God. In this partnership individuality and personal possessions are swallowed up. ^{we} are willing to give up these for the larger, more abundant, helpful life that is found in this partnership.

When the senior partner is an expert in the kind of business in which we have become interested, and into which we have launched, it is our duty to listen to his advice and to follow his counsel. We find out from ^{him} just what and when we are to invest, and then without reservation it is our duty to invest.

So in order to live as Christ has taught us we learn, that we must offer our bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God. We see therefore, that christian living cost all that we are and all that we possess. Have we virtues, as Patience, Courage, Faith and Hope? We are to invest these in our christian Life, that it may be rich and full. Have we Prestige, Influence, Power? Lay these on the altar of our christian Life also. Have we Physical Strength, Temporal Position, and Material Substance? God demands these also if we would be partners with him.

Let us see, that there can be no christian Life without a very great cost of the very best that we have. Then let us think of what it has cost others in making our christian Life possible. And last let us think of what our christian Life has cost the Lord Jesus.

.....Amen.....

Sept. 6-'31 Matt. 10: L.C. 31 V

Ye are of more value
than many sparrows.

In the light of the fact, that
through the ages man's value to
man has continually decreased,
man is liable to under-
value himself, and to think
of himself as being of very
little importance even in
the sight of God.

It is well, therefore
for us very often to hear
from God himself as to
how he values man now.

In almost every walk
of human endeavor man
is very largely ^{even} "measured" ^{has}
eliminated. The machine
has supplanted him. So he
finds it difficult to ob-
tain work, and when he
does he finds himself al-
most entirely subservient to
the machine.

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Matt. 10: L.C. 31

But God who never changes has an unchanging program. And from the beginning his whole plan has anticipated the need of man. His plan can be carried out in no other way, by no other instrumentality. Hence God's great value to God.

When man becomes conscious of the value that God places upon him he reevaluates himself. He is no longer satisfied to spend his time with the low things of life. He endeavors to qualify himself and keep himself fit for the Master's use.

— Amen —

Sept. 20 '31

I Kings 17:12-14

M

And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, That I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said, but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and thy son. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

At best our personal possessions are very small, from whatever viewpoint we consider them. Our material wealth is very small. Mentally most of us are paupers. Morally most of us are bankrupt. Spiritually we are mortgaged beyond redemption. This situation demands our most serious thought and consideration. We are very much in need of an Elijah to come along weary, and thirsty, and hungry to tell us what to do that we may be rid of our poverty.

Let us learn from our text:-

- 1-That very often we should make an inventory of all our possessions.
- 2-That to the best of our ability, we should plan to make the best investment of our possessions.
- 3-That we should expect great results from our investments.
- 4-That we are never intelligent as to what to do with our possessions until we know the will of God.
- 5-That like Elijah, the church must be intelligent concerning God's program and make it known to the people.

Let us remember, that if we are God's servants, that we are his agents to do his will. It is ours to provide for the poor, feed the hungry and cloth the naked.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 4 '31

Jere. 8:20

M

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Every life has its spring, its summer, its fall and its winter. Each of these seasons has its own pleasures, its own joys and delights.

Not many of us get the full joy out of any one of these seasons. So those who are able extend their seasons by moving from place to place. Those in the South who wish more winter than their locality affords, like the wild geese go to the North, and those who wish their summers extended go to the South. Hence those who are able have two homes, a winter home and a summer home.

But whether we move from place to place or not each season has its own opportunities. And whether we spend the summer in the South or in the North we must take summer's blessings when they come or suffer the consequences.

Each season in the year stands for certain privileges, certain opportunities; and you can not get out of winter what God has intended that you should get out ~~of the other seasons.~~

We usually consider the seasons of the year in this order: spring, summer, fall and winter. But at this time we shall change the order and begin with fall.

Fall is the season of ACCUMULATION, PRESERVATION.

Winter is the season of MEDITATION, SPECULATION, CONTEMPLATION and PLANNING.

Spring is the season of PREPARATION, DESIGNATION.

SUMMER to which we wish at this time to give special attention is the season of FERTILIZATION, EXAMINATION, INTRODUCTION, CULTIVATION.

In connection with the summer of life there are several important things that we should consider:-

- 1-The Soil. How to fertilize it.
- 2-What the Examination means.
- 3-What is to be Introduced or Planted .
- 4-Who shall Introduce or Plant the seed?
- 5-What it means to Cultivate what has been introduced.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 18 '31

Matt. 25:31-40

V

The christian church is indeed a great organization, and to a part of it is really a great privilege. And in order to have a place in its membership one must have a creed and subscribe to certain doctrines. But in order to become a citizen in the kingdom of God one must not only have a creed and subscribe to certain doctrines. But he must remember practical service to his fellowmen.

He must remember, that it is his duty to give:-

- 1-Meat to the Hungry.
- 2-Drink to the Thirsty.
- 3-Shelter to the Stranger.
- 4-Dress to the Naked.
- 5-Attention to those who are sick or in prison.

As we seek full citizenship in the kingdom of God may we realize what it costs.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 25 '31

Jno. 10:10

M

I am come that they might have life,
and that they might have it more abundantly.

We are always anxious to know the
program of those in authority or who occupy the
position of leaders. Jesus knew this, and about
the very first thing that he did as he began his
public career was to announce his program.

Jesus' Program

Let us observe:-

- 1-That Jesus' program was and is a Definite program.
- 2-That Jesus' program was a Comprehensive program.
- 3-That Jesus' program was one in which he believed.
- 4-That Jesus' program was one upon which he worked constantly and intensively.
- 5-That Jesus program attracted all classes.
- 6-That Jesus sought cooperation in carrying out his program

May we be conscious always of the
fact what was the program of Jesus must always
be the program of the church.

.....Amen.....

Dec. 14 '31

Exod. 24:12-18. 31:18 W.G.R.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the Mount of God. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights. And he gave unto Moses when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God

Amid the tumult, the bustle, and the confusion that are about us just now, if we are not careful and prayerful we shall fail to hear the call of God.

Not many are willing to day to separate themselves from the daily routine. Like Israel, we seem to cling to and to be satisfied with the old rules and commandments that we learned in sinful bondage, even though we have crossed the Red Sea and are on our way to Canaan's fair and happy land where our possessions lie.

In the journey of life there are many hills, valleys, and wildernesses that we must pass. We wish to know how to make this passage in the easiest, most successful, and the most helpful way. At times human rules and laws seem to give us good directions. But there come times ^{when they} fail us, and break down, and we are made

to stand still. It is then God calls us up into the mount and delivers to us the laws, and commandments that we must learn and follow ourselves, and teach to our fellowmen with whom we are journeying, suffering, praying, and working.

Songs

That's why I love him
So

Every prayer will its
Answer

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Luke 19:1-10

W.G.R.

And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, for he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

This brief story of Zacchaeus is worthy of our serious consideration; for it may serve as a key to many difficult religious problems that we find in connection with many persons in the various walks of life.

True, from the viewpoint of his people, the Jews, he had no religion, nor religious thoughts, but was a sinner. Nevertheless our scripture lesson teaches us that he did have religious thoughts of the most serious and most vital kind.

His people were thinking about the ancient law and the traditions of men. But this man was thinking about and was anxious to see Jesus, who is the fulfilment of the law and greater than all tradition.

We may learn these lessons from this story of Zacchaeus:-

- 1-That the mind of the person who wishes to see Jesus and receive his blessing overcomes all physical handicaps.
- 2-That dignity of position and riches do not interfere with the man who really wishes to see Jesus.
- 3-That the man who really wishes to see Jesus runs ahead of the doubting, unbelieving crowd and takes up his place of vantage.

Dec. 16 '31

Isaiah 11:1-9

W. G. R.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears; But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness ^{the girdle} of his reins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea..

Like all the ancient prophets, Isaiah passed through many periods of depression. Israel had lost power. She no longer looked to her great men for deliverance. But she did look forward to the coming of the Messiah who would deliver them from bondage and restore them to power. This expectancy was made the more intense by such message as has come to us this morning from the prophet Isaiah.

Israel was concerned not alone with the religious life of their day, but with every phase of life. They looked forward to the coming of a great leader, that would revolutionize the world and inaugurate a reign that would be no less divine, but more humane, when man and beast would get a more favorable consideration.

713 years before the inauguration of this new reign things had become so reduced, and darkness was so prevalent, that it seemed almost ridiculous and absurd to think of Isaiah's prophecy ever being fulfilled. But those of us who live today and are preparing to celebrate 1931st anniversary of the beginning of this reign of peace can tell much of what has transpired during the last 1900 ^{years} that is proof positive of the fulfillment of the prophecy from which we have read this morning.

Dec. 20 '31

Isa. 11:L.C.7

M

And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Types, signs, and symbols have always been used properly and intelligently to interpret the Messianic Kingdom to the people. For to a very few has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.

There are many signs, marks of the Messianic reign of peace. They are seen in the soil, in the sea and rivers, among the cattle of the fields and the beasts of the forest.

Those who are familiar with farm life know, that some farms indicate, represent prosperity, peace plenty and generosity. But some other farms indicate, represent scant, poverty, ill will and selfishness. On a good, well regulated farm, we know that some where there is an intelligent, industrious proprietor. Long before we see him we see many signs of his presence and power.

We are all anxious to know when we get into the territory of the Kingdom of God. And this we may know if we will watch the signs.

The real and final test of the christian religion is to be found in its ability to change the lion like life of the world.

It is not so much a question as to how the lamb and the child and the dove act under the influence of the Messianic reign? But rather how do the bear, the wolf, the leopard and the lion act under this influence?

Let us learn:-

- 1-That christianity engages to temper all life according to its needs.
- 2-That christianity takes the weak things of temporal life and makes them the standard of superior spiritual life.
- 3-That christianity produces meekness, and humility and gives the spirit of sacrifice and service.

May we under the guidance of the Holy Spirit study the signs of the Messianic Kingdom, and the reign of the King.

.....Amen.....

Dec. 28 '31

Matt. 2:F.C.2

M

Where is he that is born King of the Jews?

These wise men under the guidance of a star had journeyed a long way in search for the new born King, Christ Jesus. And they had come into the vicinity of his birth place, but with certainty could proceed no further until they had gotten information from those who studied and knew the Word of God.

Evidently these wise men thought that the outstanding religious center (Jerusalem) of the Jews would be the most likely place in which to find their baby King. So they stopped at Jerusalem, and went to what they regarded, the places where they could most readily obtain the information that they desired about Jesus. They went to the church of that day, the synagogue, but were disappointed. They went to the King's palace, but found him ignorant. But he had some men connected with his court who knew the Word of God. And they were able to give the desired information.

This question of the wise men is being asked by all classes of men to day. And we wonder if the secularly wise men of to day are any more able to answer this question than were those wise men 2000 years ago.

These wise men were seeking the material body of Jesus. We are not so much concerned about the material body of Jesus. But we do wish to know where are his laws, his rules, his principles, and his influence.

Let us observe, that this question comes:-

1-To the individual in every walk of life.

2-To the church.

3-To the state. a)In Politics. b)In Business

May each of us be ready to answer the the great question.

.....Amen.....