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Sermon Outlines, 1936

Jan. 3 '36 TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AVE.
MICHIGAN AVE. BRANCH OF THE Y..M..C..A.....

WELCOME ADDRESS TO DR. Wm. HALLOCK
JOHNSON

Mr. Chairman, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Jackson,
and Friends:

The part that has been assigned me on this program tonight is one that very often is fraught with many difficulties. For some times you do not know whom you are welcoming. Then there are times when you do not know to what to welcome one. But to night we have no such difficulties. For our honored guest is known, if not personally by a fine genuine reputation, throughout the length and breadth of this our country.

In welcoming Dr. Johnson tonight we do not hesitate on account of a lack of knowledge; for we know him and have known him as an exponent of civic righteousness. We have known him as a straight thinking theologian, and we have known him as an educator with more than platitudes and theories. We have known him to be an educator with the spirit of application and practice.

Therefore our part on the program tonight is a pleasure and privilege. And in this privilege the fountain of honor is opened to us, and in it we sip anew the cup of prestige.

And our long sojourn here makes us think that we are in possession of a practical knowledge of our city. We know the COMMERCIAL life, the INDUSTRIAL life, the EDUCATIONAL life, the SOCIAL life, the DOMESTIC life and the RELIGIOUS life of Buffalo.

I have not been told to which one of these phases of Buffalo life I am to welcome Dr. Johnson, nor have I asked Dr. Johnson to

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what phase of Buffalo life does he wish a welcome. (And there are some phases of Buffalo life that I have not mentioned) So I am taking no chances in welcoming him to any two or three phases of Buffalo life. But Dr I am welcoming ^{you} to and inviting you to enjoy all of Buffalo. But I take it that as a minister and as an educator you will be especially interested in the religious and educational life of our city. So on behalf of the Ministers' Council of Buffalo and Vicinity I welcome you to our churches and schools and colleges.

But Dr. if Buffalo were void of all the activities that I ^{have} briefly mentioned and only this great building in which we meet ^{were here} tonight, I would welcome you with the same earnestness and enthusiasm with which I am welcoming you now. For I know you would find enough in this building and its activities to make you comfortable and to interest you and to make you at ease while in our city. I know you are welcome to the office of our Executive Secretary, Mr. Jackson, an alumnus of your own school.

Jan. 5 '36

Jno. 20 L.C.21

M

AS MY FATHER HATH SENT ME EVEN
SO SEND I YOU.

A missionary in its original meaning, is one sent. But a missionary in the sense in which we use the term is one sent by the Lord Jesus with a message from God to a world in IGNORANCE, FEAR, SIN, DISPAIR to a world LOST.

The true missionsry carries a message telling the world to arise and shine for her light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon her; a message telling the world to take down the shades from her windows to let in the Light, and sit in darkness no more; a message telling the world to fear no more, but to take courage, trust God and go forward; a message telling the world to be reconciled to God, for though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool; a message telling the world to be in dispair no more, but to have hope as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast; a message telling the world that though lost one has come seeking to save the lost.

We who are christians are sent into the world as Jesus was sent into the world. In order that we may know just how we are sent let us see as to how Jesus was sent: and we observe that he was sent with:

A vision of the world's need.

A consciousness of his ability to meet the world's need.

A passion to meet the world's need.

Emptied of self.

A desire and purpose to enlist coworkers, helpers

A willingness to suffer, to die to meet the world's need. ...Amen...

Jan. 8 '36

I Cor. 3:9

Pr. M.

FOR WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH
GOD: We are God's HUSBANDRY, YE ARE
GOD'S BUILDING.

We are LABORERS. There are many things that prove our discipleship. But nothing is a more outstanding proof than that we are active laborers in the service of the Lord.

We are LABORERS TOGETHER. That we labor, cooperate with God's servants is another outstanding proof of our discipleship.

We are LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD. The fact that we labor when, where and upon the same cause as God does is the most outstanding proof of our discipleship.

We do not need to be concerned about what is to be the particular labor in which we are to be engaged if we are laborers with God; for we know it will be engaging and worthwhile. Nevertheless it will not do any harm and indeed it will do much good for us poor mortals ever now and then to run over the schedule of things that God is doing. And it will be well for us to keep in mind the particular times that ^{he} does certain things. We shall do well to let the Holy Spirit tell us about some particular person with whom God is especially laboring, and always be ready to labor with him.

May we always see the GLORY, the HONOR, the DIGNITY connected with the work in which we are engaged with God, and never be ashamed to labor always, everywhere.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 10 '36

Matt. 5:F.C.13.F.C.14 Rsc. M

YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH. YE
ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Jesus is always sympathetic and encouraging as he deals with poor imperfect humanity. And he always has faith in man; for man is his product, and he knows what is in him and of what he is capable.

Jesus called some men, who from a spiritual viewpoint, were untrained and crude; and dumfounded them by telling them that they were the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It is likely they thought they were not pure and good enough to purify and sweeten up just a limited community, to say nothing of purifying and preserving all the earth. They were not learned men, and no doubt the thought of their being the light of the world appealed to them as being an absurd, ridiculous joke.

It is likely that we have all been in the same frame of mind. But there have always been those in whom we have had great confidence, and who have had great confidence in us, who have told us for what we were intended, and have made us feel that we like others were under obligation to help save the world. And we have gotten a new idea of ourselves and of our to God and our fellowmen.

Some men go to college, matriculate for a few years, and the faculty confer degrees upon them. But they go out into the world and are complete failures. But when you become a pupil under the Holy Spirit and Jesus confers a degree upon you, you can be certain that you are qualified to do the thing for which your degree stands. You can never be a failure so long as your Teacher is a success. For like the apostle Paul you can do all things through him who strengthens you.

So let us start out in this new year with the determination, under Christ, to do more than ever before to save ourselves and the world.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 12 '36

John 17:19

M

AND FOR THEIR SAKES I SANCTIFY
MYSELF THAT THEY ALSO MIGHT BE
SANCTIFIED THROUGH THE TRUTH

We can see and understand why poor limited man feels it necessary to cut himself loose from many interests, and concentrate his thought and energy upon just one outstanding interest for his own sake and for the sake of Jesus and his fellowman.

It is not so easy however to understand what Jesus means when he talks about sanctifying himself. We necessarily ask if sanctify means to set apart, to be holy was not Jesus always set apart? Was he not always holy? Surely. But this is a special sanctification, a setting apart for a specific purpose, that his disciples might really and truly^{ly} set apart for the work to which he had called them.

Jesus becomes everything to his disciples, their strength, their wisdom, knowledge and truth; their holiness and righteousness. They must find in him their qualification, their sanctification. The disciple must feast upon the supply that he finds in Jesus.

One of the hardest things for some persons to do is to incarnate themselves in others, to impart to others what they possess, to give in a practical way themselves to others.

God's cause waits for those who HAVE to share with those who HAVE NOT. Have you VISION, ZEAL, ENTHUSIASM in the cause that with others, you have espoused? Share it with others. Like your Lord, sanctify yourself that your brethren may be sanctified through the truth that they shall receive through you.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 19 '36

Luke 19:41

V

AND WHEN HE WAS COME NEAR, HE
BEHELD THE CITY, AND WEPT OVER IT.

A city is always an agregation of people possessing certain institutions and organizations.

Each institution and organization have their specific functions and activities.

But however these institutions and organizations may please others, if they depress Jesus make him sad and cause him to weep, and regard slightly his followers, they mean nothing that is worthwhile.

Jesus depends upon his church in every city to do the things that will make the city sustain an attitude to him that will make him glad when he comes into her precincts.

MAKING IT PLEASANT FOR JESUS IN OUR CITY

We make it pleasant for Jesus by:

Making a large place for him in every phase of our city life.

Giving due recognition to his people.

Making the church the outstanding organization in the city.

May we always remember, that the city furnishes many unusual opportunities to do good. Let us take advantage of these opportunities.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 19 '36

Jno. 21:5. 21:F.C.12

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THEN JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, CHILDREN,
HAVE YE ANY MEAT? THEY ANSWERED HIM,
NO. JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM COME AND
DINE.

Most every one who gives Jesus serious consideration thinks of him as a great spiritual dynamo. But not all think of him as a great physical and mental dynamo. Hence we have much physical and mental wreckage.

Jesus has made us, and therefore, knows all our needs, and has accordingly made ample abundant provision to supply all our needs. He is willing and anxious to supply them. But he does not supply them, he can not supply them until we know our needs. For however complete the provision may be it means nothing to those who do not know their needs.

It is the business and desire of the Holy Spirit to make us intelligent concerning ourselves and our needs, so that when Jesus makes inquiry about ourselves we may answer in such a way as to give him a chance to help us-to supply our needs.

A feast, though prepared by Jesus has no appeal for those who are not hungry.

His provision is for all. But only those who are hungry. those who have no meat are invited. Many people are hungry, but do not know what their trouble is.

Like the disciples of our text there are those who have toiled all night, many nights and are tired and weary, and disheartened with their failures.

Jesus invites those who are hungry and lack ability to appease their hunger to come and dine.

Jesus invites those who are not so fastidious and technical as to wish to dictate the bill of fare that is to be served.

Jesus invites those to dine with him who will bring something to help to make the feast what he wishes it to be.

.....Amen.....

Hunger Effects
in two ways: it
makes us glad;
it gives pleasure;
Then Hunger gives
us great anxiety,
and sometimes
causes great pain.
It all depends upon
whom we are ~~depend~~
ing to supply the
things that will ap-
pear our hunger.

Not everything, how-
ever abundant it may
be will appease our
hunger.

It is very necessary
that we keep our hun-
ger normal, natural
if we would have
God supply the things
to appease our hunger

Jan. 26 '36

Isa. 50:7

M

FOR THE LORD GOD WILL HELP ME;
THEREFORE SHALL I NOT BE CON-
FOUNDED: THEREFORE HAVE I SET
MY FACE LIKE A FLINT, AND I KNOW
I SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED.

To one who is on the outside, God's work may seem all easy and delightful, not requiring much time, energy, or thought.

For the outsider God's business may be a kind of side issue, a kind of hobby at which we may work when we have nothing else to do, when we have no other task upon which to use our time, thought and energy.

But those who are on the inside, who ^{are} actually doing the work of the Lord know that it is not all ease and delight. We know that for days no sun is seen, no light falls across our pathway. We hear no song of man or birds to cheer us on our way.

There come times when the burden is so heavy and the task so great and difficult we can not take care of them singlehanded. They are too much for us alone.

Often when we have exhausted all human aid our burdens are still heavy, and our problems are still unsolved. At such times as these the words of our text become real and practical.

We observe that God is:

Our inexhaustible HELP. Our neverfailing HELP. Our everpresent HELP. Therefore we can be COURAGEOUS in service. Definite in service. Positive in service. Determined in service, and Proud in service.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 26 '36 Prov. 27:1. Matt. 6:34. Heb. 13:8.V

BOAST NOT THYSELF OF TO MORROW;
FOR THOU KNOWEST NOT WHAT A DAY
MAY BRING FORTH.
TAKE THEREFORE NO THOUGHT FOR THE
MORROW.
JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY,
TO DAY, AND FOR EVER.

We are all mightily influenced by these
two periods of time, Yesterday and To morrow.

But we should remember, that the christian
life is a day by day life.

We must not be discouraged when we reflect
upon the past, nor be too enthusiastic as we
contemplate the future.

Our chance, our opportunity is not in yes-
terday nor in to morrow, but in to day.

Let us listen to what Solomon the wise man
tells us about to morrow. Let us hear the Lord
Jesus himself on this important subject. And
hear what the Holy Spirit says through St Paul
about Jesus and these periods.

INTO THE PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE WITH
JESUS

Let us observe:

That we use the PAST for REFLECTION and CORREC-
tion.

That we use the PRESENT for CONTEMPLATION and
PREPARATION.

That we use the FUTURE for ADVENTURE and EXPLO-
ration.

Let us remember, that we get the best out
of life when we go into these periods with Je-
sus. For all periods are the same with him.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 2 '36

Matt. 8:2

M

AND, BEHOLD, THERE CAME A LEPER
AND WORSHIPED HIM, SAYING, LORD,
IF THOU WILT, THOU CANST MAKE ME
CLEAN.

The busy places of the world are always thronged with crowds. And if a search is made, in every crowd there is to be found a leper.

For most people a leper constitutes a great problem. But for Jesus, leprousy like all other defects and maladies it constitutes an opportunity.

Usually it is very unwise for a leper to make himself known in the crowd. And it is folly and nonsense for the leper to seek cleansing from the crowd. As a rule the crowd is too busy taking care of their own scant supply of physical and moral health to give serious attention to those who are lepers, only to shun them.

Ofttimes the unclean leper is more in evidence in the worship of God than those who are regarded clean and free from leperousy; for often they remain away from the place of worship where God has promised to meet and bless.

The leper is in our midst. What are we going to do about it? What can we do about it?

Ofttimes the leper has more faith in Jesus than those who are regarded clean and free from leprousy.

The leper often manifests courage that those who are not lepers do not manifest.

Let us always have a place in our worship for the leper and the unclean.

Let us present Jesus in a way that will appeal to those who need him.

.....Amen.....

Life in Bondage
(1) Industrial
(2) Religious

Life Out of Bondage
Religious
Industrial
Social
Educational
Business
Political

Feb. 2 '36

Jno. 1:11

V

HE CAME UNTO HIS OWN AND HIS
OWN RECEIVED HIM NOT.

Our relationships are established and controlled by certain circumstances and conditions. We may be intimately related by one set of circumstances, and absolutely divorced by another set of circumstances.

Sometimes we make circumstances that relate us to another. Then there are circumstances over which we have no control that establish relationships for us.

According to race and blood Jesus was intimately related to those to whom he first came with his message of love, life and power. They were Jews so was he; they had descended from David so had he; they were subjects of the Roman government and paid tribute to Caesar, and he was a subject of the Roman government and paid tribute to Caesar; they attended and took part in the Synagogue worship; they read the literature of their fathers, and so did he; of Jerusalem they loved to sing, Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces, and so did he. So we see that in consideration of all these facts Jesus had the right to think of those to whom he first brought his message as being peculiarly his own. And it would seem that these ties were sufficient to have caused them to have given to him a most enthusiastic reception. But our text tells us that they did not receive him at all.

THE RELATIONSHIP THAT COUNTS
IN:-

THOUGHT. ASPIRATION. DETERMINATION. SACRIFICE-
SELFDENIAL. JUSTICE. MERCY.

May we always ^{have} the grace and wisdom to
receive our benefactors.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 9 '36

Jno. 1:16

M

AND OF HIS FULNESS HAVE ALL WE
RECEIVED, AND GRACE FOR GRACE.

A community may receive a great gift from a great benefactor. But many people in the community may never receive any benefit from the gift. And if they do not there are always reasons why they do not.

There are always many people in a community who know and care little or nothing about a great gift that may have come to their community.

Then it may be that those to whom the administering the gift has been entrusted have not done their whole duty. It may be that they have failed to publish the fact, that this great gift has come to the community, and that it is for all to share.

And though the administrator has done his whole duty still there may be some who are so engrossed in inferior interests that they do not take time to listen to the administrator when he publishes the good news. Hence they do not know the value nor the signification of the gift.

So Jesus, God's Gift to this old world was not understood nor properly valued by any considerable number of the people, nor is he to this day. The great masses of those who claim that they have have received the Lord Jesus seem to have no proper conception of what they have received or of what the gift means and includes.

So those who do have the proper conception of Jesus are called upon, like St. John to proclaim to the world: that of the fulness of Jesus the entire community has received, and grace for grace.

It is difficult, yea it is impossible for poor depraved finite creatures, for carnally minded man to comprehend the greatness, the

the fulness of the Lord Jesus. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. every divine virtue, every divine attribute are found in him.

And yet no one has ever been so liberal, so generous in giving himself as Jesus; so now we can say, Of his fulness have all we received,

To designate all the virtues that enter into the fulness of Christ is no easy task for the best of us. But we all know that every phase of his fulness is the need of the church and the need of us all.

Every age brings the church face to face with new and difficult problems. And we should know and understand these problems. So our first need is KNOWLEDGE. This we find in his fulness.

There are so many approaches to the problems with which the church finds herself face to face; there are so many methods that are being used by those who are endeavoring to solve them, that the church must have WISDOM so that she may choose the right method as she goes about to solve these problems. This wisdom we find in Jesus Christ.

Some times it takes so long to solve these problems, that the church needs PATIENCE to persevere, to keep on to the end. And this is found in the Master's fulness.

Oten God's method for solving the problems of life are greatly opposed, and the church needs COURAGE to carry on.. This is found in the fulness of Christ.

There is so much apathy among many groups that are working on the problems of life, that the church feels the need of being **EARNEST and sincere**

Cold law is some times so harsh and exacting, that it seems almost void MERCY and JUSTICE. The church knows that if she is to succeed in the solution of the problems of life

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she must have **JUSTICE** always tempered with **MERCY**.

There are groups working on the problems of life that are so scientific and mechanical that seem almost void of **LOVE**. But the church knows that her greatest need is **LOVE**.

With this comprehensive conception of what the fulness of Christ means, may seek to have his fulness according to our capacity and our need.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 16 '36

John 1:18

M

NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY
TIME; THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
WHICH IS IN THE BOSOM OF THE
FATHER, HE HATH DECLARED HIM.

Man is so constituted, that he desires to see, to look upon those whom he serves, those in whom he glories. For from such an experience he receives new zeal, new enthusiasm, new inspiration. And he renders his service with more joy and delight; his worship is more earnest and sincere.

Man has always been influenced in forming his opinions and attitudes according to ocular demonstration, according to what he sees. Hence he has always wished to see God. He has searched and explored land and sea in an effort to find and see him. And when he has failed in this he has made images and statues to satisfy his longings and imaginations. And upon these, the creation of his own hands he has gazed with awe and satisfaction as though he were looking upon God himself. By these he has been stimulated to greater service and sacrifice.

The demand of Philip for Jesus to show him the Father has been the clamor of the ages. Ancient Israel sang about it thus, Though skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. And again, I shall behold thy face in righteousness. Moses pled with God to let him see his face, his glory. Jesus encouraged his disciples, who too were anxious to see God's face, by telling them if they would be pure in heart they should see God's face.

In his word God tells us, that no man can see his face and live. And in our text John tells us, that no man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Jno. 1:18

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In the work of the Lord we depend not upon ocular demonstration, not upon what we see, but upon faith, upon what we believe. So our opinions and attitude where God and his work are concerned must depend upon what we believe, upon our faith in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For he that hath seen him hath seen the Father.

For the present we must be satisfied to receive our inspiration for the service that we are endeavoring to render[^] what we see of God in his work and above all in his people.

We should know Jesus' true mission in coming into this old world was to declare, to reveal the Father to all who are anxious to see him.

Let us remember that God reveals himself to us according to the age in which we live and according to our capacity to receive and enjoy Him.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 23 '36

Luke 1:53
HE HATH FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH
GOOD THINGS.

Man has many legitimate hungers. And each individual has his own specific hungers.

We have natural hungers and we have cultivated hungers.

In God's great storehouse he has provided for every hungry soul whatever the legitimate hunger may be. He has an abundant supply for the body mind and spirit.

God's supply is always the very best. He specializes only in that which is the very best for the entire man.

God specializes in the things that we need most-things of which if we will partake will secure to us:

POISE, PATIENCE, COURAGE, PEACE, JOY, SATISFACTION, CONTENTMENT, ETERNAL LIFE.

May we be ever ready and willing to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and do the things that God has commanded us to do, so that we may always have an appetite and hunger for that which God has provided for us.

THE BLESSED HUNGRY

.....Amen.....

IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. AND THE LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS; AND THE DARK-COMPREHENDED IT NOT. YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

In inaugurating his earthly program, Jesus emphasized no two words more than the words LIFE and LIGHT. And as he used them he gave to them a new meaning.

Up to the time that Jesus announced, that he was the LIGHT of the world, and the LIFE, men had thought of life and light, physical and spiritual as being the results of certain intellectual, scientific combinations.

Men had thought that strict observance of physical and moral laws would bring to them life and light. They had not been accustomed to think of these great universal blessings in the one person, Christ Jesus, and that in order to have life and light abundant they must have him.

In the beginning man did think and rightly think that he needed to trust and depend upon God for his life and light. But after the adamic fall he drifted farther and farther away from that thought.

Jesus came to make men realize that they were in the dark and dead; and to make them realize that he was the only source of abundant life and light.

Darkness does not always mean sin, but sin is never symbolized by Light. Sin is often, as it is in our text, symbolized by darkness, and righteousness is symbolized by Light. Then again, TRUTH, HONESTY and PURITY are never symbolized by darkness; but by Light.

Darkness and Light are in no way related; they have no agreement, no fellowship.

Darkness is negative, but Light is always positive. They are so unlike that they can not work together, they can not live together.

Darkness is never at ease, never comfortable, and can not remain in the presence of Light. When Light appears, darkness always disappears.

May we always realize, that because the Lord is our abundant life, we are the light of the world; and that if this old is in darkness it is in large measure our fault.

.....Amen.....

Mar. 1 '36

Jer. 2:4

M

HEAR YE THE WORD OF THE LORD,
O HOUSE OF JACOB, AND ALL THE
FAMILIES OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

There is no end to the organizations in-
to which men have grouped themselves. But the
first organization about which man has known any-
thing is the home. All other organizations, insti-
tutions have grown out of the home, the family.

There is no legitimate form of human life
~~form of human life~~ and activity that do not find
their foundation in the family. So we can all see
that our family life determines ^{the character} of every other
phase of life.

Therefore our first consideration should
be the home, the family. To it more THOUGHT, more
TIME, and more MONEY should be given.

We venture the statement, that in most
families not more than 20% of the family's value
is recognized, to say nothing of being used.

FAMILY VALUES

The home may and should be used as a
PEACE CENTER, where the first principles of peace
should be studied and practiced by each member of
the family. A standard text BOOK from which to
learn these principles should be used by every
member of the family.

The home is the place where the first
principles of all these phases of life should be
learned and practiced:

ECONOMICS, and INDUSTRIALISM.
Our POLITICAL LIFE. Our EDUCATIONAL LIFE.
Our SOCIAL, MORAL, and RELIGIOUS LIFE.

May we give more prayerful attention to
the VALUE of our families.

.....AMEN.....

Mar. 1 '36

I Cor. 13:4,5,6,7,8 v

In a world where there is so much to be done, and where there are so many are suggesting ways to do them; we who feel a special responsibility to God for our deportment and stewardship are anxious know the best and only perfect way to do our part. By observation and in too many cases by experience we have found out that God's way is unique, is different.

Our subject is:

LOVE'S WAY

We learn that Love's way is the WAY of SUFFERING, KINDNESS, the Way that does NOT ENVY, does not VAUNT itself, is not PUFFED UP, In the WAY of love we act Naturally, is a way of PATIENCE, a Way of FAITH and CONFIDENCE, does not engage in EVIL THOUGHTS. LOVE'S WAY gets no joy out of INIQUITY, but finds joy in the TRUTH. ~~TRUTH~~ LOVE'S WAY is the way of burdenbearing, and HOPE. LOVE'S WAY never fails.

LOVE'S way is the sure way for the development of our spiritual life, the way in which we render our best service to God and to our fellowman.

.....Amen.....

Mar. 8 '36

Acts 21:27

M

AFTER LONG ABSTINENCE PAUL STOOD FORTH IN THE MIDST OF THEM, AND SAID, SIRS, YE SHOULD HAVE HEARKENED UNTO MR, AND NOT HAVE LOOSED FROM CRETE, AND TO HAVE GAINED THIS HARM AND LOSS.

Paul, possibly, the best friend his people, the Jews had; and surely their greatest benefactor, was so misunderstood, and his religious activities so misinterpreted by his people, that they became his greatest enemies. And by indifference or by open opposition worked against him, and finally had him imprisoned.

When he was brought into court and tried before Judge Festus he saw that his people were making it impossible for him to get justice in that court and he appealed to the supreme court which sitting at Rome under Judge Caesar.

And when the time came for Paul to ^{go to} the supreme court at Rome Judge Festus had him with a number of other prisoners put onto a ship. But they had not sailed very long when they encountered exceeding rough weather. The weather was so very bad, that the entire crew, including the captain did not know what to do, whether to continue the voyage or to remain in the harbor of Crete.

Now Paul, though a prisoner, had more power and prestige with God than all the rest that were on the ship. And he had knowledge from God as to what was going to happen. He knew that if they loosed from the harbor of Crete that they would be wrecked, and told them so. But those in charge of the ship did not believe Paul nor attach any importance to his counsel and advice. So they sailed on, but very soon met just the disaster that Paul had foretold. Under these circumstances Paul speaks to them the words of our text.

We are all on a voyage; I think there can be no question about that. And many are trying

Mar. 15-'36 Phil. 2:4 U.P.C. V

Look not every Man on his
Own things, but every Man also
On the things of Others.

It seems almost strange, and we would hardly expect, that in the early part of the first Century of the Christian Church, that it would have been necessary to write to one of the Churches the words of our text. But it seems that the early Church was heir to all the defects and imperfections to which the Church of today is heir.

There were self-centered, narrow people in the Church at Philippi, and we have reasons to believe that there ^{are} some self-centered, narrow people in the Church here in Buffalo. For in Buffalo our Churches are distinguished by nationalities, races, color, denominations etc.

It is a debatable question as to whether Modern Civilization with all its culture, refinement and well worked out systems is ^{as} altruistic as past ages.

Most Churches today spend most of their time, energy, and money upon their own local Church, looking upon their own things.

As members of the body politic we are away ahead of ourselves as

Phil. 2:4

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Members of the Church to help all.

In a great City like Buffalo there are a great number of interests that concern us as individuals and local organizations.

The ambition of every real Christian is to know Christ's program and to help carry it out. But God's program includes so many things, we have reasons to believe the masses, even of Church members, have never seriously considered, to say nothing of trying to carry them out.

Here are some of the things upon which we look for ourselves and should look upon them for others also:

- 1- Housing and Street Conditions.
- 2- Food Supply.
- 3- Industrial - Economic Conditions.
- 4- Educational Matters
- 5- Moral Conditions
- 6- Religious Conditions

Let us determine to look upon our own things and the things of others with God's eyes.

Amen

Mar. 15-'36 Rom. 6:23 μ

**FOR THE WAGE OF SIN IS DEATH,
BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETER-
NAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST OUR LORD.**

Let us personify Sin and call it a man. Then let us say that he is in business all over the world. In every city, town and hamlet he is to be found. And in every home and in every other institution and organization in these places he is found.

Sin's business is of great variety. Some of it is so decorated and ornamented and disguised that it looks like and palms itself off as the Lord's business. In these places he has all classes of people employed, the good and the bad, the Saint and the sinner.

Sin is asking to be admitted into our thought at this time, as a commercial adventure, an industrial enterprise. And the question of wages, the most important question in industry, is taken up. And we are told frankly just what Sin says, all his labors. It makes no difference whether they are young or old, rich or poor, whether they are cultured and refined or uncouth and vulgar.

In the industrial world we know that when we work we shall receive money or its equivalent. And what we fall wish and

try to get is an amount that²
will properly represent our
Living. But in the case of Sin
the wages represent Death.

In industrial life the
more we work the larger living
we have. But in the case of
Sin the more one works the
more Death he has.

Some times fear and cowardice
causes ^{men} to die a thousand times

Men get as their wages from
Sin the Death of Holy Ambition,
Courage, Honesty, Mercy, Justice

But the Gift of God is eternal
life, which surpasses itself in
all the virtues that Sin de-
stroys. It is a case, that where
what is given is worth all.
But that which we receive from
Sin in the form of wages amounts
to nothing.

He are all greatly blessed
in our relation to Sin. Sin
does not, can not pay every-
bod wages, only those who work
receiving pay. And on this basis
he has a very large payroll.

One may have to wait a long
while some times. But there is
no occasion for worry; for
the Check will surely come
with interest.

~~~~~ Amen ~~~~~



Acts 27:21

to make the voyage on the ship of state. But some of us are making our voyage on the old ship of Zion. But whether on the ship of state or on the ship of Zion you shall do well to have on board with you, even though he be deprived of much of his civil liberty, <sup>one</sup> who knows God and the will and way of God. And whatever may be your estimate of him, you had better listen to what he has to say.

There may be much about our old moorings, our old organizations, our old institutions with which we are identified, that is not just to our liking, not satisfactory, nevertheless to break away from these moorings against the counsel and advice of the man of God is not safe.

On every voyage of life that we attempt we need and should have the tried and true man of God. We should take the man of God with us on our voyage over the sea of our:

INDUSTRIAL LIFE.

POLITICAL LIFE.

EDUCATIONAL LIFE.

DOMESTIC LIFE.

RECREATIONAL-AMUSEMENT LIFE.

We are always willing and ready to accord to the man of God a place on the old ship of ZION where we make a specialty of teaching religion, providing he'll promise not to be too conspicuous and will take orders and abide by the opinions and decisions of the leading members, the Centurions, of the crew.

May we be alive to the fact that the man of God is the most powerful agency in all the world. And that it is the privilege of every one of us to be the kind of man of God about which I have been talking. And let us by God's help be the kind of men of God who know him and his will and his way.

.....Amen.....



Mar. 22 1936

Lk. 9:10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17 M

I think we all must confess, that the very best of us have a very poor, meager conception of God's bounty.

Whether we think of his material or his spiritual supply constantly we are made to see that we have not even tapped the great sources of his supply in Wisdom, Knowledge and Truth, and Understanding.

Explorers, Inventors and Adventurers are revealing to us every day the hidden stores that God has deposited in the earth for us.

Hunger, famine and stravation do not prove that there is on God's part any lack of provision. But they prove rather that man has not learned or if he has learned he has forgotten God's law of appropriation and utilization. For whenever and wherever God's laws are understood and obeyed there is no lack, no want.

Let us learn from these verses that we have chosen for our study:-

- 10-About a very interesting report of a preaching mission made to Jesus by the apostles. And about an interesting retreat with Jesus.
- 11-About how the people seek the privilege and advantages of a retreat with Jesus.
- 12-About how night brings new problems and perplexities, and the need of increased faith and assurance. And how the presence of Jesus changes the character of places, men and things.
- 13-About how if we journey with Jesus our obligations increase, and how our strength and power also increase. About how the Lord has a way for meeting a situation that is far better than ours.
- 14,15-The Lord's propositions are always large enough to test our faith and prove his power. About how it is our business to get things in order and to keep them in order for Jesus.
- 16-How we must give over our possessions to Jesus. We will always recognize the Source from whom all blessings flow, and ask his blessing before we begin to divide and distribute.
- 17-How if we journey with Jesus our supply will be abundant, also sufficient. And how we shall have a surplus, a remainder, dividend.

.....Amen.....



Mar. 22 '36

Jno. 18:25

V

AND SIMON PETER STOOD AND WARMED HIMSELF. THEY SAID THEREFORE UNTO HIM, ART NOT THOU ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES? HE DENIED IT, AND SAID, I AM NOT.

This old world can make the body comfortable in a thousand ways. But what profit is it to a man if his body is all a glow with the warmth of the world if the soul is uncomfortable and the heart is chilled into fears and cowardice?

What real value in bodily comfort and pleasure if in these you lose your ability to testify for the Lord?

#### SAINTS WHO WARM AT THE ENEMY'S FIRE

This fire at which Peter warmed himself is a type of many fires at which God's people have warmed themselves into a stupor. Many of them have warmed themselves until they have become deaf dumb and blind-totally indifferent to their obligations and duties.

Let us observe that when God's people warm themselves at the fire of the enemy,

They do not find it hard to adjust themselves to the enemy's program.

They are liable to lead others to do the same thing.

They do little or nothing to keep the fire burning in the Lord's camp.

Let us remember, that if we keep close to Jesus he will keep us warmed up so that we shall always be brave and courageous.

.....Amen.....



Apr. 5 '36

Matt. 21:10,11

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AND WHEN HE WAS COME INTO JERUSALEM, ALL THE CITY WAS MOVED, SAYING, WHO IS THIS? AND THE MULTITUDE SAID, THIS IS JESUS THE PROPHET OF NAZARETH OF GALILEE.

No person, in appearance and character like Jesus had ever walked the streets of Jerusalem. Nor had any one ever walked the streets of Jerusalem with the feeling of agony that possessed Jesus when he entered the city.

As he came into Jerusalem, Jesus had a mission that was strange and unusual. He had come into Jerusalem a King, but not to be crowned; but rather to be tried and condemned to death.

The cultured, the refined, the outstanding people of the city, whom we would expect to recognize him did not know him.

The multitude that had preceded and followed him into the city; the multitude that had seen him take little children into his arms and bless them; the multitude that had seen him heal all manner of diseases, and had seen him raise the dead knew him and told those who should have known him, who he was.

There are always those who never recognize real worth and greatness except they see artificial signs, human labels. But the multitude is not looking for a crown to prove kingship. But they are looking for one who speaks with authority and not as the scribes and pharisees. The multitude is not bothered so much about one's knowledge of chemistry or his lack of chemical knowledge. The multitude wishes to know that he can heal the sick and raise the dead.

May we recognize Jesus when he comes into our city, into our community and into our homes.

.....amen.....



Rev. 1:18  
Matt. 26:32

21

hall to be tried and Condemned by  
Sinners he was in the lead.

The inspiring, Comforting and  
Couraging <sup>thing</sup> about the Resurrection  
it is not that Jesus simply rose  
from the dead. But that he rose  
from the dead with the same pow-  
er he had before he was Cru-  
cified. He arose with his inter-  
est in his disciples unabated,  
and with his fervor and enthus-  
iasm undiminished.

Had some of his disciples  
lost faith in him and his Cause  
and gone back to their old voca-  
tion, and toiling all night without  
any success, Jesus goes down  
to the sea shore and inquires <sup>of</sup>  
how they have gotten on and  
tells them what to do in order  
to succeed.

It was after his Resurrection  
that he encouraged his disci-  
ples by telling them that <sup>all</sup> pow-  
er is given unto him, in  
heaven and in earth.

So Jesus sent word to the dis-  
couraged, disheartened eleven  
even so, does his word come  
to us telling us that he goes



3  
before us into every place of  
service and sacrifice into which  
we enter.

If we follow, Jesus is still  
leading in the way of:

Truth and Life.

Sacrifice and Service.

Humility and Meekness.

Peace and Harmony.

Joy and Delight.

Victory and Triumph.

Let us with new zeal  
and enthusiasm follow  
our <sup>Lord</sup> wherever he leads.

He has promised to go  
before us into whatever  
circumstance or con-  
dition into which we are called  
to go. — Amen —



Apr. 5 '36

Matt. 5:47

U. Pres. V

AND IF YE SALUTE YOUR BRETHREN, ONLY  
WHAT DO YE MORE THAN OTHERS?

Competition and comparison depress and make us afraid or inspire and encourage us in every walk of life. But some times competition is unwise, and out of place; and comparison is unfair and unjust.

Often we enter into strong competition, when our actions should be marked by loving, intensive cooperation.

Nevertheless good fair just competition and comparison inspire us to assume greater responsibilities, and to seek greater and larger achievements.

The christian life is the most costly life and is accordingly expected to be the most valuable and most beneficial life. It differs from other phases of life in that it is not our privilege to use it as we please or to suit ourselves. But we are to use it according to the plan and rules of the Giver.

The christian life is to tackle hard, difficult problems, and to grapple with them until they are solved. Christians represent God and nothing is too hard for God.

In this book we read that God commendeth his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. If we would be like our Lord we must deal with people not according to their immediate worth nor according to what they deserve but according to their need and the possibilities that are in them. And like our Lord we must be generous in our service and render to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that belong to God.

The question of our text comes home to us: what do we more than others in our attitude toward:



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1-SOCIAL problems.

2-INDUSTRIAL-Economic problems.

3-CIVIC-POLITICAL problems.

4-INTERRACIAL PROBLEMS.

INTERCHURCH problems.

May each of us so labor in the service of the Lord that no one may have reason to conclude that God's grace has been bestowed upon us in vain.

Let us take advantage of every chance and recognize every opportunity to do good unto all men.

.....Amen.....



Apr. 12-'36 Rev. 1:18  
Matt. 26:32  $\mu$

But After I Am Risen Again,  
I Will Go Before You Into  
Galilee. I Am He That Liveth,  
And Was Dead; And, Behold I  
Am Alive For Evermore. Amen.

Degrading humiliating disasters  
that come into the life of most men  
destroy their hopes and their as-  
pirations. Most men who are set  
back by crushing defeat lose  
confidence in themselves and  
forfeit their leadership.

But not so with Jesus, he knew  
that no humiliating disaster could  
change God's plans nor alter his  
program. So, with assurance, he  
could tell his disciples that he  
would rise above all disasters, and mo-  
mentary defeats; that he would rise  
even above death, death it-  
self, and go before them into Gal-  
ilee.

Jesus has never relinquished  
his place in the trinity. He was  
the leader of his people before  
he was manifested. He saw his  
in the old dispensation leading  
by night as a pillar of fire, <sup>and</sup> by  
day as a cloudy pillar. Even  
when on his way to the judgment



Apr. 19 '36

Jno. 8:31,32

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THEN SAID JESUS TO THOSE JEWS WHICH BELIEVED ON HIM, IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES IN DEED; AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

There are certain fundamental laws that are universal and eternal. They are the same in all ages, everywhere, and for everybody.

God's laws like himself, are unchangeable. They are the same yesterday today and for ever.

Belief is very important, indeed is essential, and to think loosely may lead one to the conclusion that belief and discipleship are synonymous. But in these words that we have chosen as a basis for what we have to say Jesus makes it very clear that belief and discipleship are not synonymous. One may believe that Jesus and the things that he teaches are true, and still never try to make them his own and practice them.

The great trouble with the world today is that most people believe too much and practice too little.

To be a christian one must recognize the WORD of God as an unerring source of knowledge. To know the WORD of God is to know Jesus. And Jesus is the way the truth and the life for every one who would practice christianity.

Jesus and his TRUTH liberate men, make them free. And the Apostle Paul exhorts all who would be christians to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

Briefly I am to speak at this time on:

YOUTH AND WORLD CONDITIONS



Jno. 8:31,32

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Youth like adults think. And in order to think constructively, thought must be properly directed, controlled and concentrated. Hence we have key persons, leaders who are intelligent concerning local and universal conditions.

There are certain things that youth like adults wishes to know about world conditions.

Youth wishes to know as we all do if present world conditions are conducive to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

With the rest of us, youth wishes to know what agencies are helping to create better and proper conditions in the world.

Youth wishes to know what are the things that they can do better by themselves to create better conditions in the world today.

Youth wishes to know what are the things in which they should cooperate with adults in order to bring about better and proper conditions in the world today.

Let each of us not only believe the things that we have been taught, but may we make them our own and practice them.

May we be real disciples of him who teaches the truth, and may the truth make us free.

May we be found always doing those things that will bring about a better condition in the world.

.....Amen.....



Apr. 26 '36

Ps. 100:F.C.2

V

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS.

There is no word that has so many connections and associations as the word SERVE or SERVICE. It is the key word in the various walks of life; in College, Legislative halls, Courts, Hospitals, Hotels; on Rail Roads, Ocean steamers, in Airships, Homes, and Churches. But church service is peculiar, in that it is or should be rendered primarily to God.

In other phases of life one may be in almost any mood of mind and still render acceptable service. But not so if you would serve the Lord. For remember, the Lord requires us him not alone with the body and mind, but with the heart and soul as well.

Our mental attitudes are contagious. So we must not be satisfied in serving God well just ourselves. But we must serve him in such a way as to make others anxious to serve him also.

SERVICE WITH GLADNESS

is:

Unselfish-Generous.

Continuous, not spasmodic.

Permanent in its results.

For the Glory of God.

May we serve God with gladness, ever keeping in mind the joy that is set before us.

May the results that are certain to be to the glory of God keep us inspired to keep on until we are called from works to reward.

.....Amen.....



May 17 '36

Rom. 12:5

V

SO WE, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY  
IN CHRIST, AND EVERY ONE MEMBERS  
ONE OF ANOTHER.

There was never a time when men seemed to feel <sup>the need</sup> for federation and combination in every phase of <sup>life</sup> as they do today. The church is a federation of the followers of the Lord Jesus.

The greater the task of the individual christian the greater the need for federation. Each of us is in need of the diversity of gifts that is found in federation.

The oneness of our task makes federation necessary and desirable.

The individual christian will be more readily understood as a part of a great federation, and his prestige and influence will be greater and more effectual.

Church membership is such a natural thing for the disciples of the Lord Jesus, that we do not as we should take time to think of the:

VALUE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ~~AS WE DISCUSS~~

- It is ours to pray together.
- It is ours to plan together.
- It is ours to work together.
- It is ours to reap benefits together.
- It is ours to suffer together.
- It is ours to rejoice together.

.....Amen.....



May 24 '36

Eph. 5:L.C.18,L.C.19      V

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT, SINGING  
AND MAKING MELODY IN YOUR HEART UNTO  
THE LORD.

The church, if it is to be at all successful,  
must be like an orchestra, must make each individ-  
ual see and understand the part he has to play.

It is not the business of the individual in  
the orchestra to make all the noise possible inde-  
pendent of the other members.

It is the business of each individual mem-  
ber to be thoroughly trained under the proper tea-  
cher, then get under the right kind of leader and  
follow his instructions.

The leader too must be in constant train-  
ing under the Holy Spirit.

#### CHURCH HARMONY

The church lacks Harmony.

The church needs Harmony.

The church desires Harmony.

The church may have Harmony.

Each of us can do something to secure  
church Harmony.

.....Amen.....



May 24 '36

Ps. 19:14

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LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH, AND  
THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART, BE  
ACCEPTABLE IN THY SIGHT, O LORD,  
MY STRENGTH, AND MY REDEEMER.

In all matters our thoughts, our meditation and our words have almost everything to do with our accomplishments, with the results of our labor.

Thoughts, meditations and words are great and important instruments that may be used to the good or to the detriment of a cause or an individual. Hence there are schools of thought that invite men, women, and children to come and learn how to think, how to meditate, and the words to use and how to use them effectually in expressing our thoughts.

The world is patiently or impatiently waiting to hear the man who has learned to think and express himself effectually. This is especially true where delicate, important matters, as morality and religion are concerned.

The schools of thought are of great variety, and are fitted up and maned according to their aim and purpose. They have as their aim and purpose to teach men how to think and talk in terms of Medicine, Pedagogy, Law, Architecture, Engineering, Music, Theology-Religion.

Our words are governed by our thoughts, our meditations. Hence the wisdom, the necessity of having the right thoughts and meditations.

But our thoughts and meditations depend upon the subject we consider and the person we have before us.

For the christian God and his Law are the person and subject that demand attention, that should have our best thought and greatest meditation.

The Kingdom of God is the great cause that should have the best thought of every christian.

Let us remember, that we are not going to do very much for the person and cause about which we think but a little.

May we meditate upon God and his great cause continually.

.....Amen.....



May 31 '36

Matt. 8:23, 24, 25, 26

V

AND WHEN HE WAS ENTERED INTO A SHIP, HIS DISCIPLES FOLLOWED HIM. AND, BEHOLD, THERE AROSE A GREAT TEMPEST IN THE SEA, INASMUCH THAT THE SHIP WAS COVERED WITH THE WAVES; AND HE WAS ASLEEP. AND HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM, AND AWOKE HIM, SAYING, LORD, SAVE US: WE PERISH. AND HE SAITH UNTO THEM, WHY ARE YE FEAREFUL, O YE OF LITTLE FAITH? THEN HE AROSE, AND REBUKED THE WINDS AND THE SEA; AND THERE WAS A GREAT CALM.. BUT THE MEN MARVELLED, SAYING, WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS, THAT EVEN THE WINDS AND THE SEA OBEY HIM!

Making the voyage of life is a serious matter. The character of the SHIP, the ability of the CAP\* TAIN, and the CREW, and the disposition of the PAS- SENGERS with whom we are sailing are all serious matters and demand our strict attention.

However great the care may be with which we select the SHIP, the CAPTAIN and CREW and PASSENGERS, we are not certain that the voyage will be absolutely free from discomfort and trouble.

It is always wise to have sailing with us one who understands the WIND and SEA, and knows just what to do in the time of a storm. And we should watch him and be influenced by his demeanor, and make use of him in the time of our need.

We should calm our fears in the presence of him who understands the WIND and SEA. We should have greater faith in him, and depend on him to make us safe and secure.

It takes us a long time to know the real character of him who understands the WIND and SEA. And we should be inquisitive about him.

Let us all be sure to have as the Chief Passenger on the ship upon which we sail the One who understands the WIND and SEA.

.....Amen.....



June 5 '36 Resc. Wkrs.

Feb. 3 '35 Ps. 142:L.C.4 Ev. C. 3  
Ps. 23:F.C.3

NO MAN CARED FOR MY SOUL. HE RESTORETH MY SOUL.

To feel destitute, alone, forsaken is some times, the lot of us all. This condition or state of mind does not always register upon our faces nor manifest itself in our acts. Hence it is difficult if not impossible for our fellowmen even to know our condition to say nothing of helping us.

There are those who some times become anxious and greatly concerned about their fellowmen. And they send messengers, missionaries to help. And some times they have their fellowmen come and tell about their real condition, situation, and in this way become intelligent concerning their need.

For the last 3 or 4 years we all have felt the need of being cared for soul and body. But how impotent we have all been. It has not taken us long to learn how limited and inefficient human resources are.

Interest in our fellowman has been multiplied many times during these year. But ability to meet the needs has constantly diminished. For many ambition, aspiration, hope, morale, and the soul itself are gone. And the message of the last part of our text comes to encourage, strengthen, revive, restore.

No agency, no organization is so well qualified to keep up the morale, restore the soul as the church. And it is reasonable for each of us as a part of the church to wish to do some thing to carry out this program.

God often restores the soul by:-

1-Humbling the body.

2-Giving us anew his message.

3-Giving us opportunities to help our fellowmen.

.....Amen.....



June 7 '36 Hend. Msn.

Apr. 14 '35      Isa. 53:F.C.3      M.H.W. Shl.

HE IS DISPISED AND REJECTED OF MEN.

These words of the prophet give a perfect description of Jesus according to the conception of one class of men. ~~Men~~ <sup>and learned</sup> who have never sat at the feet of the Holy Spirit, the great teacher, how to see Jesus in his true light must always have a warped conception, an erroneous idea of him. They have not been trained, and therefore can not see his beauty and charm.

But there is another description of Jesus according to another class of men- men who have been trained to recognize the genuine, the real true beauty.

The first class of men never see anything in Jesus to be admired. To them is uncom-  
ly, dispised and rejected.

To the other class of men is is always the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valley, the bright and morning star. To them he is the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely.

It seems almost inconceivable that there could be two classes <sup>of men</sup> from the same people with ideas of Jesus so diametrically opposed to one another. But it has always been so, and is to this day. By some he is received and they are granted power to become sons of God. By others he is disallowed, cast out, dispised and reject-  
ed.

There have always been those who have been made uncomfortable, uneasy by the presence of Jesus, and have wanted to know why he had come to torment them before the time, and have besought him to depart out of their territory. But there have been also, always those who have found their supreme joy and delight in him, and have besought him to abide with them.

There are always two conceptions and therefore two attitudes towards all the world's great characters and great movements.



Isa. 53:F.C.3

No community, no people, <sup>no</sup> individual rejects any great character in toto. There are always some qualities, some traits, usually the ones that the character cares the least about, <sup>that</sup> are recognized and received by the people. But if the character is not recognized for what he comes to be and do the recognition that he does receive is equivalent to rejection.

When here in the flesh, Jesus was rejected where he was needed most and by those who needed him most. And the same is true today.

Jesus was never more needed than he is today in our DOMESTIC life, our SOCIAL life, INDUSTRIAL life, our ECONOMIC life, our POLITICAL life, our INTELLECTUAL life, our RELIGIOUS life.

May we remember his words and realize that he knew what he was talking about when he said, And I if I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me.

Let us be comforted in the fact that in all the encouraging assuring things that Jesus said about himself may rest our hope as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast.

.....Amen.....



June 7 '36.

Matt. 5:16

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LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE  
MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR  
GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR  
FATHER, WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

MAKING YOUR RELIGION LIVE

According to the opinion of most people, every body has religion, some kind of religion. Of course we all know full well, that not every body has the christian religion. And if we are to judge by what we observe and fail to observe among many of those who profess to have christian religion, we are compelled to conclude, that if they have it they do not know what to do with it.

religion

The christian<sup>^</sup> in the abstract may mean something, indeed may mean much to the individual who has it. But it means little or nothing to any one else. Such religion is practically dead. So we would devote our thought at this time to the question of making our religion live.

Life and light are twins. There can be no life without light, nor can there be any light without life. When he came into the world the Master said I am the Light of the world, and he said I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly.

We must make our religion concrete, make it live in the world's activities, in:  
EDUCATION, MUSIC, ART, EXPLORATION, ADVENTURE,  
SOCIAL SERVICE, POLITICAL SERVICE, ECONOMIC-IN-  
DUSTRIAL ENDEAVOR, AMUSEMENT-RECREATION, DOMESTIC SERVICE and in CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

Let us remember, that with all these activities we all have to do, and that in these we may make our religion live most effectually.

.....Amen.....



June 21 '36

Jere. 31:29

V

IN THOSE DAYS THEY SHALL SAY NO MORE, THE FATHERS HAVE EATEN A SOUR GRAPE, AND THE CHILDREN'S TEETH ARE SET ON EDGE.

We all recognize the fact, that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, nevertheless we believe with equal firmness, that there would be no world to rule if there were not fathers who recognize the obligation and responsibility that are upon them.

For a great number of years we have been observing Mother's Day. And it is right and well that we do so. For we need not only once a year, but often in the year to take time and value Mother. We need to dwell upon and meditate upon the specific qualities that make Mother just what she is. And we need in the same way to value the qualities <sup>of father</sup> that we may recognize and appreciate the importance and significance of his place in the activities of the world.

Most of the laws, Physical, Mental, Moral, and Spiritual by which we are governed have been given us by our Fathers. Hence our subject:

#### FATHERS WHO ARE WORTH PERPETUATING

By all means we should endeavor to perpetuate the STRONG HEALTHY father.

The INTELLIGENT father is worth perpetuating.

We should strive to perpetuate the INDUSTRIOUS and FRUGAL father.

The father with a sense of CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY should be perpetuated.

We should endeavor to perpetuate the father who is SPIRITUALLY ALIVE.

May we help worthwhile fathers to live on.

.....Amen.....



June 27 '36

Jno. 2:6,7,8

U

AND THERE WERE SET THERE SIX WATERPOTS OF STONE, AFTER THE MANNER OF THE PURIFYING OF THE JEWS, CONTAINING TWO OR THREE FIRKINS APIECE. JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, FILL THE WATERPOTS WITH WATER. AND THEY FILLED THEM UP TO THE BRIM. AND HE SAITH UNTO THEM, DRAW OUT NOW, AND BEAR UNTO THE GOVERNOR OF THE FEAST. AND THEY BEAR IT.

We are living in a day when our efficiency means more than simple ability to do ordinary things. It is not the feast today that is making the greatest demands upon us, but the famine.

The Master has shown us the way to obtain ability to meet these demands. It means separation first of all from the idle, murmuring, fault-finding multitude and to put yourself under tutorage of the best teachers.

We must be acquainted with the elements with which we have to work, and know how to raise them to their highest power.

The greatest value of things with which we have to do does not appear upon the surface. Our task then means digging, exploring, surveying, and analyzing. The housewife to be her best must know the possibilities contained in the pound of flour, the cruze of oil.

The man to whom we entrust our commercial interests is required to be an expert. He must know how to make the barley loves and two small fishes feed multitudes, and to put these commodities in the reach of every body.

#### CULTIVATING ABILITY TO MAKE WATER INTO WINE

In our thought water represents the possibilities that are to be found in all things that are usually considered ordinary and commonplace. And that wine represents one of the



Jno. 2:6,7,8

most important manifestations of these possibilities.

Let us learn:

- 1-That the real value of a substance depends upon the person in whose possession it is.
- 2-That we can never know the real value of the substance in our possession until we have sat at the feet of an expert.
- 3-That the best in life is to be obtained through strict attention to the laws of nature or to nature itself.

Let us all remember, that there are many many firkins of water all about us, and there are multitudes thirsty for the wine that they contain.

Let us ask ourselves the question, What am I doing to make the water into wine so as to supply the needs of the world?

.....Amen.....



July 5 '36

Jno. 15:L.C.5

M

**FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.**

Ordinarily, students after spending three years studying with a master would feel that their time had been spent to no advantage, to no profit; they would be discouraged and disheartened, if the master or teacher should say to them, ye can do nothing without me. But that is just what Jesus the master teacher says to his students. We can readily see why he might say this to some of the tardy backward ones. But he makes no exception, he says it to all.

But no other teacher is like Jesus; for he is the absolute; he is all in all; he is everywhere imminent; by him all things are and consist.

not only so, the persons to whom the Master addresses the words of our text have a specific schedule of labor that they must follow. There are certain things that no other group of persons are commanded to do. They are to LOVE the unlovely; to be MERCIFUL to the guilty and condemned; to be PATIENT with the tardy and backward; they must be JUST and FAIR with every body when others prejudiced and partial; they must be EARNEST and SINCERE, when others are unconcerned and indifferent; they must WORK in the calm and in the storm.

With such tasks there is constant need of immediate contact with the Main Source of power. We can not depend upon periodical charges as you do for your auto.

We must know how to make this constant contact with the Main Source of power. But not every is qualified to teach you how to do this. But God has given us a teacher, even the Holy Spirit, who knows how. Follow his instruction and you will always have needed power.

.....Amen.....



July 19 '36

Acts 17:F.C.28

M

FOR IN HIM WE LIVE, AND MOVE,  
AND HAVE OUR BEING.

This is indeed a most wonderful statement, made to a most wonderful people and made by a most wonderful person.

No one can utter words like these except he dwell in an atmosphere of lofty thought.

The apostle Paul, the author of these words, was a man of deep sympathy and generosity in his religious thinking. No narrow, conceited man of his race could have uttered these to the people of another race with customs, manners, ideas, and religion so different from his own.

But Paul was more than a Jew, more than a formal, bigoted christian. Paul was a child of God, and as such recognized God as his Father and all men as his brothers. Hence, with all sincerity he could utter the words of our text.

We may consider these words from two distinct viewpoints. We may consider these words as describing the location of our dwelling place. Or we may consider these words as designating the source of our aspirations, our inspiration, of our real life.

#### OUR LIVING PLACE

It should be:

Properly Located.

In Keeping With Our Capacity.

Attractive.

Readily Accessable.

A Place Where All Feel At Home.

Conducive To Growth And Development.

A Place That Makes Easy Helpful Contacts.

May we be conscious always of the fact, that in God we live, move, and have our being; and deport ourselves accordingly; may we have on constantly the robe of righteousness.

.....Amen.....



July 5-'36 LK. 10:30

V

And Jesus answering said,  
A Certain Man Went Down  
From Jerusalem to Jeri-  
cho, And Fell Among Thieves,  
Which Stripp Him Of His  
Raiment, And Wounded Him,  
And Departed, Leaving Him  
Half Dead.

Exercises, worship in the house  
of God with God's people is ex-  
pected to give wisdom and un-  
derstanding enabling us to meet  
in a successful way the ex-  
periences of life.

Attending Church services  
should qualify us to make  
right choices as to the  
Way over which <sup>we</sup> shall journey;  
Stops that we shall make;

Our Associates;

Thoughts that we entertain  
while in Church and af-  
ter we leave Church.

— Amen —



July 19 '36

Mark 5:41, 42, 43

V

AND HE TOOK THE DAMSEL BY THE HAND, AND SAID UNTO HER, TALITHA CUMI; WHICH IS, BEING INTERPRETED, DAMSEL, I SAY UNTO THEE, ARISE. AND STRAITWAY THE DAMSEL AROSE, AND WALKED; FOR SHE WAS OF THE AGE OF TWELVE YEARS. AND THEY WERE ASTONISHED WITH GREAT ASTONISHMENT. AND HE CHARGED THEM STRAITLY THAT NO MAN SHOULD KNOW IT; AND COMMANDED THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE GIVEN HER TO EAT.

Ordinary acts of men become extraordinary when performed by Jesus and he gives to them a new meaning. All of his acts carry with them the highest significance, the greatest value.

Never is there empty formality in anything that Jesus does. So when Jesus shook a withered hand it became sound and firm again; when he shook a dead hand it lived again

#### THE VALUE OF A REAL HANDSHAKE

So often the means for expressing our virtues is very poor and limited. So very early in the history of the human race men found ways of expressing their virtues, by embracing, kissing and handshaking.

The real handshake

Is an expression of Love and Goodwill.

Has in it Power to give new life.

Is a Means of Giving Onself to Another.

May we learn from Jesus how to use our hands to do good.

.....Amen.....



July 26 '36

II Pet. 2:17

V

THESE ARE WELLS WITHOUT WATER.

There are many things that may make a well attractive and famous. But there are only two things that make a well useful and helpful.

A well must have water in it, and there must be some convenient way to get the water out of it.

Where there is no thirst, no one who needs water it does not make so much difference whether there is water in the well or not.

But in all human affairs nothing is more disheartening, more discouraging, more disappointing than a well without water.

A well does not exist for itself. But for the weary, the feverish, the faint, the thirsty..

To be of service a well must be constantly in connection with the source of supply, and must be always receptive.

In order to preclude stagnation and aquatic death or drying up a well must be constantly giving out to all who come to draw.

Let us remember, that we may be wells with an abundant supply to meet the needs of this old sinparched feverish world.

.....Amen.....



Aug. 2-'36

Isa. 53:F.C.1

M

WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT?

For the earnest, honest, sincere the question of a report is a very serious matter.

A valuable authentic report on any subject costs much in TIME, THOUGHT and ENERGY. Whoever would make a good helpful report should prepare to make SACRIFICES, to be MISUNDERSTOOD, RIDICULED and REPUDIATED.

All of our progress, whether in the material mental moral or spiritual world depend very largely upon the reports that come to us; for most of our information is tied up in reports that we receive from time to time. A very little of the information and intelligence that we possess have come to us as a result of our own initiative.

In relation to reports, there are two classes of people that must always be failures: those who accept reports as true and those who refuse to accept any report as true.

It goes without saying, that those who would make reports that they would have received must be intelligent, and qualified to gather material out of which worthwhile reports are made.

It is equally important that those who receive reports be intelligent and able to distinguish between the true and the untrue.

If we would profit by reports that we receive we must be interested in the subject that is being reported.

It is necessary for us to have faith in the reporter, if we would profit by the report that is making the report.

.....Amen.....



Aug. 2-'56

Jno. 20:26,27,28

V

AND AFTER EIGHT DAYS AGAIN HIS DISCIPLES WERE WITH HIM, AND THOMAS WITH THEM: THEN CAME JESUS, THE DOORS BEING SHUT, AND STOOD IN THE MIDST, AND SAID, PEACE BE UNTO YOU. THEN SAITH HE TO THOMAS, REACH HITHER THY FINGER, AND BEHOLD MY HANDS: AND REACH HITHER THY HAND, AND THRUST IT INTO MY SIDE: AND BE NOT FAITHLESS, BUT BELIEVING. AND THOMAS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, MY LORD AND MY GOD.

#### HOW JESUS MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

Jesus is anxious to have people, especially his disciples know him.

It has not always been easy, even for his disciples to recognize him as their Lord and their God, as the one to whom they may look to supply their needs. And this has been particularly true after Jesus has passed through some unusual experience.

But Jesus always has an unfailing way to make himself known to all who wish to know him.

We may know who ~~he~~ is by the influence he has with the Father. For he said, He always heareth me; and I and my Father are one.

We may know him by the way that he speaks; for he speaks as one having authority, and not as the scribes and pharisees.

We may know him by the scars that he carries in his body.

When Jesus has made himself known to us may we always recognize him as our Lord and our God.

.....Amen.....



Aug. 16 '36

Heb. 13:2

V

REMEMBER THEM THAT ARE IN BONDS,  
AS BOUND WITH THEM; AND THEM WHICH  
SUFFER ADVERSITY, AS BEING YOURSEL-  
VES ALSO IN THE BODY.

The carnal man in his natural unredeemed state does not, can not give to us liberty, perfect freedom. Indeed to the contrary, the carnal man in his unredeemed state constitutes a kind of prison for us, and handicaps, and keeps us from doing the things that are right that we long to do.

Notwithstanding the freedom of which we <sup>a</sup>boast every one of us is potentially and in reality in prison; and at best is only out on bond. The Doctor, Lawyer, Educator, and Priest are our bondmen. They make it possible for us to enjoy the freedom that we have. So none of us have any room to <sup>a</sup>boast. We are all still in the body, and should remember one another. For every one of us <sup>a</sup>is hampered by some kind of bondage.

When we make a survey of the race we find that some are bound PHYSICALLY, some MENTALLY, some MORALLY, some SOCIALLY, ECONOMICALLY, some POLITICALLY, and many are bound RELIGIOUSLY.

Let us all work together and open the prison doors, and let the prisoners go free to serve God and our fellowmen.

.....Amen.....



Aug. 16 '36

Ps. 90:16,17

M

LET THY WORK APPEAR UNTO THY  
SERVANTS, AND THY GLORY UNTO  
THEIR CHILDREN. AND LET THE  
BEAUTY OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE  
UPON US; AND ESTABLISH THOU  
THE WORK OF OUR HANDS UPON US;  
YEA, THE WORK OF OUR HANDS ES\*  
TABLISH THOU IT.

The best of us find ourselves constantly confronted with many hard problems; problems in our economic-industrial life; problems in our moral life; and problems in our religious life.

Some of us are working hard night and day endeavoring to solve these problems. But not one problem has been solved to our satisfaction. And the sad and discouraging feature about it is the fact that our fellowmen do not seem to make much if any better headway than we are making.

The work of man aside from God, with all its glow and glitter, does not satisfy. Only for brief periods are we charmed and fascinated by it. Then we grow tired and cease to be attracted. After all our efforts to beautify ourselves, and to ornament and decorate our work, without God's finishing touch it has no lasting effect.

There come periods, when decay in all around we see and we cry out of the agony of the soul, O Thou who changest not abide with me.

Even the work that we try as christians to do is far from perfection. Often the defects in it are more apparent than the value and virtues.

We need to have God to establish our work in his beauty in:  
Our HOMES. Our COMMUNITY. Our CHURCH. Our NATION.

May we all realize the need of God's touch to beautify us and our work.

.....Amen.....



Aug. 23 '36

Prov. 18:24

V

A MAN THAT HATH FRIENDS MUST  
SHEW HIMSELF FRIENDLY: AND  
THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKETH  
CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.

Friends are those among whom there are  
HARMONY, PEACE, and mutual GOOD WILL.

There is no group that is so much in need  
of friends, real friends as our group, the  
church group.

The greater our task, the less popular our  
cause the greater our need of friends.

In order to make and hold friends we must  
have a WORTHY CAUSE with an universal appeal.

The Master has given us the rule which if  
we follow we will be able to change enemies into  
friends.

Let us follow his instruction and increase  
the number of our friends.

.....Amen.....



Sept. 13 '36

Matt. 27:1

M

WHEN THE MORNING WAS COME, ALL  
THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS OF  
THE PEOPLE TOOK COUNSEL AGAINST  
JESUS TO PUT HIM TO DEATH.

Morning always succeeds night, and represents the period of enlightenment, the period of illumination, when we begin to realize our hopes and to carry out our dreams. It is the period when we give to the world the benefit of our meditations. Morning is the period that brings with it new opportunities, new possibilities. But it also brings with it new obligations, and great and weighty responsibilities. This is especially true for all leaders. And it is more especially true for religious leaders, for chief priests and elders of the people.

It is ours to have the right dreams, the right thoughts, the right meditations during the night of life and to make an encouraging, constructive report to the people in the morning.

It is our privilege and duty to take counsel concerning Jesus, but not with those who would put him to death, but with those who will contrive ways and means to keep him alive in all of the affairs of men.

It is our duty to seek the swift destruction of everything, every institution, and organization where Jesus can not live.

What is the effect of the MORNING upon us?

In what way are the chief priests and elders SERVING the people?

How is our LEGISLATION effecting Jesus?

Let us rise and shine remembering that Jesus our Light has come.

.....Amen.....



Oct. 11 '36

Jno. 20:F.C.25

M

THE OTHER DISCIPLES THEREFORE  
SAID UNTO HIM, WE HAVE SEEN THE  
LORD.

Constantly we are being called upon to read or listen to reports from the various departments of the world's activities. Reports come from the field of **SOCIOLOGY**, the field of **PSYCHOLOGY**, from the field of **EDUCATION**, from the field of **INDUSTRY** and **ECONOMICS**, from the field of **POLITICS** and **CIVIC ENDEAVOR** and from the field of **MORALITY** and **RELIGION**.

Not one of these reports has in it the ring of optimism and certainty, but rather that of doubt, fear and pessimism. And this condition prevails in the church in no less an aggravated form than it does in the world.

Most of us like Thomas of old are in the church and a part of it, but we live under a cloud, we journey over a way that is dark and gloomy. We do not see nor hear as we should the things that encourage and inspire.

The great need of us all is to hear the report from the other disciples, the other disciples who have seen and listened to the one who speaks not as the scribes and pharisees, but as one having authority.

We spend so much time looking at and listening to ourselves that we do not take time to see our Lord and hear him speak saying peace be unto you.

Let us all strive to be among the other disciples who have seen the Lord.

.....AMEN.....



Oct 18 '36

Heb. 13:8

M

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY,  
AND TO DAY AND FOR EVER.

The great principles of life are like God: they do not change, they are eternal. But methods are like man: they change.

Physical change, Mental change, and Spiritual change are in evidence every where, all the time when man is considered. Man is made to change, and if he do not change he becomes a dwarf. Growth means change. This is as true in spiritual life as in any other phase of life. Here is where many with the very best intentions stumble. They try in an ever changing world to adjust themselves to the words of the text. They think if Christ is the same yesterday, to day and for ever, that they too must be the same.

The thought for our consideration at this time is:

THE PROBLEM OF ADJUSTMENT

The problem of life, indeed life itself is how to adjust oneself to his environment. We are not concerned about adjusting ourselves to every thing or to every body. But we are concerned about, and are anxious to adjust ourselves to the great programs, and the great personalities in which are tied up the great issues of life. And our problem is how to do this; what method, what technique shall we use. This is difficult in whatever way the problem may present itself, whether with the aspect of the vacillating or with the aspect of the static.

If we do not like change, to adjust ourselves to a changing world is not easy. It really becomes a problem that is not easily solved. But on the other hand, we like change, if we like to be in the whirl and current of life then it is not easy for us to adjust ourselves to programs or persons that are static.

Our text presents to us a person in whom

all the fulness of the Godhead bodily dwells, and he is the way the truth and the life. For christians all the issues of life are found in him. And if we make him our key to the problems of life the problem of adjustment will become practical and easy. If we allow him to shape us we will fit into every situation so as to be helpful. If we go into the battles of life with him we will come out victorious.

Let us adjust ourselves to him who is the same yesterday, to day and for ever, and we shall find it easy to adjust ourselves to all persons and programs that are worthwhile.

.....Amen.....



Oct. 18 '36

Jas. 1:22, 23, 24      M

BUT BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOUR OWN SELVES. FOR IF ANY BE A HEARER OF THE WORD, AND NOT A DOER, HE IS LIKR UNTO A MAN BEHOLDING HIS NATURAL FACE IN A GLASS: FOR HE BEHOLDETH HIMSELF, AND GOETH HIS WAY, AND STRAIGHTWAY FORGETTETH WHAT MANNER OF MAN HE WAS.

Deceit, in whatever way it may be used, is always dangerous and destructive. And this is particularly true when practised upon oneself.

Physicians have many ways to test the body to determine in what condition we are.

But the great Physician alone can test the mind, the spirit to determine the condition of the soul. And in doing so he uses his Son as the standard. The rule that we are to follow in our endeavor to measure up to this standard is found in the word of God, and nowhere else. But we can not know this rule only as we humbly place ourselves under the great teacher, the Holy Spirit.

The physician examining us diagnoses our case, and then prescribes the remedy. Whether we benefit by the remedy depends upon using it and using it according to directions.

But the great Physician does not have to examine us for He knows our condition and has given us the remedy.

But <sup>the</sup> physician not only gives the patient medicine, but he prescribes a certain diet, and certain kinds of exercise.

The great Physician not only prescribes for us the WORD, the remedy for all our spiritual ills, but tells us definitely when where and how to use the word.

.....Amen.....



Oct. 18 '36

Mark 10:31

V

BUT MANY THAT ARE FIRST SHALL BE  
LAST; AND THE LAST FIRST.

If we would follow the Lord Jesus, we must pass through two processes. By one we are humbled, by the other we are inspired. This fact gives poise and balance. Neither topheavy nor light-headed people can follow the Lord Jesus.

Human life is a wheel that is ever turning. It is useless and foolish to get in too big a hurry to get to the top. And it is equally foolish to fret and fume and pine because our task just now is at the bottom of the wheel.

Our rise and advancement in life depend upon our doing our duty well to day where we are. If this rule is followed, the curate of today will be the bishop tomorrow.

The day of retirement must come to every one of us. It may come in life or it may come in death.

If with ease and delight we would follow the Lord Jesus we should know his entire program.

Thorough acquaintance with our fellow followers is essential if we would follow the Lord Jesus.

If we would follow the Lord Jesus we must be prepared to occupy many places and to do a great variety of things.

Let us not be so much concerned about where we are in the service of the Lord. But may we seek to know that we are following the Lord Jesus.

.....Amen.....



Nov. 1 '36

Matt. 8:L.C.29 V  
ART THOU COME HITHER TO TORMENT  
US BEFORE THE TIME?

*and wrong*  
Error do not preclude contentment and satisfaction. So the benefactor meets and has many difficulties to overcome in order to do the good that he comes to do.

The condition of those he comes to bless must, by revelation and comparison, be made to realize their condition, and to see the change that they need.

To be wrenched out of old settings, good or bad is not pleasant; it becomes a source of real torment.

God has sent forth his decree that righteousness, justice and truth must ultimately prevail-triumph in this old world. But wickedness in all its various forms puts up a terrible fight, and tries to delay the day of its overthrow as long as possible.

Wickedness is deepseated in the human heart. And it does not come out without taring. But we do not like to be torn.

It is the business of the church by righteousness and truth to disturb-torment wickedness-to keep it from taking root.

To many slavery ceases to be a burden, a torture. They think not of nor do they look forward to anything better. And this is especially true when a change means independence and new responsibilities.

The church must continue to disturb-torment the SOCIAL order until evil and unrighteousness lose their hold upon the people.

The ECONOMIC-INDUSTRIAL, and the MORAL, the RELIGIOUS order must be disturbed-tormented until it is purified.

.....Amen.....



SERMON NOTES BY

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EXODUS 20:21

AND THE PEOPLE STOOD AFAR OFF, AND MOSES DREW  
NEAR UNTO THE THICK DARKNESS WHERE GOD WAS.

The journey from man-to God is always over a way that is dreary, dark and gloomy; and God seems far away enshrouded in darkness. And this is overcome only by those who have faith and courage to continue the journey to the end. And they find, that no darkness can abide where God dwells.

The great weakness of the church today was typified by ancient Israel, who in their great religious activities stood afar off.

Moses was a great leader because he took time to seek God, get acquainted with him and his program. But Moses was a great leader not alone because he knew God and his program, but because he knew the people and their need. Moses knew that the people needed to know the nature of God, and how and where he was to be found. They needed to learn that God did not exist simply for himself nor for a few select ones. But for them and for every one. They were to fear God, but not with a cringing retiring fear. But they were to fear God with a fear actuated by love and reverence. They needed to learn, that with God there were no superiors and no inferiors. They needed to learn, that with God there was no reason why some men should stay far away from him while others drew near. With God every man might be his own high priest and enter into the Holy of Holies for himself.

As in Moses' day so today in matters religious. The leaders who are earnest and enthusiastic are lonely most of the time as they go to front where God is.

It is not difficult to see that there is a great gulf between the leaders and the followers; between the laity and the clergy in the work of the church. There is a feeling too prevalent in the church today that the work of inspiring and edifying the people rests exclusively upon the clergy. And this condition prevails not alone in our ritualistic churches, but in the evangelical churches as well. So long as the rank and file of the people are afraid to hear the voice of God and stand afar off there can be no real progress.

But we know the laymen <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ not altogether responsible for this situation. For many leaders, like Moses seem to feel that they alone are the only ones who are qualified to go, if need be, into the thick darkness where God is.

Until the individual member of the church with the assistance of the minister establishes his own private line between himself and God the rank and file of the church will continue to stand afar off weak and ignorant of God's program.

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Nov. 1 '36

Josh. 24:F.C.15

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CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE  
WILL SERVE.

The word SERVICE is a magic word. Just the mentioning of it awakens certain emotions as no other word. This word brings to us memories many of them pleasant and many of them unpleasant. And all of this is especially true concerning our racial group.

Certain outstanding individuals have always stood for-represented great appealing CAUSES. And in all ages it has been the business of the human race and especially our racial group to choose some one- some cause that they might conscientiously SERVE.

It is the ambition of every normal man woman and child to serve some one- some cause. And this has been especially true since the Master's pronouncement, that the one who serves is greatest. For every one wishes to be great.

Whether as individuals or as a group, in the infancy of our experience we need coaching-training that we may become intelligent concerning the persons and causes that bid for our service.

Hence we select schools and teachers to train us and put before us the persons and causes that are worthy and demand our support and service.

There have been periods in the history of the human race, and of our race in particular, when we did not have much if any choice as to whom and what we should serve. Those were days when the race was in its infancy and had only childish thoughts or no thoughts at all about God and his Cause.

But when the days of childhood had passed they put away childish things and began to think like men, and to make choices like men. It was in such a period in the history of Israel that they were appealed to in the language of our text to choose whom they would serve.

There comes a period in the life of every one of us when in all things worthwhile we must make a choice.

May we use every means that has been placed at our disposal to make ourselves intelligent as to what choices to make in the great issues of life.

.....Amen.....



Nov. 8 '36

Isa. 37:14

M

AND HEZEKIAH RECEIVED THE LETTER  
FROM THE HAND OF THE MESSENGERS,  
AND READ IT; AND HEZEKIAH WENT  
UP UNTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD,  
AND SPREAD IT BEFORE THE LORD.

Hezekiah king of Judah was a good king, one who feared God and did the things that were right in the sight of God. Hezekiah had a good cabinet, good seretaries and recorders, those who looked after home affairs and those who looked after foreign affairs. We have reasons to beleive that the king's palace was well appointed and adapted to the transacting of business pertaining to the state.

But when a real crisis in Hezekiah's kingdom came he did what all good Godfearing men do, he left the king's palace and went up unto the house of the Lord, and spread his affairs before the Lord.

There are values, great values attaching to the house of the Lord that many, even of those who profess to be followers of God, never enjoy. Because they have never taken the house of the Lord and that for which it stands seriously.

We need to take more of our worthwhile affairs into the house of the Lord and as did Hezekiah, pray to God about them.

As they went to Hezekiah even so men come to us with all kinds of messages, messages discouraging and disheartening. As they told Hezekiah they tell us that we are ancient and back numbers because we believe God is and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

If we would be encouraged, we must remember, that even though the enemy has many messengers, that God has some too who have never bowed their knee to Baal. It is ours to tune our hearts and ears to hear them. For their messages are full of promise and hope.

--- Amen ---



Nov. 15 '36

Ex. 4:2

Tres. H.M.

AND THE LORD SAID UNTO HIM,  
WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?  
AND HE SAID, A ROD.

The hand is a very important member of the body, and is entitled to special attention, and training. For the occupation of the hand depends upon its education and training.

The question, What is in thine hand means what are your possessions, what is your power, and what is your influence?

What is in our hands therefore decides:

- 1-Our RELATION to our fellowman.
- 2-WHAT God Does for us.
- 3-Our ACTIVITY as to whether it is constructive or destructive.
- 4-Our LOYALTY or our DISLOYALTY.
- 3-Our DESTINY.

Let us examine the contents of our hands, our possessions, our power and our influence.

.....Amen.....



Nov. 15 '36

Matt. 7:16

V

YE SHALL KNOW THEM BY THEIR  
FRUITS. DO MEN GATHER GRAPES OF  
THORNS, OR FIGS OF THISTLES?

Jesus is always anxious to have people know themselves as they really are and to have others to know them likewise. So he has given certain universal laws, rules by which we may determine character.

We establish our identity by:

Our Location.

Our ASSOCIATION.

Our CONVERSATION.

VOCATION.

DEVOTION.

May we so live that it will not be difficult for us to identify ourselves nor impossible for others to identify us.

.....Amen.....



Nov. 22 '36

Gal. 2:F.C.20

V

I LIVE, YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST  
LIVETH IN ME.

THE LIFE DEPENDABLE

All life, but particularly the christian is constantly challenged by all kinds of problems. And we are constantly seeking, not only in others, but in ourselves a life upon which, under all conditions and circumstances we can depend. And we have learned, that only as the masters, the experts live in us can we do this.

The unwavering stability of our expert, our Master gives us the authority, the boldness, the courage to challenge the world in doing what needs to be done, according to God's program.

It is folly, the height of folly for any one to attempt to bear unusual burdens, to be just to the unjust, to love the unlovable, to be free from suspicion, treachery and hypocrisy, if our expert, our Master is not constantly manifesting, exhibiting himself in our lives. And except this be true, our claim, that Christ lives in us is but an empty boast.

May we, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek earnestly for those qualities that will make us, in this age of instability, and uncertainty, stable.

May the Christ be so prominent in us that he may be seen in all that we do; in our tears and in our laughter; in our sadness and in our gladness.

.....Amen.....



Dec. 5 '36

Luke 10:L.C.20

V

BUT RATHER REJOICE, BECAUSE YOUR  
NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN.

The fact that our names are written in certain books is proof that we have accomplished certain prescribed things. It proves that by sacrifice, selfdenial and suffering we have qualified for a place in the important record.

There are many earthly records where we would like to see our names. But we have not qualified, and it is very likely that can never qualify. For man makes the conditions too difficult.

Our right to a place in the Lamb's Book of life has been secured to us by the Lamb himself. The Master exhorts his disciples <sup>to rejoice</sup> over the fact that their names are written in Heaven. They are exhorted to rejoice not because of anything that they have done to get their names recorded in Heaven, but to rejoice because of what he has done for them.

The fact that our names are written in Heaven gives us the right to a fellowship for which nothing else can qualify us

The fact that our names are written in Heaven takes away worry about the future and our reward.

The fact that our names are written in Heaven gives us a boldness and courage to fight the battles of life.

May we allow the Holy Spirit to teach us the things that we should know so that we may be qualified to have our names written in the Book of life.

.....Amen.....



Dec. 13 '36    Jno. 19; L.C. 15. Matt. 27; F.C. 42    V

THE CHIEF PRIESTS ANSWERED, WE  
HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR. HE SAVED  
OTHERS; HIMSELF HE CANNOT SAVE.

In the days of the Master's earthly career the chief priests of Israel had become so narrow and dwarfed in their religious conception that they had no capacity for light, life or truth.

The chief priests, who typified the masses of the people of today had capacity only for Caesar and that for which Caesar stands.

They said right that Jesus saved others and himself he could not save. For that was true so far as they were concerned. He could not save himself according to their idea of salvation.

Today the mass of people are more concerned about who shall reign over their material possessions than they are about who shall reign over their spiritual destinies.

Let us remember, that if we are following in the steps of our Lord we must be concerned not so much about saving ourselves, but about saving others, with the assurance that God will care for our salvation.

Let us remember, that Jesus could not use the methods that were used by the Caesars for saving himself, because the part of man in which the Caesars were most interested Jesus practically ignored. Jesus was willing to lay down his life that he might show his power in taking it again.

May we follow the Master in the way that we treat the physical man, and attach supreme importance to the spiritual the eternal man.

.....Amen.....



FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER  
WITH GOD.

Our deportment, and our occupation depend very largely upon the estimate that we place upon ourselves. But even the estimate we put upon ourselves may not always be the true one; for we do not always know our true value. So we entrust ourselves to those who make a specialty of estimating values, and who know true values even when they do not appear upon the surface. And if this be true in our secular, material life how much more so it is in our moral and spiritual life.

We are not ready to work with God and to cooperate with our brethren until God reveals to us who we are and the possibilities that reside in us.

If as members of the church we can be made to understand that labouring with our brethren is only incidental, and that our labouring with God is primary, we will put a new estimate upon ourselves, we shall feel rightly our significance and importance. We shall also recognize the true value and importance of our fellowlabours. We shall not be satisfied simply to use our fellowlabourers and in many instances not only to use them, but to abuse them. Nothing is calculated more surely to disrupt and destroy the effectuality of our labour in the church.

We must never lose sight of the fact that the reckoning day is coming, and those who are simply used and abused will be disabused. Let us not forget, that the period of disabusement is always a critical, and in many instances is a dangerous period. It often becomes the period of insurrection evolution and destruction.

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**CONSTRUCTIVE.** It will edify the individual member and the church as an organization. It will keep God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit ever in evidence. And they will be honored and glorified.

**COOPERATIVE.** Each member will work for all the other members and all the members will work for each member. The work will be what is known in college life as team work. All ideas will be considered and pooled for the general good.

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Let us remember, that God does not simply use or work any of us, but that he permits us to work with him. May we learn from how work with our fellowlabourers.

.....Amen.....



Dec. 20 '36

Acts 20:24

M

BUT NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME.

To be thoroughly qualified and prepared for our task as servants of God is no minor problem.

If I enter into the service of the Lord, what kind of person shall I be? Shall I share the spirit of the age in which I live? Shall I be passive and indifferent in my attitude towards current issues, when everybody about me is active and concerned.

In the light of adverse conditions all about us we should not be stoical, a blind dumb optimist, nor should we be agitated, excited, helpless pessimists.

In our service we should be concerned not so much about the difficulties that accompany the task that has been assigned us. But our concern should be the task, and how to accomplish it.

Kipling describes a real man as one who can keep his head when all about him are losing theirs and blaming it on him.

When God assigns to us a task he always sees to it that we have the faith, hope and courage necessary to the finishing of it.

If we wish God to assign us a task we must be prepared to receive one that is hard and difficult; for God has no easy tasks. All his tasks carry with them the idea of selfdenial, sacrifice, suffering.

God does not assign his tasks to those who wear soft clothing, and live in king's palaces. He selects those who, if need be, can live in the wilderness, those who wear simple clothing, in which they can attend church every Sunday and are satisfied and thrive upon a simple bill of fare.

We should remember, that life is more than bone and flesh and blood, and that the essential element in life is the spirit of God.

.....Amen.....



Dec. 27 '36

Luke 2:40

M

AND THE CHILD GREW, AND WAXED  
STRONG IN SPIRIT, FILLED WITH WIS-  
DOM: AND THE GRACE OF GOD WAS UPON  
HIM.

For some there may be many standards by which to measure growth and progress. But for us who know the real meaning of Christmas there is, there can be but one standard by which to measure progress.

The normal state of the christian is one of growth and progress. God's work is not accomplished in us in a moment, it takes a life time.

Time brings to us more knowledge. And as we grow in spirit we become wiser and wiser, we understand how to handle the problems that come to us from time to time.

The grace of God is guaranteed only to those who take advantage of the means that he has placed at our disposal and grow.

May we study the Lord Jesus and learn from him how to grow in stature and in favor with God and man.

.....Amen.....



Dec. 27 '36

Matt. 2:8

V

AND HE SENT THEM TO BETHLEHEM,  
AND SAID, GO AND SEARCH DILLI-  
GENTLY FOR THE YOUNG CHILD; AND  
WHEN YE HAVE FOUND HIM, BRING ME  
WORD AGAIN, THAT I MAY COME AND  
WORSHIP HIM, ALSO.

It is almost strange to see the great variety of people who are influenced by the spirit of Christmas. Of course they are not all effected in just the same way. Some are made glad and rejoice, others are made sad and mourn. For some the Christmas spirit makes possible larger expressions of love, and kindness. For others the Christmas spirit causes the expression of ill will and hate.

The shepherds belonged to the first class, and typify all who love the Lord and rejoice in his presence.

Herod belonged to the second class and typifies all who hate peace and good will.

If we were to classify these men according to what they said we would put all of them in the first class. But in classifying we have to consider more than what people say. We must see that their deeds correspond with what they say.

We must not be overinfluenced when we are classifying by the position occupied by those who talk.

Some times much of the popular church and priesthood belong to the second class; for they are not in accord with the real Christ. They have a Christ that fits into their own scheme and program.

Let us examine ourselves and see in which class we are.

.....Amen.....



Dec. 31 '36

Ps. 37:3

W. N.

TRUST IN THE LORD, AND DO GOOD;  
SO SHALT THOU DWELL IN THE LAND,  
VERILY THOU SHALT BE FED.

One of the great problems during the past year, has been and will be during the coming year how to get some place where we may live unmolested and get something to eat according taste and desire.

We all are ready to confess that our investments, whether a dime or a thousand dollars have not been as successful as we had hoped they would be.

We have invested our faith and confidence in humanity and human means and methods and almost without an exception they have failed us. Doctors have not kept us well, lawyers have not kept us out of trouble, the minister has not succeeded in making us more clearly to understand the mysteries of the kingdom.

We have learned that human agencies have kept us in constant doubt and fear.

In our text we are exhorted to give God a chance to help us. We are exhorted to TRUST in the LORD; to DO GOOD, with the assurance that we shall dwell in the LAND and be FED.

We are to trust in God's :

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| WORD       | Revelation To You      |
| PLAN       | Inspiration For You    |
| REMEDY     | Information For You    |
|            | Edification For You    |
| RULES-LAWS | Sanctification For You |
| DIRECTIONS |                        |

Trusting takes away WORRY, ANXIETY, FEAR.  
" gives COURAGE and HOPE.

.....Amen.....