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Jan. 1 1939

Luke 14:L.C.17

M

COME: FOR ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY.

In six days God made the heavens and the earth. But he has been working 1938 years to make this day.

And though he has spent so much thought and time and energy in making this day it would mean nothing to him if those for whom he has made it did not enter into it and use it according to his plan and purpose.

We shall do well to find out the meaning of this announcement and invitation, found here in the words of our text, and what is included in them.

The ALL THINGS of our text are to be found in two spheres, the MATERIAL and the SPIRITUAL. They come to us in a variety of forms, according to our particular individual needs. But let us be assured that every thing that we need for our growth and developement is here in this world.

May we accept this invitation and enter into the fullness of our inheritance today.

.....AMEN.....

Jan. 1 '39

Matt. 25:10

V

AND WHILE THEY WENT TO BUY, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME: AND THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN WITH HIM TO THE MARRIAGE: AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT.

The year 1939 opens many doors to all of us. Some of them we should enter, and some we should pass by.

To most of us, many of the doors are strange unknown, and we shall not be certain as to whether we should enter them or pass them by.

There is one door if we enter we shall go in with the Bridegroom and become a part of his Bride.

The Bridegroom is the true guide. Follow him and you can not go wrong. Follow him and you shall be on time, you shall never be late.

When we have followed the Bridegroom into the marriage it is right and proper to have the door shut.

Behind closed doors with the Bridegroom always assures us of good helpful associates and a program that is wholesome.

Let us enter the one DOOR with the BRIDEGROOM this year 1939.

.....AMEN.....

AND TO WHOM SWARE HE THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO HIS REST, BUT TO THEM THAT BELIEVED NOT? SO WE SEE THAT THEY COULD NOT ENTER IN BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF. THERE REMAINETH THEREFORE A REST TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

I suppose no people have ever longed more earnestly for REST than the children of Israel. And this has been not simply in one period of their history. But this has been true all through their history.

Under Egyptian bondage Israel's burdens were heavy and their tasks were great and hard.

The experience of Daniel and the three Hebrew children gives us a very definite idea as what Israel suffered under Babylonian captivity.

Israel's condition under the Roman government was every thing else than satisfactory. They longed for material redemption and thought they had obtained it under Jesus of Nazareth.

In modern times Israel has been compelled to endure suffering and torture under the Russian, German, and Italian governments.

So we see that during all their history Israel has been and still is tired and weary. And our text tells us that they did not enter into the REST that was promised them in ancient days because of their unbelief. And no better reason can be given for their tired weary restless state today.

The history related in the words of text is of interest and value to us not alone because it tells us about what has happened and is happening to Israel because of unbelief, but because it is applicable to us today who are journeying under great burdens through a wase howling wilderness.

Like Israel, as we journey out of the bondage of sin into the glorious liberty of the children of God, we have to go around for the enemy will not let us go always as we would like to go.

As we journey we meet many conditions that take away our liberty and enslave us. We have many burdens that are not easy to bear put upon us.

May we profit by the mistakes of ancient and modern Israel. Let us never as the people of God get the idea that we can find any real lasting REST other than that God has provided for us. All other REST ultimately becomes a burden and makes us tired.

Let us remember, that we can never have God's REST until we believe him. Unbelief never brings REST. And may we know that when we have

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Jan. 15 '39

Isa. 60:12. Ps. 100:2
Lk. 20:25. Mrk. 6:F.C.37

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A SERVED AND A SERVING CHURCH

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May we endeavor each day to carry out the injunction of the Master, Render to Caesar the things that be Caesar's and to God the things that be God's.

Let us remember that he also says, Give ye them to eat.

.....AMEN.....

Jan. 15 '39

Matt. 19:21

M

JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, IF THOU
WILT BE PERFECT, GO AND SELL
THAT THOU HAST, AND GIVE TO
THE POOR, AND THOU SHALT HAVE
TREASURE IN HEAVEN: AND COME
AND FOLLOW ME.

THE RUMMAGE SALE WE NEED

In most lives as in most homes much accumulates that becomes impedimenta, and makes it impossible to take in that which makes life beautiful and attractive.

As a rule the things that have accumulated in our lives have become dear to us and we value them, and we do not give them up easily.

Not many of us take an inventory of our possessions in the light of the need all about us.

We are so constituted that we think we are handicapped in following the Lord Jesus and in doing good if we do not have an abundance with which to do. Seldom do we think of the abundances that we may have as being an hindrance to our following the Lord Jesus and doing the things that he has commanded us to do.

The poor always furnish a challenge to all who would be perfect and follow the Lord Jesus.

The word SELL may be defined in more ways than one, but the definition that will serve us most effectually is, that it is an act of exchanging; it is to put into circulation a possession that would otherwise lie inactive, unused. According to this definition we may sell any phase of our goodness. It is our duty to keep our virtues on the market so that those who are poor and in need may get the benefit of them.

Let us remember that we must not only be good, but that we must be good for some thing.

.....AMEN.....

Jan. 22 '39

Luke 22:F.C.32

M

BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR THEE,
THAT THY FAITH FAIL NOT.

Approaching God in prayer is very much like approaching any one in power and authority, for whom we wish to express regard, respect, admiration, reverence; and to whom we wish to express gratitude and thanks for passed favors; and whom we wish to petition to supply further needs for ourselves, and it may be for others.

We must always have influence and prestige with a person who is in authority and has power. There must be intimate acquaintance or close relationship. The more perfect these qualifications the more effectual will be the approach.

No one ever qualified so perfectly as did the Lord Jesus to approach God.

When here in the flesh Jesus helped his followers in every way. He taught them how to succeed in business when they had toiled all night and hope was almost gone; he fed them when they were hungry and a long way from home; he healed their diseases when they were afflicted; he showed them how and where to get money to pay their debts; he brought their dead to life and raised them from the tomb.

But all his blessings bestowed came as the result of his intercession. By his intercession he changed things in heaven and in earth.

By his intercessions Jesus changed prisons into palaces; failures in success; defeat into victory; sorrow and sadness into joy and gladness.

Jesus knows the needs of his followers; he knows when they are approaching temptations and provides for them accordingly.

Let us be assured always that if he is pleading for us all is well. ----AMEN-----

Jan. 22 '39

Ezek. 18:L.C.2. I Cor. 8:13 V

THE FATHERS HAVE EATEN SOUR
GRAPES, AND THE CHILDREN'S
TEETH ARE SET ON EDGE.
WHEREFORE, IF MEAT MAKE MY
BROTHER TO OFFEND I WILL
EAT NO FLESH WHILE THE WORLD
STANDETH, LEST I MAKE MY BRO-
THER TO OFFEND.

It is well known that we are all ef-
fected by what we eat, then our children and
all with whom we are associated are effected
by what we eat. And the more intimate our as-
sociation the greater is the effect of our
eating. Hence what parents eat before their
children are born has much to do in shaping
their physical and moral life, and it may be
has much to do with the spiritual life of the
children.

Then our adult associates are mentally
effected by what we eat and drink.

The term eat symbolizes many acts in
which we may indulge to gratify certain desires,
to appease certain appetites. And what is
true of individuals is true of organizations.
Every organization that is active is influnc-
ing people to live a good life or a bad life.

We help to make the kind of allies we
have and with whom we labor by the example we
set before them. If we allow ourselves to be
irregular and indiferent in the performance
of our duties do not be surprisid if our associ-
ates are the same.

The christian life is to be an unself-
fish sacrificing life. Like our Lord we are
not primarily to seek to please ourselves.
But we are to try to bring about conditions
out of which all who are concerned will get
pleasure.

May each of us be careful about the
kind of life we live not alone for our own
sakes but for the sake of others also.

.....AMEN.....

AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. AS THOU HAST SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, EVEN SO HAVE I ALSO SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD.

As the President of this country is the General in Chief of the army and navy, so is Christ Jesus our Lord the GENERAL IN CHIEF of all God's army. And every one who becomes a citizen in the Kingdom of God automatically becomes a soldier in God's army and is subject to orders from the General in Chief.

It is not ours to reason and philosophize about the command. But it is ours to go and fight and suffer and like our GENERAL IN CHIEF, if need be, die. Our war cry should be, must be Am I a soldier of the cross? and Onward christian soldiers.

With all our boasted progress and advancement in civilization; in SCIENCE, in COMMERCE, in EDUCATION, CULTURE and REFINEMENT; in so many respects the world today is about the same kind of place as the world into which Jesus sent his first disciples. Men HATE, LIE, STEAL and ROB, and MURDER just as they did during the first century of the christian church. Men despise and reject Jesus just as they did then.

Now if we are sent as Jesus was sent, and conditions are about as they were when he came into this old world, we naturally wish to know to whom we are sent and what we are to do; and the desired information comes to us from the absolute source of authority in the words of our text. We are sent to every creature in all the world. And we are sent to preach. And we are sent to preach according to the pattern shown us in the 61st chapter of Isaiah and the first four verses.

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But he was sent also with the assurance that if he were lifted up he would draw all men unto him.. He was assured that he should see the travail of his soul and be satisfied. He was assured that every knee should bow to him and every tongue should confess to him.. He was assured that the 61st chapter of Isaiah would be fulfilled.

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He was assured that when he had finished the work that his Father had given him to do that he would escape the misery, pain and limitations of the body and come back to his Father triumphant, victorious.

As we go forth let us rejoice in the privilege of having fellowship with the Lord Jesus in all the experiences that were his while here in the flesh.

.....Amen.....

Jan. 29 '39 THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE F.B.Ch.
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Technically speaking, KINGDOM and CHURCH are both governmental terms. They are borrowed from the civic life of the people who are under consideration.

Indeed all spiritual truth comes to us through the use of borrowed terms. Hence the FARMER, the FISHERMAN, the SOLDIER, the RUNNER, the DAIRYMAN, BUILDER and SHEPHERD are all used to express certain phases of our spiritual life.

When discussing man in his relation to God Jesus always couched his message in language and words that were understood by those to whom he was speaking. He used the words that always conveyed the idea that he wished the people to get.

So when he wished the people to know the nature of the relation to God that those who recognized him as the supreme ruler of all sustained as citizens he talked about the KINGDOM of God.

And when he wished these same people to know what their functions are, what they are expected to do, and how they are expected to act he talks about the ECCLESIA, the church. The terms Jesus used were always governed by the age and the people to whom he spoke. When he used the term KINGDOM he was living in an age when the peoples all about him were citizens in KINGDOM, and were being ruled by kings.

But not all these citizens were qualified to be a part of the three distinct branches of the government, the LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL and the EXECUTIVE branches. But those of the KINGDOM who were qualified were called the ECCLESIA, the church.

So it seems that with this bit of explanation it will not be difficult for us to see what use God makes of these two terms, the KINGDOM of God and the CHURCH of Christ.

What the mass of the people of this country are to the United States by birth or by naturalization the mass of the people who have been born again are to the KINGDOM of God.

The church is composed of a more select body and has more specific obligations resting upon her. The church is to establish religious institutions, educational centers, social centers, foster missionary enterprises, and erect buildings and maintain them, through which the KINGDOM of God can function.

The KINGDOM is where under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit we qualify for membership in the church and the christian army where we put on the uniform of the saints, and get our equipment and enter into the conflict against sin and wickedness.

Feb. 5 '39

Ps. 100:2. Col. 3:23

M

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS:
COME BEFORE HIS PRESENCE WITH
SINGING, AND WHATSOEVER YOU DO,
DO IT HEARTILY, AS UNTO THE LORD
AND NOT UNTO MEN

Some men are thoroughly prepared, fit and efficient in many particulars. But they can not hold a position very long. No one finds fault with their work. But everybody whom they contact finds fault with them.

They have so many personal defects that make it impossible for them to make the best use of their fine abilities and efficiency. They are impolite, uncongenial, discourteous; they lack the spirit of cooperation, they have no heart and they lack gladness.

The world is a cooperative organization, and the man who does not recognize this fact ought to take up his residence in Jupiter or Mars, or some other planet. For no man lives to himself alone in this world.

When we serve the Lord heartily and with gladness we make it easier for our comrades to cooperate with us.

When we serve the Lord heartily and with gladness we keep better fit and we last longer.

When we serve the Lord heartily and with gladness we attract people into the service in which we are engaged with our Lord.

Let us start today and warm up our hearts and get in a new and larger supply of gladness that we may serve the Lord and our fellowman more acceptably.

.....AMEN.....

Feb. 5 '39

Mark 5:L.C.36

V

BE NOT AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE.

It is wise and proper for every one to be careful, cautious, and discrete in dealing with our fellowmen. For our fellowmen are like ourselves, weak, frail, limited and unstable.

But when we are dealing with God it is not ours to be afraid, but it is ours to believe.

We fail to assume responsibilities because we deal with God as we deal with men, and therefore we are afraid.

We do not invest our Time, Energy, and Means in the cause of the Master because we are afraid.

We do not follow God into the places where we are most needed because we are afraid.

May we recognize the ample provision God has made in Christ Jesus for and be no afraid. Let us remember that nothing is too hard for God.

.....AMEN.....

Feb. 19 '39

Jas. 1:19

V

WHEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN,
LET EVERY MAN BE SWIFT TO HEAR,
SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO WRATH.

This is a very busy world in which we live. Most everything with which we have to do moves rapidly.

The world is filled with sounds and appealing voices are heard everywhere. We can not take too much time to hear any of them. For we need the time to weigh and examine the things we hear so that we may know that to which we should hold and that which we should pass up.

Our text reminds us of the fact that we are living in an age of speed up and slow down. We need therefore, the more carefully to observe the words of our text, lest we speed up when we should slow down and vice versa.

The things we hear are Economic, Industrial, Social, and Religious. These questions are very important and demand speedy attention.

But there are questions that are more individualistic that grow out of these general questions as on what shall I live? Whom shall I select as a companion? With what political party shall I affiliate? With what denomination shall be identified? In what service shall I express my religious life?

Let us observe all these questions according to the rule given here in our text.

.....AMEN.....

Feb. 12 '39

Heb. 12:1, 2 SCOUTS

M

WHEREFORE SEEING WE ALSO ARE COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND THE SIN THAT DOETH SO EASILY BE-SET US, AND LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE SET BEFORE US, LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH; WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DISPISING THE SHAME, AND IS SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

No organization is more spectacular and attractive than the Scouts. Not so much because the uniform is so gorgeous and beautiful. But rather because of those who wear the uniforms. For they are a living mass of potentialities.

Scouts are a moving organization. They are never static, they never stand still. So it is our purpose to go on a hike with you this morning, and I am anxious to have all of you, including your very worthy and much beloved leader, to follow the leadership of the great MASTER. We are starting from our headquarters. And we shall stop for a short time at twelve stations. These stations are named according to the first letter in the points of the scout law. At these stations we hope to refresh our minds upon some things that we learned when we first became scouts. The stations are as follows: T-L-H.F-C-K.O-C-T.B-C-R.

It is hoped that you may always make a large place in all your movements for the great MASTER, that he may always be your light and your salvation.

.....AMEN.....

Feb. 26 '39

Rev. 5:5

V

AND ONE OF THE ELDERS SAITH UNTO ME, WEEP NOT; BEHOLD, THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDA, THE ROOT OF DAVID, HATH PREVAILED TO OPEN THE BOOK, AND TO LOOSE THE SEVEN SEALS THEREOF.

The state of mind in which John was when an exile upon the Isle of Patmos caused him to see many strange things. He saw among other things one sitting upon a throne with a sealed book in his right hand, written on the outside as well as on the inside.

With John, as with men today, most of the good and great things are sealed in books. And the great things of God are sealed in the great BOOK. And it remains sealed to all except those who appeal to the Lamb. He alone opens the books of the world and makes those who seek intelligent concerning the riches of the world. He too opens the great BOOK of life and makes known to all who love him its contents.

Let us be thankful that we live in a land where the BOOK is open and we all have access to it. May we use it daily and let it tell us what course to pursue, and what to do.

.....AMEN.....

Feb. 26 '39

Eph. 4:L.C.25

M

FOR WE ARE MEMBERS ONE OF
ANOTHER.

The world is made up of alliances. It is hardly possible to live apart from alliances.

Men, all classes of men, everywhere plead for organizations. They form themselves into CLUBS, COMS. LEAGUES, FRATERNITIES, and GANGS.

Men have many reasons for advocating organizations. For some the organization makes it possible for them to appear to be what they are not. Some wish organizations because they help them to make the most of their individual abilities. There are those who plead for organizations because they protect them in their calling or business. Some wish organizations because they make it possible for a greater number with ease to get the benefit of some great personality. We have organizations that we may interchange ideas on a subject in which we have common interest. The organization helps each to understand all and for all to work for one great objective

THE BENEFITS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

In the benefits we all would include:

SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, POLITICAL,
FINANCIAL-INDUSTRIAL-ECONOMIC, MUSICAL RECRE-
ATIONAL

May we all endeavor to make our church membership more practical than ever before in its benefits. Let us make our church membership benefits as large as the needs of man.

.....AMEN.....

Mar. 5 '39

Matt. 19:16-22 U.B.Ch. Lkw.

AND, BEHOLD, ONE CAME AND SAID UNTO HIM, GOOD MASTER, WHAT GOOD THING SHALL I DO, THAT I MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE? AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, WHY CALL YE ME GOOD? THERE IS NONE GOOD BUT ONE THAT IS GOD: BUT IF THOU WILT ENTER INTO LIFE, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS. HE SAITH UNTO HIM, WHICH? JESUS SAID, THOU SHALT DO NO MURDER, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, THOU SHALT NOT STEAL, THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: AND, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF. THE YOUNG MAN SAITH UNTO HIM, ALL THESE THINGS HAVE I KEPT FROM MY YOUTH UP: WHAT LACK I YET? JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, IF THOU WILT BE PERFECT, GO AND SELL THAT THOU HAST, AND GIVE TO THE POOR, AND THOU SHALT HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN: AND COME AND FOLLOW ME. BUT WHEN THE YOUNG MAN HEARD THAT SAYING, HE WENT AWAY SORROWFUL: FOR HE HAD GREAT POSSESSIONS.

Eternal life is a subject in which every person, especially, every young person should be interested.

Life consists in great constructive thoughts in action for the glory of God and the good of humanity. And eternal life is a perpetuation of the same thing carried on through the ages.

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PERFECT, GO AND SELL THAT THOU
HAST, AND GIVE TO THE POOR, AND
THOU SHALT HAVE TREASURE IN HEA-
VEN: AND COME AND FOLLOW ME. BUT
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It is our privilege and duty, under proper guidance to take an inventory of our possessions, and then make a survey of our surroundings, and know the needs, and to the best of our ability, supply them.

Let us remember, that our greatest possessions have not been purchased, could not be purchased, but have come to us as a gift.

We shall be greatly humbled if we think upon the greatness of the inheritance into which we have entered. And we shall feel the more keenly our responsibility to the present generation and to those who are to come after us.

May we always, under proper guidance, make good use of our possessions.

.....AMEN.....

Mar. 5 '39

Matt.9:L.C.2

V

SON, BE OF GOOD CHEER; THY
SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE.

Sin is the most depressing thing in all the world. Sin afflicts the body, corrupts the mind, lowers the moral standard, and paralyzes the spiritual life. Sin turns our day into night. Sin makes it dark when it should be light.

There are many who can bring us cheer and lightness of heart; they can fill our sails with the breeze that lifts us above the gloom and darkness. But if we have not had the major operation, if our sins have not been forgiven, this bright cheerful state that men bring to us does not, can not last.

The sooner we realize the better, that what we need to do for our friends is not to spend so much time trying to cheer them up, but to use our time, strength, energy and means; and get them in touch with Jesus, who goes to the root of all trouble and forgives sin.

Sin is that which estranges, separates us from God. And we can never have good cheer and permanent happiness away from God.

There are great multitudes in our city who have spiritual palsy. Their friends, or rather, their allies, who take them to all kinds of places; to dances, to shows, drinking and gambling places. And they forget their palsy for a while, just to have it come back to them in a more aggravated form than ever. Their friends their real friends bring them to the house of prayer.

Jesus always rewards the faith of those who bring the physically, mentally, morally or spiritually weak to him.

May we always so live that we shall have the strength and power to say to men over whom hangs the cloud of gloom, disappointment and sadness, Be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

.....AMEN.....

Mar. 12 '39

Gen. 4:L.C.9.Rom. 14:F.C.7 M

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?
FOR NONE OF US LIVETH TO HIM-
SELF.

Here we have a question asked by a business man, a farmer, that waited for more than four thousand years for the answer given here in the last part of our text. It was Cain who asked the question after he had murdered his brother.

This first part of our text is a good logical question for every one of us to ask while our brother is living, and we are on friendly terms with him. For the mortician and the cemetery will take care of him after he is dead. The function of the church in connection with business is to feed to business men spiritual food, and give them spiritual drink so that they will practice LOVE, JUSTICE, and HONESTY. So that the live stock dealer and the farmer may be on friendly terms, so that the farmer shall not envy the live stock dealer and rise up and murder him.

There can be no permanently successful business that is not built and run upon the principles of brotherly love. The GOLDEN RULE should be practiced alike in the chamber of commerce and the church.

The church must be imbued with and teach the fact, that God has made of one blood all nations, and all we are brethren.

We have reasons to believe that God deals with us not as BLACK men, but as men made in his image.

To practice these principles that I have been advocating does not mean that any one racial group is justified in being indifferent to the obligations to engage in business, and to use every legitimate means to bring about success. But it means just the opposite.

Let us observe the word of God and not be slothful in BUSINESS.

..... Amen

The mind of Christ
Phil. 2-5 - Let this mind
be in you which was
also in Christ Jesus.

(1) The mind of Christ was
always for the good
of ~~the~~ the distress.

(2) The mind of Christ
was always pure.

(3) The mind of Christ to
look to things eternal.

person. The people put their trust in the king and depended upon him to deliver them.

The prophet Zechariah could not have brought a more comforting, encouraging message than the one here in our text.

The king goes to battle for us.

The king provides for us.

The king rules for us.

Let us remember, that Jesus is the great King and is over us all.

May we see in this word what took place on the first Palm Sunday. May we rejoice for what it has meant to have Jesus come and reign over us.

If given a chance, our King will bring about reforms that will mean universal good.

Let us recognize the coming King and make a large place for him in our programs. Let us make our life a palace in which the King may delight to dwell.

.....AMEN.....

Mar. 19 '39

Prov. 18:L.C.24

M

AND THERE IS A FRIEND THAT
STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.

The real value of any possession that we may have depends upon the use that we make of it. Then too we must know HOW, WHEN, and WHERE to use our possessions if we would get their true value. And this same rule applies to a friend. We must know how to make the greatest use of our friends.

Too often we use our friends just to share our burdens, our troubles. But we do not use them as we should to share our joys and pleasures.

Where we live, and the way we live today do not help us to develop the true friendships that we once enjoyed. Our contacts are too close. And we are too busy. Our loyalties are not as they used to be to individuals, but to organizations, and communities.

We long for the good old days when we had the friendships that mother and father enjoyed.

Real genuine friends are willing to help us when there is need without asking, How did we get in need. They do not go into all the details and particulars, but do for us what is necessary to be done.

Real genuine friend should know our weaknesses, our faults as well as our strong points, our virtues.

We are not afraid to make known to our real friends our plans, our programs. For often it is better for us to take into our confidence real friends than to take into our confidence blood relatives. Ills. The attitude of a real friend to alliances. To the progress of another.

Let us always take Jesus as the true standard for friendship. A true friend will make the supreme sacrifice for you as Jesus did.

.....Amen.....

Mar. 26 '39

Jno. 12:20,21

M

AND THERE WERE CERTAIN GEEKS
AMONG THEM THAT CAME UP TO WOR-
SHIP AT THE FEAST: THE SAME CAME
THEREFORE TO PHILIP, WHICH WAS
OF BETHSAIDA OF GALILEE, AND DE-
SIRED HIM, SAYING, SIR, WE WOULD
SEE JESUS.

Since and after his incarnation no one has
been in such ~~in~~ demand as Jesus. These Greeks,
here at Jerusalem are but a type of a multitude
of all kinds of people. For this same cry, We
would see Jesus has come up frm the nations of
the earth. All classes are represented in this
great throng: the RICH and the POOR, the LITER-
ATE, and the ILLITERATE; from the HALT, the
LSME, the DEAF, the DUMB, and the BLIND.

It is encouraging and inspiring to know,
that when one desires to see Jesus that the de-
sire is reciprocal in Jesus. For Jesus wishes
to see every one, who with an earnest, honest,
peitent heart wishes to see him.

Fourteen years ago I went to Washington
with a young woman who had been brave and coura-
geous enough to become my wife. She was anxious,
and so was I to see Occoquan, my old Virginia
home, to see the old three room cottage in which
I had spent most of my childhood, to see the
streets, the lanes, which with bare feet I used
to tread, to see that branch of the Potomac ri-
ver upon which I used to sail, and in which I
used to swim and fish, and to see the hills that
I used to climb. But our anxiety was not satis-
fied only as we saw my SISTER, and her family
and received their warm embrace and their kiss
of love.

In Washington there are a thousand attrac-
tions. But at that time the greatest attraction
for us was the Hon. Calvin Coolige who was be-
ing inaugurated President of the United States.

Five years ago we went to see the great
city of Chicago and the world Fair that was be-
ing held there. But with all the attractions in
Chicago and the Fair nothing had a greater ap-
peal for us than the University of Chicago and
31 year old Pres.

Mar. 19 '39

I Jno. 2:L.C.14

V

I HAVE WRITTEN UNTO YOU YOUNG,
BECAUSE YE ARE STRONG, AND THE
WORD OF GOD ABIDETH IN YOU,
AND YE HAVE OVERCOME THE WICK-
ED ONE.

A message to young men, whether spoken or written is always interesting. A message to young men can be VIGOROUS, RUGGED, and COMPREHENSIVE.

Young men, as no other class in all the world, are in touch with the various phases of life. Notwithstanding the fact that everybody has access to the many facilities that we have for seeing and hearing the great things of the world, young men see more and hear more than any one else. Hence their mental faculties are, or should be more active than those of others.

Most all our INVENTORS, EXPLORERS, and EXECUTIVES today are young men.

There are certain positions today for which it would be folly for a man past 40 to apply.

There are other outstanding qualities that young men, like the young men mentioned here in our text, have that make it especially pleasing and interesting to speak or write to them.

Young men should be PIOUS. Young men should make a large place in their life for God.

When young men are strong physically it is easy for them to be strong morally and spiritually, and to overcome the wicked one.

May each of us be proud always of the honor that God has conferred upon us to count us fit and worthy of his correspondance.

Let us read and study carefully his correspondance so that we may not lose our way.

.....AMEN.....

Apr. 2 '39

Zech. 9:9

M

REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER
OF ZION; SHOUT, O DAUGHTER
OF JERUSALEM; BEHOLD, THY
KING COMETH UNTO THEE: HE IS
JUST, AND HATH SALVATION;
LOWLY, AND RIDING UPON AN
ASS, AND UPON A COALT THE
FOAL OF AN ASS.

What Washington, the District of Columbia is to the American people, Zion, Jerusalem was to ancient Israel.

Whatever burdens and suffering come to America are felt more keenly and considered more seriously in Washington, the D.C. than anywhere else. For men, wise men, men of vision have been sent there from every section of this country to keep their fingers on the pulse of the nation. Congress, with its two branches is there, the different departments of the government are there, the Supreme Court is there, and the President, with all his Cabinet is there. It is natural, therefore, that Washington, The D.C. should get word first of all as to what is going on or is about to take place in our country.

So it was with Zion, Jerusalem in ancient days. The prophets brought their messages to Jerusalem, and personified her calling her the daughter of Zion and the daughter of Jerusalem.

In our text the prophet not alone upon Jerusalem, but through Jerusalem, to the entire nation to rejoice over what is about to take place. As men count, it might seem a very long time; for these words were uttered nearly 500 years before they were fulfilled. But as God counts it was just a little space of time. The fulfillment of this prophecy makes possible the celebration of this day, Palm Sunday.

In ancient times, and at the time Jesus came into the world a king was an important

Apr. 22 '39

Acts 4:13

11

NOW WHEN THEY SAW THE BOLDNESS OF PETER AND JOHN, AND PERCEIVED THAT THEY WERE UNLEARNED AND IGNORANT MEN, THEY MARVELLED; AND TOOK KNOWLEDGE OF THEM, THAT THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS.

Both Peter and John were more than ordinary from many viewpoints. They were always, especially, Peter attracting attention. They were together on many memorable occasion. They had had opportunity upon opportunity to get an unusual impression of the Lord Jesus. And evidently from what we read here in the words of our text they had not let these opportunities slip by unimproved.

Peter and John had had great opportunities to associate with Jesus. And so have we. If we have really by faith associated with Jesus, when it comes to performing our duty, like Peter and John we should be **bold**. We should rise above our literary and intellectual limitations.

We can always distinguish the Boldness that has come to us from associating with Jesus from the boldness that comes from some other sources. The Boldness that comes from associating with Jesus never has braggadocio. The Boldness that comes from associating with Jesus is never used to hurt or destroy the good.

Let us spend much time in secret with Jesus alone that we like Peter and John may be Bold and Intelligent enough to do the thing for which he has called us into his service.

.....AMEN.....

Apr. 2 '39

Jno. 13:37

V

PETER SAITH UNTO HIM, LORD,
WHY CANNOT I FOLLOW THEE NOW?
I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR
THY SAKE.

Most men are willing, and many are anxious to follow the Lord Jesus. But they do not know how. Few people seem to understand what is involved in following the Lord Jesus. Most people have a great catalogue of nonessentials that they are willing to do in order to follow the Lord Jesus. Usually they are things that do not require much, if any, mental and soul effort. Most men who would follow the Lord Jesus are willing to follow him physically, even unto death.

Many men do not realize that the journey with Jesus may be, and often is a long one, and therefore they are not ready to follow him.

Many men are not ready to follow Jesus because they do not know the many places that they must pass before they reach the end.

Many men are not ready to follow Jesus because they do not know whom they are to meet, and therefore are not prepared to meet them.

Let us remember, that we need, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to study the chart of the Master's journey before we start out upon it.

.....AMEN.....

Apr. 6 '39 HOLY WEEK SERVICES 8 P.M. SHILOH

This Holy Week period has many aspects: it is seen from many viewpoints.

The attitude of the ancient world towards Jesus was sympolic of the attitude of the modern world towards Holy Week. For many in the ancient world Jesus had no beauty or comeliness. He was dispised and rejected. And so much of the modern world do not desire this period; for they see no beauty or comeliness in it.

For many Jesus and all that concerns him have lost their beauty. And the sadest, discouraging feature about it all is that so many of this class are our intimate friends. Many of them belong to the same BUSINESS, LITERARY, SOCIAL, and RELIGIOUS organizations to which we belong. We are hail fellow well met with them. We hobnob with them and make them feel perfectly at home, even though they do dispise and reject our best Friend.

The TEXT Jno. 12:20,21
THE MESSAGE

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED,
YE BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO
IN ME. I AM HE THAT LIVETH, AND
WAS DEAD; AND, BEHOLD, I AM A-
LIVE FOR EVERMORE, AMEN: AND
HAVE THE KEYS OF HELL AND OF
DEATH.

For most of us it is easy to accept and repeat the Apostles' Creed. We do this with great enthusiasm as a theory. The creed is one of the ornaments of our faith. But to accept the creed as a reality, and make practical use of it when the occasion demands it is not so easy.

We love to walk and talk with Jesus providing he walks where we wish him to walk; and we love to talk with him if he talk about the things that we wish to hear, and will allow us to talk about the things that come out of our carnal minds.

We love to walk with Jesus in green pastures, and beside still waters. But when his path leads through dark gloomy valleys, and over the way that is barren and desert, beside waters that are rough and tempestuous we hesitate to start and often turn back before we reach our destination. The disciples were delighted to go with Jesus to banquet halls to partake of feasts. But it was not so pleasant to make long journeys with Jesus hungry and weary, making a meal on the corn that they plucked on their way. The disciples were inspired when they went with Jesus into the synagague to worship.

The disciples were delighted to hear Jesus talk about the kingdom in which they hoped to be officers. But they did not like to have talk about the destruction that was coming upon Jerusalem. They did not like to have him talk about the death that he was to suffer. They could not follow him into the judgement hall. They could not see him go to Golgotha and hold to their faith. Their creed meant nothing to them under such trying circumstances. So their hearts were troubled. And the message of our text came to comfort and inspire them. And it comes to comfort and inspire all who have lost hope, and are in dispair. And the message tells us that not only has Jesus has risen and is alive for evermore, but that all who have, in faith in faith gone into the sepulcher shall come forth and live for evermore.

.....Amen.....

Apr. 16 '39

Rom. 12:9

M

LET LOVE BE WITHOUT DISSIMULATION. ABHOR THAT WHICH IS EVIL; CLEVE TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD.

It seems almost strange that this exhortation should have been directed to the people to whom it was directed: for they were members of the early church at Rome. Just a little over an half century had passed since Jesus had walked upon earth with his disciples. The church had not gotten beyond the shadow of his personality. They should have been mighty good people. But evidently they were not.

Favorable conditions, and circumstances do not argue that the persons who are surrounded by them are always perfect or beyond reproach. So we must not rely too implicitly upon membership in an organization, even though that organization be the church, for our goodness, for the assurance and certainty that we shall always do right, that our good qualities will not be punctured by defects and flaws.

Our text implies that we may be in the best organization and still have love effected by dissimulation, and still at times abhor that which is good and cleve to that which is evil. Nevertheless, it is our duty, and we should recognize the value of all good organizations, and especially the church and make use of them.

In order to carry out the injunction of our text we must receive TRAINING from those who are qualified to teach us the meaning of true love. We must be taught the NATURE of Love. We must know how it acts, and what it will do.

Then we must judge by a perfect standard as to what is good and what is evil, so we may know what to abhor and that to which we shall cleve. Let us do this under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

.....AMEN.....

Apr. 16 '39

Ps. 46:10

V

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

The age in which we are living is especially in need of just the kind of exhortation found here in the words of our text. For this a feverish, excited age; every body is anxious.

It costs time, thought and energy to get really acquainted with any great character. But it takes all our time, thought and energy to get really acquainted with God.

To be in this world without proper knowledge of God is to be terribly handicaped; it is to be unprepared for life's journey.

No man can really know himself, and what God expects of him until he know God.

Not many of us are sufficiently composed, are still long enough to allow the Holy Spirit to introduce us to God.

To become acquainted with God is to become acquainted with his plan, his program and to enter into them. We shall know what he is doing and be ready for every step that we are to take.

The real proof that we know God is that we love, honor and obey him.

Let us use the means that God has placed at our disposal to be used in getting acquainted with him.

.....AMEN.....

Apr. 22 '39

Matt. 28:F.C.10

V

THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THEM, BE
NOT AFRAID.

Fear and timidity are enemies, that sooner or later, as go about in the performance of our duty, we all will meet. And for this reason we are exhorted to cultivate the virtues of LOVE, and INTELLIGENCE, and TRUTH. The possession of these lifts us above timidity, and enables us to cast out fear.

These words of the Lord Jesus are not simply an exhortation; they constitute a very important command.

Jesus knew those to whom he addressed these words; he knew the things and the people that they were going to meet of which they would be afraid. And Jesus knows the things and the people that we shall meet that are calculated to make us afraid.

It is well for us to run over the list of things and people frequently that use their influence and power to make us afraid.

We are often afraid of

ADVERSE CRITICISM, FAILURE, COMPETITION,
THOSE WHO ARE MORE POPULAR THAN OURSELVES,
THOSE WHO HAVE MORE THAN WE HAVE.
THOSE WHO KNOW MORE THAN WE DO.

Let us remember that we have nothing to make us afraid if we journey with Jesus.

.....AMEN.....

Jno. 12:20, 21

We rode and rode, and walked and walked and finally reached the campus and saw those great buildings, saw some members of the faculty. But Mr. Hutichins, the President whom we wished to see above all others we did not see, for he was just leaving to fill a lecture engagement.

These men of our text who went up to Jerusalem with the great crowds were not so much concerned about the formal worship that was going on in the temple. Nor were they so interested in the many other attractions that were in Jerusalem. They wished to see Jesus. The record does not tell us what their special reasons were for wishing to see Jesus. But we have reasons to believe that they had the same longings that others have had who wished to see Jesus.

There are those like Nicodemus who wish to see Jesus because they have THEOLOGICAL problems that they can not solve.

The Syrophenician woman typifies a great host of women who have child troubles that puzzle them and they wish to see Jesus that he may help them.

The Centurion wished to see Jesus because as a capitalist he had the right attitude towards labor, and he believed that Jesus could help him do his duty.

Jairus gives us a striking sample of fathers, and mothers too, who have parental sorrow, grief and heart aches, and they wish to see Jesus that he may relieve them.

Mary and Martha, who wished to see Jesus typify a great host of sisters whose brothers, for all practical purposes, are dead, and only Jesus can raise them from the dead.

ZACHAEUS who wished to see Jesus typifies many business men who are conscious of their dishonesty and injustice and wish to see Jesus that they may confess to him.

The Disciples who did not have money to pay their taxes typify so many who are in financial straits and wish to see Jesus that he may tell them where to get the needed money.

May we all realize, that whatever our problems may be that we can not do better than to see Jesus and let him tell us what to do.

.....Amen.....

May 7 '39

Mark 16:15,16

V

AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED; BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL BE DAMNED.

This scripture constitutes an interesting and important equation. For here it says, GOING, PREACHING, BELIEVING and BAPTIZING equal SALVATION.

Going is an exercise that most every one of us likes, providing it is going where we wish to go. But going becomes a great problem when we are commanded to into all the world.

Then too our going is influenced mightily by what we have to do when we go.

Preaching is proclaiming the good news, telling glad tidings, and is to be done not alone by prophet, priest, pastor and evangelist, but by every child of God, by every one who has been saved.

Our preaching is to be not to a select class, but to every creature, every human being.

We should expect one great outstanding result from our preaching. We should expect people to believe what we preach, believe the story that we tell of the Christ and the love of God.

We should expect people to prove their belief by doing what the One in whom they have believed commands, be baptized that they may be saved.

May God give us strength and courage to go and wisdom and understanding to preach, that every creature may hear the good news and be saved.

.....AMEN.....

May 7 '39

Judg. 4:8,9

M

AND BARAK SAID UNTO HER, IF THOU WILT GO WITH ME, THEN I WILL GO: BUT IF THOU WILT NOT GO WITH ME, THEN I WILL NOT GO. THEN SHE SAID, I WILL SURELY GO WITH THEE: NOTWITHSTANDING THE JOURNEY THAT THOU TAKEST SHALL NOT BE FOR THINE HONOR; FOR THE LORD WILL SELL SISERA INTO THE HAND OF A WOMAN. AND DEBORAH AROSE, AND WENT WITH BARAK TO KEDESH.

This woman, Deborah is a type of all the great women who have lived and wrought since her day. Many prophetesses have arisen among every people in every age to make known the will of the Lord. Like Deborah, they have told their brothers how to muster their forces, and lead them against the enemies of righteousness, justice and honesty.

We do well to let Barak and Deborah of ancient days typefy the men and women of today who are fighting not so much against nations, tribes and races, but against the WRONG, the WICKEDNESS, and the EVIL that are in the world.

Never was there a day when woman enjoyed so many advantages and privileges as she does today; and never was there a day when woman had greater responsibilities and obligations upon than she has today. The questions that Judge Deborah of ancient Israel had to settle were easy compared with the problems with woman has to deal today.

Women are under obligation to be in constant touch with God, to learn his will and make it known to the world.

Women are under obligation to be courageous and to go with men to battle against the wrongs in the world.

May 14 '39

Matt. 12:49

M

AND HE STRETCHED FORTH HIS
HAND TOWARD HIS DISCIPLES, AND
SAID, BEHOLD MY MOTHER AND MY
BRETHREN.

Mother is not simply the name or title of a woman who bears and cares for children, but is an institution that is recognized by and is vitally related to the HOME, CHURCH SCHOOL, and STATE.

In a very large way, as goes the mother so go these institutions.

So important and valuable is the institution of mother, that most states make provision for them so that they may always have the necessities of life and be able, without undue anxiety to rear and educate their children.

We shall do well on this mother's Day to consider her VALUE to the HOME, CHURCH, SCHOOL and STATE.

In the HOME mother is chief counselor to the entire family, but particularly to the children. Mother is their first TEACHER, first LEGISLATOR and first DOCTOR.

In the church mother is human source of inspiration, zeal and enthusiasm. And she is the greatest human example.

Mother makes the SCHOOL real and practical to the children.

The STATE looks to mother and depends upon her to inculcate in the children the true spirit of loyalty and patriotism.

The mother is expected to be CHASTE, PIOUS, INTELLIGENT, RESOURCEFUL, INDUSTRIOUS, FRUGAL-THRIFTY, CIVIC-COMUNITY MINDED.

Let us always prove ourselves worthy product of worthy mothers. And so bring honor to our country and glory to our God.

.....AMEN.....

May 21 '39

Mark 1:23,24

V

AND THERE WAS IN THEIR SYNAGOGUE A MAN WITH AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT; AND HE CRIED OUT, SAYING, LET US ALONE; WHAT HAVE WE TO DO WITH THEE, THOU JESUS OF NAZARETH? ART THOU COME TO DESTROY US? I KNOW THEE WHO THOU ART, THE HOLY ONE OF GOD.

During his earthly career Jesus was constantly meeting people with unclean spirits. But we would hardly expect that he would have to meet them in the synagogue. The synagogue like our church was the place where we would expect Jesus to meet people with clean spirits.

There are always those in the synagogue, the church who think nothing about unclean spirits being in the church. They have never been able to subdue, to conquer them and they are surprised when some one comes along who can.

The synagogue, the church has always been hindered in doing the work that God wishes done because the unclean spirits in the church make it impossible.

Those in the synagogue, the church with unclean spirits do not wish to be disturbed; they wish to let alone and allowed to do as they please.

Unclean spirits always know those who are from God and are holy.

If the cause of Christ is to prosper and succeed there must be those like Jesus who are courageous and are willing to grapple with those in the church who have unclean spirits.

May we remember that the same Jesus who entered the synagogue in Capernaum and put the unclean spirits out, if allowed will enter our churches today and put the unclean spirits out.

.....Amen.....

May 21 '39 Rev. Henderson's Funeral Service
And Memorial Services 3 P. M.

All real genuine children of God, disciples of the Lord Jesus are exponents of system, order, regularity. But they are also exponents Simplicity and freedom in religious expression. Some major in the former, others major in the latter. Bro. Henderson majored in the latter, and met a growing need in the religious life of that class of people of it was said they heard Jesus gladly.

There have always been those in the church who have wished to be told when to kneel, when to sit and when to stand, when to say Amen and when to keep silence. But there have always been those also who have wished to be free to follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit and act accordingly. Bro. Henderson belonged to this class, and spent his life in maintaining a place where the multitudes might come and freely express themselves.

And like his Lord he fed both soul and body of the people.

We shall ever remember him for what he was and for what he did.

.....AMEN.....

May 21 '39

Ps. 27:14

M

WAIT ON THE LORD: BE OF GOOD
COURAGE, AND HE SHALL STRENG-
THEN THINE HEART: WAIT, I SAY,
ON THE LORD.

The human race has always been busy and in a hurry. Only a few, a very few take time, under proper guidance and leadership to make surveys, and get their bearings before starting out upon life's adventures. Hence the history of the race is filled with records of failures, wrecks, and disasters.

There are many, even though they have made surveys, have been utter failures because they have not had the right kind of guidance.

Those who have allowed themselves to be influenced by the uneasy, nervous, excited, rapidly moving age in which they have lived, have found God too slow for them and his ways too tame, and his laws antiquated.

There was never an age when there was greater need for the exhortation found here in the words of the Psalmist than there is today. This is a day in which we need to sing:

Have thine own way, Lord..Have thine
own way, Thou art the Potter I am
the clay...Mould me and make me after
thy will...While I am waiting, yield-
ed and still.

And we need to realize, that it takes
time to be holy.

When we wait on the Lord we are not idle and indifferent, but we are very much on the alert, waiting, watching, listening.

Waiting on the Lord carries with it the idea of OBSERVATION. When we are truly waiting on the Lord we do not go through the world thoughtlessly, carelessly.

And when we wait on the Lord we have a determination to do the thing that is right.

We make preparation so that we may do the things that are right with greatest ease.

Then the fourthstep for those who wait upon the Lord is CONSECRATION. They will know definitely just what they are to do and will be always working to that end.

Those who wait upon the Lord are required to APPROPRIATE that which has been provided for them and to use it in the EXECUTION of God's plan.

As we observe we must learn to separate the good from the bad, the real from the unreal.

In all our waiting let us be sure that we are waiting for the right ONE, the Lord.

.....AMEN.....

Rev Nash

R. W. Smith

May 28 '39

Rev. 3:20

V

BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR,
AND KNOCK: IF ANY MAN HEAR MY
VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I
WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND WILL
SUP WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME.

God lives in all created things. But his favorite dwelling place is man. God has made man in his own image so that God might easily and readily fit into his life, and so man might easily and readily fit into God's life.

God is ill at ease without man, and man, though some times unconsciously, is miserable undone without God. So some times man knocks and asks God to take him in. But God is constantly knocking, and asking man to take him in.

God wishes intimate association with man that they may have the great joy of feasting together.

God wishes to enter into our lives that he may counsel with us.

God wishes to be the source of our encouragement.

We learn from God what course to pursue in life.

Let us not be so busy on the inside nor so attracted by the noise and tumult on the outside that we shall fail to hear our God knocking and calling to us.

.....AMEN.....

May 28 '39

Matt. 5:45

M

FOR HE MAKETH HIS SUN TO RISE
ON THE EVIL AND ON THE GOOD,
AND SENDETH RAIN ON THE JUST
AND ON THE UNJUST.

God is goodness, eternal goodness. But God's goodness in the abstract, to us poor miserable, limited creatures does not mean very much.

So God has a great variety of ways to make his goodness intelligible to us, understood by us.

Nothing serves better, especially at this time of the year, to make his goodness and love known to us than the rain and sunshine.

God is not satisfied alone the JUST to know and understand his goodness. God wishes the unjust as well to share this intelligence, and to enjoy its benefits. Hence the words of our text.

The value, the meaning, the significance of rain do not appear upon the surface. We must analyze and study these blessings and see what is included in them. And we find in them POWER, PLENTY, CLEANSING, HEALTH, COMFORT, PLEASURE as BATHING, SKATING, BOATING, and FISHING.

But RAIN and SUNSHINE bring to us increased obligations to LIVE, LOVE and LABOR.

While God smiles on the just and on the unjust let us not lose sight of the fact that the lot of the just is always above that of the unjust. The just is as a shining light that shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day, and the just shall live by faith. But the unjust shall go down into darkness and despair.

As we deal with God and our fellowmen let us seek earnestly to be just.

.....AMEN.....

June 4 '39 Matt. 5:14. Jno. 8:F.C.12. Ps.27:1 M

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
THE LORD IS MY LIGHT.

We get a more definite conception of what we really are and of what we are to do when we see some one, especially when that some one is a superior character, who is just what we are, and is doing just what we are to do.

But we are not interested in the estimate that some persons place upon us. We can not trust every one who would value us. For there are those, and they are in the majority, who do not know true values. There are those who seem to take delight in trying to give us an erroneous estimate of ourselves. Some would make us more than we really are, and there are others who would make us less than we really are.

We can always trust Jesus and be governed by what he says. Whether what he tells us is to our liking or not we can always be sure that it is true.

Jesus always reveals himself according to the needs. So some times ~~he~~ is the WAY, some times he is the DOOR, some times he is the BREAD, and some times he is the WATER etc.

The greatest service we can render in this old world is to be like Jesus, and to become all things to all men that we may win some.

If we would be what God wishes us to be and do what he has mapped out for us we must recognize Christ as the source of our supply. For God has promised to supply all our need through Christ.

Christ is our LIGHT and our SALVATION.

May we be conscious of the fact that what Christ has done and is doing we must do if the world is to be saved.

.....AMEN.....

MICHIGAN AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH
CENTENARY CELEBRATION
SERMON BY
PASTOR J. Edward NASH
SUNDAY JUNE 25TH '30
TEXT Ps. 78:1-4

The most marvelous period in the history of America, and of the world is included in the one hundred years that mark the life of our church. More outstanding things have happened, more outstanding changes have taken place in any similar period in the history of the world. These changes have been marked in both church and state. No less than the state, the church, during this century, has been urged to make a new program; to adopt a new conception of God. In a word the church has been asked to revamp her doctrines; to make her expression of religion more in keeping with the thought of the age.

During the century many voices have been sounding out from everywhere telling the church what to do and what course to pursue; from legislative halls; from labor councils; from financial and commercial circles; social agencies have spoken their message to the church. And like the chief executive of a great nation, the church has listened to all these voices and has given to them sincere and prayerful consideration.

But above all during all this time she has been listening to a greater voice; she has been considering a greater law than that of man.

During the century this church has felt a special need to listen to the voice of God and has cried out with the Psalmist, I will hear what God the Lord will speak. When this church came into existence one hundred years ago, this nation was saying that the people composing it were an inferior people. And very soon after was saying, through the supreme court, that this people had no rights in America that a white man needed to respect. At that time the great mass of the people upon whom she had to depend for increased membership were in bondage.

It is not strange that this church very soon after she was organized sought to help our people out of bondage. She busied herself in getting the white people, above the Mason and Dixon's line, in the church and out of the church, to pass resolutions condemning the slave system, and to work and pray for the deliverance of our people.

This church possessed the spirit of Wendell Phillips, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Sojourner Truth, William Lloyd Garrison, Harriet Tubman and Frédrick Douglas, and established here in our present place of worship an Underground Rail Road Station, where our brethren escaping from slavery, by running away, might receive all aid possible, and helped over into Canada.

While this church has been ever mindful of the material needs of our people, she has never lost sight of the great function of the church, and accordingly she has sought earnestly to supply the spiritual needs of the people. She has tried through the years to keep on the field a pastor. In the first half of the century these were numerous, so numerous that we can mention only a few. Rev. William Monroe was the first pastor, and was noted in that he did the work pastor teacher and janitor; Rev. Mr. Sharpe solicited

funds for the erection of our present place of worship; Rev. Mr. Miller was instrumental bringing the membership up to ninety-three, which was a good number for that day; Rev. J. Sella Martin, an unusually bright young man was ordained by the church. He did a good work and baptized a great number of people. He finally left the church and the denomination and became a noted Presbyterian minister. Rev. W. Warring was pastor for a little while and then went to Washington, D. C. and became pastor of one of the leading churches of that city, Berrian Baptist church. During the second half of the century the church has had just three pastors, Rev. Holland Powell, he served four years; Rev. R. C. Quarles whose pastorate was just two years; and Rev. J. Edward Nash the present pastor, who has served forty seven years.

This part of the 78th Psalm which we are using as our text has a special application to us. For we have been and are being effected by this busy, rapidly moving age in which we find ourselves. For too many of us the voice of our faithful fathers, who built for us a hundred years ago can hardly be heard amid the clatter, tumult and confusion. The new eccleasical inventions are attractive; they make charming, fascinating music that so fill our ears that we do not as we should hear the voice of our fathers.

At the close of the first century and at the beginning of the second in the history of our career is a good time for us to stop, get our bearings, renew our loyalties, and intensify our determination, "To lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race set before us.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The way of the cross leads home

June 4 '39

Ps. 121:4

V

BEHOLD, HE THAT KEEPETH ISRAEL
SHALL NEITHER SLUMBER NOR SLEEP.

The sin and evil that are in the world keep us eternally exposed to all kinds of danger from which we can not secure ourselves. We need some one constantly watch over us and to care for us. But we know not every one is qualified to do this. Those who have the same weaknesses, the same limitations that we have can not be trusted. They are liable to go to sleep at the switch. They keep doors open when they should be closed and visa versa.

All complicated machinery that is in motion must be watched over and cared for constantly if we would keep it order and fit to do the work that it is intended to do. Man is the most complicated piece of machinery in all the world, and needs to be seen after and cared for in so many ways.

As it is folly for to think of other kinds of machinery watching over and caring for themselves even so it is folly to think of man in all of his great variety of relationships to watch over and care for himself and his fellow-man.

There are tasks so hard so difficult that we should not think about attempting if we felt that our efficiency depended upon ourselves. But when we know that God is watching over and caring for us constantly we willingly accept tasks, and assume responsibilities, that ordinarily are too hard for man.

As there are a day and night shift in a high pressure factory even so God makes provision for us so that we can work with the same ease and satisfaction when it is dark and gloomy as when it is bright and sunshiny.

Let us without doubt or fear go about the task that has been divinely assigned us with the assurance that God is watching over and caring for us.

.....AMEN.....

Women are under obligation to be honest in letting the men, with whom they go into battle, know that God has reserved much glory and honor for them.

Women are under obligation to insist upon men with whom they are going into battle going to Kedesh first of all and getting their bearings there .

We shall do well to give serious thought upon the battles that together we are to fight.

We must fight against:

SECULAR MORAL STANDARDS.

GODLESS EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS.

FREEDOM OF THE BODY THAT ENSLAVES THE SOUL.

AGENCIES THAT MINIMIZE THE VALUE OF THE HOME.

AGENCIES THAT TRY TO SUPPLANT THE CHURCH.

May the women of today hear our men, as timid as was Barak, saying we will go to battle against the evils in the world, if you will go with us, and if you will not go with us we will not go.

.....AMEN.....

June 11 '39

Jno. 5:L.C.48

M

EXCEPT YE SEE SIGNS AND WONDERS,
YE WILL NOT BELIEVE.

The great need of the world is and always has been knowledge, more knowledge.

We need more than one way, and that a very small way, by which to know things. We need to be familiar with great ways for knowing things.

We need signs, larger signs that will lead us to knowledge and belief.

Words and Grips are good. They help us to know our fellowman from certain viewpoints, but they leave us grossly ignorant concerning other important points in connection with our fellowman.

For the initiated there is great need for the mystical, technical sign. But for the uninitiated, and for the initiated too there is great need for the practical sign that will enable to recognize and appreciate real personality, and genuine character. These signs are found in the great principles of FRIENDSHIP, LOVE and TRUTH which have the endorsement of all fraternal men.

Periodically and regularly you come to the sanctuary that together you may get your bearings and inspiration to practice these three great principles.

May you with your trained inner eyes see signs all about you that will help you to believe the truth. For the truth shall make you free.

May you understand the Pass Word of the Master of men, and let him into the secrets of your inner life, and he will make known to you the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

.....AMEN.....

June 18 '39

Matt. 7:18

V

A GOOD TREE CAN NOT BRING
FOURTH EVIL FRUIT, NEITHER
CAN A CORRUPT TREE BRING
FORTH GOOD FRUIT.

Truly men and women are like trees, and in so many particulars must be treated as trees are treated. They must be PLANTED AT THE PROPER TIME, in the PROPER PLACE, and by the PROPER PERSON.

Trees must have hedges about them; for they must be cared for and protected.

Every tree has fruit; for that is the only way by which it can perpetuate its kind.

Trees have an absolute goodness and a relative goodness, that is a tree may be good at one time and place, but not much good at another time and place. The fruit of a tree may be good for some people, but of little or no good for some other people.

The bloom and the fruit in its first stage, in appearance may be the same on many trees. But the true character of the tree always shows itself in the mature fruit. We must not depend too much upon secondary things attaching to the tree, as BARK, BRANCHES, LEAVES, and BLOOMS by which to determine its true character. For these, like the fruit in its infancy, may appear alike or nearly alike in the good tree and in the corrupt tree.

Some times a tree must die in order to give the world the full benefit of its value. So we have trees that have been made into furniture, houses, ships and whatnot. Thus we get the true and greatest value of the cedar, the oak, the bass, and the mahogany.

As a tree let each of us endeavor to be the kind of tree that God has made us, and produce the fruit that God has intended for us to produce.

.....Amen.....

July 2 '39

Luk. 10:24

M

FOR I TELL YOU, THAT MANY PROPHETS AND KINGS DESIRED TO SEE THOSE THINGS WHICH YE SEE, AND HAVE NOT SEEN THEM; AND TO HEAR THOSE THINGS WHICH YE HEAR; AND HAVE NOT ~~SEEN~~ HEARD THEM.

Of all the organizations in the world the church has more beauty and charm than all the rest put together.

Like the mustard seed, the church started in a very small way, in obscurity, and of little apparent significance. But she has grown to be the joy and beauty of the whole earth.

The royalty of Kings and the glory of Prophets fade into insignificance at the appearance of the church. She has startled the world with her profound messages. It was said of her Founder, That never man spake like this man, that he spoke as one having authority and not as the scribes and pharisees.

The ancient Prophets and Kings had seen and heard many wonderful things. But they had never heard any one say, I am the way, the truth, and the life. Nor had they heard any one say, Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Never, before the Founder and the church came into the world had the Prophets and Kings seen an universal program of healing and feeding launched. Never before had they seen prison gates opened and prisoners go free without paying a fine. Never before had they seen the bars of death burst asunder and life come forth and walk and talk and feast with those whose hearts were sad and whose minds were troubled.

This scripture is as applicable to those who lived a century ago. For they, no doubt desired to see those things which you see and did not see them; and to hear those things which you hear, and did not hear them.

Those who lived a century ago desired to see things that we see in matters RACIAL, DOMESTIC, EDUCATIONAL, INDUSTRIAL-ECONOMIC, CIVIC, ECCLEASTICAL.

THOSE who lived a century ago desired to hear the messages that we haer in MUSIC, LECTURES, ADDRESSES, SERMONS.

May we recognize and appreciate the marvelous inheritance into which we are entering as we begin the labors of another century.

Let us take time to see the wonderful, helpful things that have been provided for us. May we hear the helpful messages that are constantly being spoken into our ears.

.....AMEN.....

July 2 '39

II Tim. 2:Pt. 19

V

THE LORD KNOWETH THEM THAT ARE
HIS.

If God's knowledge of us were like our knowledge of one another, and even of ourselves, our lot would be poor indeed.

God's knowledge of us includes what we have been, what we are and what we are going to be. If it were not so the positions we occupy would be different.

The fact that God knows those who are his makes our journey through life easy and comfortable. For he makes provision for us according to our need.

It is our privilege to have the same perfect knowledge of one another that God has if we use God's rule for obtaining this knowledge. Ye shall know them by their fruits, by their life, not by our sentimentalities, our likes and our dislikes.

We should have God introduce us to those with whom we wish to form comradeship, companionship.

May we seek to know ourselves from God's viewpoint, that we may find cooperation easy and helpful.

.....AMEN.....

July 9 '39

Isa. 5:4

M

WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE
MORE TO MY VINEYARD THAT I
HAVE NOT DONE IN IT? WHERE-
FORE, WHEN I LOOKED THAT IT
SHOULD BRING FORTH GRAPES,
BROUGHT IT FORTH WILD GRAPES?

There are times when men feel justified in starting us out upon a career handicaped and poorly equiped. But God never does that, he always starts us out thoroughly qualified and prepared to do the thing that he commands us to do.

Every facility for growth and advancement he places at our disposal. And therefore he has the right to expect and demand good results.

The service, the only service that God accepts is a cultured, well regulated service. But this culture and regulation is not, must not be the culture and regulation of men. God has his own culture and regulation. It is not enough to live a religious life, however beautiful and well regulated from man's viewpoint.

It is comforting and encouraging to know that God never neglects, but always cares for his vineyard and makes it possible for it to be productive of good fruit.

What is said here in the words of our text is just another way of saying what have you done and what are you doing with God's favors? Has God's grace been bestowed upon you in vain? What mean the opportunities that are offered you? Are you taking advantage of the privileges that are yours?

Let us remember, that if we are in the Lord's vineyard he has placed us there. And he has placed us in his vineyard because he needs us there.

May we remember that finally our productiveness depends upon what is within us.

.....AMEN.....

July 16 '39

Matt. 23:38

Y

BEHOLD, YOUR HOUSE IS LEFT
UNTO YOU DESOLATE.

We all have our ideas as to what makes our organizations—our HOMES, SCHOOLS, LEGISLATIVE HALLS, CHAMBERS of COMMERCE, and our CHURCHES, Alive, prosperous and helpful.

It is not to wondered at that all kinds of schemes and programs are introduced, all kinds of machinery is installed in order to have these organizations live and prosperous.

Ancient Israel did the same thing. They built great cities, they had their imposing temples and their elaborate ceremonies, they had their hymns, songs and prayers.

But the Lord Jesus found no place in their ceremonies and programs for his principles, his rules, and laws. And he pronounced them unproductive, desolate, dead.

We need carefully to examine our affairs and see how large a place, if any place at all we have made in our programs for the Lord Jesus.

Let us so live that when the Master examines our affairs he may not find it necessary to pronounce them desolate, nonproductive.

.....AMEN.....

July 23 '39

Ps. 119:25

V

MY SOUL CLEAVETH UNTO THE DUST:
QUICKEN THOU ME ACCORDING TO
THY WORD.

Not many men, particularly those who are the children of God, are satisfied with the position of their soul.

Many feel, that so far as the soul is concerned, that they are journeying through a desert, a waste howling wilderness. The food supply has been scant. The wells have been few and far between. And oftentimes when they are reached they are filled up or their contents is bad.

In this age of bustle, tumult and confusion not many seem to care for our soul.

All about us we see the soul famishing and dying under the care of men. Like the Psalmist the soul of most men is down in the dust, and in need of a life that the world can not give.

The methods of others give an abundance of apparent life that satisfies for just a little while. But God's method alone gives permanent life in abundance.

Jesus announced that his mission in the world was to give a more abundant life to all who would have it.

The way to obtain this abundant life is to be found in the Word of God, no where else.

Hence the wisdom of our familiarizing ourselves with the Word of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us follow the teaching of the Word and get our souls out of the dust.

.....AMEN.....

July 23 '39

II Cor. 4:7

M

BUT WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN
EARTHEN VESSELS, THAT THE EX-
CELLENCY OF THE POWER MAY BE
OF GOD AND NOT OF US.

In the Word of God, the fospel the good news of salvation is frequently defined as a treasure.

There are many things about this treasure that are peculiar. It does not consist of material things, as wood hay, stubble, silver nor gold. For one may have all these and yet be absolutely void of this treasure. Its value and power are not determined by men's standards. It is not to be found just in the hands of a favored few. Everybody may possess this treasure.

The value of this treasure depends upon the way that it is invested or used. If it be invested or used simply in pleasant places among good, nice, congenial people; on conspicuous occasions where the market is lively, where everybody is interested and enthusiastic, it is not being invested where it will yield the greatest dividends.

The Master tells us that we must invest in the high ways and hedges; in the lost sheep; in the prodigal son; in people that from our viewpoint, are not very promising.

We are to invest in every phase of life: in the SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, POLITICAL and of course, SPIRITUAL.

We are to invest in all the world: in the HOME FIELD and the FOREIGN FIELD. And among all the peoples of the world.

We must remember, that this is God's treasure and if we invest where he tells us that he will look after the dividends.

.....AMEN.....

Aug. 6 '39

Gal. 2:Pt. 20
Phil. 4: 13

M

CHRIST LIVETH IN ME. I CAN
DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME.

We may have intimate formal contact with Christ, and yet give him no chance to live in us. So the intimate contact is of no real practical value.

Christ can not live in every atmosphere. It is our duty therefore, each day, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to provide an atmosphere in which Christ can live.

The one who can make the words of our text his own has much of which to be proud. He has accomplished the most worthwhile thing in all the world. For he is then in position to do all things in God's catalogue of service. Christ is our MOTOR and gives us power to do everything that he commands us to do. We can:

Run with patience the race set before us; Endure hardness; Take up our crosses daily and follow after him; Turn the other cheek; Love our enemies, and a thousand and one other things that as the children of God we are called upon to do.

As Christ lives in us let us live in the world. Let us prove the power of his life in this old that is so much in need of life.

.....AMEN.....

Aug. 6 '39

I Cor. 3:21

V

THEREFORE LET NO MAN GLORY IN
MEN. FOR ALL THINGS ARE YOURS.

For the wise intelligent person the question of Income is a very important one. Because it determines our position in the world; whether it is to be one of burden and care, or one of usefulness and helpfulness.

It is a common thing every day to hear people say, I would like to have a part in this and that good cause. Or you hear them say I would like to live thus and so on a higher plain, but my income will not allow me.

We can not go very far in the activities of life, we soon fall down if we live beyond our Income.

OUR SPIRITUAL INCOME

All income, MATERIAL, MENTAL and SPIRITUAL is the result of SACRIFICE, SELF DENIAL, LABOR and INVESTMENT.

And all of these depend upon TRAINING, DISCIPLINE and ABILITY.

Our spiritual Income is governed by the ONE BY WHOM WE ARE TRAINED, and by WHERE WE ARE TRAINED.

May we make our spiritual Income what it ought to be so that we shall be able to do the things that God wishes us to do.

.....AMEN.....

Aug. 13 '39

Mark 10:49

M

AND JESUS STOOD STILL, AND COM-
MANDED HIM TO BE CALLED. AND THEY
CALLED THE BLIND MAN, SAYING UN-
TO HIM, BE OF GOOD COMFORT, RISE;
HE CALLETH THEE

Jesus is just leaving the great city of Jericho, where evidently, he had become very popular; for with his disciples, a great multitude followed him. And it is quite likely they were demanding his attention. So much so indeed, that they felt that they had a monopoly upon Jesus and did not wish any body else, certainly no one individual, and he blind to disturb him.

But this man, physically blind, had better spiritual sight than all the sophisticated multitude. Jesus saw in this person more than a blind man begging. Jesus saw in him a real man with two good eyes devotedly following him, advertizing in a very forceful way what he could do and was very anxious to do for all who in faith would come to him.

The people who are blind, physically blind, mentally blind, and spiritually blind are legion. Jesus does not like blindness, any kind of blindness. He is anxious to have his followers tell them that he is calling them, and that he wishes a chance to heal them.

God has filled this world with beauty all kinds of beauty. And he wishes us to see it and enjoy it.

We must remember that the world is full of callers, and we must be able make a distinction.

Most callers do not comfort, indeed they bring discomfort. We do well to remain inactive and silent until we get the right call.

Though, because of circumstances, we be blind and inactive, let us be hopeful for the Master will come....Amen....

THE JUST UPRIGHT MAN IS
LAUGHED TO SCORN.

This is not a very encouraging comment: not much of an inducement to live an upright just, honest life.

The far reaching significance of these words is not to be found simply in what they say, but rather in what they imply. For they imply that things weighty and serious are at a discount, and that levity and friolity are at a premium; that there is a greater demand for the comedian than for the counsellor; for the magician than for the merchant; for the base ball than for the bank.

To be just and upright is divine. But the true value of these virtues is not recognized and appreciated by unredeemed humanity. Humanity lauds and praises that which is like unto itself. And we know unredeemed humanity is not just, not upright.

So in the very beginning of our spiritual career we ought to know the real situation. We ought to know that this world is no friend to grace to help us on to God. We ought to know that they who would live godly in Christ Jesus must in this world have tribulations. We ought to know that like our Master we will be despised and rejected of men.

You may enter your crusade against injustice, dishonesty and all kinds of evil, but you will not have a brass band to lead you in your fight. But to the contrary much of your best work must be done in secret, unobserved, out of sight.

Of all his contemporaries, when here in the flesh, Jesus the upright, the just was the least popular. So unpopular was he that he was finally driven bound to Golgotha and executed, while a thief and robber, the unjust

man was released from prison and given his liberty.

If you are endeavoring to live a just upright life do not be surprised if you are kept out of the position where you could be helpful to your fellowman and the unjust dishonest man is put in instead; if the libertine is chosen and you are rejected; if the racketeer fares sumptuously and you can barely live.

But read history and the Word of God, take courage and rejoice in God's promises.

.....AMEN.....

Aug. 20 '39 Ps. 100:2. Gal. 5:L.C.13 V

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS.
BY LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

Much must enter into the preparation that we make to serve one another. The first and essential thing that we must do in order to be prepared to serve our fellowman is to serve God with gladness.

Others may render a kind of service to one another without serving God. But for those of us who are his service to God first is absolutely essential.

There is no organization, no agency in all the world that furnishes so great an opportunity to serve one another as the church.

The church is like our government. We serve it that it may serve us.

There is no end to the ways in which we may serve one another in the church. We may serve the church through PUBLICITY. We talk and write about the church. We may serve the church through our personal EXHIBITION. We may serve the church through our SUPPLICATION. We may serve through our ATTENDANCE. We may serve the church through our CONTRIBUTIONS.

It is our privilege to use the church in our DOMESTIC life, in our EDUCATIONAL life, in our SOCIAL life, in our INDUSTRIAL life.

We should keep constantly before us the fact that there can be no reaping until there has been sowing.

Let us render greater service to the church and expect greater service from the church.

.....AMEN.....

Aug. 27 '39

Matt. 5:16

M

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

For most people, in service as in love,
distance lends enchantment.

We find it easier to do the things
that delight those who are far away than to
do the things that delight those who are near.

We are more anxious to perform our
great acts in the presence of the great and
superior than we are to perform them in the
presence of the humble and inferior.

We think we wish to do the things that
satisfy God, whether we do the things that we
should do to please and satisfy our fellowman
or not.

Many bad results come from our fail-
ing to exhibit our good works. Our fellowmen
put a very poor estimate upon our character
and real worth; they get an erroneous idea
of duty; they do not get a worthy idea of the
cause that you represent. Hence we cause peo-
ple to withhold their support from God's
cause, and glory from God himself.

God is unlimited in his knowledge and
therefore knows all things, things in secret
and things revealed. But we must depend al-
most entirely upon the revealed, the uncover-
ed for our knowledge.

Let us remember, that men will not do
their best work if we fail to let them see
our good works. Let us live so as to help
men to glorify God.

.....AMEN.....

Aug. 27 '39

Jude 24

V

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EXCEEDING JOY, TO THE ONLY WISE
GOD OUR SAVIOUR, BE GLORY AND
MAJESTY, DOMINION AND POWER,
BOTH NOW AND EVER. AMEN.

In the light of spiritual poverty and moral weakness that we see all about us, we shall do well, frequently to take an inventory of our possessions in God; to run over the list of God's attributes, and to discover anew what he can and is anxious to do for us.

The words of our text bring to every one, who is anxious to do the will of God, a very encouraging message. It tells us what God is able and willing to do for us.

After all our studied well regulated schemes to make us stand up in HONESTY, JUSTICE, MORALITY and PIETY, we are constantly falling. We depend upon INTELLECTUALITY, SOCIAL CULTURE and REFINEMENT, POLITICAL POSITION and upon WEALTH. But these props all give way and let us fall.

The world makes standards by which to judge us and we pass 100% simply to be counted out when we are judged by God's standard.

We need constantly to be reminded of the fact that God alone is absolute. He alone is qualified to be the dictator. He is the only one to whom we can give unreservedly GLORY, MAJESTY, DOMINION and POWER.

Let us trust God and do good so that we may dwell in the land and be fed.

.....Amen.....

Sept. 3 '39

Ps. 122:6 Cl.R. 3 P. M.

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM:
THEY SHALL PROSPER THAT LOVE THEE.

In this old world LOVE and PEACE are twin sisters. The absence of these virtues opens the gate to a thousand and one ills. Dishonesty comes and makes men skeptical and incredulous. Distrust comes in and makes cooperation and united effort impossible. Discord comes in and precludes harmony and good will. Penury comes in and makes men selfcentered, makes them lavish upon themselves and forget their fellowman. And when all these vices come in Success and Prosperity go out and Adversity and Poverty come in and reign.

As the prosperity of ancient Israel depended the prosperity of Jerusalem, even so today, the prosperity of the world depends upon the prosperity of the church. A lean church makes a lean home, a poor market, a defunct bank. A wrangling church means a disturbed community, an unintelligent church means a community without knowledge and understanding.

So we are exhorted to be generous to the church not alone for the sake of the church but for our own sakes. It is our duty therefore to learn the relation existing between the church and ourselves and our legitimate obligations to the church.

For others, the unredeemed, most anything may have the first place in their thought, but for you and me, God's people, the church should the first place in our thought. For it is the Kingdom's tax collector.

Let us learn what it means to pray for the church and to love the church. May we learn that it means sacrifice and selfdenial.

Let us be rid of depression and inaugurate a reign of prosperity.

.....AMEN.....

Sept. 4 '38

Matt. 9:23,24

M

AND WHEN JESUS CAME INTO THE RULER'S HOUSE, AND SAW THE MINSTRELS AND THE PEOPLE MAKING A NOISE, HE SAID UNTO THEM, GIVE PLACE: FOR THE MAID IS NOT DEAD, BUT SLEEPETH. AND THEY LAUGHED HIM TO SCORN.

In most homes there are some irregularities, some disorders, some maladjustments, some things that cause undue anxieties.

These homes need some one to come into them who understands the situation, and is able to adjust matters, so that harmony and accord may take the place of discord and confusion; so that light and order may take the place of darkness and chaos. Jesus is the one; for disorder, chaos and darkness can never abide his presence. When he comes in these always go out.

There are always those in every home who are misunderstood. They puzzle every one. Even their friends and relatives do not understand them. They call in experts and specialists, but they too are puzzled. For they use their same old methods: they sing and shout, and dance and make a noise.

These experts and specialists are not only unable to remedy conditions. But so long as they are present they make it impossible even for the Lord Jesus to do what he wishes to do.

When the real situation in the home is discovered and announced the fakers and racketeers laugh him to scorn. They are not willing to adopt his plan and method.

There are so many in our homes that are inactive, and seemingly dead, that only need the right touch, and the right words, and they become active and helpful again.

Many beautiful girls who have failed to express their life according to the ideas and opinions of society have been buried alive; just because some one like Jesus has never sympathetically and confidentially contacted them and taken them by the hand and said to them, Cumi Talitha.

There are persons in every home with fine qualities, with excellent ability. But they are asleep. inactive. But there are always those who think they are dead, who begin to advertize and make arrangements for the funeral. For there are persons, as strange as it may seem, who just like funerals, providing they are not their funerals. They like to come around and wale, and mourn, and cry and make a noise. And any one who would break up their funeral party, in their estimation, is crazy, and they laugh him to scorn.

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May we realize that Jesus Is ready and anxious to enter every home and every individual life and make the sleeping to awake and the daed to live. Let us get every thing out of his way and give him a chance to do that for every one of us ~~that~~ which he longs to do.

.....Amen.....

Oct 1 '39

Isa. 40:3

M

THE VOICE OF HIM THAT CRIETH
IN THE WILDERNESS, PREPARE YE
THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE
STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT A HIGH
WAY FOR OUR GOD.

MAKING THE WORLD SAFE FOR THEOCRACY

From time immemorial men have busied themselves trying to make the world safe for their rulers and their laws. Whether they have been successful or not, let history tell us.

God has always been ALPHA and OMEGA. His law of success existed long before Jesus announced it in those memorable words, BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU.

The world is full of evidences of the fact that when men have put last things first that they have made the world unsafe for God and themselves.

Ever since the cursed fall men have been more concerned about SOCIAL SECURITY than they have been about SPIRITUAL SECURITY. It is recorded of the Master, that he came unto his own and his own received him not. During his earthly ministry only a few, a very few out of the great multitude of men that waited upon his ministry were concerned about their spiritually unsafe condition. They were more concerned about the loaves and fishes that he fed them. They wanted their blind eyes opened, they wanted their deaf ears unstopped, they wanted their paralyzed bodies made whole. Every time the Master supplied their physical needs he called their attention to their real need by telling them to go in peace and sin no more.

Man with all his civilization and boasted ability aside from God is very limited and insecure, unsafe. One generation builds great material and intellectual walls, another generation comes along and pulls them down. One generation erects great and beautiful structures, cathedrals, museums, music halls and art galleries, another generation comes along and in a moment blows them to destruction.

If there was ever a time when the world greatly needed God it is now. And there are many who earnestly desire him, and are pleading with him to come. But God will not dwell in an unclean world any more than he will dwell in an unclean person.

There are those who say that God has been here in person many times. We do not know about that, but we do know that he was here once in the person of his son Jesus Christ our

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Let each of us start now and do all in our power to make this old world a safe place for God and his law.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 1 '39

Luke 22:L.C.36

V

AND HE THAT HATH NO SWORD, LET
HIM SELL HIS GARMENT AND BUY ONE.

The present war in Europe concerns every one in America who has anything to sell, and every body has something to sell. Some have strength and courage and ambition to sell, and they constitute the majority of the American people. But there are a few, a small manority who are manufacturing and have something else to sell. They have implements of war and amunition to sell. And there are others of this manority^{with} textile goods and food stuffs to sell. So you see all these people who have things to sell want a market in which to sell.

Whenever we are instructed or advised by one in authority to buy something it is understood that that something is in the market.

These words do not sound like the words of Jesus. Jesus tells people to resist not evil, but to overcome evil with good. And I think we are always safe in saying, this method must always be followed so long as conditions are favorable; so long as there is something to which good can appeal.

But there come times when men are so totally depraved, so void of the divine spirit that nothing but wickedness and unrighteousness will appeal to them.

There are situations that make love and kindness and mearcy nonsense; and prayer becomes mockery. Such situations must be met with a sword. And woe be unto you if you do not have one.

Nevertheless these other words of Jesus always hold good: he that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword. It is a kind of a duel situation, and in a duel situation one always perishes, and some times both perish. But when you are cornered with another in a duel the only way that you can have a ghost of a chance is to have the weapon that is used in a duel. Buy a sword.

The sword about which Jesus is speaking always means defense, never offence.

There are always certain things that we must conserve if we would serve God or man. Some times these things are material, as family, home treasures and country. But most of the time these things that we are to conserve are moral, spiritual, as character, influence prestige, as faith hope piety..

When influences or individuals arise that would destroy these things, then we are justified and are under obligation to use the sword.

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May we always remember that the sword that we should always have is the sword of the spirit. Let us use that successfully and we shall have less need for the other sword.

..... Amen.....

Oct 8 '39.

Luke 23:5

M

AND THEY WERE THE MORE FIERCE,
SAYING HE STIRRETH UP THE PEOP-
LE, TEACHING THROUGHOUT ALL
JEWRY, BEGINNING FROM GALILEE
TO THIS PLACE.

At this season of the year, when children are going from most every home, in search of a good teacher in the KINDERGARTEN, GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE, the teacher occupies a very prominent place in our minds.

Children have the counsel and advice of parents and friends who help them to make the best choices and selections.

May we consider together at this time:

JESUS THE DYNAMIC TEACHER.

There are many things that go to make a dynamic teacher. All teachers have some of them. But only a few have all of them. Jesus is and has been through the centuries the outstanding one of that few. He has every thing that goes to make a dynamic teacher. For he has PERSONALITY, he has KNOWLEDGE of GOD and MAN. Jesus is MASTER of every subject he teaches and exemplifies everything that he teaches.

Whether right or wrong, people like the positions of their own selecting. In such positions they are almost always complacent and satisfied. You can commit no greater crime than to disturb them. They are wedded to their customs and traditions. In their estimation, he who teaches something else is a heretic and malfactor and should be put to death.

Jesus is a dynamic teacher, and wherever he teaches he stirs up the people. He stirs up the people in their DOMESTIC LIFE, in their SOCIAL LIFE, in their BUSINESS LIFE, in their POLITICAL LIFE, in their EDUCATIONAL LIFE, in their MORAL LIFE, in their RECREATIONAL-IMMUSEMENT LIFE. He stirs up the people in their most delicate tender phase of life, their RELIGIOUS LIFE.

In his teaching Jesus repudiates old worn out principles and customs. He tares up old foundations. He gives new principles as in the beatitudes; he lays new foundations upon which to build real life.

May we always be diligent students under his matchless tutorage,

.....AMEN.....

AS IT IS WRITTEN, THE PEOPLE SAT
DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND ROSE
UP TO PLAY.

AFTER THE SUPPER WHAT

This question seriously concerns every one of us, whether it has to do with the food that we take to sustain our physical bodies or that which we take to sustain our spiritual bodies.

We have reasons for believing that many people eat and drink their whole life long without once sensing the real significance and purpose of eating and drinking.

As it is with physical eating so with spiritual eating and drinking. Many people come to the meal with no appetite; they come in response to the call because it is meal time. And if you wish to know just how hard that class of people are to please ask some one who has the responsibility of preparing the meals.

But there is another class for whom the one who has charge of the meals likes to prepare. They are persons who are up early in the morning and are out and get the good fresh air. They go to work and do something that is constructive and worthwhile. You do not have to ask them why they eat or what results they expect to get from their eating and drinking. They have used up much of their strength and they have a keen appetite and they wish to appease it and thereby get more strength.

And so the laborers in the vineyard of the Lord are always ready and are anxious to come with their colaborers to the table of the Lord. Too Often those who stay away from the table of the Lord, or ~~and~~ are not very much concerned and do not partake of the Supper with enthusiasm and joy, are those who do a very little if anything for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

Let us never be among those who partake of the supper and feel that we are at liberty to go out and play instead of going out to be more arduous colaborers with our Lord.

May we realize that ^{to} partake of the Lord's supper puts us under special obligation to do great things for our fellowmen and for our God.

.....AMEN.....

Oct. 15 '39

I Cor. 1: F.C. 13

M

IS CHRIST DIVIDED?

The answer to many questions that are puzzling the world today is to be found in the answer to the question that constitutes our text.

We all do not see things in just exactly the same way. But I feel safe in saying that none of us see things that are very heartening and encouraging. In whatever direction we look things are out of order, upside down. Everywhere chaos prevails.

A long long time ago one of the old Testament major prophets told us that one was coming, who would cause the crooked ways to be made straight, the rough ways made smooth, that he would cause the mountains to be made low, and every valley to be exalted. And when this person to whom the prophet referred came into this old world it was recorded of him, that he came unto his own and his own received him not. He was despised and rejected of men. They called him beelzebub the prince of devils.

From the time that Jesus came into the world to the present moment men have been divided in their opinions concerning him. In the days of the first apostles this condition was so prominent that the chief among them asked the question of our text.

In our further study let us consider:

THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF A DISECTED CHRIST

However we view this subject it does not present a picture that is very pleasant upon which to look. In this picture all the selfishness, narrowness, prejudice and bigotry that have prevailed against Jesus during the centuries come before us.

We have seen what havoc they have wrought in the world. The poor have been oppressed, the helpless-dependent have been treated unjustly, the wicked have been exalted and the righteous have been cast down. Through these the machinery of church and state has been turned upside down, the irregularities have been endorsed while the value of morality has been minimized, and a premium has been put upon vice.

This situation is the more serious because many of the disectors of Christ are not conscious of the fact that they are disectors. They are found among all classes. Among them are found the ordinary layman, and the scholar; college and seminary presidents are among them. Theologians fundamental and modernistic are among the disectors. Christ is dissected in the home of his friends and in the home of his enemies.

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What is true in other phases of life is equally true in our religious life; in union there is strength. And the logical corollary to that fact is that there is weakness in division. We know the church is impotent and unable successfully to deal with the problems all about us.

No organization in all the world is called upon to deal with so many problems and in so many ways as the church. The church must deal with problems (1) INDUSTRIAL-ECONOMIC, (2) POLITICAL, (3) INTELLECTUAL, (4) SOCIAL, (5) RACIAL, (6) MORAL and (7) RELIGIOUS.

When Jesus was here in the flesh he met many opposing forces. None was more persistent than that something that Jesus called tradition. The people lost then in the quagmires of ignorance and superstition were blindly following their leaders into further ruin and destruction.

The common people were conscious of their plight, but they did not know how to get out of it. A great number of sects grew up among them. All of them bad for followers, each sect claiming they had the remedy for the ills of the world. They were enemies to one another. But when Jesus came with the real remedy the common people heard him gladly. But these sects all combined against Jesus and continued to fool the people. So the people were in doubt as to who was right. They did not know whom to follow. At the time the words of our text were written some of them clung to Paul, some to Apollos, some to Cephas and others to Christ. Hence the words of our text.

May remember always that we need and must have a whole Christ if we are to deal successfully with these problems:

CRIME. OVERINDULGENCE. RECREATION-AMUSEMENT. RACE RELATIONS. DENOMINATIONALISM. POLITICS.

Let us realize that Christ is all that he claims to be and will do all that he has promised to do if will cooperate with him.

.....AMEN.....

Oct 22 '39

Sept. 23 '28

Psalm 40:Pt. 2

M

He set my feet upon a rock and established my going.

It is always a very fine thing for to get upon firm ground after our wanderings around upon the unsafe places of earth.

Let us observe that the feet upon a rock make it possible:-

- 1-For us to walk with greater ease.
- 2-For us to go with greater rapidity.
- 3-For us to carry greater burdens.
- 4-For us to have better company.
- 5-For us to pursue the course that leads to the best-the most pleasant destination.

May our life be such as to prove that really our feet have been set upon the Rock Christ Jesus.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 29 '39

II Cor. 4:1-2

Rev. McC. P.M.

THEREFORE SEEING WE HAVE THIS
MINISTRY, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED
MERCY, WE FAINT NOT. BUT HAVE
RENOUNCED THE HIDDEN THINGS OF
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INESS, NOR HANDLING THE WORD OF
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TATION OF THE TRUTH COMMENDING
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ENCE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.

The duties and responsibilities of the min-
istry are great and weighty enough to stagger and
cause the strongest of men to faint.

But God knew all this when he entrusted to
men the ministry. So at the same time he calls
them into the ministry he begins to bestow upon
them, in a special way, his grace and mercy. And
they are able to report all along the line, We
FAINT not.

When men assume the work of the ministry they
adopt a new technique, a new way of doing things.
Their activities no longer, if they have been dis-
honest and under cover, are to be dishonest and
under cover.

The man who becomes a minister must no longer
glory in cunningness and craftiness. Deceit and
pretension in handling the word of God must be dis-
carded.

For his success and glory the minister must
depend upon the manifestation, the revelation of
the truth, and in this way, by this technique,
this method commend himself to every man's con-
science. And all of this must be done in the con-
sciousness of the fact that it is being done not
alone that men may see it, but that it is being
done under the scrutinizing eye of God.

Thus we see the seriousness of the ministry.

The temptations of the ministry.

The demands of the ministry.

The real work of the ministry.

The help that comes to the ministry.

Seeing the nature of the ministry let each
of us do all in our power to help the ministry be
what God wishes it to be.

.....AMEN.....

BUT I KEEP UNDER MY BODY, AND BRING IT INTO SUBJECTION; LEST THAT BY ANY MEANS, WHEN I HAVE PREACHED TO OTHERS, I MYSELF SHOULD BE A CASTAWAY.

Most persons think a very great deal of their bodies, and are constantly doing things to build up and maintain its efficiency. They do not always do just the right things. In fact not many know just what to do to make their bodies render them the greatest and best service. Hence we often take into our systems the wrong kind of food. Many make great provision for liquid foods, but very small provision for solid foods. Then bodily exercise is so often neglected by all of us.

There are many who pose and are regarded as experts. They have written books telling us how and what and when to eat; and the kind of exercise to take in order to keep the body fit and efficient. But the greatest experts to be found on this subject are found in the Word of God. Whatever else we may learn, if we do not learn what is found there and practice it we can not be our best.

There are two kinds of life that characterize too many of those who are active in the affairs of the church, and in the affairs of the state.

About one of these two kinds of life we all hear much and say much, and therefore are quite familiar with it. We are talking about a selfish life and about what I term a selfless life.

The activities of the selfish life are all about us, and we know their results. But we do not the selfless life. And now some of you may be wondering what is this selfless life about which we are talking. Well, it is that kind of life that gives too little attention to oneself.

The value of our bodies depends upon the kind of mind we have. If we have a good clean mind the body opens up the way for us and makes progress possible. If on the other hand we have an impure unclean mind then our bodies block our way and make progress impossible.

If we would keep our minds in the condition in which God wishes them to be we can not do better than to observe his word which says, keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. And again, Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

May we let God tell us how to use our bodies in the profitable way and in the way that will be pleasing to him.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 5 '39

Acts 2:L.C.47

B. V.

AND THE LORD ADDED UNTO THE CHURCH
DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED.

The term church has a special meaning for each class that constitutes its membership. For one class the church is a TRAINING STATION. For another class it is a kind of SANITARIUM. For still another it furnishes an APPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE.

The church is not and never was intended to be an ASYLUM for the worn out infirm. It is for live strong persons who wish to grow.

The work of salvation is very large and comprehensive. It is not an instantaneous act or rather the result of an instantaneous act. Salvation is always the result of a continuous process.

Each one who enters into the church life should realize the things and conditions from which he needs to be saved. He needs to be saved from:

DOUBT, Doubt may be subjective and objective. We indulge in subjective doubt when we question and doubt ourselves. And this disqualifies us for working with others or by ourselves. We indulge in objective doubt when we doubt our fellowmen, and will not give them a chance to cooperate with us. So we see that whether our doubt is subjective or objective we need to be saved from it. And the church helps to do that.

We need to be saved from:

SUSPICION which makes us attribute to our fellowman vices and weaknesses that he may not possess. Suspicion makes it difficult for us to be wholehearted when dealing with our fellowman.

Then we need to be saved from:

SELFRIGHTEOUSNESS, which keeps us from using the means by which we grow and become Christlike.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 19 1939

I Thes 5: F.C. 18

V

IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS

It seems that we are so constituted that we must have special periods and seasons for every thing that we do.

We must know the nature and purpose of every thing that comes to us, and be thankful at all times.

There is never a season nor an occasion in which we can not consistently give thanks.

We are prone to pick days when we shall be thankful. We also pick the things for which we will be thankful.

We should be more thankful for:

Our Parents. We should give more thought to the small things that come to us.

We should be more thankful for our country than we are.

We should be thankful for our Schools.

Our Banks and Markets.

Our Schools for religious training.

Our churches.

Let us remember, that it is the will of God that we be thankful in all things.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 19 '39

Ps. 23:2

M

HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN
PASTURES: HE LEADETH ME BESIDE
THE STILL WATERS.

One of our great needs in a strange land is a leadership upon which we can depend.

In the journey of life two things are essential; REST and REFRESHING.

We try to put on a bold front and not exhibit our real state, our condition of body, mind and spirit. But the real fact is we are tired and weary, and long for rest. When we hear others singing, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, we wish to be able to sing that song too.

In the journey of life our burdens are often heavy and hard to bear, and we grow faint under their load. Our bodies may be well cared for, but spiritually, sometimes we feel as did the Master, that we have nowhere to lay our heads where we can rest and refresh our souls. Not even in the church do we always find relief.

So often in the journey of life we get so far away from our Shepherd we stray into fields that are barren and desert. We need to hear him calling us from the mountains bare and cold upon which we have strayed.

When here in the flesh our Shepherd was always looking for green pastures and still waters for his disciples. And when he left them and went home to his Father he still had them in mind, and said, I go to prepare a place for you. And he said I will come again and receive you unto myself.

Even though, in this old world, much of our journey is over a barren way where there are no green pastures and no still waters, let us never lose sight of the fact that there are green pastures and still waters for all who love and follow the great Shepherd.

But let us never be satisfied to journey alone, but may we try to get others to journey with us, and enjoy our great Shepherd's provision.

These green pastures through which our great Shepherd leads us, and in which he makes lie down are not season pastures, but they are perennial, they are green all the time. And the waters by which he leads us are always calm and still.

May each of us who is tired hungry and thirsty take advantage of the opportunity that the great Shepherd offers to all.

.....AMEN.....

BROADCAST FOR BAPTIST-DISCIPLINES
OVER W.B.N.Y. SUNDAY 2:30 P.M.
FEB. 19 1939

Rom. 12:21
BE NOT OVERCOME OF EVIL,
BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.

Riches, all kinds of riches abound in the world. God made it so. Nevertheless there is much poverty, all kinds of poverty in the world. The Devil has made it so.

Now the question that comes to us, every one of us is, What are we going to do about it? This scripture, here in the 12th chapter of Romans 21st verse, that we have selected as a basis for our brief study tells us in a very definite way what we are to do about this irregular, abnormal condition in the world, and has been in the world since the cursed fall. But we can carry out this injunction only as we recognize and observe another scripture, which says, I can do all things through ~~Christ~~ ~~which~~ strengtheneth me.

There are those in the world, and have been ever since the world got out of order who are and have been trying to lift the world out of the dark caotic state into which she has fallen, and to liberate man from the bondage of want and suffering.

Men have been concerned first of all about their material needs. They have prayed for and sought increase in their flocks and herds and more plenteous harvests. They have wished for larger vineyards that would be more productive. They have been anxious about their houses and lands, their bank accounts, and the dividends on their stocks and bonds. They have invented and built all kinds of machines to take care of their needs and their luxuries

The philosopher and scientist have written books in which they have attempted to solve our problems. And the poets have tried to soothe us into forgetfulness, hoping to solve our problems in that way.

Legislators, minor and major have tried to legislate us out of our dilemma.

All these ideas for the solution of our problems whether originating in the religious temple or in the labor temple have lacked the spirit expressed in our scripture lesson, which tell us to overcome evil with good.

There is an abundance of knowledge in the world. But not many people have much of it. We may overcome the evil of ignorance by making a greater use of the church, of the art gallery, museums, and libraries.

There is much good in the world. But in too many instances it is sealed up in a safety casket or tied up in a napkin of security. It is like the abundant gold that we have in the world; it is not where those who are

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We can never overcome evil with good so long as we have just a few people who keep the ten commandments, who recognize and practice the golden rule, while the great masses do not practice, do not even know either.

Goodness, if given a chance, will overcome evil in the material world and lift the moral and spiritual life up to the divine standard.

Our God and Father, thou source of all goodness may we partake of thee more largely than ever before. May we recognize the evil that is in the world. Grant that we with fortitude and courage may overcome with good the evil in ourselves and in the world all about us. In the name of our Lord and Master, whom we love and with whom we serve, we ask it.

.....AMEN.....

Nov. 26 '39

Matt. 20:22

M

BUT JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID,
YE KNOW NOT WHAT YE ASK. ARE
YE ABLE TO DRINK OF THE CUP
THAT I DRINK OF, AND TO BE
BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM THAT
I AM BAPTIZED WITH? THEY SAY
UNTO HIM, WE ARE ABLE.

The duties and obligations of christian life are many and of great variety. One may be well qualified in one or more particulars, and yet be utterly unable to follow the Master through some trying ordeal.

The ordinary hard difficult things are not the things that test most severely our ability. The little things that we do not meet every day, and with which we are not thoroughly familiar puzzle and defeat us. David slew a bear, a lion and a giant, but went down in shameful defeat before Uriah's wife.

There are times that, when with God, our BRAVERY and HEROISM do not qualify us for the task that he has for us. There are time when we will be much better prepared for our task if we are humble meek and submissive.

Too often we mistake position for ability. One may prominent in church life and still be unable to occupy the place that he wishes to occupy with Jesus.

In his cause, God has a place prepared for every one of his children. No carnal scheming and maneuvering can possibly change his plan. If we do our duty, we do not have to worry about some one else getting what God has for us.

It is well for us as followers of the Lord Jesus to ask ourselves are we able to take these tests and come out all right? Are we able to be misunderstood and misinterpreted? Are we able to see others exalted and ourselves abased?
.....AMEN.....

Nov. 26 '39

Phil. 3:13,14

V

BRETHREN, I COUNT NOT MYSELF TO HAVE APPREHENDED: BUT THIS ONE THING I DO, FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND, AND REACHING FORTH UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

The past life of many persons is quite blank. They have a very little, good or bad to remember.

For some persons the best of their life is behind them. But for others the best of their life is before them.

But for the individual or organization that wishes to be most helpful in the present too much importance must not be given to the past whether it be good or bad.

Keeping ever in mind the past, whether it has been victorious or a failure disqualifies one to make the best use of the present, and to make proper preparation for the future.

It will be well for us remember the things that are behind us long enough recall how they effected us whether for good or bad.

The customs, systems, manners and methods of the past may defeat us in the present and in the future.

With the apostle Paul things that were behind him were RACIAL, POLITICAL, and RELIGIOUS. And what was true with Paul is likely to be true with all of us.

Let us, as we observe this injunction of the apostle Paul, remember that we are serving a God who does not depend upon the past, that he is a God of the present and future.

.....AMEN.....

THANKSGIVING AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE
3 P. M. NOV. 26 '39

In a world that is ALIVE, ALERT, and ACTIVE we are confronted with many THEORIES and PHILOSOPHIES concerning every thing.

Our SOCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, ECONOMIC and POLITICAL systems are effected by these theories and phiplosophies.

But when we come to our MORAL and RELIGIOUS systems and standards we need more than theories and philosophies. We need spiritual Impulses, sentiments and Emotions and Faith.

There are certain things in our lives about which we do not have to theorize and philosophize. Our impulses and emotions dictate our attitude towards them and our interest in them.

We come to the great days in our civic and religious more in response to the promptings of the heart than to the dictates of the head. Thus we come to Independence Day in our civic life and to Christmas Day in our religious life. And we approach THANKSGIVING DAY in much the same spirit.

There are things for which we are individually thankful and there are certain for which we are unitedly thankful. We are all thankful for a supreme being, for God who is ETERNAL, OMNIPOTENT, OMNIPRESENT and OMNICIENT. We are all thankful that he has made us in his image, that we have minds to think and wills to do. We are all thankful MATERIAL blessings.

There are certain conditions for which we are all thankful; OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT; THE condition of our GOVERNMENT in FINANCE, EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONS, OUR RELATION to other NATIONS

AND JACOB WENT NEAR UNTO ISAAC HIS FATHER; AND HE FELT HIM, AND SAID, THE VOICE IS JACOB'S VOICE, BUT THE HANDS ARE THE HANDS OF ESAU.

RIGHT HANDS BUT WRONG HEART

There are men whose hands are constructively active. But their hearts are destructively passive.

Nothing is more damaging and destructive to a person or to a cause than the person who is intimately identified, definitely associated, so far as body is concerned, with you and your cause, but his interest is some where else or with some one else. His hands are busy doing what you wish done, but his heart is really opposing and intriguing against you and your cause that he pretends to foster.

We spend much time and means training our hands to do great things. But the Word tells us to keep our hearts with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. Satan can deceive men into believing that they can carry all kinds of evil in their hearts and at the same time successfully engage in the work of the Lord.

But in a moment when they think not and in a way that they have not dreamed about the evil expresses itself and exposes them to the wrath and rage of men.

Like ancient Israel, who would not allow the Samaritians to assist them in building the walls of Jerusalem, we must refuse assistance in the work of the Lord from those who have not proved that their hearts are right towards God.

The heart was not made to receive and hold evil. But evil like its source, the devil, is very presumptuous and does not wait for an invitation to come into the heart, but watches always for an opening, and whenever it sees a chance enters, and is never satisfied until it is ruling-

Let us remember, that in this world, so far as the heart is concerned, like Isaac we are blind. We can not see what is in the heart as we can see what is in the hand.

Let us keep close to God and let him make known to us the contents of the hearts of those with whom we have to labor in his service.

.....AMEN.....

Dec. 3 '39 Jno. 8:32. II Cor.3:L.C.17. Gal. 5:F.C.1M

YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND, THE
TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. AND
WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS
THERE IS LIBERTY. STAND FAST
THEREFORE IN THE LIBERTY WHERE-
WITH CHRIST HATH MADE US FREE.

TRUE LIBERTY

Nothing is more repulsive, makes us more uncomfortable than the thought of being in bandage. The slaves in America used to sing some thing like this: Before I would be a slave I would fight and die and go down into my grave. And one of America's great statemen said, I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.

Men do all kinds of things, pay all kinds of prices in order to be free. Ancient Israel going out of Egypt; the Pilgrim Fathers coming to America; the American slaves journeying through swamps and forests to reach Canada are all vivid illustrations of what men are willing to pay for liberty.

And yet most every body we see in in some kind of bondage. And must continue in bondage so long as they are void of truth. Error makes men slaves, truth makes them free. Hence we give men access to schools, churches and other institutions. We make it possible for them, without money and without price to use our public libraries, art galleries and museums.

There are two great spirits in the world, the spirit of God and the spirit of the devil, the spirit of TRUTH and LIBERTY; and the spirit of ERROR and BONDAGE.

It is not what say, but what we do that determines under which spirit we are.

In matters material, not every one can give us real full liberty. However arduously they may labor they always leave us in some kind of bondage.

And in matters spiritual, surely there is only one who can give us complete liberty, perfect liberty. And we are exhorted in our text, to stand fast in the liberty wherewith he hath made us free.

His liberty is the TRUE LIBERTY that gives Inalienable rights in the world and enfranchises us in the kingdom of God.

Let us remember, that if the Son makes us free that we are free inded. Let us act like free men who are able always to serve God and our fellowmen according to the dictates of our consciencies.

.....AMEN.....

Dec. 10 '39

Rom. 12:1

V

I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.

The element of SACRIFICE has always had a large place in religion. And has been practised by all worshipers, whether worshipers of idols or worshipers of the true God. Men have always thought that they should give God something worthwhile for his GOODNESS, his LOVE, his KINDNESS and his MERCY that he so graciously bestows upon them.

There has been no end to what men have offered to God as a sacrifice. He started out with fruits, vegetables and grain; then a great variety of animals, BIRDS, BULLS, GOATS, and LAMBS. Then he skipped over what would have been next in order, and turned around and went back beyond where he started, and commenced to offer precious stones, wood hay stubble, silver and gold. Man was at this stage when the apostle Paul wrote the words of our text. And they are still there.

Men give large sums of money; they send missionaries to missionary fields and pay all their expenses; they erect great buildings and dedicate them to the memory of some great and worthy character. But the hardest thing in all the world for men to do is to carry out the injunction of our text, to give their bodies a living sacrifice holy acceptable unto God. They think of all these other things as being reasonable, but they can't just see how that offering their good active bodies is reasonable, when there are so many other things to which they can and would like to devote them.

Let us remember, that after all it is not so much what we do, but the state of mind in which we are and the spirit with which we do it that determines as to whether we are offering our bodies a living sacrifice holy acceptable unto God.

Let us remember, that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do that we may do it all to the glory of God.

.....AMEN.....

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EQUOUSNESS, TEMPRANCE, AND JUDGE-
MENT TO COME, FELIX TREMBLED,
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VENIENT SEASON, I WILL CALL
FOR THEE.

In most of our great stores they have a department known as THE WILL CALL. In this department you will find all kinds of merchandise that has attracted customers (Usually women). These things are placed in this department because the customers do not have sufficient money at the time to make a full payment, or it is not convenient for them to make full payment for the merchandise that they have selected and upon which they have made part payment. They are waiting for a more convenient season to make the full payment. But some times that convenient season never comes. And what they have deposited counts for nothing.

The WILL CALL customers are never on the merchant's preferred list. He would much sooner do business with customers who know what they want, pay for it and take it or have it sent to their homes immediately.

In every phase of material life there is a WILL CALL department. And there may be many just reasons for it. But in things spiritual there is no place for this department.

In the Word of God the value of the things of the Kingdom is defined as a pearl of great price. The record shows that those who have become really interested in the Kingdom have been so attracted and charmed that they have at once disposed of every thing that they have had, and have immediately arranged to purchase their part of the Kingdom and to make full payment.

But things material, things carnal have always clamored for first place. They have always asked the spiritual to adjust itself to them, to make their plans convenient to them. They have said to the saints of the Lord, Be GOOD, be HONEST, and TRUTHFUL when it is convenient so to be, when every thing is conducive to being so, and when there is no temptation to be otherwise.

You are prompted by the flesh and advised to attend church and support it by your labor, prayers and means when it is convenient to do so. However good and pious we may be or think we are, the Lord Jesus can not do business with us if we fail to make his affairs first and paramount.

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We are exhorted to come without money and without price and invest in the Kingdom. This invitation implies that there are things that are of more value than money that God is willing and anxious to accept as a medium of exchange.

Let us observe the injunction found in the Word of God, and invest all the HEART, SOUL, and MIND. And when this is done we will have no need for a WILL CALL department in our spiritual life.

.....AMEN.....

Dec. 17 '39

Jere. 31:29,30

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IN THOSE DAYS THEY SHALL SAY
NO MORE, THE FATHERS HAVE
EATEN A SOUR GRAPE, AND THE
CHILDREN'S TEETH ARE SET ON
EDGE. BUT EVERY ONE SHALL
DIE FOR HIS OWN INIQUITY:
EVERY MAN THAT EATETH THE
SOUR GRAPE, HIS TEETH SHALL
BE SET ON EDGE.

Every movement and every system have their infancy, have their period of growth and usefulness. But they also have their period of decline and decay.

We must keep awake and watch the activity of these movements and systems, and benefit by them while it is possible to do so. We must watch and not try to use these movements and systems when they are on the decline, and by no means depend upon them after they have decayed, and gone out of use.

We have come upon a period in every phase of life when youth is less and less dependent upon their elders. Youth is doing more and more to shape his own destiny. And it seems very clear that this is God's plan and purpose.

The health of body, mind and spirit depends not alone upon external influence and agencies. In the language of holy writ, we are required to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Each of us is required to assume obligations and responsibilities in directing the affairs of life.

Today every one has access to our public libraries, laboratories and factories where he may obtain abundant knowledge, making him intelligent concerning material life.

Churches, institutes, and assemblies furnish us needed information concerning our spiritual life.

No one can excuse himself today from assuming responsibility on the ground that he does not know. It is his business to know.

Let us under the direction of the Holy Spirit select and use the things that will make us strong and vigorous and fit for the task that may be assigned us from time to time.

May the youth and the elders of today assume the responsibilities that rightly belong to both.

.....AMEN.....

RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF
THY SALVATION.

For nothing do people long for and work
for more than for security, safety.

For material salvation we can do much.
We carry insurance, accumulate bank accounts as
large as possible, we buy real estate, and if we
are able we buy stocks and bonds. There is no end
to the things that we do in order to make ourselves
safe and secure. Out of all the things we do, if
we are successful we get joy.

But this material ^{Salvation} does not bring to us
the greatest joy. Our great salvation is beyond
our ability to secure. We must look to One above
us.

We all know what it means to be safe and
secure from a material viewpoint, and yet to be
absolutely void of joy, happiness, contentment.
There are always certain things, certain condi-
tions that must accompany our salvation if we are
to get joy out of our salvation. The same is true
from a spiritual viewpoint.

The salvation of which the psalmist writes
is all inclusive. It establishes us into a state ^{where}
whatever the conditions may be they do not, they
can not effect us, we are saved. If darkness pre-
vail we have light, if confusion be everywhere
we have order, if strife and warfare torment us we
have peace, if others are in doubt and fearful
we have faith and courage.

Those who have God's salvation can be as-
sured that it is not for a little while, but it
is permanent, not depending upon our changing un-
stable character, but upon God's immutability.

If we have God's salvation we are not gov-
erned nor effected by the place where we are. Our
salvation is just as effectual in Africa as it is
in America, just as good in the North as in the
South.

The honor, the opportunity to serve, and
to be zealous for the salvation of our fellowman
all make our salvation the source of great joy.

Let us follow the guidance of the Holy
Spirit in the use of our salvation that we may
get glory out of it.

.....AMEN.....

Dec. 24 '39

Matt.2:L.C.1.F.C.2 V

THERE CAME WISE MEN FROM THE
EAST TO JERUSALEM, SAYING
WHERE IS HE THAT IS BORN KING
OF THE JEWS?

In this old world there are so many paths marked the Jesus road that most men do not easily strike the right trail that leads to Jesus. Only those who know his star and are wise enough to follow it find Jesus.

Jesus, from his own personality sends out the light that if followed leads men to him.

Just as the three wise men from the east responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, who had enthroned himself in a star, even so must men today follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit, who has enthroned himself in the Word of God and in the Church.

Wise men who follow the star are willing to travel a long distance away from their natural condition and environment.

Wise men who follow the star bring with them to Jesus the best that they have and present it to him.

Wise men who follow the star and find Jesus receive something from him that makes them richer than they were when they first found him. And they go back and take the good news to those whom they left behind.

Let us humble ourselves and become students under the Holy Spirit that he may teach us so that we shall know wher and how to find Jesus in this busy dark cold world.

.....AMEN.....

Dec. 24 '39 Jno. 3:19. Isa. 60:1

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AND THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION,
THAT LIGHT IS COME INTO THE
WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS
RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE
THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL. ARISE,
SHINE: FOR THY LIGHT IS COME,
AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS
RISEN UPON THEE.

Men are free to do as they please. But if they please to do wrong, to violate established, standard laws; they are subject to condemnation, punishment.

There are two kinds of condemnation: one is subjective where one condemns himself, the other is objective where one is condemned and punished by another.

One may elect to travel in darkness. But when he runs into some object and injures just himself, by himself alone he is condemned. But in the collision he injures some one else he will be condemned and punished by some one else.

No man can journey safely through life without light, the LIGHT of the world. Hence he who elects to do so is subject to all kinds of blunders and mistakes in which he himself and others are injured.

All the confusion in the world today is due to the fact, that men think they can get along without light. Racial prejudice; Class strife; Clashes between capital and labor; Religious antagonisms are all due to a lack of light.

Our interests are too intimately connected for us to go along without having all the light possible upon every subject that we have to consider.

In the world today we have an abundance of material illumination. The material light has a paradoxical effect upon the world; for instead men having more of the light that they need the more light they get the greater the darkness is in which they dwell. The great need of the world is that which Christ comes to bring, spiritual illumination. Let us accept him.

.....AMEN.....

Dec. 31 '38

Luke 13:6,7,8,9 11 P. M.

HE SPAKE ALSO THIS PARABLE; A CERTAIN MAN HAD A FIG TREE PLANTED IN HIS VINEYARD; AND HE CAME AND SOUGHT FRUIT THEREON, AND FOUND NONE. THEN SAID HE UNTO THE DRESSER OF HIS VINEYARD, BEHOLD, THESE THREE YEARS I COME SEEKING FRUIT ON THIS FIG TREE, AND FIND NONE: CUT IT DOWN; WHY COMBERETH IT THE GROUND? AND HE ANSWERING SAID UNTO HIM LORD, LET IT ALONE THIS YEAR ALSO, TILL I SHALL DIG ABOUT IT AND DUNG IT: AND IF IT BEAR FRUIT, WELL: AND IF NOT, THEN AFTER THAT THOU SHALT CUT IT DOWN.

Most always Jesus spoke in parables. He was always very imaginative. He was what we would say today, highly rhetorical. He spoke in figures. He talked about one thing when he meant something else.

So in our text he talks about trees when he means men. He talks about vineyards when he means any good place where men have a chance to grow and advance in that which is good.

He talks about a certain man when he means God. He talks about a vine dresser when he means himself. He talks about fruit when he means good deeds. He talks about digging when he means teaching, instructing, and fertilizing means the same thing.

Cutting down means taking away your chance, your opportunity.

May we recognize the significance and value of our position and make the most of it so that the Master shall always find something to our credit.

.....AMEN.....

Help me O Lord to see the sun
that is shining
And to shun the Crowd that is whin-
ing.
Help me always my duty to see
And be what thou wouldst have me
to be.
Help me never from thy path to stray
~~And~~ ^{But} always thy gentle voice obey

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